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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

The town of Hague is a beautiful place to live. To insure that this beauty is always here, the Town is putting on a drive to remove all unregistered motor vehicles from the countryside at NO expense to the homeowner. If you will call 543-6500 (Town Shed) we will make arrangements to pick up your vehicle(s).

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

/s/ Richard E. Bolton, Supervisor

In another communication from Mr. Bolton, he states that he has made an important decision. "I will be a candidate for Supervisor for another term. There are many important issues that will be decided by the Warren County Board of Supervisors which will have a financial impact on the Town of Hague. I have been closely involved in these issues and decisions and I wish to see that Hague receives fair representation in all matters."

... "In our Town we have a very important issue to be decided. The school tax situation. Are we making progress? Yes, we are. Saturday, March 18, I met with Attorney Richard Burstein from the firm of Roemer and Featherstonhaugh, P.C. to study our options. Incidentally, Richard is a Hague property owner and taxpayer and he is very much interested in our case. I will be meeting again with him in April when we will plan our course of action. After the April meeting we will schedule a Town meeting with Mr. Burstein present to explain to all interested residents just what we plan to do about the unfair school tax situation. The meeting will be well advertised in advance and I hope every Hague school taxpayer will be there.

"This brings us to another important Town project. It became all too apparent, over the past few months, of the necessity for a Town Community Center. During Winter Carnival weekend most of the indoor activities had to be held at the Fish and Game Club. Our firemen had to hold their annual Christmas dinner-dance at the EMA in Ticonderoga and their popular weekend breakfasts were inaccessible to the handicapped as they had to be held at the Fire Dept upstairs meeting room.

We have had much support in the form of donations from our town residents of time, materials and expertise which are greatly appreciated. Our building will meet our immediate and future needs and will be a center that the entire Town can use and enjoy.

LANDFILL HOURS BEGINNING APRIL 1:
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 12 NOON TO 5PM.

SMELT FISHING PROHIBITED IN 1989

The years of 1987 and 1988 proved by the poor catch rate to be a low cycle for the smelt population in Lake George. In addition, the slow growth rate of lake trout and landlocked salmon was shown in the Anglers Cooperative Guide Records.

The Lake George Association's Fish and Game Committee, working in conjunction with other environmental groups in Warren, Washington and Essex Counties, as the NYS DEC to prohibit smelt fishing in Lake George and its tributaries to allow this forage fish to recoup.

This request was granted and became a new law as noted in the 1988-89 NYS Fishing Syllabus, pages 2, 12, & 53. "Dipping in Lake George and its tributaries is prohibited," and "Use and possession of smelt is prohibited."

Therefore any parties looking to harvest smelt will be subject to arrest and subsequent penalties.

Our committee is anxious for people to be aware of and respect this law...Carl D. Simmonds

The schoolboy whips his taxed top; the beardless youth manages his taxed horse with a taxed bridle on a taxed road; and the dying Englishman, pouring his medicine, which has paid seven per cent, into a spoon that has paid fifteen per cent, flings himself back upon his chintz bed which has paid twenty-two per cent, and expires in the arms of an apothecary who has paid a license of a hundred pounds for the privilege of putting him to death...Review of Seybert's Annals of the U.S. 1820

HAPPY APRIL 17th!!

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SURPLUS FOOD ELIGIBILITY

If you are a recipient of surplus food in Hague, you should be aware of pre-registering for the certification of your eligibility.

On Friday, April 28, a staff member of the Community Action Agency will be at the Town Hall from 9AM to 10:30AM to PRE-REGISTER area residents who qualify for the surplus food program.

Needed documentation will be:

1. Proof of residency
2. Proof of income for ALL household members
3. Social Security number(s) of ALL adult household members.
4. Dates of birth of ALL household members.
5. Proof of participation in other programs (WIC, HEAP, Food Stamps, Medicaid, S.S.I.)

Arrangements can be made for home visits for shut-ins by calling the Community Action Office and asking for Joyce or Carol. The number is 793-0636/37. If this is a problem because you have no phone and you need help communicating with either of these ladies, get in touch with G. Lindquist, Shamrock Hill, or the Town Hall.

