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CHRISTMAS IN HAGUE

'Tis the season to be jolly.' Hague is really decked out for the holiday, and parties are the order of the day. The floor to ceiling tree in the town hall burst forth in light on Sat. night, Dec. 7 when the Chamber of Commerce and the town co-sponsored the annual Community Christmas party. (See page 2 for more details). At the same time, there is a small tree in the lobby which has been decorated by the children of the Silver Bay Day Care Center with very clever and most unusual ornaments. The children were brought to the community center to hang their creations on the lower branches of the big tree too. They're wonderful. If you haven't had a chance to pay a visit to the community center, do so immediately. It is quite festive.

Mike Manning, our caretaker, has gone all out this year to decorate the town. We have trees and shrubs lighted across the front of the building, plus a tree in the center of town and one in the park. Not to be outdone by other neighboring towns, we also have Christmas banners flying from poles on Rt. 8 in the center of town.

Residents have also gotten into the act by displaying many decorations at their homes all over town. It is really fun to drive around after dark to see all the lights.

The three churches in Hague are also celebrating Christmas with special services.

The Hague Wesleyan Church had a children's program on Dec. 15 entitled "A Christmas Story". The children of the Hague Baptist Church were a part of this program.

On Dec. 22 members of the Hague Wesleyan Church plan to go caroling from 6-8 PM. They will meet at the church to carpool.

On Dec. 24 the church will be joining the Hague Baptist Church for its candlelight service.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament will have a Christmas Vigil Mass starting at 7:30 on Dec. 24. A New Year's "Mary Mother of God" Mass will be held on Dec. 31 at 5:30PM.

THE HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH will hold its annual Community Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7:00PM. They will be joined by the members of the Hague Wesleyan Church. Special music and carols will be sung and communion will be served. The entire community is invited to participate.

On December 20 at 6:30, a joint Christmas party with the Bolton Baptist Church will be held in the church annex.

MOSES LUDINGTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

At a news conference on Dec. 5, the board of MLH released information which it hopes will be good news to most people.

It was clear, with a HUD deadline of Dec. 14 for calling the mortgage of nine million dollars that MLH was fighting for its life and on Dec. 2, right on schedule with HUD's timetable, MLH submitted a Certificate of Need (CON) to DOH with a copy to HUD, outlining the new configuration and the types of services that the hospital will be able to offer.

The CON means that MLH will be adhering to the "guidelines" established by the Federal Health Care Financing Admin.'s Medical Rural Primary Care Hospital (RPCH)/Essential Access Community Hospital (EACH) Program and the NYS Health Dept. or the EACH/RPCH concept where MLH is the RPCH and the Glens Falls Hosp. is the designated EACH. This is referred to as an Each/Peach. There are three basic reasons why this model was selected. 1) Reimbursement under this model is higher and will be guaranteed farther into the future. 2) Because of number one, DOH advised MLH that this would be the only model that they and HUD would approve and 3) the most significant piece, MLH will be able to offer services that heretofore have not been available under the EACH/RPCH program. MLH will be pilot project one, which if supported by the community, can offer a level of services better than anything we could have expected to offer under the existing Each/RPCH guidelines.

So what are the services that MLH will be able to offer?

• 24 hr. Emergency Room service. • Maternity. • Emergency Surgery. • Ambulatory Surgery. • X-Ray. • Lab. Service. • Physical Therapy. • Respiratory Therapy. • Stronger affiliations with GFH, Fletcher Allen and Porter Medical Center which will provide more specialty clinics tel-a-medical connections for physician consults, greater peer review capabilities and continued strong quality assurance monitoring. These connections along with a financially stable facility will allow MLH to attract and retain more physicians with a greater range of specialties. We are now and will continue to be a member of the Adirondack Regional Emergency Services (ARIES) and the Adirondack Rural Health Network (ARHN). Being able to offer maternity services will go a long way toward keeping our present doctors, who want to do OB here in Ticonderoga. A stable hospital with more physicians will also relieve them of call time and give them a much higher comfort level as to their future here in Ticonderoga.

