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### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - October 26, 2002

Have you given a thought to how you can make a difference? On October 26 USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, with awards from actor-philanthropist Paul Newman, who donates all after-tax profits from sales of Newman's Own products to educational and charitable purposes. Make a Difference Day, America's largest day of service, is sponsoring the 12th Make a Difference Day. Millions help others. Millions of lives are changed forever. Please join the action on USA Weekend Magazine's Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 26. You will be so glad you did!

For further information, call 1-800-416-3824 or on the web at [makeadifferenceday.com](http://makeadifferenceday.com).

### TO OUR NEIGHBORS

This is your firehouse. It is for meeting space and grounds for public and private community events. Please call Sal Santaniello or Charlie Chase if you "need a place." We have made arrangements with Deborah Mackey of Ti to provide catering services, either at the Firehouse or your location.

We are the Red Cross designated Emergency Shelter. Services will be provided as needed in the event of a disaster. One of our goals with the new building was to be able to provide safe haven to our community.

If you are elderly, live alone, or would be in need of assistance should the power go out, please register with the Town. Should an emergency arise, Fire Dept. members will contact you and provide transportation to the Fire House if required.

### SMALL CITIES GRANT TO HELP SEWER USERS

The Community of Hague has recently received \$237,000 from a Small Cities Grant to fund income eligible residents with connections to the new sewer line. If your home is located within the new sewer district, you may be eligible to receive funds to assist with the connections to the new sewer line.

Please contact the Warren County Planning and Community Development Office, Martin Fitzgerald, at 762-6410 to obtain an application.

### REMEMBER, FOR A MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

Speak slowly and clearly to the dispatcher. State your emergency and your address. If at night - turn on your outside lights for Emergency crews to locate you quickly.

**VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT.** Please be sure your number is visible from the road.

### TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

From October 1 to November 30, station is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9AM - 5PM

### HOLIDAY IN HAGUE - Sat. Dec. 7th

Save the date for the Town Christmas party and the 2nd Annual Holiday in Hague sponsored by the Hague Specialty Shops. There will be lots of activities for Hague residents that day with Christmas shopping specials, Christmas caroling around the Town, lots of refreshments and drawings for door prizes.

### ROLAND ALLEN ON PLANNING BOARD

At the October Town Board meeting, Roland Allen was appointed to a term on the Hague Planning Board until December 2005. Rolly has a BA in Psychology from UVM and did graduate work at Iona, University of Michigan and University of Nebraska. He is an executive search consultant for the consumer products industry. He had some experience with the Town Codes when building his own home in Friends Point in 1997.

Rolly stated that he wants to read and learn all he can about the Zoning Codes in Hague. His wife, Kathe, works for Alison Craig Realty.

*FLU SHOTS - FRIDAY, 10/23. Hague Community Ctr.*

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

5 calls and 151 man hours were used in the month of September

### EMERGENCY SHELTER DEMONSTRATION

NOV. 9, 2002, 9AM - 4PM

#### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Simulated shelter put on by American Red Cross hosted by Edna Quesnal. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning. Lunch will be served. Open to the public. **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Halloween is October 31st. Make sure the kids are dressed in light colored clothes and are carrying flashlights and costumes are short enough not to trip over. **EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

Cold weather is here. Be sure that all chimneys are cleaned. Make sure that you have new batteries in your smoke detectors. Please be careful when starting your car that your exhaust is not sitting next to a pile of leaves. A hot exhaust and dry leaves do not mix!!

**FAMILY PROJECT:** Make a home fire escape drill escape route. Post it throughout your home.

... Joanne Trudeau

### AMBULANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2002

Wish to give thanks to all for their kindnesses during this hard time. I know in my heart Norma is safe with our Lord. It's great to be part of a special family.

There were 9 runs, 10 patients. A740, 390 miles; A741, 110 miles. 63 1/4 man hours.

Great to have Joanne Trudeau and Terrie Davis completely on board. They could not officially participate until EMT Certification Cards were received.