If you cannot attend the scheduled registration, you may register at C.A.A. office at 190 Maple St., Glens Falls, or at your local town hall prior to surplus day. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON SURPLUS DAY...g!

GROWTH GROUP TO BE FORMED IN HAGUE

An opportunity will be offered to anyone who feels "stuck in place" and would like to explore ways to live more creatively. This is not a therapy group but more a support group to help ourselves become more self actualized. Father Rich Broderick will act as a facilitator.

The first session will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7PM. It is open to anyone in the community who feels that he or she might benefit from such a group. Please call Father Rich at 543-8828 for more information or to register.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will hold its April meeting on Friday, April 28 at 8PM at the Ticonderoga Hancock House in joint meeting with the Ticonderoga Historical Society. This is a long looked-forward- to event.

The Hague Historical Society is providing the meeting program which starts at 8PM while the Ticonderoga Historical Society will act as host, providing the meeting place and the social hour

immediately after the program.

The speaker, Dr. Robert M. Cole, president of the Hague Historical Society will present "The Adirondack Great Camps and Their Originator William West Durant" and will include slides of these camps then and now. The subject is stimulating and of an era which had great impact on the Adirondacks from the 1870's to the Great Deparession era of the 1930's.

Come and hear the definition of Great Camps, learn about their owners and staff and leave with a feeling of nostalgia that will last indefinitely. The public is invited.

The May meeting will be held at the Hague Baptist Church annex on Wednesday, May 17. Mr. Robert Jones of Pilot Knob will discuss and exhibit his woodcarvings of birds. Mr. Jones, last year, won the prestigious first place blue ribbon for his carving of a loon at the important Salisbury, MD competition.

Members of the Hague Historical Society will assemble at the Hague Baptist Church parking lot at 7:30PM on Friday the 28th to pool rides to the Hancock House. Please be on time.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Under the supervision and hard work of Ida May and her committee, the Fire Department realized \$1,422.40 on its rummage and food sale.

The Fire Department plans a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 15 at the firehouse. Adults will be \$5.00, children \$3.

There was only one fire call in March using four man hours.

Ambulance call:

January - 4 calls - 46 miles - 16 1/2 man hrs.

February - 12 calls - 577 miles - 73 man hours

March - 9 calls - 165 man hours

In addition 45 hours for mutual aid and 65 hours for training during the three month period.

Jim Young announced at the April meeting that Truck #339 will be used for a mutual aid truck.

The Fire Department is still gratefully receiving donations for its new fire truck. In round figures, the truck cost \$200,000 and they have raised about \$135,000 of that amount. They still need between \$65,000 and \$70,000.

Ed: These guys and dolls are doing a fantastic service for the town of Hague. There are many dedicated firemen, fire police and support members. They are protecting YOUR property. Let's all dig a little deeper and show them they are appreciated. ...DJH

Mother holds her children's hands for just a little while...their hearts forever...Anon

Mother's Day - May 14

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/23/89

The regular meeting of the ZBA, held on March 23, 1989, was preceded by Public Hearing #Y2-89, a Barry Jordan request for 10 ft. less on the required 25 ft. rear set-back allotted by town zoning regulations. This would allow him to build a home on the site of a burned out mobile home. At the regular meeting that followed, the board unanimously voted yes to the motion to grant the variance.

Portions of Town Attorney John Silvestri's letter concerning Ginn-DeLarm interpretation of 8.020 was read. It stated that since they were not the property owners in 1973 (before adoption of zoning regulations in Hague), they could not benefit from this section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Request for a variance by the Sinkways of Silver Bay was discussed and many questions arose concerning property lines. John Breitenbach, Jr., Zoning Administrator, will contact the Sinkways for additional information to complete the application. Then a public hearing will be scheduled.

Ron Pote, ZBA's newest member, reported on a NY Planning Federation meeting he attended on March 2, 1989....gl

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD 4/6/89

The approved subdivision map for Clifton Frasier was signed again due to a spelling error on the original and the mylar for Robert Patchett's approved line change and minor subdivision was also signed. These approved and signed maps must be filed in the Warren County Clerk's office within 60 days of approval or they become null and void.

