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CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

HAGUE WESLEYAN:

A children's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 6PM. All are cordially invited to attend.

On Christmas Eve our church will hold a combined Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Hague Baptist Church at 7PM at the Hague Baptist Church. This is an annual community service and all our members and friends are invited to attend.



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A Vigil Mass will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 7:30PM. It will be preceded by carols, beginning at 7PM.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, a Vigil mass will be held at 7:30PM in the sanctuary.

Jan 1 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Other activities during the Holiday Season include Religious Education for children from 5:30-7:30PM on Dec. 17 in the Parish Center.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament holds masses every Sunday at 9AM, with Father Joseph O'Brien officiating.

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The hanging of the greens took place after the service on Nov. 26, followed by a light lunch by the ladies of the church.

There will be a joint community candlelight service on December 24, 1995 at the Hague Baptist Church at 7PM. The Hague Wesleyan and Hague Baptist Churches are joining together for this Christmas Eve Service.

There will be singing of carols, reading of the birth in Bethlehem, The Lord's Supper, and the candlelighting. Pastors Mike Bailey and Uri Utterback will be leading. It will begin at 7PM so that everyone will be home around their own Christmas tree early in the evening.



HANUKKAH

A menorah is a candelabrum having nine branches, for use on the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, which begins this year on December 18. A seven branch menorah was used in the Biblical tabernacle or the Temple in Jerusalem. In modern synagogues, any number of branches may be used.



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HANUKKAH is a Jewish festival lasting eight days, celebrated from the 25th day of the month of Kislev to the 2nd of Adar. It is in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees following their victory over the Syrians under Antiochus IV, characterized chiefly by the lighting of the menorah on each night of the festival.



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-1099) in January. The deadline for filing is March 1, 1996.



THANKS TO ALL OF OUR ELVES!

Each year many residents contribute to the Hague Christmas party sponsored by the town and the Hague Chamber of Commerce. Ethel Andrus and her crew made the coffee. Margaret Del Signore created a delicious fruit punch. Cookies were contributed by Imogene Fraster, Gale Halm, JoAnne Brown, Anne Johns, Mary Ann Harmon, Sally Neal, Vivian DenBleyker, Mary Johnson, Mitzi Fillare, Kay Holliday, Carol Warren, Ethel Andrus, Marlon Shoemaker, Georgina Lindquist, Billie DeGraff, Joyce Bothe and Cathie Burdick, who was chair of the cookie committee. Thanks to all who so willingly provided sweet treats for those who attended.

MASTER SINGERS PRESENT HOLIDAY CONCERT

Worth repeating from last month - The Master Singers of Glens Falls will present their Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7PM at the Queensbury Hotel. According to a reliable source, this promises to be the best Christmas concert that The Master Singers have ever given. Entitled "CHRISTMAS CLASSICS", the program begins with Vivaldi's "Gloria in Excelsis" and ends with "Christmas from the Heart", arr. by Brymer, with lots of familiar and unusual pieces in between. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased at the door. Come, enjoy!!

CUDDLE CORNER
SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION



The Community Child Care Center at Silver Bay Association is pleased to announce that Renee Swinton will be joining our team as a part time teacher. Renee has a bachelor's degree from Plattsburgh, with a major in Child Care Management, and a minor in Mathematics. She is also the proud mother of three children and a native local resident. Welcome aboard Renee!

ATTENTION: families with two children between 6 weeks and five years old - the fee structure has changed! The first child is at full tuition and the second child is half tuition. Please call Helen Barton for details at 543-8833.

GRANT UPDATE: The Early Childhood Investment Fund visited the center before Thanksgiving. They were able to clarify our financial support during their visit. A revised financial request has been submitted to the encouraging ECIF board.

**** Why not stop by for a visit and enjoy the holiday decorations created by the children. We are open weekdays from 7:30AM to 4:30PM, but will be closed Dec. 25-Jan. 2. All the children and staff at the Silver Bay Association Community Child Care Center wish you a very joyful holiday season!

HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY

It's Time!!! The Hague Community Day for 1996 is scheduled for May 4. Please start thinking of what we want to plan for this year's Community Day - events, time frame, meals, etc. Write your ideas down. Everybody is invited to the organizational meeting on Tues. Jan. 23, 6:30PM at Silver Bay Association's Administration building. Start thinking now!

