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## "RUAH" FEATURED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

"Ruah", the bed and breakfast home owned by Judy and Peter Foster and located on the curve near the Island Harbor on Rt. 9N in Hague, is being featured in the March issue of House Beautiful.

This gracious home, located in a unique setting overlooking Lake George is one of the "Watrous Houses" located in Hague.

Originally built by Harry Watrous as a brown shingle cottage with a semi-circular porch, and a highly original mixture of an art studio and a north country camp, it was called "Camp Inn". This house was torn down about 1910 and replaced by the present rather formal large white house.

The property exchanged hands several times. The most recent purchasers are Peter and Judy Foster. They have restored it with many artifacts of the Watrous family.

House Beautiful decorators and photographers spent a great deal of time during the past summer and fall at Ruah preparing for the article featured in the March issue.

## WARNINGS

Make sure you have a license if you plan to go ice fishing. If you use tip-ups, be sure you follow the regulations for this, i.e. name and address, etc.

If you have a snowmobile (and plan to use it), make sure it is registered. The minimum fine for no registration is \$100. **IT PAYS TO REGISTER!**

A lot of people get picked up in Hague, particularly in the beach area, for speeding. Remember the speed limit is **30 MPH** in the hamlet of Hague. It goes from 55 to 40 to 30 in a hurry. So **SLOW DOWN!**

## ACID RAIN THREATENS ADIRONDACKS

A recent EPA report indicates that the national acid rain control program is not adequately protecting the trees and waters of the Adirondack Park.

The draft *Acid Deposition Standard Feasibility Study* states that nationwide targets of reducing sulfur dioxide emissions by a third from 1980 levels will not curb chronic acid rain in the Adirondacks. The Adirondacks will likely need additional reductions in sulfur dioxide emissions from the Midwest just to keep more trees and lakes from dying.

In response to the EPA draft, DEC suggests that targeted emissions reductions would be the most cost-effective solution to acid rain. A final report to

Congress was due Oct. 15, 1995.

Until further federal controls are in place, DEC will continue to monitor acid deposition in the Adirondack region, where approximately 47 percent of the waters are chronically acidified. Already, between 300 and 500 of the Adirondack's 2800 lakes and ponds are too acidic to support fish.

## WINTER WEEKEND

### BAKE SALE & MORE RAFFLEMANIA SCHEDULED

The Hague Fish and Game Club is holding a Bake Sale at the Clubhouse on Sat. and Sun. Feb. 17 and 18 during the Winter Weekend Activities. Donations of baked items may be dropped off at the Silver Bay General Store on Fri. and Sat., Feb. 16 and 17 between 8AM and 4PM.

Also included in the weekend's activities, the club will be raffling various items that have been donated, including a gigantic pink bunny donated by the Dykstra family, and several needlework creations made by the members. If you have any items you would like to donate to be included in the raffle, please drop them off to either Marg Del Signore or the Silver Bay General Store before Fri. Feb. 16.

Many thanks to all those who have already helped out. We hope you enjoy the weekend events.

**A SPECIAL FLYER IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE HAGUE CHRONICLE** which gives the schedule for this fun-filled weekend.

## SECOND ANNUAL HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY

"A community should be judged good not because it is technologically advanced, or swimming in material riches; it is good if it offers people a chance to enjoy as many aspects of their lives as possible, while allowing them to develop their potential in pursuit of even greater challenges." (author unknown)

Come join us on Tues. Feb. 27 at 6:30PM in the Hague Community Center. Plan activities you would like to see occur at this year's Hague Community Day on May 4, 1996. All members of Hague, students to grandparents are welcome and encouraged to join in on the challenges of planning. . . Helen Barton, 543-8833.

**DON'T FORGET THE DINNER AT THE SILVER BAY ASSOC. ON SAT. FEB. 17, 5-7PM. SEE FLYER ENCLOSED.**

## WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

James Baker, Sr., Director of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging, will be the speaker for our next program on Monday, Mar 11, 1996, 7:00 PM at the Hague Community Center. Mr. Baker will focus on programs and services available for seniors within our area. He has been with the Office of the Aging for twenty-two years and its Director since 1992. This program should be especially informative for caregivers and people approaching retirement.

There is no charge, and we look forward to welcoming men and women from other areas as well as Hague.