The plans of John Breitenbach, Jr. to renovate an existing 2-family house, located on section 63, block 1, lot 3, into a 3-family unit was reviewed. The new living unit would add a second story to the existing dwelling. The original footprint would be unchanged and the new roof would not exceed the 30' maximum allowable height. The John Breitenbach, Jr. family would use this 2nd floor living unit as their primary residence. Their existing residential unit on this property will become a storage area. The Board scheduled a site plan review and a public hearing. If, after the site plan review, the Board deems a public hearing is not required, it may be canceled.

A resolution was passed, by a 4 to 3 vote, to submit to the Hague Town Board the revisions to the Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance, dated March 31, 1989, as proposed by the Revision Committee.

Chairman Laundree announced that, in the future, she will dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Copies of the minutes are available at the Town Hall the Thursday following the meeting. Additions and corrections to the minutes may be made at the next regular meeting.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 4/1/89

After opening the Town Board meeting on April 11, 1989, Dick Bolton, Supervisor allowed privilege of the floor to Laura Meade who gave a very short synopsis of a bird program she presented for a standing room only crowd at the Chapman Museum, Glens Falls "History and Lunch" program. Hague is an important migratory fly-way.

In Communications and Petitions were the following:

1. A notice of claim from Rodriguez Law Firm informing Hague that F. Palma, Jr. is suing the town for a snowmobile accident at North Pond during the Winter Carnival.

2. Letter stating Warren County policy for all employees use of controlled substances.

3. Hague Fish and Game Club was given approval to use town park parking lot for its food concession during Bass Tournament and Hague Arts Fair.

4. Letter from Edward Franke with suggested exchange of landfill materials. (He would bring one truck of disposables and pick up one truckload of white goods). Good idea for future but letter to Mr. Frank will explain our "no thank you" for now.

5. Letter from Mike White, Lake George Park Commission explaining why fees for lake use cannot be altered, forgiven or changed for special events. They are legally set and the Commission has no authority to change them. This was in answer to an inquiry into the possibility of cancelling the \$7.50 fee for the Bass Tournament fishermen.

6. Three applicants were announced for the vacancy on the Planning Board. They are Chris Ginn, Henry Karmazin, and Bob Patchett. The town board will receive input from the Planning Board and then make a decision to fill the vacancy.

7. A Grant Aid meeting on solid waste will be held on May 1, 1989 by ENCON. The Solid Waste Act of 1988 mandates recycling by September 1, 1992 and we need the time between '89 and '92 to prepare. We also need the money to do it. (Cont. on page 4)

Town Board (Cont. from page 3)

In regular committee reports:

1. We have a temporary O.K. to run town shed furnace but must repair a crack and provide a thorough cleaning.

2. Several junk cars are on the list for removal. Contact Dan Belden if you have any cars you would like to have picked up (at no cost to you). (See Dick Bolton's letter on page 1)

3. The plumbing is almost completed at the town park.

4. When Richard Burstein is available for a public hearing re: School Tax Investigation, one will be scheduled. (See Dick Bolton's letter on page 1 for more information on the subject.)

5. Community Centre - A motion was approved to allow Supervisor Bolton to set a bid-opening date at his discretion, for Community Centre construction.

Return of the ballfield property from Ti School District is the only bit of unfinished business and at the next School Board meeting another Hague request with reasons for return of all or part of the property will be made.

In new business:

1. Resolution #10 was passed with transfer of \$4,800 from contingency funds to building fund for use in buying kitchen equipment for Community Centre. Also transfer of \$3,191.80 from contractual funds to building fund for same. \$18,850 transferred from highway unexpended to highway machines.

2. Perry Girard has been appointed Dog Control Officer.

3. Warren County has authorized resolutions for:

(1) Out of state costs for trip expenses to Washington, D.C. by several members of county committee to discuss federal funds for sewer project.

(2) Submitting application for funding for solid waste planning.

Spring clean-up day will be held on May 16.

