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### HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND

A great weekend is planned including the Scholarship Dinner Saturday night, Feb. 19 at Silver Bay Association from 5-7PM and breakfasts Saturday and Sunday at the Firehouse from 7-11AM. The Rotary Club will be holding an auction during the Saturday night dinner. Come and join in the fun. And don't forget the BIG show on Sunday afternoon at the Hague Community Center from 2-4PM with Country Music & Blue Grass. We expect to have some performances by big names!! You won't want to miss it!!! ...dh

### YACHTING MAGAZINE COMES TO HAGUE

In the February 2005 issue of Yachting Magazine on pages 122-126, Dennis Caprio has written a glowing account of boating on Lake George and most particularly a new line of wooden boats which Mike Turner of Turner Marine Group has introduced to our area. The photos by Benjamin Mendlowitz are spectacular and feature our own Sheri (DeLarm) and Cris Ginn.

Mike Turner imports mahogany runabouts built in Como, Italy by Comitti Wooden Boats. Since he planned to exhibit the 8-meter Portofino and her sister, the 6.5 meter Sanremo at a show of classic wooden boats in Lake George last August and he had some spare time, he decided to show off his boat to his friends in Hague. Along with Mike's wife Mary Jo (Reale), and the Ginns, Mike, Dennis and Benjamin took off from a boathouse in Hague for a fast, wonderful ride on the lake.

We expect to see more Comitti boats on the lake in the near future. They are truly "Classic". ...dh

### HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

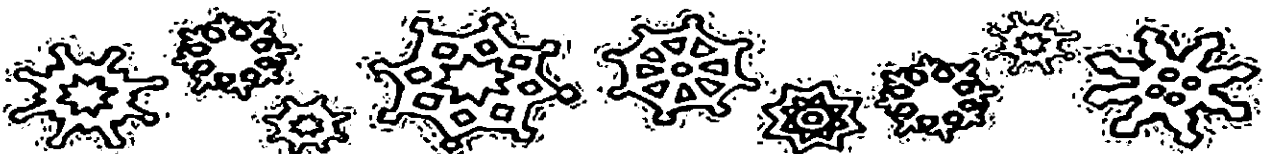
The Hague Fish and Game Club will hold an indoor flea market from 8AM to 3PM on February 19 at the clubhouse on West Hague Road. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the flea market. Contact Korinna Ryder at 543 - 6377 or Debbie Reid at 585 - 9023.

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

The Town Board has proclaimed February 23, 2005 as Rotary International Day as Rotarians celebrate 100 years of service to improving the human condition in their local communities and around the world. The proclamation cites Rotary's exchange programs, scholarship programs and commitment to the eradication of Polio among their many projects.



Cathy Clark is the President of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club which has been servicing our local area since 1996. The group meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30am for breakfast and meeting at Silver Bay Association. Guests and anyone interested in learning more about this important service work are invited to attend.



**SENIOR NEWS**  
by Madeline Pelkey, President  
Hague Senior Citizens Club

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Despite January's frigid temperatures, our first meeting of the new year was graced with sunshine plus the welcome addition of another new member and a program well worth coming out for. Our guest speaker was Keith Kelly from The Council For Prevention who spoke to us about the effects of medications - their interactions with each other and with alcohol. His presentation was not only informative, but his delivery was interlaced with clever bits of humor. The Seniors enjoyed Keith's wit and thanked him for his helpful tips.

February's meeting will be the favorite "Covered Dish Luncheon" held at the Community Center on Tuesday the 22nd at noon. Attendees bring a dish to share (hot/cold casserole, salad, etc) and the Club will provide dessert & beverage. Anyone 50+, if you are planning to check out our meetings, this is a good one to start with. The Seniors know how to put on a spread. It is a real treat! Bring a dish and join the fun.

Our March meeting will be a free event open to all residents of Hague. The guest speaker will be Beth Bidwell, Executive Director of the Wildlife Institute of Eastern NY. Her "Birds of Prey" program will include live bird presentations and provide information on Adirondack raptors such as the barred owl, falcon and turkey vulture. The meeting will be held at the Community Center at 1:30PM on Tuesday, March 22nd. Do plan to come. Refreshments will be served.

**MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING**

The Seniors remind everyone that it is just 3 months to the Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Mark your calendars now and start planning your entry. Prizes will be awarded!