... Lu Megow, Ambulance Captain

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

The Rotary Club 20/20 Club is still open. For \$1.00 a week for 20 weeks (\$20), one has a chance to have his name drawn each week for a \$20.00 prize. If your name is drawn it is put back in the pot and can be drawn again. On the last week, the prizes are \$100, \$75 and \$50. A great bargain and a chance to win yourself some money and help a great cause. This is being done for the benefit of the Reading Program in Ticonderoga Elementary School. Call 543-6403 for tickets.

Tickets are still available for the Educational Food and Wine Experience to be held on November 13, 2003 at the Queensbury Olive Garden. A very wide assortment of food and wine will be available. Contact any member of the Rotary Club for your ticket.

## PROPOSED HVFD DIVE TEAM

The Town of Hague covers a significant part of Lake George, from Rogers Rock State Park to south of Sabbath Day Point. HVFD presently covers this territory with its Fire Boat but the Department has seen the need, in recent years, to provide a more rapid response to underwater incidents. The nearest underwater rescue teams are at least 30-45 minutes away. However, to create, equip and train its own dive team is a huge undertaking, not only in terms of the time commitment of volunteers for initial and ongoing training but also in the cost of the necessary equipment. It is also a difficult and hazardous operation for the Department and those involved.

HVFD will appreciate the input from people in the Town as to their views because, if the Department is to go forward with this undertaking, it will require significant ongoing financial support from those in the community. Let us hear from you!

### WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

We have been blessed with an amazingly beautiful month of September with warm weather and gentle breezes. Most days were gorgeous throughout the entire month. The door that held the seventy and eighty degree temperatures of balmy September appeared to have closed by Oct. 2. Abruptly more seasonably cold weather has taken hold since Oct. 3. In addition we have received ample amounts of water from the activity of the east coast hurricanes (Isadore, etc.) This naturally has had a beneficial effect on water tables and vegetation in general. Finally we are above the "year to day" amounts of precipitation by about 3", according to the Post Star. Flood warnings were issued for Warren and Washington Counties for Oct. 16. Because of the warmer temperatures of Sept. the fall color which usually peak Oct. 12 is later this year. However, the local red maple swamps on Route 8 have been vivid with early color. As of Oct. 17 Graphite and North Pond and beyond have been showing gorgeous displays of gold, orange, red, yellow, purple, rust and scarlets. We are fortunate to have such a variety of trees which brings us these lovely arrays of magnificent color.

According to federal and state scientists who spoke at a recent Adirondack conference, these conditions could change in the future, yes, Global climate warming continues. Many of our regional trees could not survive and our wonderful maples are mostly threatened. Sadly, the maples could disappear within the Adirondacks in this century if conditions do not improve. Many factors contribute to climate change but the human factor is a major contributor. Fuel combustion is the chief cause of rising CO2 concentrations and adds to the mix of greenhouse gases that are a major part of this dilemma.

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TOWN BOARD - 10/8/02

The Town Board met with Supervisor Belden and Councilmen Megow, Meola, and Steitz in attendance. Councilman Hourigan was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Evelyn Monroe and Norma Megow.

During public comments, Mrs. Rena Dykstra read a letter to the Board in which she reiterated, "Citizens want violations of zoning stopped." Councilman Meola suggested that representatives of the group meet with Board members to try to resolve the issues.

Later in the meeting Cathy Clark asked, "Is it on record that if we don't hook up (in Water District #1 if it is established) we won't have to pay the user fee - just any fees for the capital cost?" Supervisor Belden responded "Yes, we understand that." Mrs. Clark requested that it be put in the form of a motion but no action was taken.

Before approval of the monthly claims, Councilman Meola stated that the bill from the Town Attorney included the time the attorney responded to Mr. Meola in a letter to the Hague Chronicle. He noted that it was not authorized by the Board and should not be charged to the Town. A motion introduced by Mr. Meola was approved that would delete payment in this bill for anything which relates to Mr. Silvestri reading letters and writing to the Hague Chronicle.

