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HAGUE RESIDENT RUNNING FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Joanne B. Brown, a resident of Silver Bay, is running for the Board of Education of the Ticonderoga Central School System. She has spent most of her life involved in education, and believes that she can make a valuable contribution to the continuance and improvement of efforts to provide each Ticonderoga area student with the best education possible within the District's financial constraints.

Mrs. Brown graduated from Cornell University, received a Master degree in Education from SUNY Plattsburgh, and a CAS from SUNY Cortland. Her experience includes ten years of Elementary teaching, three years as K-12 Curriculum Coordinator, two years as High School English Dept. Chair and teacher of advanced English classes, and fourteen years as Elementary principal in Trumansburg, NY.

She retired in 1991 and moved to Silver Bay with her husband, John M. Brown, Jr. Shortly thereafter she became the interim Ticonderoga Elementary School Principal and had the good fortune to work with the excellent and hard working staff. She truly enjoyed the appointment which stretched to two years. During the last two years she has worked part time for the State Education Department as a consultant, leading School Quality Reviews across the state.

Mrs. Brown looks forward to helping Ticonderoga fulfill its new mission statement. She knows that Ticonderoga is a very good school system that is always looking to improve. The staff is very involved in assessment and evaluation of the process of teaching and learning in all three buildings, and the staff sets goals accordingly.

As a member of the Board of Education she feels that she can help to support these efforts in the future.

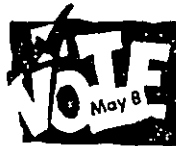
Editorial Comment: This is the first time in several years that Hague has had an opportunity to have one of its own on the board. We have complained about the lack of representation on the board from Hague - now is the time to get behind Hague's very well qualified candidate. With the cooperation of all Hague residents we can do it! **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL HAGUE VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS AT THE HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 8 TO CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR JOANNE BROWN.** You will have an opportunity at the same time to vote on the budget that the board has prepared. The board has held the budget increase to

2.5% over the 1995-96 budget - an increase of 1.7% tax levy.

Copies of proposed 1996-97 budget will be available until April 24, 1996. Voter registration will be held from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Ticonderoga H.S. Lobby and the Hague Community Center.

There are three openings on the school board this year. Those running for office are Incumbents Dr. William Brennan, and Nancy Reale. In addition Joanne Brown, Hague, and John Silvestri, Ticonderoga, are also running. The highest three vote getters will win the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be available for any registered voter (one who has voted in any municipal election during the past four years). Call Barbara Greer, 585-6674 and ask for an application for an absentee ballot. Or write to her at 351 Amherst Ave, Ticonderoga, NY 12883, immediately so that there will be time for you to get the application, for her to send the ballot, and for you to send the ballot back by 5PM on May 8.



IF YOU LIVE IN WARREN COUNTY REMEMBER TO CAST YOUR BALLOT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ON MAY 8 AT THE HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER FROM NOON TO 9PM

WARNING FROM OUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Mr. Lonnie Swinton, Hague's Animal Control Officer, warns all Hague residents that there have been rabid raccoons and other rabid animals reported in the area. Rabid animals are usually partially paralyzed and vicious. Non-rabid racoons are not usually seen during the day.

Mr. Swinton asks anyone who sees a suspect animal to call him. Make sure you do not come in contact with it. Don't dispose of a dead one yourself - call Mr. Swinton. Some people have been known to throw dead animals back into the woods, but that could only spread the disease.

There are pamphlets about rabies available at the Community Center. Mr. Swinton will be conducting a session on rabies at the Community Center on April 18 at 7PM in the Community Center.

All domestic animals should have rabies shots. Warren County will be holding clinics the first part of May. Mr. Swinton plans to put notices in the post office, stores, and Community Center and it will be announced on the radio. Watch for the date in Hague. There is a very minimal charge for the shots.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

The Fosters, Judy and Peter, will be the featured speakers for Monday, May 13 at 7PM at the Hague Community Center for the Women Helping Women meeting. The Fosters were formerly in business as owners of Foster Florist and Nursery in Monsey, NY, specializing in landscaping and floral gifts. Peter is now the landscape manager for Garden Time in Glens Falls.