**LGPC MEETS**

The Lake George Park Commission will conduct a regular monthly meeting which will include the Commission's Project Review Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort William Henry Conference Center, Lake George, NY. The Law Enforcement Committee will meet prior to it at 9:00 a.m. The LGPC notes that meetings will be cancelled due to weather if the Lake George Central School District is closed or delayed more than one hour.

Church Women United (CWU) is having "Let Our Light Shine" as this year's World Day of Prayer theme which encourages women and men to respond to Jesus' challenge in the Sermon on the Mount. Reverend Prudy Bertolino, Pastor of the United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker.

St. Mary's Church, at 12 Father's Joques Place, Ticonderoga, NY, will host this event on Friday, March 4, 2005 at 10:15 A.M. Prior to a worship service and Rev. Prudy's message at 10:45 will be a brief business meeting.

Invite your friends, families and communities of faith to join the women of Poland in prayer and song and to support women's ecumenical ministries toward peace and justice. World Day of Prayer is celebrated around the world so that at every hour of the entire day, prayer is being said.

Founded in 1941, Church Women United (CWU) is an ecumenical movement reaching 25 million Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, and other Christian Women. CWU is a recognized United Nations NGO.

An offering to support the ongoing work of CWU in our state and community is taken. Bring items for the Safe House and your least coin offering. For further information phone Nan at 585-4004 or Helenmarie at 499-1238.

**HANGING FLOWER BASKETS**

Diane Farinick and Carol Pittman, members of the Hague Enhancement Committee, are planning for the hanging baskets to be hung on Rt. 9N and Rt. 8 this spring. If you have donated a basket in the past and would like to continue to do so, please send your \$25 check, payable to The Enhancement Committee, Community Center, Hague, NY 12836. Please include your name as well as the name(s) of person(s) you wish to honor.

New requests will be taken on a first-come first-served basis, as the hanging poles become available - after we hear from previous donors. Brass markers are included in the \$25 donation.

**CONTINUED TOWN BEAUTIFICATION**

At the last meeting of the Hague Enhancement Committee a sculptor from Bolton Landing presented ideas for a sculpture to be placed at the bridge in the center of Hague. The committee has discussed such a plan for the last few years but is now waiting to get ideas from Hague residents as to what they would like to do to enhance the area.

Your ideas and comments will be valuable to the committee which is open to any and all suggestions.

Anyone interested in joining our Fire Department/Ambulance Squad, please contact the firehouse at 543-6059 and leave a message, or contact one of our members. We are planning to post an EMT class. Anyone interested please contact the firehouse or Renee Swinton at 543-8035.

During the month of January there were 3 fire calls for 45 1/2 man hours and 12 ambulance calls for 91 1/2 man hours.

The following officers of the HVFD were recently elected: President, Ray Mury; Vice President, John Barber; Treasurer, Lu Megow; Secretary, Joanne Trudeau; Fire Chief, Chris Swinton; Assistant Chief, Paul Belden; Captain, Brad Zeyak; Lieutenant, Dave Hoffay; Foreman, Ernie Trudeau; Hague Property Man, Jason Laundree; Hague Asst. Property Man, Bill Wells; Silver Bay Property Man, Jim Young; Silver Bay Asst. Property Man, John Brown; Ambulance Captain, Lu Megow; Ambulance Co-Captain, Gerry Boyd; Custodian - 2 spots, Dave Snow & Bill Wells; Food Chairman, Renee Swinton, Asst. Food Chairman, Katy Wells, Board of Directors to 12-31-05, Dave Hoffay; to 12-31-07, Ray Mury; to 12-31-07, Katy Wells; to 12-31-07, Charlie Antonetti.

Don't forget the Firemen's breakfasts on Sat. and Sun., Feb. 19 and 20 from 7AM - 11AM at the Fire House. Proceeds benefit the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Fund.

Tip for the month: PLEASE use good judgment when going out on the ice. Be extremely careful!!

### HAGUE CHRONICLE BOARD MEETS

The annual meeting of *The Hague Chronicle* volunteer Board of Directors took place on January 25, 2005 at the Hague Community Center. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Mary Jo Keeler who moved from Hague. They then elected Nancy Trombley to the Board and approved the following officers: Judy Stock, Publisher; Dottie Henry, Editor; George Ianson, Treasurer; Nancy Trombley, Secretary; Chris Ianson, Assistant Treasurer and John Barber, Assistant Secretary. In addition, Michele Gautreau and Ethel Andrus were reelected to the Board.