LINE DANCING IS BACK!!

Every Monday evening (except the second Mon. of the month when WHW meets) the Community Center will be hopping with the area's line dancers (and would-be line dancers!) From 7-9PM, the joint will be jumping under the tutelage of Terry Butler. Modest fee of \$2.00 will be accepted to pay for the tapes, etc. 120 minutes for \$2.00 - a real bargain. Bring a friend and have a ball!



Next session is Dec. 18. There will be no dancing on Dec. 25 and Jan 1 (at least not at the town hall!) BUT BE THERE ON JAN 16 TO START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A BANG!

MOHICAN HOME BUREAU

At our wonderful Christmas party the wrong dates were announced for the Jan. meetings. Because of the holidays the first meeting of 1996 will be held on Jan. 9. After the business meeting we will make head scarves for cancer patients. Scraps of cotton fabric measuring at least 1/2 yd. by 45 in. in width are welcome. Our second Jan. meeting is on the 23rd when we will make car pillows and no-sew angels.

In Feb. we will resume our normal schedule of meetings on the first and third Tues. of the month. Meetings are held at 10AM at the Hague Community Center. Why don't you come and see what we're all about? ... cwb

Thank You to the Voters of Hague: I would like to thank all of you who supported me on Election Day. Also, I would like you all to know that I am planning to be on the ballot again in Nov. 1996 for Town Clerk... Barbara Belden

NOVEMBER ZBA MEETING

At the Nov. 16 meeting of the ZBA (date changed because of Thanksgiving), only one objection was heard regarding the THOM property (28-1-7) Rt. 9N where a variance has been requested to alter and enlarge (by allowable 25% an existing single family home. Another close neighbor said he had no objections. After the board spent time in discussion a vote for approval was given unanimously.

A request was made by Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, for interpretation on Art. 9, Sect. 9.0120 for Non-conforming Uses and Structures. Mr. Bothe was authorized to issue a permit to Mr. Thom.

It was suggested that this section of the present regulations should be addressed by the Hague Zoning Ord. Review Committee now working on changes to the code...gl

PLANNING BOARD - DECEMBER 7

On Dec. 7 the Planning Board met with two items on the agenda. The first, an application by Wirsing, (13-1-26) Tannery Rd. for placement of a mobile home. This was approved with Ralph Denno abstaining, since his wife is their attorney. All other members voted yes. One member was absent.

Jerry Stewart, engineer for Clough, Harbour was on hand with maps to inform those in attendance on how the sewer system project stands at this moment in time.

The maps indicated placement of the various buildings necessary for the sewage operation at the ball field. As described, there is a possibility the field, or some of it, will be available for future use. This will be checked and if possible to retain use of the ball field by modifications to the positions of sewer facility buildings and structures, it will be done.

The Hague Zoning Ordinance Review Committee is working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Hague town, including one which creates a Special Commercial Zoning District to provide certain commercial uses in a very limited geographic area. Since the sewage plant fits into this category, it will be necessary to make such an amendment in this case. A letter has been dispatched to APA for their comment or approval. This approval is necessary to get on with the project and it is hoped that approval comes quickly so that construction may start as early as April, 1996.

There is hope for a public hearing as early as Jan. 1996. . .gl

TOWN BOARD - DECEMBER 12, 1995

Alex Rhodes from C.T. Male, along with Skip Hourigan, Chairman of the Hague Stormwater Committee, was at the meeting to explain where we stand with the stormwater plan. With a \$10,000 grant from L.G.P.C., the company was able to delineate the watershed, find drainage into the lake, etc. The board agreed to a public hearing on Feb. 13 at 6PM.

The state has expressed an interest in purchasing

some of the land above the gravel pit the town recently bought from Jack Carney. Supv. Belden will be in touch with state representatives to see where this leads.

In other business: Councilman Meola has concerns about repairs within the Highway Dept. and would like to see a prevention and maintenance program in place. He also suggested the town attorney be retained on a yearly contract.

Motion made and passed for changes in the employees' guide.

Reminder that the assessor is in his office on Mondays from 9AM to 12 noon.

The State Youth Commission has awarded the town \$2,000 for youth activities. The ice skating rink will be ready for use on Thurs., Dec. 14, thanks to the fire department and other volunteers.