They have spent many summers at Sabbath Day Point. Currently the Fosters have moved to Hague as permanent residents, owning and operating the famous Ruah, a bed and breakfast.

Judy will delight us with a floral arrangement demonstration and instruction. Peter will discuss landscaping suitable for the Adirondacks.

Women Helping Women programs are presented free of charge on the second Monday of each month at 7PM in the Hague Community Center. Women, as well as men, from the entire area are always welcomed!

KIWANIS CLUB ACTIVITIES PLANNED

The annual Kiwanis Chicken and Biscuit Dinner (a fund raiser) will be held at the First Methodist Church, Ticonderoga, from 5PM to 7PM on Wed., Apr. 24, 1996. Ticket prices are: adults, \$6.00; children aged 5 through 14, \$4.00; and children under age 5, free. Tickets are available through any Kiwanis member or at the door.

Recent projects of the Kiwanis Club include the Easter Egg Hunt for children which was held across from Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga on Apr. 6, 1996, and a dinner on Apr. 8 at Ticonderoga High School in honor of the members of Key Club and their faculty sponsor, Steve Boyce. Hague Kiwanians participated in both events.

The Kiwanis Club is also one of the sponsors of the Hague Community Day at the Silver Bay Association.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The history of the Fort Ticonderoga Ferry will be the topic of the program at the annual joint meeting of the Ticonderoga Historical Society and the Hague Historical Society. The public is invited to attend this program which will be presented on Friday, April 19, at the Hague Community Center by Jim Bullard. The Hague Society will be hosting the social hour beginning at 7:30PM, with the program following at 8PM.

Last month proved to be about a really dynamic personality, as Ethel Andrus painted the picture of Mother Bickerdyke. Mother Bickerdyke, the Cyclone in Calico was the Clara Barton of the Civil War in the western sector, where she let no odds, including surgeons or generals, stop her from getting care and comfort to her boys who were in the Union Armies. The sick or wounded were badly neglected in the beginning of the war, especially if they became ill in the camps. Mother Bickerdyke helped change this atti-

tude by perseverance and indifference to authority that was not accustomed to thinking of the men when not in battle. . . rmc

NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE ROTARY

Moving diligently toward a Charter Night program at the Silver Bay Assoc. Conference Center on Tues., June 11, the newest Rotary Club in the district is very close to reaching the 25-member quota required by Rotary International. Members are attending regularly every Tues. at 7:30AM for breakfast and programs at Odys' Restaurant on Rt. 9N.

Men and women from both sides of the lake and Ticonderoga have signed up to be a part of the new club. An interesting program is offered each week, from do-it-yourself boat building to Understanding the APA and many others. Those interested in visiting the new club are urged to attend and consider joining as charter members. Contact Dr. Robert Cole, 543-6176, Stan Burdick, 543-8824 or Tom James, 543-6924.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Friday, May 3, 1996 Dining Hall, Silver Bay Assn Buffet Luncheon and Registration - \$9.00 12 Noon
"LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR IN A BROKEN WORLD"
Carol VanGorp, home on leave, will tell us of her ongoing work with her husband in Bosnia.

You are cordially invited to come and help us celebrate Church Women United's 20th year in this area. Advance reservations are necessary. Please call Mary Johnson - 543-6791 by April 29.

Bring a Friend! Door Prizes

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Carol VanGorp was recently honored at the White House for her work in Bosnia.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED is a movement comprised of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women who work together to accomplish various undertakings which would be very difficult or impossible for one church or one denomination to accomplish in a community.

In this area Church Women United of Greater Ticonderoga (which includes Hague) sponsors the Nutrition Program serving luncheon Mon-Fri at noon at the First United Methodist Church for anyone over 60. Once a month there is a breakfast and once a month a dinner is held. The homebound may receive a noon meal delivered to their homes.