**Committee Reports:**

Town Park/Beautification - The Park closed for the season on Monday, October 14th. Thanks were extended to Joan Steitz and Shirl Vickerson who so ably staffed the Visitor Center, decorated it and have thoughtfully provided suggestions for next year.

Youth - Councilman Meola is putting together two applications to LARAC (Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council) for youth arts programs.

Highway - Bill Bothe reported that they are taking care of recommendations in the PESH (Public Employees Safety and Health Dept.) review. A respirator log is needed as well as a base line of lung capacity for employees. Repairs are being made to 3 town trucks and the truck purchased from the county has been received.

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola read the monthly report from Ethel Andrus. The Board agreed to have her continue to keep the museum open one day each week.

Planning/Zoning - At the 10/7 Audit meeting, Mr. Bothe, acting zoning administrator, informed the Board of 3 issues that are currently under review. A permit has been issued on the Reingold property where the site plans given to the Zoning Board were different from those given to the Zoning Administrator. In the case of the Morgan property, a permit was issued before a site review. There is also a problem with plowing, snow removal and turnaround on the Lobdell property. A survey of that area is being done.

Transfer Station: \$3030 in receipts came in for September.

Sewer: A public hearing on the new Sewer Ordinance will be held at the Community Center on November 12th at 6pm.

In other business:

In a response to a question by Bruce Clark it was noted that reseeded will be done in sewer areas where the blacktop was torn up.

The Board decided to look at a junk yard proposal from Stony Creek previously presented by Councilman Hourigan. Mr. Meola stressed that the Board must now sit down, review it and come up with specific suggestions before it is presented to the public. The Board will meet at 4 pm on November 7th and discuss it with no public input although as with any public meeting it will be open for observers.

The Board cancelled the purchase of a new boiler. They will keep the old boiler but must decide how it will be serviced. They plan to meet with the service representatives to clarify the technical information they need to make an informed decision.

Supervisor Belden met with County representatives and discussed the proposals received on fixing the bridge to the Community Center. C. D. Male will be doing the work.

In response to an inquiry from Sal Santaniello, there was discussion on the use of the Old Town Hall. Councilman Meola noted that on August 8th the committee gave its report to the Board and made a specific recommendation to extend the lease for the Cartoon Museum for one more year. The Board members approved this recommendation but are not yet in agreement as to its ultimate fate. The building had been on the market before and perhaps if a reasonable offer were received the Town might pursue selling it again. With the sewer in place the building is a better value and could be used for commercial use such as a restaurant.

Communications:

Ruth Barone has resigned as deputy Town Clerk.

A letter from Bob Patchett with suggestions relative to zoning was not read but is available to the public.

The attorney for the Town has recommended that the American Legion lease their property to the Town for 99 years or give it to them outright. That would be the only way that taxpayer funds could be used for the Legion project.

In response to an inquiry from Dottie Henry, it was noted that a letter from the Carillon Garden Club concerning the velvet leaf growth was not on the agenda to be read.

Under New Business the Board:

approved Resolution #67 to include Tannery Lane as a town road for the 911 emergency system.

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approved Resolution #68, authorizing the county to administer the HUD grant for the sewer hookups. It was noted that people should be encouraged to fill out and turn in the applications for assistance with the sewer connections even if they do not meet the exact guidelines because there may be a sliding scale. Applications were sent to all homeowners in the sewer district but if additional ones are needed contact the Town.

approved a letter of support for Arcady Bay's application for funding for their water project. Cathy Clark asked whether any other associations are asking the town for help since other areas may need to update their systems also.

approved the appointment of Carlie Patch as secretary to the zoning and planning boards.

approved the appointment of Roland Allen as member of the Planning Board.

approved advertising for logging the gravel pit property before it is sold next spring.

approved a Public Hearing on the Budget on Nov 6th at 6:30 PM.