A committee is working on solving our usual summer parking problem. Also, Mr. Meola will accept suggestions from any resident as to uses for the old town hall. They may be left with Bertha Dunsmore at the Community Center.

The county has adopted a drug-testing policy.

Lonnie Swinton, animal control officer, has agreed to work with a yearly contract, thereby saving the town money.

Elwin Monroe deeded his property to the town several years ago. With his death, the property now belongs to Hague. The board is planning to sell it. They will accept bids.

Clough, Harbour's contract will be sent to the proper state authority as required.

Request for an extension at Ody's restaurant has been denied. Judge Viscardi has set a date for all information to be in. Maybe soon there will be a permanent decision.

A contract with General Code Publishers Corp. was approved to consolidate data on all rules and regulations pertaining to Hague, at the suggestion of Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator. This publication will simplify and organize material relevant to how the town does business. This will be on a 2-yr. basis.

Res. #29 Dept. of Transportation.

Res. #30 State Funding of Adirondack Park Review Comm. Mr. Meola voted no, all others voted yes.

Res. #31 Jack Carney was suggested to fill an opening on the L.G.P.C. . . .gl

ILLEGAL DUMPERS FACE JAIL

People convicted of illegally dumping trash will soon face stiff penalties, including time in jail. A new state law signed by Governor Pataki becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1996, allowing judges to send dumpers convicted of criminal violations to prison for up to four years. It is aimed at dishonest garbage haulers who treat dumping fines as a normal cost of doing business.

Illegal dumping contaminates ground water, creates fire hazards, and attracts insects and rodents that carry disease.

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A person convicted of illegally dumping up to ten cubic yards of waste would face a maximum penalty of \$10,000 per day and fifteen days in jail. For dumping between ten and seventy cubic yards, a hauler faces a \$15,000 per day fine and three months in jail for the first offense, and \$25,000 per day and one year in jail for the second offense within five years.

Those convicted of dumping more than seventy cubic yards - about three garbage truck loads - of waste face a penalty of \$25,000 per day and one year in jail for the first offense and \$50,000 a day plus four years in jail for the second offense within five years.

The law doubles fines for violating trash hauling and disposal permits and for illegally operating a solid waste facility. Last year, NYS uncovered 1,896 cases of illegal dumping and collected \$6.7 million in civil fines. But this is the first time people dumping nonhazardous waste will face prison time.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

"Therapeutic Touch" will be the topic of our next program on Mon., Jan. 8, 1996, 7PM at the Hague Community Center. Practiced by health professionals worldwide, this therapy is taught in eighty universities in thirty countries. Shirley Winch will explain and demonstrate this holistic approach to easing pain, reducing anxiety, promoting relaxation and accelerating wound healing. Caregivers, using a four-step procedure, are able to relieve pain and anxiety by balancing the body's energy field.

This program is presented free of charge. We look forward to welcoming men and women of Ticonderoga, Putnam, Crown Point, Bolton Landing, Lake George and Glens Falls to join us. It's worth the trip!

There will be a follow-up Therapeutic Touch Seminar, taught by Shirley, on Jan. 27 at the Hague Community Ctr from 9AM - 3PM at a cost of \$25. Call Kay Barton for information and reservations at 543-6057.

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

TWELFTH NIGHT

The third annual Twelfth Night concert presented by several area choirs and The TI Festival Guild will take place on Sat., Jan 6 at the United Presbyterian Church in Putnam at 7PM. There will be a free will offering taken.

Twelfth Night in the church calendar is 12 days from Christmas. This was the day the three wise men, Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar came to the stable with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to present their gifts to the Christ Child.

This has proved to be a very popular event in the past. Snow date will be Sun. Jan 7. at the same time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Due to schedule conflicts among members, the Chamber of Commerce is trying a new meeting schedule involving morning meetings at different member businesses for the next few months. The Jan. meeting will be held on Jan. 3 at Silver Bay General Store at 8AM. The Feb. meeting will be held at the Trout House Village and the Mar. meeting will be hosted by Jim Coates of Locust Inn. These will all be 8AM meetings on the first Wed. of the month.

1995 HAGUE SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

At the Community Christmas party on Sat., Dec. 2, the suspense was finally over, as a totally surprised and overwhelmed Margaret "Marg" DeSignore accepted her honorary plaque from the Hague Chamber of Commerce and became Hague's sixth Senior Citizen of the Year.