Women Helping Women is a group of women who meet the second Monday of each month with guest speakers covering topics concerned with women's well being - physical, emotional, social and intellectual. . . BDB

## THERAPEUTIC TOUCH SEMINAR SUCCESSFUL

The Therapeutic Touch seminar sponsored by Women Helping Women and taught by Shirley Winch on Sat, Jan 27, was well attended and most successful. Residents of the area who were not able to attend have asked for the seminar to be taught again in Feb. If anyone is interested, please contact Kay Barton, 543-6057.

## PLAN AHEAD FOR T T T

The Carillon Garden Club is sponsoring its second annual T T T - Ti Treasure Tour, which will be held on July 6, 1996.

Are you planning a garage sale in the near future? Wouldn't you like to be a part of this event? Garage sales are planned all over the area on that day and vendors from near and far will be selling their wares under the tent on the village green in Ticonderoga.

Start planning now. Mark your calendar for July 6. You will be hearing lots more about this later. If you would like to be a part of this event, contact Sharon Lonergan, Hague Road, Ticonderoga. Tel. 585-4477.

## FREE APPRAISALS FOR ANTIQUES

Wouldn't you like to know what that old picture frame you inherited from Aunt Keziah is really worth?

You can find out at the Ticonderoga Black Watch Library on Thurs., Feb. 20 at 7:30PM. That's when Craig and Sharon Lonergan, who operate their antique barn in South Ticonderoga, will make free appraisals in an event sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

There is no admission charge and each person attending may bring one item to be appraised.

If you have questions about antiques you may

leave them at the library prior to Feb. 20 so the Lonergans would have time for any necessary research.

The event will also serve to introduce the library's collection of books about antiques.

## TI FESTIVAL GUILD COFFEE HOUSE

Jim Gaudet, singer/songwriter from Saratoga will be performing at the Hague Community Center on Friday, Feb 23 at 7:30PM. "His vital vocals, expressive, with a bluesy tone, seem to speak stories while maintaining a melody to a simple guitar backdrop."

From Dirty Linen Admission - \$5.00

The next coffee house will be held at the Elks Club in Ticonderoga on Fri., Mar. 15 when the McKrells, an Irish group, will be performing. at 7:30PM. The McKrells, a truly unique experience blending Celtic, American folk and bluegrass. Admission \$7.50. ALL THE CHILI YOU CAN EAT

## HAGUE SENIORS TO HOLD LUNCHEON

The annual February (Can't Wait for Spring) lunch will be held for the Hague senior citizens at noon on Feb. 27. Please bring a covered dish, other than dessert, to share. This is always a fun-filled occasion. Please make your reservations by calling the town offices at 543-6161 on or before Feb. 23.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

World Day of Prayer will be observed by the Church Women United at the Church of the Cross in Ticonderoga at 10AM on Friday, March 1, 1996 at 10AM. The speaker will be Charles Sertanni with a program on Haiti.

## LARAC SEEKING ENTERTAINERS FOR SHOW

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) is looking for entertainers interested in performing during the 25th Anniversary June Arts Festival to be held in Glens Falls June 8 and 9. LARAC is now accepting resumes and audio or video tapes for review. Participants are asked to prepare about 25 minutes worth of material for either day.

For information contact Kathy Parker, Festivals Manager, PO Box 659, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Tel. (518) 798-1144, Ext. 5.

## FRIENDS OF MLH BALL A HUGE SUCCESS

On Feb. 10 the K of C hall was filled to capacity with MLH supporters. It was a fun-filled evening, with dancing and auctioning of items that were generously donated for that purpose (and a wonderful selection of food besides). The largest bid on any item was for a cocktail party at "Ruah", the Bed & Breakfast owned by Peter & Judy Foster and located in Hague. The highest bid was \$500!

Although all the figures are not in as of this printing, it is estimated that the total amount raised is approximately \$12,000. Every penny earned (everything was donated) goes into helping to buy equipment for the hospital. It was a real show of support!

There was no ZBA meeting in January and no Planning Board meeting in February.

**MEETING WITH ASSESSOR**

On Jan. 29 a meeting was held by the assessor, Dave Martucci, and Councilmen Meola and Fitzgerald. A status report was given by Mr. Martucci detailing what he has accomplished since becoming assessor, what he is doing now and what he is planning in the future.