For further information on the Nutrition Program call 585-7682 weekdays between 11AM and 1PM

TI FESTIVAL GUILD TOUR OF HOMES

June 23 has been set as the date for the Tour of Homes sponsored by the TI Festival Guild. Five homes have been lined up, three in Hague and two in Ticonderoga, plus a starting point at the Hancock House (a wonderful building to tour, if you haven't already done so), and ending at Paine Hall in Silver Bay. Keep the date in mind - you will hear more about this event later.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/27/96

A special town board meeting was called to order on March 27 to discuss matters of insurance and any other business that might come before the board.

Much discussion was held regarding insurance for the town. It all boiled down to bids from two insurance companies - Upstate and Community. The board came to the conclusion that it would be advisable to have a representative from each insurance company come and talk to them to give them more specific information on the bids. A date has been set for April 1 at 4PM and 5PM to meet with these representatives.

Following the insurance discussion, a resolution was read to allow the town board to withdraw \$11,540.08 from general funds to add to \$27,633.82 which was left in the town clerk's account, totaling \$39,173.90 which is the amount which is the shortfall from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses in Hague for 1994-95. After much discussion from the board and from the floor, the board agreed to table this resolution until such time as the state audit is complete, which is estimated to be another four weeks. The auditor has been checking books since mid-December. In the meantime, DEC has recalled all the fishing and hunting stamps from the town, which includes the ones from Silver Bay Store and the Hague Market and those wishing to obtain these licenses will have to go elsewhere.

The tax collector is bonded for \$320,000. The town clerk, who collects licensing fees is bonded for \$5,000. The supervisor and the office clerks are bonded for \$47,500 each. (At a later meeting with the insurance representatives, one representative said both tax collector and town clerk may be included in the \$320,000 bond, since in Hague the same person holds both positions. However, this is only speculation.)

Linda Coffin, former councilwoman, stated that she informed the board in February 1995 that the clerk's and justice's books had discrepancies. She worked with the justice in getting her books cleared, but the town clerk's books were not completed. She brought it up at other meetings during the year, but no action was taken. Later in the year she suggested getting in touch with the state auditors to send someone to audit the books. This was done. A report from this auditor will be forthcoming, when the audit is complete. djh

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, MARCH 28, 1996

Ron Graser (13-1-11) OCI Zone, located on West Hague Road, applied for placement of a mobile home on his property. Based on a number of factors, the Planning Board had requested an interpretation of Section 8.010 of the Zoning Ordinance as it related to this case. When the vote was taken to inform the Planning Board that it was permissible to place the mobile home there, two members abstained and all others voted aye.

The Hague Fire Dept. is contemplating the pur-

chase of land for a new firehouse. With the option to purchase deadline of May, they need zoning information. The Planning Board again turned to the ZBA for interpretation. The property is the former Blair's Campsite on the corner of West Hague Rd. and Rt. 8. Permitted use was in question, and after extensive discussion, the interpretation was positive. They will so inform the Planning Board.

Smith (921-1-32) Graphite, would like to add a garage to side of residence. Question - does it need a variance. Answer was no. The addition does not extend over set-backs.

Mataro (20-1-35) Decker Hill Rd. would like to reopen his application of '94 for a boat storage on Decker Hill Rd. This matter will be on April's agenda.

ODY's Restaurant (61-1-65) Rt. 9N, would like to extend their hours of operation beyond the present 10PM closing time. The Odys were advised to submit an application to Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator. Since the original application was by Mr. Levy, owner of the property, the Planning Board was not clear whether he or the Odys should make the application. Mr. Bothe was investigating and will notify the Odys.

Keeler (former Stull home on Overbrook Drive) for an addition of a garage. This was sent to the ZBA for a variance. ...gl

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 4/1/96

At a special meeting of the Town Board on April 1 a representative from Community Insurance presented an explanation of his proposal for town insurance, comparing item by item with Upstate Insurance's proposal. He answered many questions which the board proposed.