80 beds is considered to be the minimum number of nursing home beds, for efficient operation of a nursing home in NYS. MLNH operates as a 40-bed facility. For (Cont. on page 6 HOSPITAL)

HAGUE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December 7th Community Christmas party brought out about eighty people of all ages to see the Christmas Tree light up at the hands of Fire Chief David Hoffay and the Memory Tree come into its glory at the direction of Imogene Frasier.

Clifton West, town historian, was named Senior Citizen of the Year by this year's committee, headed by Tom James. Dan Belden, town supervisor, greeted the attendees with a few words. All were introduced by Sal Santaniello, emcee, who also ushered Santa Claus to the party where all the young people posed for pictures with him.

Eighteen "lucky" plates entitled their owners to free ice cream cones from Stewarts in Ticonderoga. Victoria Belden won the 25-lb. bag of bird seed donated by Catlin's Farm Supply.

The party is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and its members were responsible for sharing the preparations. Carol Warren coordinated the decorations, Cathie Burdick, the cookies, Ethel Andrus, the coffee and Margaret Del Signore, the punch. Sal and Kathy Santaniello arranged the program details and Stan Burdick lent his PA system for the event. Those donating cookies were Ethel Andrus, Ann Barber, Kay Barton, Joyce Bothe, Joanne Brown, Cathie Burdick, Karen Gladu, Gale Halm, Mary Ann Harmon, Dottie Henry, Kay Holliday, Mary Johnson, Sally Neal, Carol Warren and one anonymous donor who set a plate on the table when we weren't looking.

Thanks are extended to all those who helped make this community event a great success. CAB

Center offers strength-training classes (every day, 4 - 9 pm. and Sat., 1- 9 pm) and low-impact aerobics classes Tues. and Thurs. afternoons. Both are open to Silver Bay members, who also may use the center's state-of-the-art strength-training equipment.

Silver Bay also offers miles of groomed cross-country ski trails.

To sign up or to learn more, contact the Silver Bay Assoc. at 543-8833.

ROTARY GALA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George celebrated the holiday at its first annual Gala Christmas party on Dec. 9. The evening started with a wonderful dinner at the King's Inn in Port Henry, followed by a magic show by a fellow Rotarian, Bob Comins of Glenville, then dancing into the evening. More than 50 people attended the party, including Rotarians, their spouses, friends, family and we even shared the celebration with three Kiwanians!

The spirit of giving prevailed as President Stan Burdick distributed a bag of gifts from St. Nick. The generosity spread as Rotarians made more than \$100 in donations individually and as a club, to the Tiny Tim project to help children in need in our community. This project is chaired by one of the Club's members, Dave Cornell and his wife Pat.

The evening was filled with fun, fellowship, and festivity. The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George wishes you and yours a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Women Helping Women will meet on January 13 at 7PM. The speaker is Mary Smith, former manager of the Service Dept. at Christopher Chevrolet. Her subject is "What's That Noise, What's That Smell?" This should be of particular interest to all women drivers.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The December meeting of the Hague Historical Society will be held on Dec. 19, weather permitting at the Robert Cole home, with Christmas carols, Christmas goodies and warm spirits around the Christmas tree before a warming fire. For the past many years this has been the traditional "Bring something 50 years old or older, other than your spouse, to talk about".

Our Nov. meeting was held with William Dolback, past president of the Ticonderoga Historical Society, showing slides and describing the history of the mills and early shipping that used the Lal Chute River. It was very well received and much interest was shown on the newly emerging park along the La Chute. This work was started in Aug. and already shows remarkable progress. Bill has been in the forefront of this project.

An election of officers was held and the new president is Gerald Crammond, Secretary, Ethel Andrus and Treasurer, Gerald Crammond. Retiring President Robert Cole announced that he would devote his efforts to returning the Lake George monster to its birthplace in Hague once more.

There will be no meetings in the months of Jan. and Feb. The March meeting will be announced.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL !!

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WELLNESS CENTER OPEN AT SILVER BAY THIS WINTER

Plenty of winter exercise opportunities are available at the Silver Bay Assoc.'s newly opened Wellness Center, which will be open throughout the winter. The center offers a wide range of fitness equipment and fitness classes.

More than 15 strength-training and cardiovascular machines, along with free weights from 5 to 40 pounds, are available for a total-body workout. Cardiovascular training equipment, including a Lifecycle and Lifestride treadmill and cycle ergometers and a stair climber machine, is also available.