The necessary changes must be in place before March 1, 1996, when the new assessment rolls are due.

Since the Morgan Marine litigation (1992) is still unresolved, Mr. Martucci will make every effort to bring the matter to a conclusion.

**SEWER UPDATE**

Many of you have been asking questions about the proposed sewer system for Hague. The following facts have been ascertained from our supervisor:

The county sewer project (of which Hague is a part), was put on hold until the EPA could approve the contracts from the engineers. That has just been done within the past week. The town could not spend any money until this was done since it would have been at the taxpayers expense. Now that the contracts have been signed any monies spent will come under the grant.

There will be a county meeting on the project the week of Feb. 15. That will be followed by another information meeting in the town of Hague to get people more acquainted with what the sewer system entails. Supervisor Belden is planning to have Fred Austin, Supt. of DPW, come to speak to the citizens of Hague. The next step will be to have a public hearing.

This is a chance in a lifetime. We have money allotted to Hague to put in the first phase of the sewer system. If it is voted down, that money will be lost forever to Hague. Eventually, the federal government will mandate a sewer system, and at that time not only will the cost be higher, but individuals will be forced to absorb the entire cost. We urge the residents within the sewer district to attend the information meeting and get the facts. Don't count on rumors! Ask questions and make up your mind on whether the town should take this opportunity to get help with this project.

One of our readers reminds us that having a sewer will almost certainly increase property values.

**STATE AUDITOR REVIEWING RECORDS IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Rumors have been flying. Supervisor Belden has told the press that he is not free to comment on the status of the audit of the clerk's records until the audit is complete.

At the November meeting the town board voted to ask the New York State Office of Audit and Control to review the records of the town clerk as well as the tax collector for the past two years. In December the state assigned an

auditor to work on the records and she spent two days in December working with the town clerk. She has been auditing the records and books since the beginning of January. It is expected that she will be there at least another few weeks. This is a review of accounting to see that everything is in order. When the audit is complete, a full auditor's report will be given to the town board and released to the public.

At the January meeting the board agreed to hire Nancy Tromblee, former town clerk to help the new town clerk, Debbie Manning, to become familiar with her new job. She has, to date (2/10/96) worked for 17 hours at \$6.00 per hour to help get the minutes and books up to date.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/13/96**

The stormwater plan was explained at a workshop held at 6PM before the regular meeting.

One of the major issues at the Feb. 13 town board meeting concerned town insurance. At the Jan. meeting Councilman Patchett was asked to contact several local insurance agencies for proposals. He wrote letters to six agencies and received two replies and discovered just how complicated insurance can be today. Further investigation is needed and Mr. Patchett will have more facts and figures by the March meeting.

Councilman Megow is still working on the heating system and will contact Bill Parks of Adirondack Technology for his recommendation..

Councilman Meola reminded everyone about the proper procedures for purchase orders that were adopted at an earlier meeting and encourages the staff to follow these regulations.

The language in the \$8,836 contract with the town attorney states that any additional and special duties performed by the attorney, John McDonald, will pay an extra \$90. an hour.

An opening on the stormwater committee has been filled by Bob Patchett.

Marty Brown has been named to the park committee to finish the term of Steve Priore.

Reminder of our Winter weekend on Feb. 17 & 18.

On May 24, 25, 26 Stan Burdick will hold a cartoon exhibit at the Community Center.

Our school investigation goes on and on. Atty. McDonald has been in contact with Senator Stafford who has promised to do whatever he can to help us.

Supervisor Belden will contact DEC to see what permits we need and to get whatever help we can to repair the ice damage at the park.

Do you know anyone interested in being a life guard or an attendant at the park this summer. Contact Councilman Fitzgerald for information.

In unfinished business: The state and Lake George Land Conservancy are interested in buying a portion of the sand pit property, which Hague recently purchased from Jack Carney. The board decided to wait until spring and better weather before they seriously discuss the possibility of a sale.

### Cont. from page 3 TOWN BOARD

A new contract has been approved for Supervisor Belden's signature with Serkil to haul our waste.

Alison Craig will be hired to apprise the Monroe and the old town hall property.

Helen Barton has asked that a letter of support be sent to help secure a grant for a transportation van to be used in the Child Care Center at Silver Bay. The board agreed to do so.