Treasurer George Ianson reported 2004 income of \$11,978.56, expenses of \$11,390.13 and a closing balance of \$8,729.42. The suggested annual donation will remain at \$12.

Publisher Judy Stock reported that the current mailing list totals 728 of which 228 are mailed locally. Many comments were received from readers with appreciation for keeping them informed.

*The Hague Chronicle* is using new email addresses which are listed on the masthead. For news items, send to the Editor at [hchague@aol.com](mailto:hchague@aol.com).

For any questions about contributions, mailing or general comments, send to the Publisher at [HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com](mailto:HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com).

It was October and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief whether the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a Chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. Still feeling a little uneasy, a week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service yet again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "it's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "Easy...the Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

...sent via email from former Hague native Bill Fitzgerald, San Diego.



WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ZEO

ZEO Graham Bailey gave his monthly report at the February Town Board meeting. He noted that, during January, 3 applications were received for land use development, 1 for site plan review, 2 for subdivisions and 1 for wastewater.

In ongoing issues, the ZEO reported that he is waiting for a variance application for the Hague Firehouse from John Barber. A settlement on the Reingold's property is expected soon as they sent a proposed agreement which was reviewed by the Town Attorney and returned to the Reingolds for signature with minor modifications. Letters have been sent to individuals under the "junk law" indicating that property must be cleaned up by April 1 to avoid appearance notices.

Mr. Bailey will be out of the office from mid-February to mid-March. If any zoning questions arise during this period, individuals may contact his office on Tuesday - Thursday. Tim Costello will be covering for him and application forms may be downloaded from the Hague website. The Town Board has authorized the adding of the entire Town Code to the website which will soon be accessible. Individuals will be able to search the code with no fee to the user.

A training session with representatives from the Department of State (DOS) and Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for members of the Planning and Zoning Boards and other interested parties has been scheduled for April 20th. However, since that is during the school vacation the date may change.

Mr. Bailey asks that individuals who want information from the Zoning and Planning Offices make appointments in advance by calling the Community Center at 543-6161.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/05

Chairman Robert Goetsch, George Ianson, Bruce Clark and Bill Pittman were present and Tina King, Mary Lou Doulin and Nelson Waters were absent.

A public hearing was held on the Wilen application in which Ann Shakeshaft read a letter in opposition to the variance request and a hearing was also held on the Icke application with no public comments.

In the regular portion of the meeting the Wilen and Icke proposals were again discussed.

Wilen (43.13-1-4), Lakeshore Dr. TR-1. They will await the results of a new survey.

Icke (26.14-1-6), Waltonian Rd. TR-1. The Board approved the request to move an existing garage, connect it to the residence with a breezeway and modify the roof line. The proposed roof construction is within 50 ft of the shoreline and a portion of the breezeway will be within 100 ft.

In the discussion of the Icke application, the Board felt that the ZEO should check back files on any application to see if there were any previous violations. ZEO Bailey suggested an evaluation would depend on the scope of the proposed improvements.

The Board discussed further clarifications in the Zoning Code and nominated Bruce Clark as Deputy Chair. Mr. Clark handed out copies of an article about conflict of interest from *The Planning News*. The article has also been given to the Planning Board.

PLANNING BOARD - 2/3/05

The meeting was opened by Chairman Swanson with all members present.

Wilen, (43.13-1-4) Lakeshore Dr. TR-1. The new survey prepared for Mr. Wilen indicates a total of 2.21 acres, sufficient to subdivide the property into two lots. Although the Planning Board will later review the subdivision, a variance will not be needed.

Craig, (60.13-1-13) Red Fox Lane. TR-1. The Board approved a request to enlarge an existing deck by 4 ft. and add a roof over a portion of it. No variance is needed and the Arcady Board of Directors has approved the plan.

Ragot, (42.20-1-6) Lakeshore Dr. TR-2. The applicant wishes to subdivide a 7.73 acre parcel into 4 lots three of which will measure 1.1 acre and the fourth lot will measure 4.40 acres. The Board would like the ZEO to review the files to assure all conditions for prior projects have been met. They discussed that any deeded access areas should be exclusive of the proposed 1.1 acre lots and any new construction would need to address the stormwater drainage problems in the area. A request will be made to have the property be staked for a site visit.