A representative from Upstate Insurance followed with his presentation and answered questions pertaining to his proposal. The board agreed to check these proposals again and will have a recommendation in place for the regular meeting of the board.

PLANNING BOARD, APRIL 4, 1996

- At the public hearing, no one spoke for or against:
1. Ronning (13-1-26.1) Tannery Lane, minor 2-lot subdivision, and
 2. Graser (3SP 01-96) OC1, West Hague Rd. - mobile home placement.

The regular meeting proceeded with the Ronning sub-division. Mr. Ronning has been before the board at other times with the same request and the board concluded that if there are any requests in the future for 2-lot minor sub-division on this same property, it may be considered as a major sub-division, if the cumulative lots total 10. This would add up to a major impact on access roads. The motion was made and seconded to approve this as a minor sub-division, but reserving the right to consider the property as a major subdivision if additional minor sub-divisions are sought and to stipulate certain conditions. All members voted aye.

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Graser (13-1-11) West Hague Road. The ZBA interpretation (Zoning Reg. 8.010) was affirmative. They see no objection to the placing of a mobile home on Mr. Graser's land. The Planning Board had a site plan review and found no problems. Approval was unanimous.

The Hague Fire Dept. has been looking for several years for an appropriate piece of land on which to build a new firehouse since the location of the one we have now is not appropriate for its updated needs. They are considering buying the campsite at the intersection of West Hague Rd. and Rt. 8. Representatives of the Fire Dept. were at the ZBA meeting.

Mrs. Fraster, Hollow Road, will be notified she will need a formal application and mylar to define what she wants in a land review sub-division.

Maiaro, Dodd Hill Road, will reopen process for approval of boat storage project.

There are four applicants for the Planning Board seat. Word has not yet been received from Henry Karmazian about his interest in remaining on the board. . . gl

TOWN BOARD - 4/9/96

The town board met on April 9 at 6PM to hear Keith Laake, Cost Control Assoc., explain his company's proposal to save Hague money on its utility and phone bills. By auditing bills from the previous two years it will enable the company to locate problems or mistakes in meter functions, tax problems, gross tax factor, etc. Fee is based on savings and is a 50/50 split. We would also receive a restructuring plan. Mr. Laake gave Supervisor Belden a copy of the company's standard contract. The supervisor will pass this along to our town attorney. If he finds no problems, Supervisor Belden has been authorized to proceed. The process would take about 9 months.

Rescinded was the March motion to charge a \$10 fee for each boat entered in the Bass Tournament. Arrangements had already been agreed upon by the Chamber of Commerce for a free launch. A new motion was approved to charge the \$10 fee beginning July 1, 1996. The BASS Tournament is scheduled for June 15 and 16.

A large contingent of Highway Dept. workers attended this meeting to present a petition protesting the singling out of CDL (Commercial Drivers License) drivers to be tested at random for alcohol or drug use. They felt that everyone who receives a pay check from the town should be part of this testing. Supervisor Belden said the contract Hague signed with Warren County was for the CDL drivers and was a state regulation. The town attorney will receive a copy of the petition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Permanent appointment of David Martucci as assessor was unanimous. It is a 7-year appointment.

The justice, town and highway books were audited and approved.

The Chamber of Commerce has a new logo. The CC gave a written report of expenditures from the town budget allocated to them.

Exit doors have been modified so that entry from outside is impossible.

A compromise was reached on the use of the Seniors room. Basketball court will be lined and posts padded.

Two trees in the rear of center to be removed - they are

hanging over the porch.

Replacement of front fence at Community Center will be completed, with lights that will help illuminate our rather dark parking lot.

Supervisor Belden is also checking on cost to repair the stone posts at the entrance.

A fire hydrant will be installed at Sabbath Day Pt. beach. Lake Shore Garage has made its initial check of town trucks and found no major problems. There will be additional maintenance checks as per contract with town.

The 10' slide now at the park will be up for sale when the new playground equipment arrives later in the month. The slide was deemed a danger to the children. For anyone interested, contact the center 543-6161.