Marg was born in Hague and lives on the New Hague Road across from her sisters Kate and Hannah, in an area that could well be dubbed "Conlin Corners." The original family homestead once stood just south of where Marg's home is now.

One of the original Hague Raiders, Marg graduated from Hague Central School. Except for a middle span of years living and working in Glens Falls, where she served as manager of the Glens Falls Country Club for 31 years and met and married her now deceased husband, Gene, she has spent a great deal of her life in Hague. She has been active in several local organizations, including the Fish and Game Club (present Treas. and past acting Pres.), Hague Winter Carnival Committee (past Treas. and present member of Executive Comm), and the Beste Scholarship Fund (past Treas.) She has also served as a driver for the Meals on Wheels Program. She helps with the Community Christmas party every year, making and serving up a very tasty punch. She is a member of the Election Board, and is one of the friendly ladies who checks your name off when you come to vote. Not one to stay at home unless she is sewing quilts or making dolls, she now works part-time at the Hague Transfer Station keeping track of recyclables selling bags, and making sure things run smoothly up on the hill.

She's a busy lady, and one who will always lend a hand where she is needed. The Chamber is happy to honor her as a well-deserving recipient of the 1995 **HAGUE SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD!** **CONGRATULATIONS, MARG!** . . .cs

The editor/publisher of *The Hague Chronicle*, wishes to thank the entire staff, including all those who come together at the town hall each month and collate, staple, fold and stamp. A special thanks to Georgina Lindquist who attends all town meetings and reports so well on them, and a big thank you to all our readers who come through with their contributions each year, to keep us in the black.

A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO YOU ALL.

MEMORY TREE UPDATE

The 1995 Memory Tree program is off and running, the felt tree at the Community Center is filling up fast, and soon names will start to fill the felt package under the tree. The newly-designated ever-green memory tree located at the intersection by the brook was officially lit during the Hague Community Christmas party on Dec. 2. This program will run through the end of Dec., so please send in your remembrance names along with \$1 per name to Imogene Frasier, P.O. Box 563, Hague, NY. 12836. Please make checks payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce. Because of lack of time to complete the list before the deadline, a completed list will be published in the Jan. issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. All proceeds will be presented to the Hague Ambulance Squad in Jan. Many thanks to those who have already helped promote this year's program

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HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The volunteers had just one call last month - and that was for a control burn. We hope that the next twelve months will be equally uneventful! But, whether there are fire calls to respond to or not, the volunteers are always busy keeping themselves and their equipment "up to snuff". Two of the crew, Mark Martucci and Chris Swinton, made the trip to Montour Falls for training in Scott Air Packs.

From Lu Megow, ambulance captain, comes the ambulance report for November: Ambulance 740 made 7 runs with 179 miles, and ambulance 741 had one run with 29 miles; a total of 45-1/2 man hours were used.

Five have registered to take the EMT course in Ticonderoga on Jan. 8.

The annual election of officers has been held, with the following results: President, Sal Santantello; Vice President, Mark Johnson; Secretary, Joan Belden; Treas., Linda Coffin; Chief, Dave Hoffay; Asst. Chief, Martin Fitzgerald, Jr.; Captain, Mark Rutkowski; Lieutenant, John Breitenbach, Jr.; Property Man, David Snow, Silver Bay Property Man; Ricky Myers, Silver Bay Asst. Property Man; Chris Swinton, Hague Custodian; Skip Perry and Silver Bay Custodian, Reg Rand.

Lu Megow is ambulance captain, with Gerry Boyd, assistant.

Food Chairman is Joan Belden and Assistant, Pat Swinton.

Board of Directors who will serve in the coming year: Mark Martucci, Craig LaCourse, Tom Stull.

Fire Chief Dave Hoffay, encountered at the store the other day, reminded your correspondent that the HVFD wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

MARK MARTUCCI a Hague firefighter has completed a Scott breathing apparatus maintenance course conducted by the Dept. of State, Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The purpose of the course is to improve the capability of local fire service personnel

to do field level maintenance on the Scott Air-Pak breathing apparatus.