White, (26.10-1-25) N. Friends Point Rd. TR-1R. The applicant wishes to demolish and replace an existing residence. The new construction will be located 10 ft. further from the shoreline but still within 100 ft. The lot size is 0.73 acres and the lot coverage will be 19%. Another small cottage located on the property currently uses a seepage pit. The Board would like more information on the existing and proposed septic system.

In other business, Rolly Allen was nominated as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Board. John Brown was appointed Clerk to the Planning Board and will officially sign any subdivision plats.

Councilmen Meola and Megow met with Frank Komoroske, DOT Engineer and Don Smith, Hague Highway Superintendent. Lacking a quorum, it was decided to discuss the issue at hand which was the maintenance of state roads 9N and 8 as per the contract between the DOT and the Town.

It was mentioned that numerous persons have observed that the Bolton Landing side of the mountain is usually free of snow when the Hague side is not. Mr. Komoroske stated that DOT uses two 12-hour shifts while the Town of Hague has one 8-hour shift and DOT strives to exceed its own requirements for maintenance. He felt that given the recent weather conditions that the Town has adequately met the requirements of the contract and has used proportionally the same amount of salt used by the DOT.

In response to a question about signage in the intersection triangle, Mr. Komoroske stated that because the Town of Hague has a permit to beautify the area it could regulate both size and location of any signs.

#### TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/8/05

Supervisor Dan Belden and Councilmen Lu Megow and Rudy Meola were in attendance. Councilmen Dick Gladu and Bob Patchett were out of town. A moment of silence was held for David Shattuck and James McGuire.

##### Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Meola reported that they are negotiating the renewal of the agreement with Silver Bay Association which, as a property tax-exempt organization, gives the Town money in lieu of taxes. The 5 year agreement expired in December.

CARE - The Food Pantry is open and well-stocked and eligible residents are encouraged to make use of it. For further information call the Community Center (543-6161). Sheryl Bailey is the coordinator assisted by Viola Vassallo.

Fire - It was clarified that the Town Highway Department is responsible for plowing out at the Firehouse under the contract between the Fire Dept and the Town. Councilman Meola also wondered when the Town would be receiving a financial statement from the Fire Dept.

Highway - Cathy Clark again inquired about the status of Overbrook Rd West so that it can be plowed by the Town. She related that "private road" was posted in error when the emergency 911 road signs went up. Councilman Megow made a motion to make Overbrook West a public road and Supervisor Belden seconded it. Councilman Meola asked if the Board can make it a town road or should there be a public hearing or other proper process. The motion was approved.

The Board will look into having a training session next year for members of the Highway Department. Councilman Meola noted that \$47,000 of the \$70,000 budgeted has been expended so far on salt. He also referred to the February 3rd meeting with the state DOH which said that the Town is sufficiently meeting its contract with regard to maintaining the state highways (Routes 9N & 8).

Insurance - Interest from 3 different agencies has been shown in bids (due April 1) on the Town insurance policy.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola reported that the Museum Board will review the bylaws at their next meeting and then they will be given to the Town Board for their reaction.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - Supervisor Belden reported that he is waiting for a sketch for the sedimentation retention pond in Pine Cove. ZEO Graham Bailey gave his monthly report (see related article "With the Office of the ZEO" p. 4). Councilman Meola has been attending the Zoning and Planning Board meetings and gave the Board a general update on some of the discussions pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan.

Recreation/Promotion - Councilman Meola reported that the Enhancement Committee had a meeting and invited a sculptor to talk about modern sculpture in municipalities. A suggestion has been made to use a piece of sculpture that would fit in with the mountains and the brook on the bridge at the intersection of Route 9N (Lakeshore Dr) and Route 8 (Graphite Mt. Rd.).

Sewer District 1 - Supervisor Belden scooped Bruce Clark's monthly query and reported that the sewer district has paid back \$15,000 to the general fund in partial payment of the \$25,000 loan. The 2005 sewer district bills will be going out in the middle of March. Anyone in the sewer district who has not yet hooked up will get a letter from the Town.

Town Park/Beautification - The Board voted to hire 2 international students to work at the Town Park next summer. The students will come through the Student Connection program out of Lake George. Any others interested in **summer jobs** @ \$8.50 per hour at the Hague Park should so indicate before April 15. There are both full-time and part-time positions available and students must qualify for working papers.

Transfer and Recycling - Councilman Megow reiterated the ability to take yard waste to the Transfer station at a cost of \$25 per yard.