Upstate Insurance has been awarded the 1996-97 contract for \$1706.74. A unanimous decision was made to review the insurance needs every three years.

There will be a public hearing on the sewer project on May 23 at 6PM. This is a very important meeting. All interested parties should be there. (See related article)

The youth will be building bluebird houses and listening to a program on birds from a representative of the National Audubon Society. Under the direction of Councilman Meola, it is both "constructive" and educational. For any kids who would like to be part of this project, they should come home from school on the bus and get off at the Community Center (around 3:30PM) for instructions. Kids may either keep their birdhouses or they will be sold and monies go into the youth fund.

In Unfinished Business:

We have appraisals for the two town properties which the town is selling - the former home of Elwin Monroe on Summit Drive and the old town hall on Rt. 8. Sealed bids will be received until June 10 at 4PM. Ads will be placed in the Post Star and the Times of TI but you are reading it here first! A 5% deposit must be included in the submittal of the bids, with final payment within 30 days after decision.

Two life guards and five park attendants were approved for our summer season at the town park.

Resident David Darrin, who plans a restaurant and inn on his property across from the park, has offered to redesign the chamber building at the park.

The board plans a meeting with the Zoning Revision Committee to discuss a problem that has been with us for many years - JUNK CARS!!! Never goes away and seems to get worse.

Frank Koenig has been appointed to the Assessment Board of Review, replacing Bob Patchett who resigned when he became a councilman.

Approval was requested by the Fire Dept. for use of space at beach for their annual steak roast. Approval given. A request to use the old town hall for the Fire Dept. rummage sale was denied since the building is up for sale.

Grant approval for shoreline restoration. David DeLarm, Highway Superintendent, was given approval to go to Cornell to attend a conference (51st) of highway superintendents on June 2-5. He will present a report to the town board on his return.

Bill Bothe, Zoning Administer also received approval to attend a convention on May 1-3.

There will be clean-up days (May 30, 31 and June 1). See article p. 7.

Several resolutions were passed:

- *1. Zoning change
- * 2. Public hearing on Sewer
- * 3. Domestic Unit re: sewer
- * 4. Assessment update for 1998 roll.

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PAIN IS TEMPORARY, PRIDE IS FOREVER.

SEWER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Sewer Informational meeting in April was mostly a review of the plan proposed at the original meeting months back. No major changes have been made since then.

Representatives from Clough Harbour and DPW were present to hear comments and answer questions. Several of the questions involved costs - costs of hook-up and yearly maintenance fees. No figure was given for tie-ins but the \$96,000 a year operation and maintenance cost breaks down to about \$408 per yr. per resident in Sewer Dist. #1. A resident may not want to tie-in but will still be assessed the \$408 user fee. It will be added to their taxes. For many this seems a large amount to take out of limited incomes, but it is no more than many are now paying for holding tanks, in many cases not as much. It will protect the lake and increase property values.

Another factor brought up by several members of the audience is with federal money available NOW, "if we don't use it, we'll lose it". And from what we know from other areas faced with the same dilemma, the state has moved to mandate sewers. When this happens, the community then has to shoulder the ENTIRE cost.

Bill Remington, DPW, told us it was rare to get such a high level of funding and our 5% is a small price to pay.

The town attorney will check on the following: use of absentee ballots and whether a family may only have one vote no matter how many pieces of property they own.

There will be a public hearing in May. The sewer will be a decision by the majority in the district and when and if it passes, work could begin within 12 months.

Anyone interested in reviewing all the material relating to the sewer project can obtain a copy of "Final map, plan and report for the Formation of Hague Sewer #1" from Bertha Dunsmore at the Community Center. The town can proceed independently of the other communities included in the grant. . . g!

WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIP

The Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H program is conducting a three day Wilderness Exploration Trip on June 25-27. This trip is open to any Warren County youth, 9-11 years of age. The group will be camping on Thirteenth Lake near North River, NY. The cost of the trip is \$12.00 per participant.

The trip is designed to give youth basic knowledge of the Adirondack environment including its forest and wildlife. Low-impact camping is stressed, developing in youth an attitude that they are part of, and not apart from the environment in which they live.