In New Business: The resolution proposed by Councilman Meola for non-support of a county owned railroad was rejected.

David DeLarm, highway superintendent and Dan Belden, Supervisor, will meet with parties involved in the disaster funding on Feb. 15 to assess the damage.

A proposal to contract with Lakeshore Garage to service the highway vehicles was discussed and approved.

An interesting bit of news: Our highway department is now computerized and spit out anything we always wanted to know about our highway department.

Approval was given to buy a new FAX machine.

Parks and Receptions will receive no grants this year.

The Youth Commission is planning some enrichment programs for the summer. When they are finalized, they will be announced.

Rogers Rock mooring hearing is scheduled for March 5 at 7PM in the Community Center. The state wants 25 more moorings than the 25 agreed on. In other words the total is 50 they originally asked for.

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Jan. 19, with temperatures in the upper 40's the rains came - heavy torrential rains. The ice in the Hague Brook was broken up, and all sorts of debris (and the boulders in the brook) went tumbling down the too-high waters onto the ice in Lake George. Our Fire Dept. was called five times that evening - not to fight fires, but to fight water that filled cellars. Chief David Hoffay thanks everyone who turned out to help that night.

The final figures for fire calls in 1995 are now available; the department responded to 47 calls, and 831 3/4 manhours were used.

In Jan. 1996 the ambulances had a total of 12 runs, with Ambulance 740 racking up 307 miles, and Ambulance 741 doing 331 miles. 97 3/4 man-hours were used in covering these runs.

Four ambulance crew members are taking EMT courses, and Bill Cobb is in Level 2 Medical Training. . . ewa

### DRAGONFLY BOOKS FLIES TO NEW LOCATION

Dragonfly Books and Gifts is moving to a larger location in the former Outdoor Outfitters store on the main street in TI. It will be open there for business by mid-March, but will continue to sell and order books from the old location until then.

### CUDDLE CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day from all the children at the center! Come see all of our fun decorations and programs. We have science, math, nature, outdoor play, exploration and much more each day. The benefits of having a licensed center based program are numerous. This new state of the art child care center offers rich opportunities in development. Children are invited to visit the center for two free days after enrollment forms are completed. Please come visit the center during the week from 7:30AM to 5:30PM. If you have any questions please call Helen Barton at 543-8833.

### ALCOHOL PROBLEMS IN LATER LIFE

The Aging Coalition of Warren and Washington Counties now has available a publication titled "Alcohol Problem in Later Life", which is designed to help family members understand how problems with alcohol develop in later life. Frequently, alcohol problems in older persons are mistaken for "normal aging" or the worsening of a health problem.

Cost of the publication is \$1.00 and may be obtained from Cornell Cooperative Ext. of Warren County HCR-02, Box 23B, Schroom River Rd, Warrensburg, NY 12885. Cooperative Ext. is one member of the Aging Coalition whose mission is to identify and address issues relating to the aging population and their families.

### NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE ROTARY

Speakers have been lined up for the next few weeks for the Rotary Club meetings, which are held each Tuesday, at 7:30AM at Ody's Restaurant. The club is still in its formative stage and welcomes interested members of the community. Contact Bob Cole, 543-6175 or Stan Burdick, 543-8824 for information.

On Feb. 20 Jim Crawford, Chestertown will speak on "What Rotary Can Do".

Feb. 27 Ron Ofner, Crown Point will speak on "Tourism in the North Country"

Mar. 5 - From Lake George, Rev. Ted Brothers' topic is "Do-It-Yourself Boat Building".

Mar. 12 - A special treat. The meeting will be held at "Ruah" with a tour of the home (see p. 1) and breakfast served by Peter and Judy Foster, owners.

Mar 19 - Bob Westcott, Queensbury, will speak on "The Gift of Life"

March 26 - Joe Rota - "What the APA Is All About"

### HVFD BREAKFASTS

We remind one and all that the Fire Dept. is having its annual fund raising breakfasts on Feb. 17 and 18 from 7AM - 10AM both mornings. Do come and socialize and eat as substantial breakfast as you desire. Prices will range from \$1.50 for Danish and coffee to \$5 for the deluxe breakfast. Members of the Fire Dept. work very hard to keep a **volunteer** organization, devoted to the caring of one and all in our community. However only the community, by patronizing our fund raisers, can help us maintain our volunteer status. So come and eat at one or both of our breakfasts.

### NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

For over 50 years Audubon members throughout the U.S. have participated in Christmas Bird Counts during the holiday season. Five of these counts were conducted in northeastern New York from Dec. 16 through Dec. 30, 1995. Observers were assigned to specific areas (so there would not be duplication) in a count circle which extended 7.5 miles from a main point.

Such a circle, centered in Ferrisburg, VT extends into the Westport area and western Lake Champlain. On Dec. 16, (a cold, snowy day) ten observers in New York counted 55 species and 3,369 individuals. These following unusual species and surprising amount of individuals were compiled: 1 Red-throated Loon; 1 Double-crested Cormorant; 16 Common Goldeneye; 1 Bald Eagle; 165 Great Black-Backed Gull; 246 Herring Gull; 1 Glaucous Gull; 112 Horned Lark; 3 Brown Creeper; 672 Bohemian Waxwing; 6 Northern Shrike; 390 European Starling; 63 American Tree Sparrow; 606 Snow Bunting; and 18 Common Redpoll.

Seen last year, but not in that count circle this year, were a Red-necked Grebe and Eastern Bluebirds. Compiler was expert birder and author, Alan Pistorius.

On Dec. 23, with 10" to 30" of snow on the ground and still water frozen, 21 observers flared out throughout a CBC circle centered at the Social Center in Elizabethtown. Some watched at feeders while others looked from cars. Twenty-two miles were covered on foot, skis, or snowshoes up Hurricane, Giant and the Jay Range. Some of their unusual observations were: 120 Herring Gull; 9 Great Black-backed Gull; 37 Red-breasted Nuthatch; 5 Golden-crowned Kinglet; 45 American Tree Sparrow; 59 Bohemian Waxwing; 4 Northern Shrike; 7 Pine Grosbeak; 60 Common Redpoll and 279 Evening Grosbeak. All together they saw 43 species and 2,092 individuals. Compiler was John M.C. "Mike" Peterson, well-known for his bird banding at Crown Point Historic Site.

Other Christmas Bird Counts were held at Saranac Lake, Plattsburgh and Champlain Islands.

### WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

Since the last report the major story has been the Jan. thaw (Jan. 17-19) and what a thaw it was!! Temperatures varied from -26° on Jan. 10 to + 52° on Jan. 18 in Hague. (A record breaking 56° was reported at the Warren County Airport on the same day.

However, it was the eruptive event of Jan 19 that made headlines. Heavy rains, winds, warm temperatures and rapid snow melts all contributed to a wild night. Route 8 was closed to Brant Lake, as was Tongue Mt. Roads were washed out everywhere. Homes and roads were flooded and the generally mild Hague Brook (Sucker Brook) became a raging river. The new bridge on Rt. 9 held out but the old

one surely would not have. The speed and volume of the water flowing in the Hague Brook was stunning. To call it wild is an understatement.

Two points worth noting about the Hague Bridge project: Environmentally there was damage done to the area during construction and fishing has deteriorated markedly. The size of the storm-water sewer gutters was miscalculated which resulted in storm sewers the wrong size being installed. Consequently, they are too small for a moderate storm, so just imagine how inadequate they were with the big ice melt. On the plus size, one has to admire the excellent engineering of the structure of the bridge to withstand that wild event.

Since the thaw the weather has been pleasant with no major storms, plenty of sunshine and more normal temperatures, between 20 and 30. The full moon of Feb. 14 was very bright indeed.

The groundhog says six more weeks of winter!

### REVISIONS TO NY INSURANCE LAW

- The minimum limit for Liability coverage has been increased to \$60,000.
- The minimum limit for Supplementary Uninsured Motorists coverage has been increased to \$50,000.
- Automobile Accident indemnification coverage has been increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for bodily injury sustained by one person and from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for bodily injury sustained by two or more persons for each accident.
- A discount for autos equipped with daytime running lights has been introduced. This discount applies to the premium for Liability, Personal Injury Protection, Medical Payments and Collision coverages.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Who was Mother Bickerdyke, also known as the Cyclone in Calico? Another mystery by Historian Ethel Andrus will be disclosed at the Thursday meeting on March 21 at the Hague Community Center. Come one, come all, and be intrigued by this unusual historical mystery. Social hour starts at 7:30PM to be followed by the program at 8PM.