If any senior is interested in part-time work at the landfill, contact Dan Belden.

Lake Appreciation Day will be Wednesday, July 12.

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JOB OPENINGS IN HAGUE

Lifeguard for Hague Beach Must be 18 years of age or older and have Advanced Lifesaving, CPR and Advanced First Aid. Call Town Hall (518) 543-6161 for more information.

YOUTH DIRECTOR - Town needs an interested person in directing youth programs. Call Supervisor Bolton at Town Hall

ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

As an ongoing process the Town of Hague is continually updating its planning and zoning policies. The Zoning Ordinance Revision Committee, chaired by Fred LaPann, is presently nearing the end of its third appraisal and revision of the ordinance since its inception in 1977. This revision process is designed to allow the ordinance to remain current with the continually changing demands of development in the Town of Hague.

The revision committee is made up of members from the Town, Planning and Zoning Boards as well as advisors from other agencies. Dan Kane from the Warren County Planning Department and Jim Hotaling and Barbara Rottier from the Adirondack Park Agency were of invaluable service.

The proposed revisions will now be reviewed by the Hague Town Board, and a public hearing will follow. When final approval is met, the changes will be adopted, and the revisions will become part of the Zoning Ordinance.

If anyone has any questions or needs assistance on any zoning matter, please contact John Breitenbach Jr., Development Administrator at the Hague Town Hall....JB

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION REPORT

Will the users and lovers of Lake George voluntarily register their docks, boats and moorings, provided registration fees are deposited in a special trust to protect the lake?

The answer seems to be a resounding yes. Despite a late start the first year, 72% of boat owners and 82% of dock and mooring owners registered in 1988.

Revenue of \$310,000 from fees went into new efforts to protect the lake. State aid to the Commission increased Lake George Park Trust Fund resources by \$92,000 in 1988, and as much as \$150,000 may be available this year.

WHEN TO REGISTER: Annual registrations are due April 1 of each year and are timely paid if received by April 30. A penalty of 2% per month is applied to late payments.

No person shall use a dock, mooring or boat subject to the fees without having paid the fee. Further, you must display the boat registration decal on your boat and the dock registration decal on your dock.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES: All revenue collected is deposited in the Lake George Park Trust Fund and can be used only by the Commission for its programs to protect the lake and its users. (Cont. on page 5)

LGPC Report (cont. from page 4)

Enforcement will begin early in 1989. In fairness to those who have registered, the law will be strictly enforced. Use of a dock, mooring or boat subject to the requirements but not registered is a violation and subjects the owner or operator to a court summons and fine. Failure to display the registration decals is also a violation.

The owner of any dock, mooring or boat used on Lake George and mechanically propelled by greater than 10 horsepower or if not mechanically propelled, greater than 18 feet in length, must register.

Registration shows support for the protection of the lake.

The Park Commission is interested in receiving reports of Common Loons (*Gavia immer*) observed on Lake George or other waters within the Lake George Park Boundary.

Loons are known to stop at Lake George during migration to other areas or more northerly lakes. While it is likely that loons may have nested on Lake George in the past, it is improbable that Lake George will again host nesting pairs.

Loons are most likely to be sighted on Lake George from mid-April to early June and in the fall from Sept. to late Nov.

Sighting reports should include the date, time, precise location, number of birds, period of time observed and the observer's name, address and phone number.

Send the report to the Park Commission, c/o Karl Parker.

To help protect the quality of Lake George's waters, the Park Commission recommends the following:

1. Do not deliberately feed ducks or gulls, or leave food where it can be found by these birds. Feeding maintains populations at artificially high levels, increasing the likelihood of water quality problems.
2. Make sure your septic system is working. Have it inspected and pumped regularly.
3. Report any failing septic systems to the Park Commission.
4. Make sure boat facilities are permanently sealed to prevent contamination of Lake George.

To report Lake George pollution, call the Pollution Hotline at (518) 668-9347. Also, keep in mind the DEC EMERGENCY SPILL Hot Line at 1-800-457-7362.

