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## GREAT NEWS FOR HAGUE - READ ON

On February 11 your editor received an e-mail from a trustee of the Lake George Museum in Lake George. It states "The Lake George Historical Association has asked me to tell you that we think the monster would enjoy a summer vacation in Hague . . ." The Lake George Museum, under the direction of the Lake George Historical Society has undergone some major changes in its administration. The Hague Museum will be very happy to cooperate with the directors to have an exchange of ideas and exhibits.

As editor of this newspaper I am extremely excited to pass this word along to our readers. We will begin immediately to meet with representatives from the Lake George Historical Society and the Hague Historical Society to plan for a BIG celebration. If you have any ideas on how we can make this momentous event even more spectacular, please share them with us.

For those of you who have been out of the loop and don't know what we are talking about, write to the editor, Dottie Henry, at 151 New Hague Road, Hague, NY 12836-2605 or call (518)543-6633. She will be only too happy to fill you in.

## HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH HAS A NEW PASTOR

Effective Jan. 1, 2001, Don Buchanan was chosen as pastor of the Hague Baptist Church of Hague, NY.

Pastor Buchanan and his wife Nita moved from the Central Valley region of California where Don had served as a bi-vocational pastor and associate pastor for a short period of time including a Southern Baptist Church.

Pastor Buchanan spent many years in management with a major national corporation as well as self employed businessman. A few years ago he was licensed as a Southern Baptist minister and subsequently ordained. His education includes a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and graduate studies in theology and family counseling.

Church ministry was very much a part of Don's life: his father, grandfather, and brothers being pastors. He brings to his new pastorate a pastor's heart and a compassion to serve God in his calling.

The pastor and his wife have four children and seven grandchildren.

Sunday worship service is at 11:00AM. All are welcome. You may contact Pastor Don at 543-6365.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING TAX MAP NUMBER CHANGES

Staff from the Warren County Real Property Tax Service will make a presentation at the March 13 Town Board meeting. Warren County has produced new tax maps for the Town of Hague with new numbers for each parcel. Changes have also been made to some parcel sizes. Following the presentation individual property owners will have the opportunity to meet with WCRPTS staff to review the maps and possible dimension changes.

## MARCH 1st DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact the office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following partial property tax exemptions:

Senior Citizens' exemption: over age 65 with household income less than \$17,725.

Enhanced STAR exemption: over age 65 with household income less than \$60,000.

Basic STAR exemption: all primary residence homeowners.

Veterans' exemption: military service during wartime periods.

Clergy exemption

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM to 3PM.

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**TRANSFER STATION HOURS UNTIL MARCH 31: TUES., FRI., SAT. 9AM-5PM.**

*You don't stop laughing because you grow old  
You grow old because you stopped laughing.*

*There will always be death and taxes;  
however, death doesn't get worse every year.*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christians in over 170 countries around the world will gather on Friday, March 2 in observance of the World Day of Prayer 2001 service. In the greater Ticonderoga area the service will be sponsored by the Hague Wesleyan Church on Rt. 8 (next to the Community Center).

Begun in 1887 by Presbyterian Mary Ellen James, World Day of Prayer brings together in informed prayer and prayerful action, international women from a myriad of backgrounds, cultures, and Christian traditions. Since 1941 World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, a grass roots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women.

This year's service, written by Christian women of Samoa, focuses on the theme, "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action." Lolly Armes, a former missionary to East Africa and resident of Hague for 18 years, will speak on the Scriptural story in the biblical book of Esther. Esther was summoned during a time of crisis to pray and act according to her faith. She first sought to be informed, and later engaged in fasting and prayer as she discerned God's will for herself and her people.

We invite you, your friends, families, and community of faith to join in this World Day of Prayer 2000 celebration and worship. We invite you to come and support women's ecumenical ministries toward peace and justice. There will be an offering of the Least Coin in which we donate only the least coin we have. We will support also the Safe Homes ministry by bringing toiletries for abused women.

### AREA YOUTH TO ORGANIZE

A kick-off meeting of area youth will be held at Ticonderoga's First United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 11, 2001. The meeting will start at 3:30PM for the purpose of organizing a youth program with our area youth. This is an opportunity for youth in grades 7-12 to share their ideas and views on the design of the youth program. For more info. call Douglas Buckland, 597-3468.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We have had a wonderful response to our Enhancement Committee's appeal for funds for our hanging baskets. We are so glad that many of you think that the "Adopt a Basket" campaign is a good one. (Jan. Hague Chronicle p. 1)

At the risk of being redundant and to refresh your memory - The Hague Enhancement Committee came up with the idea to raise funds for our summer hanging baskets. We ask anyone who would like to "adopt a basket" in memory of or in honor of a special person, to

send a \$20.00 donation, payable to the Hague Enhancement Committee, c/o The Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836. A special fund has been set up for this purpose. We plan to put a small plaque on the basket to designate the honoree. We feel the baskets can really make a difference in the appearance of the town.

The baskets have now been removed from their hangers and taken to the greenhouse, where they will be planted and cared for until the end of May at which time we will pick them up and hang them on Routes 9N and 8. We hope to make this an ongoing project for years to come. Wouldn't you like to be considered a charter "gifter"?