To pre-register, or for information, contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, Schroon River Rd., HCR02, Box 23B, Warrensburg, NY 12885. (Phone: 623-3291 or 668-4881).

YOU ARE NEVER A LOSER UNTIL YOU QUIT TRYING

NATURE NEWS Laura Meade

The varied habitats of the Town of Hague support many species of mammals. As one sees woodlands, swamps, streams, rock ledges, meadows, caves or lakeshore, one can easily imagine wildlife in these places. And recently a few alert Hague residents actually saw some interesting animals in their neighborhoods.

A quick-moving house cat killed and brought to its New Hague Rd. home an ermine, also called a short-tailed weasel. Its fur was still a winter white. An ermine changes color dramatically in spring and fall with dark brown fur and white belly in the summer. It is a carnivore, catching squirrels and chipmunks as it moves quickly through small burrows. This slender, serpentine creature has a 5-9 1/2" body with a 2-4" tail. It is seldom noticed but might be seen near a brook or lakeshore.

If you see a slender, dog-like reddish animal with head and body 20-30" and a 14-16" tail and black legs and feet, it is a red fox. One was seen recently near the Berryhill Pond trailhead. Pups of these mammals are born in spring and are weaned in about one month. Foxes prey on other small animals and occasionally will eat birds, so beware if you have chickens!

A report of a mountain lion, seen late in Nov. 1995 on Hollow Rd, was met with skepticism but definite tracks of such an animal were observed recently in that same location. According to the Readers' Digest "North American Wildlife Guide", mountain lions are believed to be widely distributed but, because they are very secretive, they are seldom seen. Also called puma, cougar, panther or catamount, these "big cats" have a 42-60" body, a long 24-36" tail and tawny to gray fur. They prefer a mountain habitat and are known to roam over a widespread territory.

An alert New Hague Rd. resident recently saw a wild bobcat in her yard. This cat is much smaller than a mountain lion and somewhat smaller than a lynx, with a 26-36" body and 5" tail, with black on the tail's top. To my knowledge no lynx has been seen in Hague.

Some have been surprised by a small, furry, nocturnal visitor in our homes. Although not really able to fly, these flying squirrels glide from upper timbers, using wide flaps of skin to control descent. They are also known to inhabit attics in winter. A local house cat with a hunter's instinct, recently presented a few "gifts" of flying squirrels to her owner. Surprise, Surprise!

Have you seen the albino skunk? Someone has!

WEATHER NOTES MaryLou Doulin

Spring is late this year and so were the robins. I didn't spot one until Mar. 27. It has been cooler and dryer than normal; however we have had an abundance of sunshine. Daytime temperatures are creeping up to the 50's and the nights vacillate between 30° and 40°. The ice left the lake on April 9. 1957 and 1961 were the only other times this century when it occurred on that day.

The smelt are running (Apr 10, 11 and 12). This is about one week earlier than last year. Comet Hyakutake was and will continue to be the special celestial event of the nocturnal March, April and May skies. Our region was supposed to be able to view it all night from Mar 22 to the 31st, but clouds interfered often. My viewing on Mar 24 was enhanced by binoculars and it was indeed thrilling. At that point it was within 10 million miles of earth and its head the size of one to two full moons in diameter. It had an extensive tail. The entire image was spectacular as it traveled through space! Try to see it as it will be 20,000 years until it heads this way again!

IT HAS HAPPENED!

The Community Child Care Center at Silver Bay Association has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for an endowment fund from the Early Childhood Investment Fund in Albany, NY. Scholarship awards will begin for the 1996-97 school year. The endowment will grow to produce greater opportunities for families to afford quality child care.