TO: HAGUE SEWER DISTRICT RESIDENTS FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

I apologize for the delay in the sewer system project. It is a 4-town County project and there was a holdup in the contracts for the towns. The contracts were just passed at the county level. In Jan. 1996 the Town Board will set a date for a public hearing on the sewer system. We plan on having a representative from the county (as this is a 4-town county project) and a representative from our engineering firm (Clough Harbour and Assoc.) to answer any questions you may have regarding this project.

A legal notice advertising the public hearing will be placed in the town's legal paper (Post Star). The girls in the office will be able to advise you of the hearing date once it has been set by the Board.

I would like to put some of the rumors that are going around town about the sewer system to sleep.

•1. Who will pay for the sewer?

ONLY the people in the sewer district will be charged a user fee. This is NOT a town-wide expense.

•2. Will there be pollution of the brooks in the treatment plant area?

NO. I personally met with the engineers and members of the Town's Site Plan Committee on site to determine this issue. The brooks are far enough away from the site for this not to be an issue. But, to relieve your minds - the sewage is filtered three times before it is leach fielded. The result of this filtering leaves water testing more pure than the brook water.

•3. Will you save or destroy the ball diamond?

We are presently looking into the treatment plant placement and how it effects the ball diamond. Hopefully we can landscape the area to screen the plant and the diamond to be aesthetically pleasing to the area.

•4. What about permits?

We have been working on obtaining any and all necessary permits for the project. Including, but not limited to, sewage disposal, zoning classification, building, etc.

•5. When would construction begin?

When all the necessary paperwork is complete the project will go out for bids. We hope this can be completed so that construction can begin in the spring of 1996. Scheduling is apt to change due to a number of circumstances. That is already a possibility as a petition for referendum was presented to the board. The petition has approximately 30 signatures on it. The petition will be turned over to the Town Attorney who will advise the Town Board if it is a valid petition. If it is a valid petition then the sewer system will go to a vote of those persons owning real property in the sewer district.

These questions can be answered more thoroughly at the public hearing. If you have any questions or comments please write or call me or any committee member.

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I will try to keep you abreast of this situation by submitting an article once a month in the Hague Chronicle.

I personally feel that obtaining funding for 95% of 4.5 million dollars for a town of 700 people in these trying economic times is a major coup. I feel the sewer system will benefit the Lake, property and people of the town. I feel that we must strike while the iron is hot. We stand to lose a lot more than money if we let these grant dollars slip through our fingers. In the future when this becomes mandatory - you know as well as I do that this is a distinct possibility - how will it be funded? Can we afford to pay? Can we afford to wait? I think not.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Belden, Supervisor

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

REMINISCENCES

The following are excerpts from a letter received recently from Dorothy Watts Goodfellow, a native of Silver Bay, now living in Pittsburgh, Pa. (and Silver Bay).

When I read the article about Ruah (the bed and breakfast now owned by the Fosters), in the Glens Falls Chronicle it brought back memories of my childhood, when I used to go with my father, Captain Walter Watts, being his eldest, to call on the then famous artist and Mrs. Harry Watrous.

Mrs. Watrous collected large stuffed animals. For a long while I thought a dog crouched by a door was real, but since it was always there and in the same position, it gradually dawned on me that it was a grown-up toy!

One of her "toys" was apparently a life-sized ape! (I never saw it; I just was a little pitcher with big ears.) Mr. Watrous recounted to my father how he had taken this ape and propped it in one end of his canoe and then he had paddled it about at twilight amid "spooning" couples rowing or paddling about the Island Harbor. The effect was all he could have desired. As he told all this, he guffawed loudly, clapped my father on the shoulder, and acted as though I weren't there!

Then he showed my father what he was working on, leading us to an easel in another room. I can't for the life of me remember what he was painting, but it must have been a portrait, for my father, admired his treatment of lace and fabric! Since I loved to draw and paint, and had been given a set of watercolors for Christmas, I began to long for oil paints. And whenever my father took his launch Juanita down Island Harbor way, I looked about for a gorilla!

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin



After the ravishing months of Sep. and Oct., Nov did not compare well. In its classic form, Nov. was cloudy and chilly. In the 30 days of Nov. only 6 days maintained the sun for any

length of time. Clouds and snow flurries dominated the weather pattern. Temperatures were in the 30's and 40's but on Nov.30 it went down to -12°.