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

Many hands make light work. The old adage definitely applied at a recent meeting when our club participated in the joint project with Warren County Health Services.

Approximately twice a year the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George sends out information on infant immunization to children in Warren County who are six months, one year and eighteen months of age. This service is also performed by other Rotary Clubs in Warren County.

The helpful hands belonged to Mary Jo Keeler, Ronni Garrison, Walter Thorne, Marty Brown, George Garrison, Karen Laundree, Carol Brown, Dottie Henry and Jack Harrigan with some supervising from Tom James and John Barber. Thanks to everyone for the folding, stuffing, licking and stamping! We'll all be back at this in another six months as we continue to help the younger generation grow up healthy.

### TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society and Harmon Gallery will reopen at 10AM on March 1 with an exhibition entitled "An Exploration of Color and Design: *Paintings & Prints* by Debby Koechel of Wadhams, NY. The exhibit will be on display at the Hancock House March 1 through April 28, 2001. The Hancock House is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10AM to 4PM. The Historical Society will also be hosting a "Meet the Artist" reception for Ms Koechel on March 2 at the Hancock House from 6PM to 8PM. Public is invited. For more info. contact Steve Blanchard at 585-7868 or e-mail [ths@capital.net](mailto:ths@capital.net).

Two part class on Genealogy Basics by Karla VonFumetti Staudt Mar 5th and 26th, 10AM to 12PM or 7PM to 9PM. Cost \$40 (\$32.00 for THS members) Call Steve Blanchard at 585-7868 for reservations.

Also - "Doing Genealogy Research Online Productively" by Karla Staudt on April 23 10AM-12PM or 7PM to 9PM. \$20.00 (\$16 for members) Call above number for information

PLANNING BOARD - 2/1/01

SUBDIVISION - PRELIMINARY

A. Lee Frasier for Geraldine Frasier (41-1-2.1&3) SUB-01-01. Hollow Road. Land Use TRII/OCII, APA Moderate/Low Intensity.

Mrs. Frasier would like to reduce the acreage of 41-1-2.1 and 41-1-3.1 to 17.92 acres and 6.72 acres respectively and to increase 41-1-3.2 to 48.41 acres and create 41-1-3.5 as 0.92 acres as part of a cluster for the purpose of providing deeded water from the spring on this lot to the lots of this subdivision. Mr. Swanson did not feel that this type of subdivision could be considered under the clustering guidelines. The Board tabled the proposal because it would create a new lot (41-1-3.5) that is both undersized and landlocked, two circumstances which are to be avoided. Mr. Frasier will work with his family and his lawyer to find another way to ensure that control of the spring is as the family wishes it to be.

B. Whisher (22-1-3.1) SUB-01-01: Mr. Whisher would like to subdivide a 1.17 acre lot (in a 1.1 acre zone) into two lots of 0.167 A. and 1.003 A. Larger lot will conform to minimum dimensional but not area requirements. Smaller lot will not meet dimensional or area requirements. (Hague Zoning Ordinance Section 160.23). Mr. Whisher said he needs the subdivision (which would separate the cabin from the restaurant) in order to get financing and insurance.

Mr. Wisher proposes to make improvements to Indian Kettles that are within the 100 ft. site review area. Attached letter/plans gave details. In a preliminary look at the diagrams during the meeting Mr. Goetsch noted a number of changes from the submitted plans and gave the impression that the plans were still being refined.

The Board tabled this for now, saying it needed the subdivision issue cleared up before it could discuss proposed modifications to Indian Kettles. Concern was expressed about the plan to add an outside bar. It was noted that Bolton Landing has outlawed all outside bars because of continuing complaints about noise, littering and other adverse effects on the quality of life. It was noted that the Liquor Authority has jurisdiction over the outside bar. Another concern is that the Indian Kettles restaurant and house currently share a septic system. A motion was made and seconded that the Planning Board make a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals: If proof can be provided in writing of the willingness to loan if 1) Lots are separated and 2) if they are not separated.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - Feb. 13, 2001

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

1. Dottie Henry received an email from Bob Howell of The Lake George Historical Society acknowledging that

the Lake George Monster would enjoy a summer vacation in Hague. We are pleased and wonderful plans are already in the making to welcome the Monster home! After all, Hague is the Monster's birthplace, and we certainly would welcome his visit.

Dottie Henry also received a letter from Bert Ferguson, a copy of the letter sent in 1986 after Dottie's home had been burglarized, suggesting that a resident of Hague should be designated Deputy Sheriff for hourly pay. This deputy should be on-call round the clock, and have the power to arrest. Thieves and vandals should have to make full restitution, and be incarcerated or on probation, and not merely given a "slap on the wrist" as punishment. Mr. Ferguson remarked that this 15-yr. old letter is appropriate to today's time. Supervisor Belden remarked that before the appointment of such a deputy, the applicant would need to attend formal training classes and become certified.

2. Rudy Meola inquired about the Town's appraisal bills. Since the Town of Hague has authorized payment for the appraisal of the State of New York lands in the assessment lawsuit, he wanted to know what the amount of that appraisal was. Supervisor Belden stated it would not be appropriate to give out that figure at this time.