One of the most popular additions to the Wellness Center is the 24' x 24' fiberglass rock-climbing wall, which helps develop strength, balance, agility and concentration.

An instructional class takes about an hour. A climbing session, which typically lasts two hours, cost \$6. Six people at a time can climb the wall, which is located in Silver Bay's Fisher Gymnasium. Climbing is typically done in pairs, with one member of the pair spotting the other from the floor. Participants should be at least 10 years old.

In addition, Silver Bay's newly opened Wellness



The seemingly never ending saga of Ody's Inn was with the ZBA again this month. A variance request for extended hours was discussed at great length with first a public hearing and later, at the regular meeting a number of letters opposing extension were read and several people in a large audience spoke for the extension. No decision was reached because of concern for the thus far unresolved litigation involved in this case.

Jim Young (655-3-10), Sabbath Day Pt., is asking for a variance to construct a deck which will be 46' from shoreline or 4' short of the 50' shoreline regulation. A site review by Planning Board is required.

Art Steltz and Jim Young have submitted applications to fill the two empty seats on the ZBA and in executive session were interviewed by the board.

Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, has been authorized to write a letter to the Town Board making the recommendation that these two men be appointed to fill the two open seats, since they are responsible for confirming or denying. . . gl



PLANNING BOARD - Dec. 5, 1996

The Dec. 5 Planning Board meeting, with no public hearings at 7PM proceeded directly to discussion of the Silver Bay Assoc. project after a minor correction in the minutes.

The site review committee reported their findings and conclusions.

Proposal #1 was to subdivide lot (60-1-2) and combine a part of lot east of Silver Bay Rd. with lots 6 & 7 to create a 3.45 acre lot.

The second proposal to subdivide lot 9502-3) to create two lots of approximately 1.1 acres each, appears to come within the zoning regulations as each lot is adequate for a single family dwelling. The usual discussion on septic concerns took place and here there seemed to be no problems. Silver Bay will return to the board in January with the appropriate application.

A site review committee for Icke-Diamond (64--1-10) Pine Cove Road felt a variance was needed for their expansion project. The committee said it had no objection to such a variance.

On the variance request by Jim Young (10-96), the Planning Board must have a site review in accordance with regulations, since the project is within 50 of Lake George shoreline.

Member Nancy Harrigan suggested a basic educational program open to the community on the presentation of APA information concerning planning and zoning regulations that would help residents understand how decisions are made. . . gl

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There were a number of special town board meetings held at the beginning of Dec.

At the Dec 2 special board meeting with Joanne Brown, Hague's representative on the Ticonderoga School District Board.

The focus of the discussion centered on school property taxes, equalization rates, per pupil costs and to attending another school district. Topics discussed which the school board should examine or re-examine include:

- a) Administrative costs, both instructional and non-instructional. Are they too high?
- b) Why is the budget increasing when pupil enrollment is constant?
- c) What has the School Board done to control spending, eliminate waste and improve operating efficiency?"
- d) Hiring staff at or near the entry level.
- e) The paving of parking lots as a capital project.

The consensus was that there are areas in the budget which can be reduced without adversely affecting the instructional program. Concerns were also expressed about the School Board's responsiveness to the taxpayers' needs.

At the Dec. 4 special town board meeting with the assessor, the discussion concerned a possible revaluation which, if undertaken, would start in 1997. Assessor Martucci stated there is no guarantee the equalization rate would go up or down and a reval costs money. Our rate in Hague is 104.13. Should the reval be authorized, Supervisor Belden would like the assessor to submit charges for time and mileage on a monthly basis.

Immediately following this meeting, at 4:30PM, Chairman of the Planning Board gave a briefing on the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and sub-division regulations.

A resolution by the town board with these changes will be drafted and will be submitted to the APA for approval. . gl



TOWN BOARD MEETING - DEC. 10

The general public got its first glimpse of what is to be our new Visitors' Center which is scheduled to replace the present Chamber building at the town park. It will be larger by 10% and designed to improve the facilities. Bathrooms are planned for the general public and those with disabilities. A Chamber office and dressing facilities, storage and a covered deck that can be used for performers and picnics alike. It will cost approximately \$55,000 and will be paid for by monies (1) realized from sale of Monroe property; (2) received from lumbering at landfill and (3) unexpended balance from the park improvement fund. It will be insulated and can be heated, should that become necessary. Martin Fitzgerald, Jr. has been instrumental in this project's (Cont. on p4 TOWN BOARD) 12/96

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development. We will keep you up to date as information becomes available. Plans are on display at the community center.