thanked Bill Bothe for helping out with the zoning administrator's office until a new person is hired.

approved a new full-time civil service position called Code Compliance Officer that will include administration and enforcement of the zoning laws, administration of the sewer permits, coordination of services at the transfer station and writing grants as appropriate. The position will be advertised at \$25,000 per year plus some benefits.

approved advertising for personnel for the new sewer district. A certified wastewater treatment operator will be needed as well as an operator trainee and a laborer (whose duties can be shared with other town services).

approved contracting with AC Electric to be available for emergency electrical work. Councilman Steitz, an electrical inspector, abstained since he works with all the area electricians.

approved a "user unit schedule" of fees for the sewer district. Each unit (1 EDU) will be charged \$375 for the period April 1 to December 1, 2003. A single family residence will count as 1 unit; a two family residence as 2 units. A list of the 32 classifications is available at the Community Center. Anyone connecting after December 1, 2003 will have to pay a \$200 fee to connect (\$150 for gravity fed systems) and a \$25 permit fee as well as pay for the grinder pump. Those fees are waived for anyone who connects prior to that date. Billing for these fees will be on April 1 and October 1.

In his Supervisor's Report, Mr. Belden reiterated the problems with the county budget. He noted that the county is \$12 million short which will need to be raised by taxes - having lost \$2 million on medicaid and medicare. A freeze has been put on county hiring. ...js

Correction: In the September Chronicle we reported that the Town received a credit of \$450 for the retaining wall

on Holman Hill. Supervisor Belden has clarified that the correct amount is a savings of \$3450.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/16/02

Steve Gurzler, PE Resident Engineer for Clough Harbour & Assoc. reviewed the preliminary draft of a Sewer Use Law. William Lamy, Deputy DPW in Warren County recommended to the Board to charge approximately \$460.00 per EDU for the year 2003 in order to be sure that there is enough money coming in to cover the sewer expenses. If the Town sees that this amount is too high at the end of next year they could lower the rate. Rate was approved by Board. The Board needs to define what vacant lot means and they also need to assess the EDU's.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING, 9/24/02

Motion was made and seconded to establish a fee for the permit to hook up to the sewer system. The fee will be waived for the first 8 months (starting April 1, 2003). A permit still needs to be issued before hooking in. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously to rescind motion of 9/16/02 to charge \$460.00 for the year 2003 per EDU.

Motion carried to charge \$375.00 per EDU for the year 2003 and set a rate in subsequent years. Ayes Belden, Steitz and Meola. Nay: Hourigan.

Steve Gurzler presented the Town the draft document files for the Board and the Town Attorney to review.

Supervisor Belden will obtain the title of the Sewer Plant Operator from R. Kelly at Warren County. Mr. Meola will find the job description of a part time Sewer Plant Operator.

Motion carried that effective Jan. 1, 2003 to set a flat fee of \$200.00 for permit to pressure hook up to the sewer system.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/2/02

Proposed Local Law on Junk & Junk Vehicles was discussed. The Board could not agree on changes in the language of the two proposals. Motion carried to rework the Local Law on Junk Yards and Junk Vehicles using the Stony Creek model.

Motion to abandon the proposed Property Maintenance Law at this time. Ayes: Belden, Megow & Hourigan. Nay: Meola.

Motion carried to appoint William Bothe on an interim basis as Zoning Administrator until the position is filled, at a rate of \$10.00/hr. R. Hourigan will help with filing. (Cont. on page 5 - TB 10/2) 10/02

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Budget workshop scheduled for Oct. 10 at 4PM  
Motion carried to contact Mr. Silvestri, Attorney for the Town authorizing him to prepare a motion for summary judgment on the Kolakowski matter.

A letter will be sent to Mrs. Dykstra in response to her petition dated July 9, 2002.

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/2/02**

The meeting concerned the Proposed Water District.

Bill Rooker and John Cheslik from Adirondack Engineering were present.

There will be no change to the proposed Water District boundaries.