Rudy said he has asked the Board to give him answers to his questions for nine months now, on installing a timer for the lights at the Town Park, on better illumination at the Community Center parking lot, and on the progress of Councilman Hourigan's plan to address the junk yard problem. Not satisfied with Art Steitz' responses to these issues at the January 9th meeting, Rudy Meola asked the Town Board whether it agreed or disagreed with Steitz. Blackie Fitzgerald disagreed, stating additional meetings would be needed, but that Rudy Meola holds that such meetings are illegal. Rudy Meola replied that there is nothing illegal about any Town Board meeting providing they are held according to appropriate rules governing such meetings. (Read letter to ed. on page 9).

3. Bob Patchett asked about the meeting of the Town Board with the Chazen Company (consultant for the Comprehensive Plan Committee). Supervisor Belden said he is still planning for the Town Board to hold such a meeting.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assessor & Justice: Steitz- none.

Buildings and grounds/Community Center: Megow-. Lighting "controls are acting-up." The boiler has been cleaned. An unknown cause set off a Hague Fire Alarm.

Finance: none. Annual Financial Report delayed as a result of illness of the office clerk.

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Fire Dept.: Fitzgerald: Firemen's Breakfast February 17th and 18th from 7a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hague Community Center, is part of the Annual Scholarship Weekend. Proceeds go to the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Fund.

Highway: Fitzgerald. Bids on the generator will be solicited next month. Supervisor Belden has been in touch with Niagara Mohawk as power lines need to run to the processing plant.

Insurance: Steitz: none

Personnel: Steitz: none

Planning, Zoning and Stormwater Management: Steitz/Fitzgerald - Indian Kettles has applied to the ZBA to subdivide two lots. Improvements were approved. Board unanimously appointed Robert Goetsch as chairman of the Zoning Board. Supervisor Belden remarked that the sedimentation from Hague Brook and all the brooks forming the delta, must be stopped. Proposed plans are to put the removed sediment on a half-acre lot of property owned by Diane and John Trudeau. Maps and easements are still to be drawn up. Several problems must be addressed, such as the moving of a power line and cutting trees. A permit will be needed to comply with Forest Management.

Recreation/Promotion: Sal Santaniello described events for the Feb. 17th and 18th Annual Scholarship Weekend with the Firemen's Breakfast at the Hague Community Center and Beste Scholarship Dinner and Awards at Silver Bay Association Dining Hall. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are available at the Hague Market and the Silver Bay Store.

Sewer District # 1 Belden: Re: Proposed main pumping station on the corner of Dodd Hill Road and 9N. Application has been made to the APA and DEC for the approval. A Public Information Meeting will be scheduled.

Town Park and Beautification: Fitzgerald/Steitz. Two proposals have been received to buy and replace ceramic tile for the restrooms at the park. Another shed is needed for storing the tractor. The Board discussed possible locations for it at the Town Park or the Community Center.

Transfer/Recycling Station: Megow. Income for Jan. 2001: \$1,115.75. The electrical work has been completed and outlets have been ground-faulted. The Transfer truck has some transmission problems. He has received quotes from several companies. The Board voted to get the truck repaired. Supervisor Belden will ask the County to help with repairs. Bill Bothe said all trucks also need new tires. Lou Megow reported that James Belden was injured from slipping on the ice while applying leverage as he was tying a tarp onto a container truck. Lou Megow and Bill Bothe have researched tarps that could be power operated. The Board reviewed several quotes and voted to buy such a tarp to avoid future mishaps.

Youth: Fitzgerald. none

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Junk Cars: Supervisor Belden appointed Rudy Meola and Skip Hourigan (not present) to develop a plan for implementing the grant for the removal of junk cars and junk yards.

No action on Resolution dealing with Kolakowski vs. Town of Hague. Rudy Meola questioned the language developed by Paul Malaki, attorney for the Town, whereby the Town of Hague would agree not to do any work on the Sabbath Day Point Road right-of-way adjoining Mr. Kolakowski's "tennis court" lot. Mr. Meola believes such limitations would put unnecessary limitations on the Town.

Approval of Resolution/Extension of Small Cities Block grant.

IP Company Foundation approved Rudy Meola's application for the establishment of a bat museum at the Community Center. The educational exhibit will focus on the Graphite mine/ caves, and its thousands of bats. The grant was for \$1,670.00

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Letter from the Rotary Club requesting permission to use the Visitors Center from June 4th to 10th for a food concession during Americade. The Board approved.

Letter received from Beebe, Grossman, and Bergins, attorneys for the assessments litigations. A trial date of June 25, 2001 has been scheduled for the Cartwright case.

A letter from DOT denied Hague permission to use perpendicular parking for safety reasons across from the Town Park.

Letter from W.C. D. P.W. re Chips. The State of New York is proposing the elimination of this highway-funding program.

Letter from Rudy Meola applying for the position of Hazardous Communications Officer. Since he developed the plan for the Town in 1996, he would be able to implement it. He asked Dan Belden whether any others had applied. Four people applied for the \$400.00 position. After a discussion begun by Art Steitz, and supported by Edna Frasier and others, the Board voted to eliminate this salaried position. The Board agreed that department heads will be responsible for complying with the Public Employees Safety and Health Act of 1980, and for keeping their own files of Material Safety Data Sheets. Art Steitz volunteered himself with Skip Hourigan to conduct the required employee Hazardous Communications Program training session each year.