Helen Barton, Silver Bay, spoke when the regular meeting opened and asked the board's permission to use the center as a pick-up and drop-off for the children who will be using the new 15-passenger van bought for their child care center with grant money. Permission was granted after it was explained that there would be supervision at all times by the Child Care workers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Judge/Assessor - In checking with the assessor, Mr. Meola has found that inventory does not show all Silver Bay properties and will make corrections. A reval for 1997 was also approved and Bill Bothe hired as assistant to assessor to complete same.

A suggestion was made to see if we might be able, legally, to tax docks across the lake, since the Hague town line goes to the high water mark there.

Buildings and Grounds: Part of auditing policy is to write an investment policy for town. Since money is available from the comptroller's office for this project, we will apply for it. Electrical work is being caught up.

Highway: Culverts will be cleaned out as soon as possible.

Personnel: Receptionist Bertha Dunsmore received approval of vacation time Dec. 18 - 28, with remainder of her vacation time being carried over to 1997. Clifton West was the Senior Citizen of the Year. A well-deserved honor, especially for the very fine museum he has developed at the Community Center. It was suggested that a meeting between the school board and town board be scheduled for February.

Sewer: Hope to have approval of Nickle report by early 1997. Lake George has already been approved.

Landfill Amount collected from landfill in Nov. was \$1,700.29. Part of the landfill has been cleaned and is no longer considered a landfill.

A shredder purchase has been approved.

A motion was made and accepted that when our present garbage contract expires that we return to the burning plant.

Youth: Skating rink ready to be flooded.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Jan. 7 meeting at 4PM to be held with Chamber to discuss next summer's art fair.

Jim Young and Art Steltz were approved to fill the two empty seats on ZBA, after recommendation of that board.

David Martucci, assessor, was given approval to attend 1997 Assoc. of Towns Conference in Feb.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ten letters were read, ranging from Bob Patchett's letter explaining his absence (surgery) to Judy Ken-na's resignation from ZBA. Two from Att. McDonald related to town business, R. Ball's comments on Bass Bay Road drainage, Time Warner advising us they are adding to cable channels (and also price), LGA's letter to the supervisor thanking him for attending press conference, two requests for special attention (road maintenance and a street light far off

the beaten track), Lynn Patchett's concerning a town lighting matter.

Atty. Pat Carney has requested consideration for the Bloomer Valley Club to be in the running should we sell any of the property we bought from Jack Carney. The Nature Conservancy had expressed interest.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ZBA Dec. meeting date will be Dec. 19 at 7PM.

Request made for additional funding for landfill closure from Landfill Closure Funding Assistance Program.

Resolution #34 directed Zoning Administrator to submit proposed amendment of Hague Zoning Ordinance to APA for review and approval.

Proposal by Clough Harbour Assoc. Professional Surveying Services for work at town landfill. . . . gl



HAGUE RESIDENT ORDAINED AS PRIEST

On Sat. Nov. 30, Julie Henry McPartlin of Hague and Niskayuna, NY made history as she was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood by Bishop David Ball in the Albany Cathedral. Capital district and television stations ("Today a mother became a father, stay tuned for news at 11" was the teaser on one station) and newspapers covered the event as Julie took her vows before a cathedral filled with family, friends, colleagues and other well wishers. She is the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Albany diocese.

In his ordination sermon, Ball pointed out that although there were some in the church who did not approve of his decision to ordain a female, it was up to God and not mortals to make that decision. The official policy of the Episcopal church is that women may be ordained, but the final say in each diocese is left up to the bishop. There are still five dioceses in the country which do not ordain women.

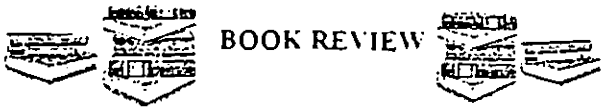
Julie has been serving as rector of St. James Church in Lake George Village since this past summer. She celebrated her first mass there on December 1, the day after her ordination. Interestingly, Julie has close ties to that particular parish. Her uncle, Rev. Ernest Stires, was also rector of that church for many years and her parents took their marriage vows before the St. James altar in 1930.