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## DISCOVER 4-H PROGRAM

### In Unfinished business, the Board:

1. Acknowledged receipt of the complete description from the Senior Citizen's Club on their receipts and expenditures and noted that it was "money well spent."
2. Announced that the state has changed the speed limit from Forest Bay to Rogers Rock Campsite to 45 mph after petition by area residents and request from the Town.
3. Appointed Rolly Allen as Deputy Planning Board Chairman and Bruce Clark as Deputy Zoning Board Chairman.
4. Acknowledged receipt of complaints on unsafe road conditions.

### Under New Business the Board:

1. Discussed possible Town regulation of signs on the bridge and in the triangle in the middle of the hamlet.
2. Approved the attendance at a training session for the Assessor and Secretary on 2/1 & 2/2.
3. Approved the attendance at the Association of Towns meeting for Supervisor Belden, Deputy Supervisor Meola, Town Secretary Diane Trudeau and Town Attorney Dominick Viscardi.
4. Approved Resolution #37 of 2005 in support of a NYS bill on "collateral resource" which deals with pensions for persons who win lawsuits against towns.
5. Proclaimed February 23rd as International Rotary Day. (see related article p. 1)
6. Forwarded a letter requesting a zoning correction for a property on Decker Hill.

### Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden said that the counties are pushing for the Governor to cap medicaid and medicare.

He also reported having a conversation with David Darrin about his property across from the Town park. Mr. Darrin has been approached by out-of-town commercial ventures to buy his property but he is still planning to do something with it.

As chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, Supervisor Belden has set February 16th at 6:30 PM as the next meeting which is open to interested parties.

Warren County youth ages 8-12 with their parents/guardians or a caring adult are invited to create memories, have fun, learn new skills, and enjoy a positive 4-H experience on March 19, 2005.

The DISCOVER 4-H program will be held from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY.

Youth and adults together will have the opportunity to plant seeds, create a healthy snack and learn the lost art of crocheting. The program is free and all materials will be provided to the participants.\*

## YOUTH PROGRAM BULB SALE

Beginning February 1, 2005 the Warren County 4-H Youth Development Program will be selling a selection of Dutch Mill Bulbs. Every bulb and plant is guaranteed to bloom or you get a free replacement. Any order of three or more items will receive a free set of Quick Action Tablets to help jump start your garden.

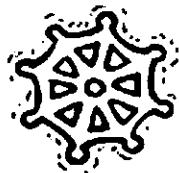
All orders will be shipped after April 15 to insure proper planting time for our growing zone. All orders and payments must be received by Tuesday, March 1st.\*

## AGRICULTURAL FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Warren County Youth Fair has announced information about the scholarships sponsored by the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and the New York State Show People's Association.

The scholarships are open to high school and college students who must be active at the Warren County Youth Fair and also pursuing a degree in Agriculture or an agricultural related field. All applicants from Warren County must submit their application through the Warren County Youth Fair no later than Friday April 8, 2005.

\*For further information, registration or brochures about any of the above items contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County at (518) 623-3291 or 668-4881 or email <warren@cornell.edu>.



BORN: A son, Cameron, to Leigh Anne and Keith Boyd on December 19, 2004 in Kingston, NY. Cameron is the grandson of Marilyn and Dave Barton of Sabbath Day Point and Kingston, NY.

BORN: A girl, Rebecca Mae, to Sean and Amy McFeely, Lake Hughes, CA and Silver Bay on December 29, 2004. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Anne and Bill McFeely and grandniece of Vanetta and Dore Hunter, all of Silver Bay

BORN: A son, Gavin Ramsey Riccardi, to Christina and David Riccardi, Alpharetta, GA on January 25, 2005. Gavin is the grandson of Ann and John Barber, Silver Bay.

BORN: A daughter, Alexia Sage Kuenzel to Darcy and Stefan Kuenzel, Kennebunk, ME on February 5, 2005. Lexi is the granddaughter of Ginger Kuenzel, Arlington, MA and Hague, NY and Andreas Kuenzel, Munich, Germany. She is the great-granddaughter of Dottie Henry, Hague.

ENGAGED: Emily A. Heusser, Clifton Park, NY, daughter of Jeffrey and Joanne Heusser, Lake George, to Anthony W. DeFranco, Clifton Park, son of David and JoAnne DeFranco, Hague.