A letter from the Adirondack Boardsailing Club requesting use of the Town Beach June 23-24 for \$150.00 a day was approved.

A letter from Rudy Meola applying for the vacant position on the BAR (Board of Assessment and Review). See below, #2, New Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Board of Assessment Review member. Item tabled until next month when Ron Graser could be contacted in Florida to determine whether he wishes reappointment. (Cont. on p. 5 - Town Board)

Town Board (Cont. from page 4)

Resolution for CHIPS funding: This funding was restored this year. Monies have previously been used for road paving.

Proposal for Dennis Trombley: The Board voted to pay \$960.00 for labor upon satisfactory completion and inspection of repairs to Community Center to straighten louvers, shutters, cut beam for better airflow, etc. Skip Hourigan will work with Dennis on a volunteer basis.

Update on Home Owners Water System: Letters and maps will be sent to homeowners. Chairman: Lee Keeler, Vice-Chairman: Ursula Montbriand. Members of Committee: Skip Hourigan and Scott Patchett.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - JAN. 25, 2001

### WHISHER (22-2-3.1 Var 01-01 - Indian Kettles

Mr. Whisher would like to subdivide a 1.17 acre lot into two lots of .167A and 1.003A. The larger lot will conform to minimum lot dimensional requirements but not area. The smaller lot will not meet minimal dimensional or area requirements in accordance with Hague Zoning Ordinance Sec. 160-23. Mr. Whisher explained that he would like to move the property line to separate the residential from the commercial establishment due to difficulties in financing and insurance. He would like the current house torn down and rebuilt. (This is in a neighborhood of non-conforming lots). Public hearing scheduled for next month's meeting.

Chairman Ginn requested not to be reinstated as chairman of the board. The ZBA usually recommends someone to the town board. This is an open subject until they speak to members who were unable to be present.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

The Jan. 29 meeting was held with all members present. The meeting was dedicated to working through five pages of Goals and Objectives that would form the core of the town plan. Once agreement is reached on these goals and objectives, Chazen Co. will produce a draft document of our plan.

Because of lack of space, this paper must abbreviate these goals and objectives. A complete copy can be obtained at the Town Offices.

Under Economic Development the goals are: •Strengthen the economy through the attraction of new business and •Expand services and tourism.

Under Land Use/Zoning, the goals are to regulate land use in a manner that promotes commercial development and protects the quality of residential housing environments.

A lengthy list of objectives to complete these goals is listed under both of the above.

A special meeting (extra) will be held on Feb. 12 and the next regular meeting on Feb. 26

Feb. 12 an extra meeting was held with ten members present. The entire discussion was to deal with goals and objectives. A. **Environmental Quality and Natural Resources Goals** •Protect the environmental quality and natural

resources of the Town and surrounding region. B. **Housing Goals** • Provide a a greater range of housing opportunities and C. **Transportation** • Alleviate the current shortage of public parking in the primary hamlet and ensure that there is adequate parking for increased parking demand as a result of any possible expansion of hamlet businesses. Meeting is open to public.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of The Comprehensive Plan Committee is Feb. 26 at 7PM.

## NATURE NEWS by Laura Meade

"Caw, Caw, Caw!" The familiar sounds of the American Crow are often heard distinctly in winter, as it soars to a high branch and announces its presence. Two species in N.Y. similar to the American Crow are the Fish Crow and the Common or Northern Raven.

The American Crow has thrived throughout the state because it prefers a wide range of habitats and will probably continue to prosper. However, the Fish Crow prefers the vicinity of seashores, bays, inlets or swamps. It was documented in 1980 as a confirmed breeding species only on Long Island and the Hudson River. For that reason few people around here realize that there are two distinct species of crows. The American Crow has been positively documented to be breeding at 2,350 sites throughout the state. It is a well-known bird in our area.

It is easy to be confused as to whether one sees a Common Raven or an American Crow because they are both large, chunky and ebony-colored. A crow is 17-21 inches while a raven is 22-27 inches. Both are gregarious and they alternately flap their wings, then glide to a high perch.

When I teach children how to positively identify if a large blackbird is a crow or a raven, I'll say the raven sounds like a crow with a sore throat. Once a young local "birder" suggested that we should throw a pill up the raven so it could catch and swallow the pill, and feel better. I found out that was the best way to get novice "birders" to distinguish the difference between the two species here.

A few years ago an observer was astonished to count approximately 400 crows in a cornfield during an official NYState Christmas bird count. That person said, "It looks like a scene from Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds'." An expert commented that they do this in winter just before going to their evening roosts.

According to Dennis Aprill, a nature columnist for The Press Republican, it has been reported that some crows have been taught to mimic human speech. He said that one such crow learned (and spoke) only profanities! That bird was a frequent visitor at an elementary school playground (much to the delight of the kids) and had to be captured and relocated.

Many varieties of birds have flocked to feeders recently, but seldom does one see a crow at a feeder, except for an occasional single crow on the snow, scuffing up seeds that have been dislodged by other birds.

## THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE

The FUND for Lake George, a not for profit environmental advocacy group, will provide over \$260,000 in grants to several local public and private organizations to help support their ongoing conservation efforts on and around Lake George. Mr. John Barber, chairman of the board for The FUND said "this money will help continue the fight against milfoil, zebra mussels and other forms of pollution that present a serious threat to this beautiful natural resource. We have also continued our support of educational and preservation programs which focus on Lake George.