Julie is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Henry, Jr., Hague. . . . gh



FORMER TOWN CLERK INDICTED

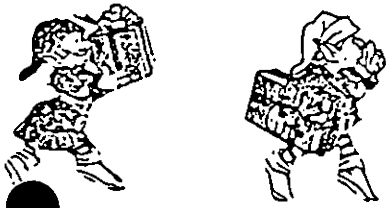
Mrs. Valerie Lawrence, former Hague town clerk (1994-95) was indicted on Friday, Dec. 6 in the Warren County Court on charges she stole more than \$13,000 of state, town and taxpayer money while in office. \$12,858 of this amount was received between Jan. 1, '94 and Dec. 3 '95 from hunting and fishing licenses, but never deposited. Another \$515.19 was from real estate tax which was overpaid by a Hague resident and not returned to payee. She faces a felony charge of third-degree grand larceny for the alleged theft. Asst. Dist. Atty. John Wappett requested bail be set for \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond. Judge Moynihan took into consideration her four children and released her in her own recognizance to reappear on Wed., Dec. 13 with her lawyer. Supervisor Belden declined to comment further on the case because the town has not yet received a report on the state audit.



It's back! Sweet Peas and a White Bridge is at the printers being reprinted as this is being written. The book was originally published in 1974 by Elsa Kny Steinback and has become a "must have" for anyone with a Lake George collection of books.

Sweet Peas deals with the 18th century steamboats and hotels that dotted the shores of Lake George, especially those in the Narrows. The book has lots of pictures and maps and sketches by the author. One of the chapters is devoted to the Knapp Estate at Shelving Rock while another tells about the white bridge at Hundred Mile Island House. There guests would walk in the summer evenings and the women would be wearing the sweet pea corsages that were fashioned from the abundant flowers that grow in the Adirondacks. The author died a few weeks ago in Bolton.

Dragonfly Books in Ticonderoga will be getting the book sometime near the end of December or beginning of January. (115 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga; Phone 585--7543.)



CHILD CARE CENTER AWARDED GRANT

The Community Child Care Center program received \$46,130.00 this fall from the Early Childhood Investment Fund. This award is an extension to the \$10,000 grant received in spring 1996 for an endowment scholarship program for a total of \$56,130.

The award will solve the continual problem of transportation in the North Country. The fifteen passenger van or mini school bus will be purchased and staff which will be paid through the grant. We will transport infants, toddlers and preschoolers each day to a central drop-off and pick up location in Hague at the Community Center. A "car curriculum" will be developed to encourage language and rhythm skills for all age groups. The starting date is to be announced.

The Early Childhood Investment Fund has worked with Silver Bay Child Care Center and local supporters since the winter of 1995. They have been a key element in helping us develop strong collaborative relations with numerous local and state organizations. The Early Childhood Investment Fund is a joint venture between New York State, the American Express Foundation, Traveler Foundation, and United Way of NYS. They have served as the administrator since the fund's inception in 1994.

The Community Child Care Center is also happy to announce the continual growth of our program. We have developed contracts with Essex and Warren County DSS programs, a healthy body maintenance program with donated toothbrushes and toothpaste from Dr. Cook, a field trip exploration program, physical program including soccer, gymnastics, skiing and skating for 1996., contract with NYS, contract with CACIT food subsidy program, and many

more exciting programs.

The children's decorations are featured in the Hague Community Center for the holiday season. Please stop by the Community Center to see their display in the lobby and the bottom section of the tree in the main room. On the day of their decorating they also visited the food pantry hosted by Georgina Lindquist. Parents and Silver Bay staff donated the food through the children to help nurture their understanding of giving.

We would be honored to give you a tour of the program or include volunteers and friends to visit and play with us. Please call Helen Barton, 543--8833, to arrange a visit.



NATURE NEWS Laura Meade

Every big city has a Museum of Natural History or a Zoo, where people, young and old, can learn about the many aspects of the lives of animals, birds, plants and trees. In the Town of Hague there is no natural history museum or zoo but there are wonderful treasures of REAL nature everywhere we look and listen outdoors.