Small Business Development possibly could have some funding for the District.

Adirondack Engineering figures the cost per EDU will be \$417.00 based on everyone hooking up. This figure will include service, maintenance, and operation. Individuals that do not hook into the system will be charged a fee which reflects the prorated Capital Cost only.

The cost of the Water & Operation per year cannot exceed \$597.00 per Audit and Control. If the amount does exceed \$597.00 the project needs to be reviewed by Audit and Control.

Adirondack Engineering will have the Final, Map, Plan, and Report completed before the Nov. regular meeting which will include a listing of properties and EDU.js

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/9/02**

All the board members met with Jim Hotaling, APA representative. Jim discussed several zoning issues with the Board. He noted that decks over 100 square feet should be included in setback requirements. He also clarified that the 50 foot setback from the Lake should be measured to the "structure" not the foundation. The structure would include a deck or stairwell.

Several other comments were made about zoning interpretations. In response to a question, it was noted that the Agency law does not provide for a town to "give back" zoning to the APA. The APA would be willing to provide training sessions locally for members of the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as provide tapes about issues which they have available.

The APA will be looking at Hague's Comprehensive Plan. The plan does not require technical approval by the APA. They are interested in looking at references to wetlands and soil, for example, in order to make any recommendations to the Town.

**PLANNING BOARD - 10/3/02**

Present: Gladu, Brown, Swanson, Denno, Harrigan, and Interim Zoning Administrator Bothe.

Absent: Foster

There is one vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. Fillare. (This has now been filled. See p.1)

The Board discussed the fact that there are no minutes for the previous meeting as is required by the Open Meetings Law. Mr. Swanson said minutes must be available to the public within 5 days. From the floor, Mr. Meola said there must be a tape somewhere.

1) Delarm (30-1-13) SP 08-02 -Seeking approval for restaurant and bar in the old firehouse.. They will purchase the building if approval is granted for a change of use. At the Planning Board's request, the applicant will submit a completed application which will include a survey and a more defined plan showing placement of the building and parking lot.

Mr. Denno noted that the Zoning Administrator had not given Ms. Delarm proper notification of the site-review which was made by the Planning Board. Ms. Delarm was given an apology.

2) Morgan (20-1-13.3) SP 09-02 - Request for 32x150 sq.ft. boat storage building on Decker Hill Rd. Construction has already begun on this project. The Board noted the application was not complete and that the project had not proceeded through the right channels. Mr. Swanson said Mr. Morgan will need Planning Board approval before going ahead. A Type I Site Review must be done and the project, which is well over 1000 sq. ft., also needs a stormwater permit from the Park Commission. Mr. Bothe said he couldn't understand why a Land Use Development Permit had been issued in August. The Board asked the applicant to provide a survey showing placement of the building, driveway, topographical details, etc.

3)Dimond (46-1-10) Ms. Dimond wants to add a 654 sq.ft. addition to her residence on Pine Cove Rd. The Board noted proper procedures were not followed. Because this project 1) exceeds the allowable 25% building expansion, 2) is within 50 ft of the lake (ie. is 38 ft.from lake) and 3) will probably exceed the allowable 30% area coverage, the applicant should have been advised to apply to the Zoning Board for variances. The ZBA would then refer it to the Planning Board for site plan review and recommendations. The Board voted unanimously to deny this without prejudice. The applicant can now apply to the ZBA should she desire to do so.

4)Reingold - Mr. Bothe said he had received complaints about the project underway on this property. It is his opinion this application should have been sent to the Zoning Board for variances because it violates the ordinances for both the side and lakefront setbacks. It is much closer on the side than the drawings would indicate. In addition, a use variance for toilet and sink would be required and only the ZBA can issue a variance.

5)Other -Clarification of "associated plumbing" such plumbing in a particular instance does not set a (Cont. on page 6 Planning Board) 10/02

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precedent that they are not automatically allowed.