Six organizations were selected from a total of nine groups that requested funding support this year. A total of \$500,000 in requests were considered by the Board's Program Review Committee. Major recipients this year include the Lake George Park Commission who will receive \$86,400 and the Darrin Fresh Water Institute with \$62,800. Over half of that money will be used to combat milfoil and continue research and monitor other sources of pollution.

The third major recipient, the Lake George Land Conservancy was awarded \$85,000 to help continue its acquisition program of lands within the Lake George Basin. The Conservancy has been very successful in purchasing large parcels of land in and around the lake in an effort to protect it from development.

Other organizations receiving funding this year will be Bateaux Below, the Bolton Central School System for its Environmental Discovery Program and the DEC to monitor motor boat effluent compounds.

The funding is provided from an endowment managed by the FUND's Board of Trustees and from donations from the public. Mr. Barber said "without the continued support of our private contributors, the FUND would not be able to carry on this invaluable support to these programs."

Readers interested in learning more about The FUND for Lake George can visit its website at [www.thefund-forlakegeorge.org](http://www.thefund-forlakegeorge.org) or drop a line to The FUND for Lake George, Box 349, Lake George, NY 12845.

### CAMP SACANDAGA

Situated in the heart of the Adirondacks, 4-H Camp Sacandaga has been a fun and educational part of many youths' summers for 56 years. Serving youth since 1945, 4-H Camp Sacandaga will once again be welcoming youth aged 8-19 for six one-week sessions beginning July 8, 2001.

New programs for the 2001 season include a horse basics program, backpacking trip, and canoe trip. Daily activities include group meals, team games, campfires and an evening program.

The camping program is open to all residents of Warren County for \$160 per week. Interested individuals may learn more info. about the camp by visiting the camp's web page at <http://www.sacandaga.org>. For a brochure contact Cornell Coop. Ext. Education Ctr. at 623-3291 or 668-4881.

## 2001 TREE AND SHRUB PROGRAM

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announces the 20th anniversary of its Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale with bareroot trees and shrubs available at low cost!! Two unique items are being offered for the second year - American chestnut and "driwater". The District is assisting the NY Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation in their effort to re-establish the American chestnut as one of the common trees in the northeastern forests. "Driwater" is used to water your tree seedlings for 90 days when conventional means aren't available. This year's diverse selection includes the following: balsam fir, blue spruce, Fraser fir, Canadian hemlock and white cedar transplants; American chestnut, black locust, Chinese chestnut, Norway spruce, Scotch pine, white pine, white spruce, autumn olive, and silky dogwood seedlings; small burnett, deer plot mix, tall mix, and short mix wildlife seed mixes; three varieties of wildflower seed mix; two types of fertilizer tablets; locally grown Crown Vetch sprigs; tree shelters; weed control mats and "driwater".

The District is now accepting orders. Please place order prior to the ORDER DEADLINE ON MARCH 30, 2001. Trees, shrubs, wildlife seed mixes, fertilizer, wildflower seed, tree shelters, and tree mats will be distributed on Fri. Apr. 27, 2001 and Sat. Apr. 28, 2001. Crown Vetch will be distributed between May 7 and May 18, 2001.

To place orders or for more info. contact the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, 51 Elm St., Warrensburg, NY 12885. Phone (518) 623-3119. Order blanks are available at various post offices, stores and town halls.

If you need an order blank, you may contact Dottie Henry, 543-6633.

### SECOND ANNUAL COFFEE HOUSE HELD

The Music Department of the Ticonderoga High School plans a visit to New York City during spring break. With the help of Department Head Nelson Shapiro and his students, a coffee house was set up in the Hague Community Building on February 9 as a fund raiser. This was the second year that this has been done and it was even more successful than it was last year. There was standing room only in the main meeting room and the various acts brought down the house. Father George and Sister Fran of The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague were successful in coordinating a surprise birthday celebration in honor of Ursula Montbriand's 90th birthday, complete with cake and singing of the birthday song. The kids in Bob Palandrani's class crafted an Adirondack chair and a chest, both of which were raffled during the evening to two very lucky winners.

A great evening was had by all and a tidy sum was raised towards the expenses of the trip. We only hope they will continue this tradition each year!

## SOUNDINGS

**BORN:** A girl, Caitlin Alyssa Perkins Myers, to Julie (Perkins) and Rick Myers, Hague, on February 9. Proud grandmothers are Ann Perkins and Pat Swinton, both of Hague.

**MARRIED:** Deborah L. Graham, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Graham Michael, Friends Point, Hague, to William L. Allen on August 26, 2000 in Seattle, WA.

**MARRIED:** Lindell M. Graham, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Graham Michael, Friends Point, Hague, to Austin J. Donnelly III on January 12, 2001 in Redmond, WA

**DIED:** Donald (Traveler) Jordon, 64, Decker Hill Rd., Hague, on Jan. 24, 2001 in the Glens Falls Hospital. He is survived by six brothers: Arthur, Charles, Ernest, Calvin, Alan and Merlin, two sisters: Jeanie Anuo and Joyce Hall.