DIED: David Henry Shattuck, 88, Milford, DE on January 19, 2005. Mr. Shattuck was born in Hague and at one time operated a hardware store in Ticonderoga. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Peggy Cowan Shattuck. He was one of the charter members of the Hague American Legion.

DIED: Clara Hammell Collins 93, of Tallmadge, Ohio (formerly Bloomfield, NJ) on February 4, 2005 in Summit Villa Care Center. Clara is survived by her husband of 64 years, L. Rodman Collins, son John F. of Tallmadge, his wife Jimelle M., and son Paul H. of Elberon NJ, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A future Memorial Service and interment in the Memorial Garden at Silver Bay is planned for August 2005.

DIED: James Martin McGuire, 88, Graphite Mt. Rd., Hague, on Feb. 8 at Moses-Ludington Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth E. (Steitz) McGuire, two daughters, Karen P. Carvale, Trenton, NJ, Wendy Beeman, Ticonderoga, and son Timothy J. McGuire, Panora, Iowa. Also, one brother, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DIED: Leonard Corlew, 89, Hague, on Feb. 13 at Moses-Ludington Hospital. He was married for 65 years to Lulu (May) Corlew who predeceased him. He is survived by one brother and two sisters, many nieces and nephews and close friend Mary Lou Doulin.

Drew Trombley, Hague, a junior at Ticonderoga High School and member of the THS National Honor Society, was one of 400 students from across the country selected to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. Drew spent a week in Washington during December and visited quite a few landmarks, monuments and museums while there. He made many new friends from across the country with whom he still keeps in touch via e-mail.

During the Conference the students had the opportunity to discuss current events and issues with top policy makers in Washington, D.C., analyze concepts, and then put them immediately to work through creative decision-making simulations. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council offers educational leadership conferences for an elite group of outstanding young people from across the country and around the world, whose nomination provides them with unmatched enrichment opportunities in a distinguished academic environment.

#### KIWANIS PRESENTATION

At a recent meeting of the Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club, Graham Bailey of Hague, along with the middle school librarian and a trio of Ticonderoga 8th-graders presented the students' entry in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's annual Future Cities Competition.

The students were among over 200 participants from 19 schools in the Greater Capital Region and won for the Ti Schools a \$100 prize for the most healthy community of the future presented at the exposition. Their model will be on display at the Middle School during the science fair coming this April.

Kiwanis meetings are held over lunch on Thursdays, at the Ti firehouse during the colder months.

#### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

Hague resident Charlie Antonetti is again instructing the Defensive Driving Courses. He will be running these 6 hour courses at the Hague Wesleyan Church from 6 - 9 pm on the following dates in 2005: Feb. 28 and Mar. 1; Apr. 25 & 26; June 27 & 28; Aug. 29 & 30; Oct. 24 & 25; and Dec. 12 & 13. To enroll and receive a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance, call Charlie at 585-3450.



Robert C. Keating, a seasonal resident of Hague, is doing an internship with NESAS NDU (Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies) and (National Defense University) in Washington, DC. His internship is from Jan. 27 - May 15. There are approximately 6-7 internships a year, lasting 2-3 weeks each. This particular 3-week internship is for interaction between 16 countries from the near east and south Asia. There will be more for Bob when these men return to their countries.

In answer to my e-mail questions, Bob offered the following information:

"My reason for sharing this is that students up in my adopted home of Hague will be able to avail themselves of the tremendous opportunity through the Washington Center Internship program here in Washington, DC. Students with a 3.3 GPA or better get the best scholarship awards and truthfully, you need a minimum of 2.75 to even apply. There are internships in every branch of government and at almost any age, the opportunity here is endless. For a younger person who would like to see and experience their government in action, this internship is the ticket to - well - it is your dream!

"The internship is to help with seminars. We take notes and type them up for the doctors and ambassadors who facilitate the smaller meetings which bring about dialog between these countries and representatives of our own government. We also take notes of meetings and the many different speakers from all walks of private and governmental life. We make fliers, keep the guests informed of cultural and social activities available here in DC as well as how to purchase tickets to places on maps and how to get there. We make coffee and clean up after the guests also. The opportunities to learn and network are just unbelievable and any student or school if not informed of the Washington Center should rectify that promptly. The experience and opportunity it offers young men and women is priceless and could lead to an endless array of careers."