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION NEWS - March, 1989

New developments include GLENBURNIE ESTATES. Mr. Eliopoulos' 36 lot subdivision application is going forward on the town level and a public hearing is expected shortly.

Bolton: Received nine subdivision applications for a total of 90 new lots at their Jan. meeting.

Town of Lake George: The LGA was granted permission by the Appellate Court to join the town in its appeal against the developers of Green Harbour to prohibit further development of Cooper Point Island.

Lowland Lodge: The town held a public hearing on March 7 on the draft environmental impact statement prepared for the 34 lot subdivision of Lowland Lodge. Of particular concern to the LGA is the number of lots proposed on numerous wet areas and extreme slopes, erosion and stormwater runoff.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will meet at 11:30AM at the Hague Baptist Church parking lot for a car-pooling trip to the Bolton Landing Nutrition Site on Tuesday, April 25. The regular business meeting will be held at the Town Hall at 1:30PM.

NOTE; Because we must let the ladies at the Bolton Landing Nutrition Site know how many are coming one week prior to our coming, please sign up for the trip prior to April 18.

ALSO: Those people wishing to attend the Warren County Senior Citizens Banquet at the 1000 Acres Ranch on May 5 should notify Ethel prior to April 20.

Dates for other Senior Citizens activities are as follows:

April 24, 8:30AM: Bird walk with Laura Meade. Meet at the friends Point stone pillars.

May 23: Vermont Wildflower Center/Morgan Horse Farm. This is a car pooling trip leaving Hague at 9:30AM.

June 6th or 8th (undecided): Car pooling trip to Crown Point with Hague Historical Society.

June 12th: BUS trip to Shaker Village at Hancock, MA.

September 20th: BUS trip to Old Forge for boat trip through the Fulton Chair of Lakes.

October 6th (Tentative): Trip on new Lake George Steamboat Company's new steamer, Lac de St. Sacrement.

We are thinking of a July or August picnic at the Hague Fish and Game Club. Suggestions are solicited.

WILLY C'S MARCH/APRIL WEATHER NOTES

Most of our maximum weather conditions, wind, temperatures, etc., for March occurred before we went to press last issue with one exception. We parted company last, extolling the near arrival of spring and shortly thereafter Mother Nature gave us a 70° day on the 28th of March, our warmest reading for the month. How sweet it was. I say was, because the closest we have been to 70° since that date is 61° April 5th, but we're getting ahead of ourselves. We did have 1.88 inches of precipitation for the month with 1.17 inches of that coming on the last two days of the month. We gained a wonderful 1 hr. and 33 minutes of daylight in March. Temperatures, overall, for the month were closer to normal than we have been for some time, but still above normal for the heating season thus far. We saw our first robin March 23rd and a beautiful flight of between 75 and 100 snow geese at 1500 feet against a brilliant blue sky northbound on the 16th. First time your observer has had the joy of seeing snow geese migrating over Lake George. March went out on the cold side with a high of only 36 1/2° on the final day.

April came in a spot warmer, but nothing to write home about. What it has done is come in with daylight saving time on the 2nd and some much needed rain. We have had rain or snow seven of the first ten days thus far with just under one and one-half inches of precipitation. Ice out in the north basin occurred the night of April 6th. It took a bit longer in the narrows and southern basin. It went out quietly which was fortunate because there was a lot of loose ice floating about and had we had strong sustained winds it could have been quite different. The ice damage this year, and it was considerable in some places, was caused during the expansion stage. With all the rain we have had, I am pleased to report we finally have the lake up to a more normal spring level. The water temperature, April 10th at 4PM is 38°, the air temperature 37°. Pretty close this time and as you can see not too warm in either department.

Today we are having snow squalls, big flakes, the kind in the crystal snow balls we see at Christmas. The squalls sweep across the lake from west to east every hour or so. As they approach you can watch the irregular curtains of snow cascade down the mountain slopes swirling in the wind. Objects are obliterated from view as the curtain falls upon them, soon it engulfs you. Everything disappears, as in the snow balls, only you're inside, the ground turns white.