**DIED:** Zella Elizabeth "Betty" Decker, 89, West Hague Road, Hague, at Fort Hudson Nursing Home, Fort Edward on February 6, 2001. Betty is survived by her husband of 71 years, daughter, Carolyn Randall, brother Richard Carpenter, one grandson, one granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren.

### TI HI THIRD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Grade 12 - First Honors: Katie Breitenbach, Amy Crawford, Anne Johnson, Dawn McCoy.

Second Honors: William Bothe, Tasha Braisted, Jason Mott, Josh Plass.

Grade 11 - First Honors: Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Joe Plass, Allison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello.

Second Honors: Tyler Wells

Grade 10 - First Honors: Daniel Crawford, Jessi Frasier,

Second Honors: Jessica Belden, Kelly Frasier, Jamie Russell

Grade 9 - First Honors: Matthew Frasier, Monica Sitts

Second Honors: Thomas Haskell, Michael Michela

### MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS

**ACHIEVEMENT ROLL:** Grade 8: Danielle Connors, Joshua Frasier, Richard Zacharenko

Grade 7: Sarah Bissell, Andrew Trombley

Grade 6: John Breitenbach, Kelly McCoy, Kacheena Trudeau

**MERIT ROLL:** Grade 8: Aren Laundree, Lindsay Mascarelli, Maureen Palait, Joshua Patchett

Grade 7: Marissa Coffin, Michelle Coffin, Derek Ross

Grade 6: Jessica Alteri, Brittney Haran, Stephanie Nast

**Robert Gautreau**, registered physical therapist, has joined the growing physical therapy department at Moses-Ludington Hospital. Robert is the son of Mr & Mrs Timothy Gautreau, New Hague Road, Hague and spent all his growing up years in Hague.

The Honorable Dominick J. Viscardi, former Supreme Court Justice, Fourth Judicial District, has joined the firm of Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes, P.C. as resident attorney in its new Ticonderoga office located at 15 Father Joques Place, effective Feb. 1, 2001. Judge Viscardi began his legal career in Ticonderoga in 1950, following discharge from the U.S. Army. He conducted an active trial practice for 28 years before being elected to the Supreme Court. Judge Viscardi resides in Ticonderoga, but maintains a summer home in Hague. At one time he served as attorney for the Hague Central School District.

Patrick J. Carney and John C. Breitenbach, Jr. are pleased to announce the formation of the law firm of Carney and Breitenbach. Mr. Carney is a native of Ticonderoga and has practiced in the area for 27 years. He was a partner in the firm of Viscardi and Carney from 1974 to 1978 and has been a sole practitioner since 1979. Mr. Breitenbach, who resides in Silver Bay, attended Union Law School, was employed as a law clerk with John Silvestri, Esq., sat for the New York State Bar Exam in February 2000 and was admitted to the Bar in June 2000. Prior to attending law school he was employed by the Town of Hague as its Zoning Administrator.

The partnership maintains a general practice of law with concentration in trusts and estates, estate planning, elder law, real estate law, matrimonial law, municipal law and land use planning which includes local zoning and matters before the Adirondack Park Agency, Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Dept. of Health. The firm maintains its offices at 14 Father Jogues Place in Ticonderoga.

**CORRECTION:** In the list of names for the Memory Tree in January's issue, we failed to include the name of Christine Steurer Sweeney. Charlotte "Lottie" Sweeney should read Charlotte "Lottie" Steurer. We apologize for this error.

### CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER PLANNED

The Middle School Music Department has again been invited to sing at Lincoln Center in New York City, after their very successful performance last year. They are planning a fund raiser on March 23 at the Ti Middle School Cafeteria in the form of a chicken and biscuit dinner. Tickets will be on sale in advance by contacting the Middle School office, Pat Cornell or Val Dixon.

Dinner is \$10.00 including dessert and beverage and will be served from 5:30 - 7:30PM. Musical entertainment will be provided by students from the Middle School. 2/01

## 2ND ANNUAL SPINAL CORD RESEARCH BENEFIT

The second annual Spinal Cord Research Benefit will be held on April 7, 2001 at Jimbo's Club, Rt. 8, Brant Lake, NY. Thanks to YOU and many others we were able to raise over \$21,000 last year. Many new developments in spinal cord research, such as the use of stem cells to produce new neurons, were made possible due in part by the many contributions received last year!

As you may recall, Scott Remington was injured in a logging accident that left him permanently paralyzed in May 1999. Scott and thousands of others will be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of their lives if a cure is not found. Scientists continue to work on a cure but like any research it takes a great deal of time and money.

We would once again appreciate your support for finding a cure for paralysis. Donations in the form of a check made payable to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation can be sent to the 2nd Annual Spinal Cord Research Benefit, c/o Scott Remington, 461 Pease Hill Road, Brant Lake, NY 12825. Or perhaps you would like to contribute an item to be raffled at the benefit. You can contact Scott Remington (494-7740) or Renee Smith (494-7255) and we will be happy to make arrangements to pick it up. All items and donations must be received by March 24, 2001.

Whatever your contribution, know it will go to benefit many. Take a step for spinal cord research and you'll be taking a step in the right direction for all those who are paralyzed!

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to see you at our benefit! . . . The Scott Remington family and close friends.