For years the Silver Bay Association has had a small nature center in a room at the Boathouse, but few local residents knew about this. Space and resources were limited there. This limitation was a concern for Dr. Robert Cole, a long-time nature enthusiast who is the only area resident to have a certified bird salvage permit (state and national) which allows him to collect dead birds to be mounted for public display. When Dr. Cole imagined that the Silver Bay Assoc. Conference Center would be an ideal location for a small Nature Center building, he strongly advocated that such a facility be constructed there. His dream is now becoming a reality, in large part because of his encouragement and financial support. He also suggested that the new facility be near the Children's Pavilion so "little feet" can walk there easily and safely. And so the new Paul McCoy Nature Center (named in honor of a former SBA dedicated nature leader) is taking shape at the base of a hill near the edge of a meadow, as one walks from the Children's Pavilion toward the shore of Lake George. What a wonderful resource this will be!

Mark Rutkowski, SBA Program Director, says "As of June 1997 we will have a new Nature Center with books and other items on hand in a secured, safe location. There will be a room there for indoor presentations. A trained nature staff person will be hired to give advice and to lead hikes in the area. We expect to have an aquarium and a display of mounted fish prepared by Allan Johns of Arcady Bay Estates. We hope volunteers will assist in many aspects of this effort and that those who wish to learn about nature will participate. Please contact the Silver Bay Assoc. to find out how to become involved with this new endeavor.."

An endowment has been established to insure ongoing maintenance and continuation of the programs at the McCoy Nature Center. Contributions of funds, nature books, binoculars, a microscope, tweezers or a magnifying glass would be appreciated.

It is hoped that this small new building will be a magnet where a tiny bit of the outdoors can be brought indoors so people can better understand and enjoy the "world" of nature in the Town of Hague.

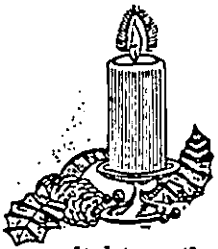
New Year's Eve is when you push celebrating into overdrive. So remember, if you're old enough to drink, you're old enough to call a taxi.

HOSPITAL (Cont. from page 1)
 over a year MLNH has had a CON before the NYSDOH asking for a 40-bed expansion. The need for the nursing home to expand and the need for the hospital to get out from under its debt burden has offered a unique opportunity for all the players; MLH., MLNH, DOH and HUD to agree upon a plan that essentially will satisfy each entity's needs and objectives. This plan will permit the financing of the nursing home expansion and the refinancing of the hospital's reconfiguration, thus allowing both facilities to continue to serve the health care needs of the area in a cost effective way. It will also permit HUD to come to a satisfactory conclusion with its MLH relationship and for DOH to continue to play its part in facilitating health care delivery in the Ticonderoga area.

MLH will down size to 6 medical surgical beds and 6 swing beds. Some of these beds will be used for maternity. With the space left by the hospital's down sizing, MLNH will carve out a portion of their 40-bed expansion from the remaining space. The balance of the expansion would be new construction. HUD will arrange the financing for both of these projects. Under this arrangement the nursing home will become the owner of all the real estate that makes up the present campus and the hospital will rent its space from MLNH. The lease will be structured so as to guarantee the hospital the use of this space no matter what might happen in the future.

The element most essential to all of these plans is the people who make up the population of the area that MLH services. In order for any of it to work it will need the whole-hearted enthusiasm and support of the entire area. Without that, nothing will succeed. We have a great opportunity before us. Let us hope that we can unite and help each other make these plans become a reality. For that to happen it will require everyone's backing.
 Ed: The above was excerpted from a 4-page news release. If anyone is interested in reading the release in its entirety, please let us know and we will get a copy to you.

HAGUE MEMORY TREE



It is not too late to send your dollar for a light on the memory tree in honor or in memory of someone near or dear to you. These names are being put on a felt tree in the town hall and a light on the tree in town. Names of recipients of this honor will be published in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

NEW LANDFILL HOURS AS OF JAN. 1

Beginning Jan. 2 (Jan. 1 is a holiday), until March 31 the Landfill will be open Fri., Sat., and Sun. from 12N to 5PM.

From April 1-30, same hours on Tues, Thurs, Fri., Sat., Sun.