• Including decks in measurements for setbacks. - Mr. Swanson read a letter from Allison Craig questioning the last ZA's policy of not including decks in considering setbacks. Mr. Bothe and Mr Hourigan (in audience) said they had always included decks in measuring setbacks. It was felt by the Board that this was the intent of the ordinance. The Board recommended that item be amended to clarify it in the Ordinances.

• Interpretation of "Gross square footage" in Ordinance. Mr's. Bothe, Hourigan and Denno said this means sum of the square footage of each floor of living space - not just the sq. footage of the footprint (which, in recent months, may have been the figure used).

Ms. Harrigan asked that this be made very clear by an addition to the Ordinances.

**THANKS, THANKS, AND THANKS AGAIN!!**

August 22 was a beautiful day - it even rained, and as Julie McPartlin mentioned in her prayer, "You could have had better timing", it was certainly much needed. I can't begin to thank everyone for their hard work in pulling off such a grand occasion, and all of my friends and family who attended. You can be sure I was really humbled by your presence. I'm not sure I was able to speak with all of you - it was really hard to get through the crowd - and I'm not sure everybody signed the guest book, but I want you to know that I appreciate all your thoughts and particularly your presence on my BIG DAY. Thanks to those who couldn't make it that night, but expressed their regrets to me. I will try to live up to your expectations. I love you all!

... Dottie Henry

**NEW POLICY ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

The Hague Chronicle board has come to the following decisions on a letter writing policy:

- Letters to the editor are welcome.
- Letters should be brief ( 250 words or less)
- Letters should not be derogatory to any person's reputation.
- Letters must be signed by author, but name can be withheld upon request.
- Letters shall be scrutinized by the Hague Chronicle Board and will be published with the board's approval.
- Letters don't have to be critical. We also like to hear good news!

**A REMINDER TO OUR READERS**

Two months ago we wrote that we were changing our mailing practices somewhat. The paper is still sent on a contribution basis, but we are giving you credit for one year, no matter what the contribution is. This will make it a bit easier for the one who takes care of the

mailing list. The month you contributed and are expected to contribute again is printed on the lower right side of the mailing label. We also would appreciate it if you let us know when you change your address (the summer residents included). That way we can keep the paper coming to the right address.

**MISINFORMATION ABOUT 9N BILLBOARD DISPELLED**

"There is a tremendous amount of misunderstanding in Ticonderoga and neighboring communities concerning the billboard on Rt. 9N just south of the Ti Liberty Monument" said Ticonderoga attorney Edwin "Brick" Howe, Jr. in a recent interview. "I have found there is absolutely no misunderstanding as regards the billboard's ugliness and its blight on the image of our town, and in particular the entrance to our town", he continued; "those are clearly agreed and established factors." However, he added, "The roles played by our local institutions in this most unfortunate sequence of events have apparently been widely misconstrued."

It is true that the owner of the land on which the billboard is located is Inter-Lakes Health, Inc., as successor to its subsidiary Moses Ludington Hospital. The Hospital allegedly leased that land for sign purposes in 1991 for "an incredibly long" term of 25 years (2016) to Lamar Advertising of Latham, NY and the lease provides for payment of an "astoundingly meagre" annual rental to the hospital of \$400. Lamar Advertising has sublet the sign to whoever will pay the highest subrent (from which the hospital does not benefit). Neither Howe nor the Hospital knows the amount of the subrent but Howe estimates that "it must be well in excess of \$20,000 per year."

"The lease allegedly entered into between the hospital and Lamar Advertising has never been established as having been authorized by the Hospital Board and may well be *ultra vires*," he continued. "Nor has it ever been established that the signatory of the lease had any relationship with the Hospital authorizing his or her signature alone to commit the Hospital to such a lease."

Howe was engaged earlier this year on a pro bono basis by the Carillon Garden Club, to rid the town of the billboard.

With the support of the club and a large part of Ti's populace, he has explored several avenues to bring about the dislodging of the billboard. Inter-Lakes Health has been a strong supporter of these efforts.