## INDIAN KETTLES CHANGES HANDS

On Jan. 5, 2001 the Indian Kettles baton was passed from the Reynolds family to the Whisher family. The Reynolds family had owned and operated the Indian Kettles Restaurant for over 50 years. The Whisher family, a 3-century Adirondack family, has decided to continue the restaurant operations under the name of "The View Restaurant at Indian Kettles". Extensive renovations are now in progress including a 3000 sq. ft. deck with outside bar, new kitchen facilities, 6 new boat docks, new interior lighting, new furnishings and substantially more windows and glass. The rear of the restaurant will be a wall of glass to permit indoor dining while still being able to enjoy a view of the lake.

The View Restaurant will be bringing in a new management team along with a new chef. We will be offering an American Cuisine menu along with sea food and vegetarian dishes, in addition to an extensive dessert menu. Breakfast will be served on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.. We will also be hosting banquets, wed-

dings and private parties. Our web site Indian-Kettles.com should be available soon. It will show a panoramic view of the lake from our deck, a calendar of events and a copy of our menus. Families and children are welcome.

We are planning to open the week of May 1 with a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 19.

Best wishes to Jack and Bev Reynolds, who now reside in Ticonderoga. We hope you will stop by, enjoy our hospitality and of course, The View. . . BW

## BOAT USAGE ON LAKE GEORGE INCREASES

According to a recent report published by the Lake George Park Commission, the number of boats on Lake George increased nearly 13 percent last year. LGPC staff counted 516 more rowboats, canoes and kayaks during the annual count in August 2000. However, the increase is not only due to engineless boats. Inboard/outboard motors rose by nearly 8%, while the numbers of personal watercraft, sailboats and outboards also went up.

Here is a quick review of the increases: 1991 - 9,998; 1993 - 8,323; 1995 - 9,118; 1997 - 10,783; 1998 - 11,017; 1999 - 10,887; 2000 - 12,160.

## RENT SMART

A consumer guide to residential leases is available through Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County. This free book contains information about things to know before signing a lease, basic terms, security deposits, moving in, use of the apartment, landlord responsibilities, tenant's rights, landlord's rights and more. A sample lease is included in the book. It can be copied or pulled out and used as the actual rental agreement.

For more info. or a copy of this free booklet, call 668-4881 or 623-3291, Mon-Fri during regular business hours.

## SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

A snow sculpture contest sponsored by PRIDE of Ticonderoga, Inc. will be judged on Sunday, March 4 at 2PM in the Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park. Call PRIDE at 585-6366 to sign up. Contest entry is free and open to all interested individuals or groups. Construction of sculpture may begin immediately following sign-up. Win cash prizes. Free hot chocolate and hot dogs for all participants.

## SASS PROGRAM TO DEBUT

The State has adopted a new System of Accountability for Student Success (SASS) that will debut on the School Report Card published in February. On March 21 at 7PM Ticonderoga Central School District Report Card results will be presented at a public hearing preceding the regular Board of Education meeting. Please join us so that we may share this information with you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Valentine's Day is over but I want to send love and say "thank you" to my family, near and far, and to all my friends here, there, everywhere, who remembered me with cards of all kinds (loving, creative and funny), notes, phone calls, flowers and gifts. A special thanks to Father George and Sister Fran for coordinating with the Music Department of the High School in celebrating my birthday at the annual coffee house held in the Hague Community Center on Feb. 9 for the benefit of the department's trip to NYC in the spring. A wonderful evening of musical entertainment at the Coffee House was provided by the young musicians. What a wonderful, exciting time! A beautiful birthday cake was presented to me and to Joan Belden who was also celebrating her birthday.

IT SURE IS GREAT TO BE 90!! If I could sing - my song would be "Thanks for the Memories"  
Love to all, Ursula Montbriand.

Being an avid reader of The Hague Chronicle, I can't help but respond to your article entitled WHO IS NEXT? It has hit close to home.

On the morning of Jan. 20 my 12-yr. old niece was awakened by her cat stepping in her face. As she opened her eyes, the ceiling began to swirl and she felt very ill. She managed to reach the room of her parents and collapsed at the doorway. Fortunately her mother awoke but found herself very disoriented also. They carried my niece downstairs and immediately called 911. The ambulance crew arrived quickly and at once got the three of them and the two family dogs out of the house. The level of carbon monoxide in the house was at peak level. The authorities said that within an hour they all would have perished. After treatment at Saratoga Hospital, they were taken to Westchester County to be put in decompression tanks (twice each) to flush this deadly monster from their bodies.

After much anguish, a whole new furnace system and two newly installed carbon monoxide detectors, they returned home safe and sound thanking God they had survived. Incidentally, the family cat whom they are calling the heroine of this near disaster, never showed herself until they were back in the house.

If you do not have carbon monoxide detectors or fire alarms in your home, PLEASE purchase some today. You might not get a second chance!

... Beverly Hudak

At the regular meeting of the Hague Town Board on Feb. 13, Councilman Fitzgerald insisted on misrepresenting my position on the issue of special town board meetings. He attributed to me the idea that special meetings are illegal and that I am trying to prevent the Hague Town Board from holding such meetings. Not

true.