Our annual meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society will be held on Friday, April 19 at the Hague Community Center. Ticonderoga is supplying the program "The History of the Ticonderoga Ferry" and Hague is the host society.

Our December "Show and Tell" got called off by the weatherman and was cancelled, but the hardy society decided that it could be tougher and held a postponed meeting on Thurs, Feb. 8. As a result a goodly number of members met for the popular program in spite of another threat of sleet. The items were all dusted off and appreciated for now being a bit older.

... rmc

*Clifton West's cure for bee stings: Make a paste with Adolf's tenderizer and hold on sting for about an hour. Guaranteed - No reaction to the bee sting!*

## CONSERVATION PLANTS FOR SALE

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announces its 15th annual "Conservation Plants" Sale that is better than ever! In these tight economic times it is nice to know that most of our prices have not changed since 1993!

NEW this year are white cedar transplants, which add to the following large and diverse selection: black locust chinese chestnut, colorado blue spruce, norway spruce, scotch pine, white pine, white spruce, autumn olive, silky dogwood, and tatarian honeysuckle seedlings; balsam fir; blue spruce, canadian hemlock, and fraser fir transplants;; small burnett deer plot mix, tall mix, and short mix wildlife seed mixes, three varieties of wildflower seed mix; two types of fertilizer tablets; native grown crownvetch springs; tree shelters; and wee control mats - an item with increasing popularity.

If you are interested in ordering please be sure to place your order prior to the ORDER DEADLINE ON APRIL 1, 1996. Trees and shrubs are sold in quantities of 10, 50, 100 or multiples of 1,000. Trees, shrubs, wildlife seed mixes, fertilizer, wildflower seed, tree shelters, and tree mats will be distributed on April 19 and 20th, 1996. Crownvetch will be distributed between May 6 and 20, 1996, depending on weather conditions.

"How-to-Plant" information will be provided to each customer. The SWCD can also provide information regarding species selection, site preparation, spacing, and maintenance requirements. Warren County landowners are eligible to receive an "on-site" evaluation by the Sr. District Technician. Please contact the SWCD office early (during Feb. and March) if you need this technical assistance.

To place orders or to get more information please contact the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District at 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885; Phone (518) 623-3119. The office is located in Warrensburg behind the Chamber of Commerce on Main St. in the former Warren Co. Sheriff's substation.

The SWCD is a legal subdivision of the state governed by local people, which is responsible for protection of water quality and the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources in Warren County.

## NEW IN-LINE SKATE LAW

Effective Jan. 1, 1996, this bill regulates the manufacture, sale and use of in-line skates for the purpose of preventing serious injuries from their use.

- Adds a new section to define "protective gear" "stopper" or "stopping device" and "warning labels";
- After Jan. 1, 1996 no in-line skates shall be sold in NYS unless they are manufactured and assembled with a stopping device and a warning label and protective gear is sold on the same premises (violation civil penalty of not more than \$500)
- Vehicle and traffic law amended to make in-line skate regulations the same as bicycle regulations wherever operated on public highways, private road

road open to the public or path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or in-line skates.

- Prohibits persons on in-line skates on public roads from gliding more than two abreast;
  - Requires persons gliding on in-line skates to come to a full stop when entering the roadway from a private road, driveway, curb or alley;
  - No person gliding on in-line skates shall carry any package, bundle or article which obstructs his or her vision in any direction.
  - Requires all persons less than 14 years of age to wear a helmet meeting standards of the American National Standards Institute (violators will be fined no more than \$50);
  - Commissioner of health is to establish a statewide in-line skate helmet public education program.
- ... From Cornell Coop Ext. bulletin

## CONTROL INSECTS THE NATURAL WAY

You can control insects naturally by putting up nest boxes for bluebirds or by attracting bats to bat boxes placed away from the attic so the bats are not a "nuisance".

Because the bluebird is the NYS bird and an insect eater, there recently has been a lot of interest in bringing back their numbers. In the past 20 years the bluebird has suffered from destruction of its habitat, chemical contamination, and being destroyed by predators. Recently efforts to support the bluebird by providing nest boxes have been successful. Therefore the SWCD will again be sponsoring a Bluebird Nesting Box Program this spring (1996).