The Town of Ticonderoga is also strongly opposed. After evaluating the several approaches available, Howe has concluded that a legislative solution would probably be the most efficient and effective one and has accordingly approached the Town with a proposal for such a remedy to the billboard problem that will be formally presented to the Town Council, probably early in 2003.

Residents of the area wishing to express their opposition to the billboard are invited to contact Brick Howe, 585-3206; e-mail: eahowe@rosevilleco.com

**LARAC WILL HOLD FALL FESTIVAL**

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council will present its 20th annual Fall Festival Juried Art and Craft show on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10 at Adirondack Community College. Sixty-five artists will show and sell their fine crafts and art in the gymnasium from 10am to 5pm each day. General admission is \$3.00 and children under 14 are free. 10/02

# SOUNDINGS

F.Y.I.

**DIED:** Letha Allison Davies Behr, 101, Eastchester, NY and Silver Bay, NY on September 27, 2002 in Eastchester. A graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, she received an M.S. in Organic Chemistry from U. of Ill. in 1926 and a PhD in 1928. She is survived by her son, Robert, Chestertown, MD, daughter Meredith, Eastchester and three grandchildren.

**DIED:** Evelyn F. Girard Monroe, 76, long time resident of Hague, on September 26, 2002 in Glens Falls, NY. She is survived by a daughter Cynthia Ryther, Lake George, sons Thomas Girard, Ramsey, NJ and Perry Girard, Hague, step-daughter Rachel Harshman, Sumter, NC and Rae-Helen Wood, Olmstedville, Stepson, Ruben, Olmstedville., 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

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Mrs. Lavaraway, the new ELA/Resource center teacher, is introducing some new programs in the Middle School Library. A Book Plus club meets once a month. The students agree upon selections and then stay after school to do an activity coordinated with the book such as baking, quilting, or a craft project. The first selection is Dunc's *Halloween* by Gary Paulson from the Dunc and Amos Series.

A Wish Book Box has been placed in the library. Students and teachers are encouraged to submit book suggestions for future purchases in the library.

Donation of funds is always welcome in the library requesting that a particular book or type of book be purchased or donating one in memory of someone. A bookplate would be placed inside the cover noting our thanks and the patron.

## KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. Herbert F. Dalton, Jr., President of the non-profit Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES) was a speaker at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club. In Ticonderoga the FES program was initiated almost four years ago. John McDonald, Jr., then principal of the middle school and now superintendent of schools, had acted as the FES team leader from the beginning. Dalton said that, owing to the efforts of McDonald and other interested educators, as well as generous contributions from I.P. Ti is right at the top of the FES list by all measures, including test scores and class attendance.

Dalton said that a critical part of the FES formula is to tell a school district, "We want to build on where you re now, not tear you down and tell you to start all over again."

The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, a service club that celebrated its 75th anniversary in mid-May, is one of the older Kiwanis Clubs in the nation and the largest in the Adirondacks Region. The Club meets for lunch weekly at noon on Thursdays, during the warmer months at the Ti Country Club and during the colder months at the Elk's Lodge. Visitors and applications for membership are warmly welcomed. Dave Carr has been installed as the new president.

- Clarkson University has awarded the prestigious Margaret Van Hamlin Haddad Endowed Scholarship to Lucas Frasier, son of Richard and Edna Frasier, Hague, and a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering. The scholarship is renewable through and including the senior year.

- The Ticonderoga Historical Society is presenting an exhibit of Watercolorist Matt Burnett, beginning November 6 through January.