Dec. has been decidedly brighter, especially the nights. The full moon of the first week has been magnificent and the nights particularly clear.

We had ice and freezing rain Sun, Dec 3 and snow squalls the next day. Sat. Dec 9 brought our first big snowstorm of the season. The 7-1/2 inches has made all the Christmas decorations shine brighter and our beautiful hamlet of Hague just glistens in the snow.

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade



Winter bird feeding has become a pleasure for many Hague residents. Most people provide sunflower hearts, black oil sunflower seed or grey striped sunflower seed placed in traditional feeders (tubers or trays) which are hung from hooks, poles or clotheslines. Black-capped Chickadees, Nuthatches, Titmice, Finches, Woodpeckers and Grosbeaks flock to the foods, enjoying proper nutrition in this cold season. A Massachusetts company has even developed a Chickafeeder, a device filled with bird seed, to be held in the hand while birds feed and bird-watchers have close-up viewing.

Experts at Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology advise that sunflower seeds provide high energy and therefore are the favorite of the birds. However, certain species do prefer food other than sunflower. For instance, blackbirds like dried, whole-kernel corn while doves, pigeons, quail and pheasants are attracted to corn, milo and white millet. Cardinals readily eat safflower seed and all the finches enjoy niger (thistle) seed. Because niger seeds are so small it is best to offer them in a special feeder with tiny holes to prevent seeds from spilling.

Along with seed-type foods, peanut butter mixed with cornmeal or oatmeal can be spread on pine cones which are hung from ropes or tree limbs. Kids enjoy making these.

Inexpensive beef suet, available at a supermarket, can be hung in wire baskets or onion mesh bags. More expensive peanut butter/suet cakes or beef/suet cakes can be purchased when animal suet is not available.

Some people throw out scraps of stale bread, cake or doughnuts in the yard, but if you do, make sure the foods are not moldy. Keep in mind that table scraps may also attract unwelcome wildlife such as mice, rats or squirrels.

Speaking of squirrels, I am often asked how to keep these voracious critters from devouring huge amounts of bird seed. Various baffles or large metal cylinders which are made of stovepipe attached to pipes which hold feeders on high hooks have been found to be effective. Also, Squirrel Away, an all-natural bird seed supplement (which does not harm squirrels) somehow discourages them from eating the food. It is a new product available in pet, hardware and lawn/garden stores. Or you can lure squirrels away from bird feeders with a new corn wheel (a small ferris wheel) which holds five cobs of corn and beckons the squirrels to ride and dine. Has anyone seen one?

Please call me if you see unusual bird species or a large amount of individuals at your feeders.





DIED - Elwin B. "Curley" Monroe, 73, Summit Drive, Hague on Dec. 1 at Glens Falls Hospital. He is survived by a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren. Curley was a dedicated town employee, best known for his diligence in keeping Hague's park a beauty spot.

DIED - Nancy M. Streeter, 53, Mt. Aetna, PA on Dec. 1 in Reading, PA. She and her husband Joe resided in Hague for a number of years. Surviving besides her husband are three sons and a daughter, two brothers, one sister, Jean McKee, Hague, and four granddaughters.

DIED - Edna M. Malloy, 76, Rt. 9N, Hague, on Dec. 9 at her home in N.J. She was a summer resident of Hague for many years. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Mizer and two grandchildren.

Plan to stop in at the Hancock House during the holidays. Many members of the Ticonderoga Historical Society have worked tirelessly to decorate the magnificent rooms of Hancock House in observance of the season.

You will find interesting and unusual gifts in the gift shop. Best quality embroidered sweatshirts and long & short sleeve "T's" with "Rogers Rock" and "Historic Ticonderoga" are available; also an exclusive line of fine English Staffordshire cups and saucers, pitchers and coaster with scenes of the Adirondacks.

During the holiday season Ti Historical Society members are entitled to a special 15% discount on all gift shop purchases!! (Non-members, 10%)

Holiday Hours: Wed through Sat 10AM - 4PM. For more info. call 585-7868

SCHOOL NEWS



The following Hague Middle School students have been listed on the achievement roll for the first grading period:

Class of 2000 - TAVISH COSTELLO, CHRISTINE FRASIER, PETER HUTCHINSON, ANDREW MACK, KATHRYN RUTKOWSKI, EVE TROMBLEY.