The bluebird is larger than a sparrow and smaller than a robin and its color in the male is a sky blue back, chestnut red breast, and white belly. They are among the first arrivals in the spring usually between March 15 and April 1. Because of the bluebird's predators, it is recommended that two nesting boxes be purchased together and placed about 100 yds. apart. The cost is \$8.00 per box and two boxes for \$15.00.

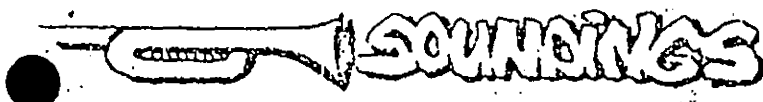
Bats are usually looked upon by humans as a nuisance. However, when you consider that a bat can eat the equivalent of its own body weight in insects in one night, one starts to look at them as something helpful. Put up the bat box away from your attic or other area where you don't want the bats; thereby encouraging them to "hang out" in this area and eat the mosquitoes and other pesty insects that bother you in your yard during the spring and summer months. Bat boxes are \$12.00 each.

If you would like to purchase either bluebird nest boxes or bat boxes, please contact SWCD, 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885. Phone (518) 623-3119.

## NEED TO GET RID OF THOSE PEANUTS?

You know, those nasty little styrofoam things that are used for packaging. They are terrible for the environment, you can't burn them, they fill up a tremendous space in a garbage bag - just what can you do with them?

We found out, quite by accident that moving and storage companies are quite willing to accept these. At least Mullens in Glens Falls is, according to my inquiry recently. So, the next time you are in Glens Falls and want to get rid of your bag/s of peanuts, drop by Mullens, 75 Broad St., Glens Falls.



**BORN** - A son, Blake Ryan Gautreau, on Jan. 23, 1996, to Rob Gautreau and Dawn Mielewski, Clifton Park, NY. Blake is the grandson of Timothy and Michele Gautreau and great grandson of Bernard and Anna Denno, all of Hague.

**DIED** - Marie (Mrs. Francis) Donlon, 66, Dodd Hill Rd, Hague and Fontana, CA, on Jan. 15. She is survived by her husband, three sons and ten grandchildren. Claire Van Alstyne, Dodd Hill Rd, is a surviving sister.

**DIED** - Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Coleman, 79, Hague Road, at Moses Ludington Hospital on Jan. 20, 1996. Miss Coleman was a long-time summer resident of Hague and moved here permanently from N.J. nine years ago. She was the sister of Mrs Howard Engler (Dorothy) who died before her. She is survived by three nephews and one niece.

**DIED** - William B. Icke, 70, Pine Cove Rd., Hague on Jan. 22, 1996. Mr. Icke was a Lake George Park Patrol officer for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Joan Clark, Martha's Vineyard, MA and Nancy Dimond, Marblehead, MA, four granddaughters and three grandsons. Memorial services are planned for Memorial Day weekend.

**DIED** - David A. Carpenter, Jr., 42, on Feb. 8 in Greensboro, NC. He is survived by his wife and several children, grandmother Madeline Leach, and aunt, Laurie Smith, both of Hague.

**TIEAH GAUTREAU**, daughter of Timothy and Michele Gautreau, Hague, has been named to the Dean's List at Utica College of Syracuse U. for the fall term, with a GPA of 3.94. She has also been selected to receive the award of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges". Tieah is in the last term of her four year study majoring in Psychology/Child Life Specialist. She is presently on her internship at Yale New Haven in CT.

**"WORLD-CLASS NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT"**

This is the title of a recently published book written by Kemp Dwenger and Dan Dimanceacu. Mr. Dwenger is a summer resident of Arcady Bay Estates in Hague.

Packed with real-world examples and dozens of practical diagrams. World-Class New Product Development explains step by step how to implement 11 proven repeatable methods and techniques, each of which emphasizes cross-organization communication and a holistic approach to managing any complex endeavor. Industry leaders have praised the book's practical approach to improving their own operations.

Kemp Dwenger, the U.S. principal of the London-

based international consulting from InterMatrix Inc., has benchmarked the product development practices of more than 50 Japanese, European, and North American companies. A former senior executive at GTE International, Dwenger is based in Dorien, CT.