From May 1-Sep 10 - same hours, 7 days a week

From Sep 11 - Oct 31 - same hours, 4 days

From Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 - 4 days - Thurs., Fri, Sat., Sun.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD responded to one fire call in Nov. using 8 3/4 hours. 39 hours were used in drills and training.

Officers for the coming year will be: Sal Santaniello, Pre-President; Mark Johnson, Vice-President; Fire Chief, David Hoffer; Asst. Chief, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr.; Foreman, Paul Perry; Silver Bay Custodian, Reg. Rand.

Ambulance Captain, Lu Megow, Asst. Ambulance Captain, Bill Cobb. New on the Board of Directors is Chris Swinton. Secretary is Joan Belden; Treasurer, Linda Coffin; Food Chairperson is Joan Belden, and Asst., Pat Swinton.

The ambulance made three runs in Nov. for a total of 150 miles and 33 manhours used.

Safety hint for the month comes from Ambulance Captain Lu Megow. Do not use unvented kerosene heaters as a permanent source of heat in your home. These heaters use up the fresh air in a room and emit deadly carbon monoxide as a substitute. IF you MUST use one as an emergency measure, and this should be an emergency only, be sure that the area has outside ventilation to allow fresh air to enter the room. And remember the use of these heaters should be temporary onlyget a vented fuel system for permanent use.

Also, IF you have a live Christmas tree, be sure that it is a permanent source of heat in your home. These heaters use up the fresh air in a room, emit deadly carbon monoxide as a substitute. IF you MUST use one as an emergency measure, and this should be an emergency only, be sure that the area has outside ventilation to allow fresh air to enter the room. And remember the use of these heaters should be temporary onlyget a vented fuel system for permanent use.

Also, IF you have a live Christmas tree, be sure that it is fed plenty of fresh water. Be careful of all electrical lights and their extension cords with any tree fresh or artificial .ewa

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTIONS

Town of Hague property owners who are 65 years of age or over may be eligible for a partial tax exemption. The property must be the legal residence of the applicant, and total income must not be higher than \$17,025. Applications and instructions can be obtained from the Assessor's Office and should be filed after receiving your Social Security statement of income (Form SSA-11099) in January. The deadline for filing is March 1, 1997.



WEATHER NOTES

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The last half of Nov. was generally cloudy with dustings of snow. However we did get about two inches of snow along with some very dangerous freezing rain, as temperatures hovered around 33 degrees on Nov. 26. Thanksgiving Day was clear and nice although the temperature dropped to 0 degrees that night. By Sunday Dec. 1 the snow had melted and the 12th month began with heavy rain and wind. The drizzle and clouds have been constant throughout the first two weeks of Dec. and calling the weather pattern dreary would be appropriate. However, a Siberian front is predicted to come within a few days and will change the temperatures dramatically. Have a Merry Christmas. 12/96



SOUNDINGS

DIED: Dr. Peter Hunziker, a summer resident of Cape Cod Village since 1959., in Teaneck, NJ on Dec. 4, 1996. He is survived by two sons, Ted and John and three grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS to: KAY AND BOB MARTUCCI on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 16. A party was held on Nov. 29 at the Martucci's Northern Lake George Resort to celebrate the occasion, with family and friends attending from as far away as Florida.

NANCY HARRIGAN, Hague and **ANN P. BARBER** and **MARK JOHNSON**, both of Silver Bay have been elected to 3-year terms as members-at-large of the Adirondack Girl Scout Council.

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT & MERIT ROLLS

The following Hague students attending Ti Middle School were honored by being on the first **ACHIEVEMENT ROLL:**

8th grade: **WILLIAM BOTHE, KATIE BREITENBACH, ANNE JOHNSON, RYAN LAWRENCE, JOSH PLASS**

7th grade: **JOHN COSTELLO, LUCAS FRASIER, PETER MACK, JOEE PLASS, ALISON RUTKOWSKI**

6th grade: **ADAM CHARBONEAU, JOHN EVANS, JASON FISH, JESSI FRASIER, KELLY FRASIER, ANDREW PATCHETT**

Merit Roll:

7th grade: **TYLER WELLS**

6th grade: **KIMBERLY FULLER, JON OTT**

The following Hague students attending St. Mary's School have been listed on the honor roll for the first quarter:

High Honors: Grade 8 - **TASHA BRAISTED,**

Grade 5 - **KAITLYN POTE**

Honors: Grade 6 - **JUSTIN BEST, THERESA HOWARD**

NATURAL HELPERS RETREAT HELD

The Natural Helpers Program is a peer helper program at Ticonderoga High School. Each year new helpers are selected through a student and faculty survey and trained at a week-end retreat. This year's retreat was held November 11-13 at High Peaks Base Camp in Upper Jay, NY.