Then the snow subsides as the squall moves on finally stopping as the sun comes back out to melt the snow that has fallen. Fascinating to watch. April showers bring May flowers. Spring is here.

EXPLOSION OF MUSICAL IDEAS

As Spring is aburst with new life ready to produce its new season, so the Ticonderoga Festival Guild has been incubating plans and projects for the Festival season ahead.

Having just completed a fine, fun-filled evening, "A Luau", with roast pig, dance and hula hoop entertainment, plus an assortment of prizes, the Guild is ready to present another special evening: "The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra conducted by Buddy Morrow." The date will be Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30PM in the Ticonderoga High School auditorium. Advance tickets at \$10 will be on sale at The Bookmark, Montcalm St. Tickets at the door, \$12.50.

This summer marks the tenth anniversary of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, a volunteer group dedicated to bringing the arts to this area at a modest price. In addition to the Tuesday evening series, a schedule of Blue Grass will offered on Friday nights - all programs under the yellow and white striped Festival tent on the Village Green. Wednesday mornings will be set aside for the award winning free Arts Trek for children.

In addition, two fund raisers will offer the community two other delightful occasions: one, an afternoon of fine music on Sunday, Jul 2 in the beautiful setting of the Hague Island Harbor home of Barbara and Al Lawrence who will be hosts; two, on August 12 and 13 art lovers can look forward to an exhibit and sale of paintings by North Country popular artist, Ruth Rumney at Hancock House.

The Tuesday night series will open with the Glens Falls Symphony, followed by Rebecca Kelly - a dance company - then a Gay Nineties program reminiscent of Lillian Russell, Solid Brass and Eddie Condon's Jazz.

These programs are made possible through the continuous efforts of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild Board members, its hard working program and fund raising committees, (all volunteers), plus the interest of its new Executive Director, Cathy LaFountain, in the mould of enthusiastic Ti Festival directors from its start....BdeG

SOUNDINGS

BORN - Triplets, Snowball, Pogo and Lopy, to Snip (mother) and Sambo (father) at Ken Yaw's farm on Palm Sunday. This is the second set of kid triplets born to Snip, a 10-yr old, which is rather a rare coincidence for goats!

ENGAGED - Heather Lynn Knott, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Douglas R. Knott of Saskatoon, Canada and Silver Bay, to Ralph Howard Denno, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Denno, Hague. Wedding will be August 12 at Silver Bay.

MARRIED - Tighe Peter Sullivan, son of Cheryl (Gehhaar) Sullivan and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gelhaar, formerly of Sabbath Day Point to Carter Anne Lombard of N. Tarrytown, NY on March 11. Dr. Gelhaar was greeted with a round of applause from all his grandchildren as he was ushered down the aisle.

DIED - Harry J. Moore, Lakeshore Drive, Hague, on March 18, 1989 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Survivors include his wife Ida Moore, Hague.

DIED - Lulu (May) Corlew, 73, Overbrook Drive, Hague, on March 25 at Glens Falls Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Leonard J. Corlew, brother, George May Sr. and sister Bessie Smith, of Hague and Frances Newhall of Ticonderoga.

DIED - Rev. William Babinsky, 71, Whiting, NJ and Silver Bay, NY, on March 27. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn and three daughters.

The Hague Chronicle's treasurer for the past 8 years, Jack Kennedy, is ill in Sarasota, FL. His illness has delayed the Kennedys' return to Hague. The Chronicle staff wants them to know that they are missed and we hope for a full recovery for Jack soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Julia and Aaron Middleton on their big FIYE O wedding anniversary on April 15. They are life-long residents of Hague.

Also to Jim and Mig Broderick on their 53rd wedding anniversary on April 18. Mig has been a summer resident at Sabbath Day Point since her birth. They now reside full time in their mountain retreat at Graphite. Mig is the editor of The Hague Chronicle.

FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague are listed on the honor roll for the fourth marking period at the Ticonderoga High School:

First Honors: TONY DEFRANCO, JASON PLASS, KIMBERLY PORTER.

Second Honors: PETER BELDEN, RICHARD COBB, DANIEL DORSETT, CAROLYN DYKSTRA, TODD FISH, CHRISTOPHER KUZIANIK, AMY ROSS.