Special meetings are an appropriate forum for transacting towns' business but should not be used to circumvent the Open Meetings Law. I have no objections to special meetings. What I object to is the carrying on of the people's business at meetings when the public is not likely to be present. Town's business should be discussed at regular monthly meetings, as much as possible, when the public is more apt to be present. If need arises, the regular meeting can be adjourned and the Board can then go into executive session to discuss sensitive and confidential information, then return to regular session.

In each of the months of May, June and August, 2000 this Town Board held five special and one regular meeting. Surely this small town can't possibly have so many issues that require six meetings per month to deal with. Maybe, just maybe, with a little planning, a little discipline and a little organization, the people's business can be done without meeting on the average of once a week.

... Rudy Meola

Dear Friends and Relatives of Donald Jordon:

On behalf of the Beste Scholarship Fund, thank you for your recent donation in memory of Donald "Traveler" Jordon. Your generosity has been heart-warming, and we're sure that "Trav" would have been happy that this was done in his memory. It just seems like he has been a part of Hague for so long and we all will miss him for our own reasons and in our own ways. And as the Beste Fund grows, it will be nice to know that in some way, "Trav" had a part in all that.

Thank you again for your generosity. Sincerely, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Beste Steering Committee

PERMANENT ART COLLECTION AT THS

Ticonderoga High School stands as an impressive example of Colonial Revival Architecture. Built in 1928-1930 and rebuilt in 1933 following a fire, THS has remained a model educational facility the heart of the Ticonderoga-school community. The structure is not only well designed, it is historically significant as the finest, most complete school built in the late 1920's in New York State still functioning.

Inside the walls, there is the same historical dignity and honor of a structure built to stand as a testimony to great expectations and high standards of learning. The well-maintained interior with its terrazzo, scagliola, and vaulted lobby, provide the perfect gallery setting for a permanent display of student art. The concept originally came from former art teacher Margot Anello in 1988. The funding for the art collection initially came from the Student Council. During the past 13 years under the direction of art teacher Marsha LaPointe, the student collection has grown to 24 pieces. Students in a three or five unit sequence in art are required to choose a piece to leave as a gift to the community. Giving the piece of art to the collection has become an honor for the young, aspiring artist. It is a way to give to the community, to thank the educational system, and to be a visible record of high achievement. "Like athletic trophies outside the gymnasium..." a piece of art will echo who you are and what you once accomplished.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2001

February

27 Senior Citizens lunch - 12Noon

MARCH

- 1 Planning Board - 7PM
- 5 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 6 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Center
- 7 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 8 Ash Wednesday
- 13 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM. Presentation of tax map number changes - see p1.[]

- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM, Community Ctr.
- 15 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM, Community Ctr.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Chamber of Commerce meeting - 7:30PM
- 19 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM
- 20 **FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!**
- 21 Blood Pressure clinic - 1PM
- 27 Senior Citizens meeting - 1:30PM

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were NO fire calls in January. There were two ice water rescue drills totalling 41 manhours and only one ambulance run with a total of 8 manhours and 27 miles.

Lu has prepared his annual report: there were 91 ambulance runs, expending 757 1/2 manhours and covering 4182 miles.

New Member: Joanne Stormer Trudeau.

Our sympathy to the family of Betty Decker, a very early member of the HVFD.

We express our appreciation to Imogene Frasier who presented \$546.00 to the HVFD - money raised from the Hague Memory Tree.

Thanks to Renee Swinton and ARC for cleaning the new fire station. . . ewa

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society hopes to end its winter hiatus on Monday, March 19 with a meeting at the Community Center at 8PM. Ursula Montbriand and Ethel Andrus are in in charge of the program. They promise an interesting and unique program . . . well, unique, anyway! Refreshments will be served at 7PM. . . ewa

INTERNATIONAL GROUP VISITS CARTOON MUSEUM

On Sat. Feb. 3 a most unusual tour group visited the Hague Cartoon Museum in Hague. Almost 75 high school Rotary Exchange students from 15 countries and their escorts spent an hour viewing the many comic characters and the political humor of America on display at the museum. There was much in the way of editorial satire of the USA to try to understand. None had a problem with the humor to be

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in Charles Schulz/ *Peanuts* characters, Snoopy, Lucy, Charlie Brown and the others.

Students came from Brazil, Finland, Belgium, Spain, France, Germany, Indonesia, Romania, Russia, Dominican Republic, Chile, Bolivia, Italy, Thailand, and of course, the USA. All had been attending an Inter-Acting Retreat at the Silver Bay Conference Center for the weekend, coordinated by Rotary Districts 7190 and 7260.

The students also enjoyed a square dance called by Burdick at the Hague Community Ctr.. on Friday. All did well catching on to the universal language of square dance terms.

Although the museum opens for the summer only, bus groups such as this are sometimes accommodated in the off season with arrangements by director Stan Burdick (518) 543-8824.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual Feb. buffet luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at noon. Bring a dish to share, but, please NO desserts or beverages. Register for luncheon by calling 543-6161 IMMEDIATELY and state what food you plan to bring. Also please bring your ideas for programs you would like, and trips you might like to take.

A reminder that dues (\$5.00) are payable NOW. Make checks payable to the Hague Senior Citizens Club, Inc. For the convenience of members who are currently out of town, checks can be mailed to our treasurer, Kay Caldera, PO Box 797, Hague, NY 12836-0797. . . ewa

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