Class of 2001 - KATIE BREITENBACH, ANNE JOHNSON, RYAN LAWRENCE, JOSH PLASS

CLASS OF 2002 - JOHN COSTELLO, LUCAS FRASIER, PETER MACK, JOEE PLASS, ALISON RUTKOWSKI.

MONICA JOHNSON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Johnson, Silver Bay is one of two athletes at Ti Hi receiving the John Herbert CVAC All-Academic Athletes award, for outstanding academic standards. She is being honored as a member of the Sentinel Cross-Country team as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Monica maintains her endurance by joining the Winter Training Group. She carries a full course load

and is also involved in Youth and Government, French Club, Key Club, and the Girl Scouts. Monica is looking into Veterinary Science as a career choice.

Monica also received the David Rutkowski Jr. Memorial Award, given to an outstanding senior on the Cross-Country team. This is the first time since 1989 that a girl has received this award, and she was also a Hague student - Amy LaPann. Congratulations, Monica. We are all proud of you!

As part of the Technology curriculum in the Ticonderoga Middle School, eighth grade students are learning about manufacturing, while designing and constructing mass produced consumer products. Students first learned the corporate structure of a business and presented project ideas to the class to determine the best possible products to produce. Vice presidents of production, research and development, marketing, personnel, and finance and control were voted upon and each class was soon producing products. Greg Fitzgerald and Peter Hutchinson are two of Hague's eighth graders who are participating in this class.

Ticonderoga Central School District is seeking community input on a draft of its proposed five year school improvement plan for increasing student achievement. The plan contains district excellence goals, minimum academic mastery goals, and the structure and basis for school improvement efforts. The district's first five year plan was adopted in November 1990. A meeting for community input is scheduled for Monday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30PM in the Middle School Library. Draft copies may be obtained in district and school offices.

When "Master McNasty" spoke to his class the boys and girls from the third grade at Ti Elementary School came quickly to attention. Master McNasty is the schoolmaster at the one room schoolhouse at 1812 Homestead in Willsboro, NY. The children spent the day dipping candles, making shingles using a draw-shave, touring the old house and barnyard, helping a blacksmith and making a small, wooden toy. Hot turkey dinner greeted them at Camp Pok-O-MacCready, brought from school and served by volunteers from the Willsboro Methodist Church.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Christmas meeting has been "historically" a show and tell gathering. Each member brings an item that is 50 years old or older to display and discuss. This is of course other than a spouse. The meeting will take place at the Community Center on Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:30PM for the social hour and 8PM for the meeting. All are invited.

The Nov. meeting was a presentation by Author Betty Buckell of Glens Falls on the life of Georgia O'Keefe, her summers at Lake George with her husband Alfred Steiglitz and then her later life in Texas. The many in attendance found it interesting, amusing and revealing.

The society will not have a Jan. or Feb. meeting but will resume in Mar. 1966.. . rmc

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 1995 & JANUARY 1996

December

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- 19 SPECIAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION - 1-3PM
- 20 Blood Pressure clinic - 1-2PM
- 20 Board of Education - 7:30PM - H.S. Cafeteria
- 27 Town Board - end of year meeting 4:30PM
- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM

January

- 2 Town Board - Organizational meeting - 6:30PM
- 3 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls

- 4 Planning Board - 7PM
- 2 Food Distribution - 1-2PM
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COLOR WARMS ALL OF LIFE

*Fall is nature's quilt in colored splendor
 Nor can sylvan artists its beauty render.
 A biological wonder with urgent reason
 To warm the earth for spring's growing season.*

*This pallet of color as fall's shadows grow
 Is soon covered with winter's snow.
 Beneath the snow and leaves acorns sprout in seed.
 The snow mulches leaves which the sprouts will feed
 No scientist now known
 Could such a wonder clone.*

... Ludwig Kasal, Silver Bay, December 1995

*Old folks too have leaves of each shape and hue
 Each leaf a memory to warm them through.
 The cold that winter's blast will bring
 And nurture their spirit until it's spring
 Perceiving these wonders 'neath the sod
 Assures our faith in nature and God.*

*Christmas gifts and colors in summation displays
 A supplication to nature's wonderful ways.
 Combining all of the above
 Produces the true hue of love.*

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