I asked Mr. Keating what prompted him to get interested in this project and he responded: "I wanted to know why the terrorists did what they did - the background. I wasn't satisfied with 'they were terrorists and all of them were insane.' It has led me to countless hours of research and papers which led my Professors to suggest I come to Washington through the Washington Center. I followed sound advice and am learning more than I ever dreamed. I will end up coming to DC after I graduate for my master's."

Mr. Keating will be at his home in Hague from approximately May 23 until the middle of August and he would love to help some young people dare to dream. His son will intern in Washington this summer. "It would be my pleasure to meet with any young men and women and their parents to discuss options and help in any way I can."

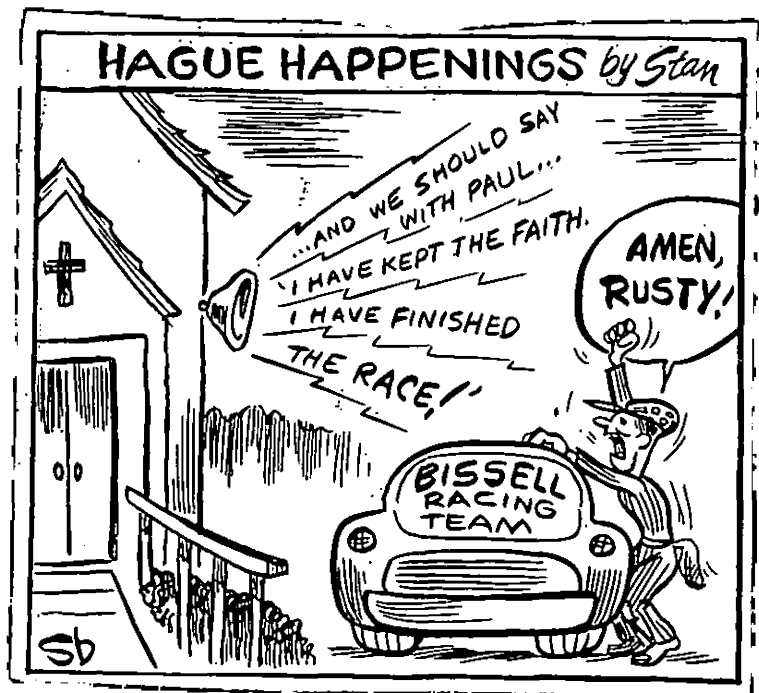
There are summer sessions available, winter sessions and fall full semester sessions. He is getting 15 credits for it, 9 in his major.

"Really good news for disabled students - you have the best deal of all, **50 full scholarships** available and everything is handicap friendly down here, so go for it!"

If you think you might be interested and would like to know more about the program, go to the website <[www.NDU.edu/NESA](http://www.NDU.edu/NESA)> or email Mr. Keating at [Kato353@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kato353@sbcglobal.net). ...djh

### GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY

On Sunday, March 6, 2005 at 4PM in The Performing Arts Center at the Glens Falls High School, the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra will perform its spring concert. Featured will be Kotaro Fukuma, the 1st prize winner of the 2003 Cleveland International Piano Competition. The program will consist of Dukas' Fanfare from La Peri, Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.



### CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!

Warmest wishes for a Happy Birthday are extended to Katie Hunter, New Hague Rd, as she celebrates her 98th birthday on February 18, 2005.



## Nature News

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello will be back next month. To read a delightful account of her Fishing Memories see the February 2005 issue of the Lake George Mirror under "A Lake George Almanac" on page 14.

### ICE EATEN AWAY by Judy Stock

Lakeside property owners with permanent docks have again installed de-icing equipment to keep ice away. In Hague Bay, from Jenkins Point to Island Harbor, there are no less than 30 of these machines.

The most well-known of these de-icing machines is the Powerhouse Ice Eater and any propeller-driven de-icer has come to be known as an ice-eater. And they truly do eat the ice. One advertisement for the Ice Eater states it is "designed to prevent ice from forming ...as well as effectively melting existing ice by breaking the surface with a continuous current of warmer bottom water. (The) propeller draws up warmer subsurface water and deflects it to the surface creating a constant circulation of warmer water that prevents ice formation (and) will melt existing ice." This constant warmer water and the "maximum thrust" keep any surrounding ice completely unstable. Beyond clearing away ice just around the docks, ice-eaters leave a wide swath of open water and destabilize any nearby ice.