**DRUG USE IS UP ACCORDING TO SURVEY**

The NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) recently released the findings from a 1994 survey of 28,000 youths in grades 5-12. The most alarming increase was the usage and/or exposure to other persons usage by **middle school students, grades 5-8**. Other findings were:

The substances with the greatest increases in use between 1990 and 1994 are **cigarettes, marijuana and LSD**.

Heavy use of marijuana by students has **doubled** between 1990 and 1994.

**Substance use has increased at all grade levels. The grades that showed the greatest increase are 7th-8th grades and 9th-10th grades.**

One in five students **do NOT** know how their parents feel about smoking marijuana or drinking beer.

OASAS will be holding eight regional community forums across the state to develop local action plans to spread the message: that drug use is unacceptable and that society values healthy lifestyles.

**What Can Be Done?**

**Educate yourself.** Learn as much as you can about drugs of choice, the signs of usage, their "street names", their availability and their cost.

**Know what your school policy is regarding drug use.** Ask about the prevention program in your school - what topics are covered, at what grade levels. Prevention needs to be intensified at the middle school level. Education news to be provided at a very young age.

**Communicate your disapproval about substance use.** As the survey shows, the message we give our children about drug use must be done at an earlier age than ever before.

**Be vigilant!** Being a parent is a tough job. Know where your son or daughter is and with whom. Be observant. Be available to your child.

Be aware of all the messages our young people receive each and every day, from our own usage of alcohol, tobacco, and prescription drugs, from television, magazines, movies, videos, from the community - law enforcement, the judicial system, the school system. Mixed messages are sent to students continually. Use those teachable moments to communicate your values to your children. . .

.This article is from Outreach (Winter, 1995) a publication of the Warren/Washington Counties Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

**DO YOU HAVE A SEWING MACHINE FOR WHICH YOU NO LONGER HAVE A NEED? THE HAGUE YOUTH COMMISSION HOPES TO OFFER A SEWING COURSE TO OUR FUTURE HOMEMAKERS IN HAGUE AND NEEDS A COUPLE MACHINES TO USE. PLEASE CALL 543-6161 IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.**

**EXTRA HELPINGS  
Community Food Buying Club**

A way to buy food at lower than retail cost is being offered. No age or income limit - food stamps accepted. For March sign up call Diane Frasier, 543-6161 before March 8 for delivery on March 28. Cost is \$13.50. Cash only, no checks. 2/96

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 1996

#### February

- 16-18 Hague Winter Weekend (see enclosed flyer)
- 20 Home Bureau - Comm. Ctr - 10AM
- 20 Food Distribution - 1-2PM, Comm. Ctr.
- 20 Fish & Game Club meeting - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - Comm. Ctr - 1-2PM
- 22 ZBA meeting - 7PM
- 23 Coffee House -Hague Comm. Ctr. -7:30PM (p2)
- 27 Hague Senior Citizens Club luncheon - 12 noon (p2)
- 28 Board of Education - 7:30PM - H.S. Cafeteria

#### March

- 5 Home Bureau - Comm. Ctr. - 10AM
- 6 Chamber of Commerce, 8AM at Ody's Restaurant
- 6 American Legion - 7:30PM
- 7 Planning Board meeting
- 11 Women Helping Women - 7:00PM (p2)
- 12 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Coffee House - Elks Club - (p2)

#### COURAGE

*It takes courage to:*

*Stand up and speak up for our beliefs and values even in the company of those who don't share them*

*The spider dares  
to start its web  
without a  
thread in sight.  
May we find courage  
to cast a thread,  
and let our  
dreams take flight.*

*Ask for help when we need it.  
  
Take on a new challenge  
rather than remain with the status quo.  
  
Reach out to someone less fortunate -  
even someone with whom we may be uncomfortable.  
  
Keep trying and never give up  
when a situation seems hopeless or we are in despair.*

*Continue to believe in and encourage others who have repeatedly failed or let us down.*

*Change the way we do things,  
and try a different approach.*

*Believe in a loving God  
even in the face of tragedy.*

*Have a dream and pursue it  
although it may seem beyond our reach.*

... Thanks to the Steed family for sharing the above.

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