During the week-end, trained helpers assisted with the training. New helpers are taught about the importance of trust in a helping relationship, problem solving, and decision making. Helpers also practice effective communication skills and the helping process. The following students from Hague are participating in the program:

MELISSA BRUNET, SHERRI SMITH, DAVE FITZGERALD, PETER HUTCHINSON, EVE TROMBLEY



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Ticonderoga Sentinels varsity Cross Country team had a very successful year ranking #7 state-wide as a Class C school. In Section VII the boys' team ranked first and the girls' team was third. Hague students participating this year were Doug Zeyak, David Fitzgerald, Gregory Fitzgerald, Tavish Costello, Katie Rutkowski and Lauren Mack. Zeyak, Costello and Dave Fitzgerald participated in the state meet in Canton where public schools from each section participated. In addition to the regularly scheduled school meets, the team ran at invitationals in Burnt Hills and Guilderlands.

Students and their families were honored at a banquet in early Dec. where it was announced that both teams qualified for Student Athlete awards which involve academic achievement.

Dave Rutkowski and Brian Kiely are team coaches.

HAGUE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1538 has contributed \$100 to the veterans at the Albany VA hospital for Christmas gifts for the veterans there. The post has also contributed \$100 to the local **TINY TIM** program for Christmas gifts to local children.

From Debbie Manning, Town Clerk: "I wish to thank everyone for their support in the November election. Best wishes for a happy holiday and New Year. 1996 was a good year and I wish for you an even better 1997."

REMINDER: Our food pantry is ready to help anyone at any time with food emergencies. There is also some clothing available. Contact G. Lindquist, 543-6095.

Our next distribution is Dec. 24 from 1-2PM.



TWELFTH NIGHT CONCERT SCHEDULED

On the night of Jan. 6th, the glorious sounds of heavenly voices will be ringing through the night air as musicians from area churches join together and share their talents at the Cornerstone Alliance Church at 7PM. The concert will consist of local choirs performing their own pieces and a very special presentation involving all participants in the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. This event is sponsored by the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and is hosted this year by the Cornerstone Alliance Church.

A reception will follow in the church hall for all to share in the spirit of the evening with conversation and refreshments.

All who have participated in the past agree this is a wonderful way to end the Christmas Season with the spirit of music and sharing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER '96/JANUARY '97

December

- 19 Hague Historical Soc. at Cole's p2
- 19 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 24 Community Candlelight service, Hague Baptist Church - 7PM (p1)
- 24 & 25 - HOLIDAY FOR ALL TOWN OFFICE
- 30 Town Board End of Yr. meeting - 4:30PM

January

- 2 Planning Board - 7PM
- 3 Town Board Organizational Meeting - 6:30PM
- 6 Twelfth Night Concert - 7:30PM Cornerstone Alliance Church - p7
- 13 Martin Luther King Day - Holiday
- 14 Town Board - 6:30PM

TOUCH HANDS

*Ah, friends, dear friends,
as years go on and heads get gray,
how fast the guests do go!
Touch hands, touch hands,
with those that stay.*

*Strong hands to weak,
old hands to young,
around the Christmas board,
touch hands.*

*The false forget, the foe forgive,
for every guest will go
and every fire burn low
and cabin empty stand.*

*Forget, forgive,
for who may say
that Christmas day may ever come
to host or guest again.*

*Touch hands! Touch hands! . . . Author unknown
Submitted by George & Gloria Hawkins*

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VERY
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
TO ALL OUR DEAR
FRIENDS AND READERS
WHEREVER YOU MAY BE
DURING THIS HAPPY SEASON,
WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT
YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN THE PAST AND
HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY READING
"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS" AS MUCH AS WE ENJOY
GETTING IT TOGETHER FOR YOU

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