This situation may be great for the dock owners but not so pleasant for the people who wish to enjoy the other great season for which Lake George is special. The people who love to walk out on the Lake on a sunny day, or those who want to cross-country ski or snowmobile on an unlimited surface or enjoy the sports of ice-fishing or ice-skating have only limited access to the Lake and face uncertain stability on the ice. I am personally unable to access the Lake safely from my own property due to the erosion of the ice around neighboring docks.

Unfortunately the problem is not new. In March of 1990, after falling through the ice weakened by a neighbor's de-icer, Dr. Robert Johnson of Bolton Landing wrote to the Post Star noting that "the ice on Lake George is not as safe as it used to be" and recommended measures to minimize the damage. Also in March 1990 an article in the LGA newsletter noted that the effects of the ice eaters "interfere with access to the lake by lakeside residents, and limit recreational use of the lake in winter. Ice skaters, ice boaters, snowmobilers, and other recreational users must be constantly alert as they venture near shore where ice-eaters are operating. Property owners have a legal responsibility for this potential hazard."

In April of 1990, *The Hague Chronicle* ran a front page story on the problem written by Bill Dutcher, Pilot Knob. In part the article noted that, ironically, "the increased use of powerful ice eaters causes a lot of unnecessary dock damage " and more soberly that "A couple of people drowned two years ago in a hole allegedly caused by ice eaters...Let's address this growing problem before more loss of life and property occurs!"

Alas, it is 15 years later and the problem is worse. On February 12, 2005, the Glens Falls Post Star ran a front page article headlined "Lake users angry over use of bubblers" and noted that "Two all-terrain vehicles went through the ice on Lake George's Dunham's Bay last weekend, and some ice fishermen who use the popular bay to access the lake are blaming devices used to prevent ice from forming around docks nearby in the bay."

Consideration must be given to the balance necessary between protection of docks and the right to safely enjoy our beautiful Lake George in the winter.

### WAYS TO KEEP WARM IN THE COLD

Clothes protect you from the cold by helping the body hold on to its own heat. Dressing warmly means:

- Wearing a hat and a scarf...they'll help keep your hands and feet warm;
- \* Wearing layers of loose clothing is better than one heavy layer...layered clothing traps warm air around your body.
- Being sure the layer of clothes next to your skin is dry...dampness steals heat;
- Wearing mittens instead of gloves...they are warmer;
- Avoiding tight fitting clothes...too tight a fit can restrict the flow of blood which warms the surface of your body.

Sleeping warmly at night is just as important as dressing warmly during the day. Sleeping warmly means:

- wearing a warm nightgown or pajamas;
- wearing a nightcap and socks to bed;
- putting extra blankets, comforters, or quilts on your bed;

Eat Well. Food provides the energy our body needs to keep warm. Eating well means:

- getting enough to eat;
- eating the right foods to keep yourself strong and healthy.

By following these simple suggestions, YOU CAN STAY WARM IN THE COLD.



**2005 Hague Winter Weekend**



Friday, February 18

6 - 8 pm Skating Party Community Cntr (Rt 8/Graphite Mt Rd)

Saturday, February 19

5 - 9am Ice Fishing Contest Town Park  
 7 - 11am HVFD Breakfast Firehouse (Rt 8 & West Hague Rd)  
 9am Road Race Town Park  
 10am-noon Children's Games Town Park  
 12:30 pm Polar Bear Swim Trout House Village Dock  
 10am - 2pm Snow Sculpture Town Park  
 2pm Tug of War Town Park  
 3pm Snow Sculpture Judging  
 4pm Ice Fishing Weigh-In Town Park  
 5 - 7pm Beste Dinner, Rotary Auction, Scholarship Awards -SBA  
 7 - 10PM Open House Fish & Game Club - West Hague Rd

Sunday, February 20

7 - 11am HVFD Breakfast Firehouse (Rt 8 & West Hague Rd)  
 2 - 4 pm **Country Music & Blue Grass Show** at Community Center



February

19 8am - 3pm Fish & Game Club sale (p. 1)  
 22 noon Senior Luncheon (p. 2)  
 23 Rotary International Day (p. 1)  
 23 1pm Extra Helping Distribution  
 24 7pm Zoning Board of Appeals  
 28 6-9pm Defensive Driving Course (p. 7)

March

3 7pm Planning Board  
 4 10:15 am World Day of Prayer (p. 2)  
 6 4pm Glens Falls Symphony (p. 8)  
 8 6:30 pm Town Board  
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