- Lake George Park Commission will conduct its regular monthly meeting, including the Commission's Project Review Committee, on Oct. 29, 2002 at a 10AM at the Holiday Inn, Lake George, NY

## LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE

As part of Governor Pataki's Lake George-Lake Champlain Waterfront Revitalization Initiative program, the Warren County Planning Dept. is seeking designation of a Scenic Byway Corridor along the western side of Lake George. The proposed Lake George Scenic Byway would connect two existing designated Scenic Byways (the Champlain Trail in Essex County and the Champlain Canalway in Washington County) to form the Lakes to Locks Passage. The proposed Byway would pass through a number of local communities in Warren County, including Hague, Bolton, Lake George, Queensbury and Glens Falls

## THE WATERKEEPER PROGRAM

Questions are sometimes raised by the press, municipal officials, or individual citizens as to the scope of the Lake George Waterkeeper's mandate and/or the authority under which he takes positions on issues affecting the lake.

Waterkeeper programs (sometimes called riverkeepers or lakekeepers) are sponsored and run by local organizations, in this case the Fund for Lake George, under license from the Waterkeeper Alliance. While the Alliance provides informational support and networking with other waterkeepers, the FUND is fully responsible for the Lake George Waterkeeper programs.

The Lake George Waterkeeper, Chris Navitsky PE, is a licensed engineer with over 15 years experience in permitting, project review, planning, development and administration, and stormwater management, and he has dealt extensively with regulatory bodies at public hearings on a variety of issues. The FUND has confidence in Mr. Navitsky's judgment and has given him broad latitude to formulate his positions on individual issues. Our only guiding principle is that his positions be, in his judgment, in the best interests of Lake George.

In seeking to protect and preserve "Lake George", we have generally found it artificial to draw a distinction between the pristine quality of the water itself and the unparalleled beauty of the Lake and its environs. Both are essential elements of the Lake George we know and love, both are the subject of increasing concern on the part of our supporters, and both accordingly merit the attention of the Lake George Waterkeeper.

While the Waterkeeper's special skills and experience are particularly valuable in weighing the effect of development, for example, on water quality, he will also consider a project's aesthetic impact where appropriate. Building height and visibility, for example, would fall into this category. In many respects the Waterkeeper will complement and support the work of the FUND's Upland Protection Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

October

- 18 & 19 Haunted Fort (Ti Festival Guild and Fort)
- 20 Fort Ticonderoga closes for season.
- 21 No school for students. Parent/Teacher conferences.
- 25 & 25 Haunted Fort
- 26 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY- p1

- 8 No School for Students - Staff Development
- 11 Senior Bus to Glens Falls
- 11 Veterans Day - No school. Offices closed
- 12 Public hearing on sewer ordinance - 6PM
- 12 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 18 Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 19 Board of Education meeting - HS Cafe. 7:30P
- 20 Blood Pressure Clinic at Comm. Ctr, 1-2PM
- 21 Zoning Board (note change of date) 7PM
- 26 Senior Citizens Meeting - 1:30PM

November

- 4 Fire Department Meeting
- 6 Planning Board - 7PM
- 5 General election at Community Ctr. 6AM-9PM
- 6 Public hearing on budget - 6:30PM
- 7 Workshop on Junk yard Proposal - 4PM

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR DASH?

I read of a man who stood to speak  
 At the funeral of a friend.  
 He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
 From the beginning to the end.

So think about this long and hard...  
 Are there things you'd like to change?  
 For you never know how much time is left,  
 That can still be rearranged.

He noted that first came her date of birth  
 And spoke the following date with tears,  
 But he said what mattered most of all  
 Was the dash between those years (1934-1998)

If we could just slow down enough  
 To consider what's true and real,  
 And always try to understand  
 The way other people feel.

For that dash represents all the time  
 That she spent alive on earth. . .  
 And now only those who loved her  
 Know what that little line is worth.

And be less quick to anger,  
 And show appreciation more  
 And love the people in our lives  
 Like we've never loved before.

For it matters not, how much we own'  
 The cars...the house...the cash,  
 What matters is how we live and love  
 And how we spend our dash.

If we treat each other with respect,  
 And more often wear a smile  
 Remembering that this special dash  
 Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read  
 With your life's actions to rehash. . .  
 Would you be proud of the things they say  
 About how you spent your dash? . . . Author unknown

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