Congratulations to all of you!!!

Peter W. Schoch, Coordinator of Essex County STOP DWI, has announced that the S.A.D.D. Chapter at Ticonderoga High School is the first place winner of the Essex County STOP DWI public information contest. The award carries a \$500 prize with it.

CAN SPRING REALLY BE CLOSE AT HAND?

Ray Monroe, Graphite, reports that he spotted three robins at the Penfields' home in Silver Bay on March 20.

The 1989 Mobil Travel Guide has selected Trout House Village Resort, Hague, NY for a 2-star rating with a check mark designating unusually good value in America's most respected guide book for vacationers and business travelers. Lynn Patchett, co-owner, said she was especially pleased with the unusually good value rating.

NEED A JOB? OR NEED SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A JOB?

In our May issue we will publish (one time only) any requests for part-time (or full-time) employment, such as yard work, carpentry, baby sitting, mother's helper, etc. etc. Please give your name, address, telephone number, type of work you can do, or want done, and mail to the publisher, The Hague Chronicle, Hague, NY 12836. As usual, there is no charge for this service.

DON'T FORGET TO PUT ON YOUR BEST RED BIB AND COME TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 15 FROM 5 TO 7PM AT THE FIREHOUSE. SEE YOU THERE!

ADULTS - \$5.00
CHILDREN- \$3.50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL and MAY 1989

April

- 15 Spaghetti Supper at Firehouse from 5-7PM (p7)
- 17 Income Tax Deadline at midnight
- 19 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 19 School Board meeting, 7:30PM - THS
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM
- 24 Senior Citizens Bird walk with Laura Meade (p5)
- 24 Lake George Park Commission meeting - 10AM at Lake George Town Center.
- 25 Senior Citizens Club meeting-1:30. Lunch at Bolton Meal Site prior to meeting. (p5)
- 26 Secretary's Day (Be nice to her!)
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM Town Hall
- 28 Surplus Registration, 9-10:30AM-TownHall(p2)
- 28 Historical Society meets in Ti - (p 2)

May

- 1 Fire Dept meeting - 7:30PM, Firehouse
- 3 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM, Town Hall
- 3 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 3 American Legion - 7:30PM - Legion Home
- 4 Planning Board meeting - 7:30PM
- 9 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 14 MOTHER'S DAY
- 17 Senior Citizens bus to Glens Falls
- 23 Senior Citizens trip to Vermont - (p5)
- 24 Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra in concert THS (p6)

FARMER'S CALENDAR

The robin comes in the spring to teach the wittiest lesson of them all: take care over what you want, for you will eventually get it.

For seven long months, since the robins went south, people have been awaiting their return. Perhaps even the squirrels, foxes, and chickadees long for the robin to appear. Its red front, its bright eye, its cluck, its pert and purposeful hop across the lawn are essential to the green of spring. And spring is what the country is dying for by the time the robin is expected back. People tell one another, "Jean saw a robin last week," "I thought I heard a robin the other morning." For a couple of weeks that common, unremarkable bird is regarded as a miraculous visitation.

But then, at the very appearance of the bird, the immemorial lesson follows. You were looking idly out the window. You saw a mid-sized dark bird in the muddy garden patch. You looked again. Yes, the bird was a robin. You sighed happily and settled yourself to gaze fondly at it for as long as it would remain in view. But wait: another robin appeared across the yard, and surely that was a third under the pine tree? Then yet another flew in from across the road, and a fifth joined the first one you saw in the garden — *APRIL FOOL*. That's the trick. You don't get one robin, you get robins the way Pharaoh got locusts. Six in the yard, a dozen in the bushes, a thousand in the woods over the wall. In another minute robins will be borrowing your car, sitting in your chair, reading your paper, eating your lunch.

Too late, you learn: all winter long you really wanted, not robins, but a single robin. You wanted the one essential, beloved opening note in the symphony of spring—and what you got was the whole damn Musicians' Union.

....From the 1988 Old Farmers' Almanac

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