Many thanks to the supporters who assisted in the collaboration for the grant award. Supporters include: Senator Ronald Stafford, Town of Hague Town Board, Ticonderoga Central School District, Moses Ludington Hospital, Southern Adirondack Child Care Network, Women Helping Women, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Mohican Home Bureau, Hague Chamber of Commerce, Northbrook Motel, Hague Chronicle, Hague Wesleyan Church, Hague Baptist Church, Trout House Village, Hague American Legion, Carillon Garden Club, Hague Volunteer Fire Dept, Silver Bay General Store, Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club, Burdick Enterprises, many parents and local citizens. Thank you for your collaboration and commitment to our children!!!

"IT TAKES A WHOLE COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD"
and we are well on our way!!!

Changes!!!

- Our hours have increased to 7AM to 6PM weekdays.
- The fee structure has changed to \$2.50 per hour for full day and \$2.75 for half day. Scholarships are available.
- Please take sometime to read "A Measure of Our Success" by Marian Wright Edelman from the National Children's Defense Fund. On Sat., June 1, 1996, a National Day of Commitment to Children rally will be held in Washington, DC. Purpose: a call to action to improve the way we treat our children by making a spiritual and moral commitment to putting our children first. Thousands of sponsors throughout the country including the YMCA of USA are committed to this rally.
- The Community Child Care Center has contracted with both Warren County and Essex County Department of Social Services Child Care unit as a service provider to families eligible for their child care assistance programs. Call to see if you are eligible: Emily Barrie at Warren County, 761-6300 and Nancy Swanson at Essex County, 873-3405.
- Please call to arrange a visit of the Center at 543-8833 and ask for Helen Barton.

...Helen Barton

DO YOU THINK YOU OWN YOUR DOCK?

A recent opinion handed down by State Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco could have a major effect on property owners all around Lake George and on

docks.

The ruling in effect bars a state agency from granting an easement for cables, docks, moorings or any other private use of the bed of the lake or any state land in the forest preserve.

Attorney Douglas H. Ward, formerly an assistant AG under Como, and is now representing a couple at Raquette Lake who are directly affected by this opinion, states that the AG's opinion is so broad that it could affect any structures on state land and in the forest preserve which do not serve a public purpose. Even the footings for the bridge to Green Island (where the Sagamore Hotel is located) is suspect. It complicates things for a great number of people.

The Adirondack Council backed the AG's ruling. However, a spokesman for the DEC in Albany said he does not anticipate any problem in the issuance of permits for docks on Lake George, although he stated that these do fall under the category of temporary revocable permits cited by Vacco. These permits are issued annually.

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS

May is Senior Citizens Month. To honor all Senior Citizens, and two special ones from Warren County and two from Hamilton County, the Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will hold its annual luncheon at the Ramada Inn at Lake George on May 16 at 12 Noon. Registration at The Ramada will be from 10:30 to 11:30AM. To attend this luncheon, phone 543-6161 BEFORE April 23, register your name and state your choice of entree: beef, chicken or fish. Each entree costs only \$9.00. There is no tax, and the price includes the tip - a great bargain. To pay for this luncheon, write a check payable to Ethel W. Andrus for \$9 per person and mail to her at PO Box 2551, Silver Bay, NY 12874. This year's Warren County's honorees are Jean Reynolds, Athol, and Anne Konet, Glens Falls and Silver Bay

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HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On April 23 the Hague Seniors will go to the Meal Site in Bolton Landing for luncheon, leaving from the Hague Community Center at 11:20AM. Registrations should have been in by April 12. The cost of the meal is \$1.50, but no one will be denied a meal if unable to pay that amount.

Following the meal we will return to the Hague Community Center and conduct our business meeting, at which Robert Patchett, Town Councilman, will be the speaker. . . ea

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Our Fire Dept had a somewhat quieter month than usual, answering two fire calls with a total of 18 manhours, and two emergency runs by the ambulance squad with a total of 59 miles and 15 1/4 hours. Training and preparations for emergencies go on and on for Fire Dept. members. On April 26 a special drill will be held at Morgan Marine and Werner's Marine.

Safety Tip - when you set your clocks ahead on April 7, did you remember to check your Fire Alert Systems? They may need new batteries now, so be sure to check them! . ea

The following is excerpted from *The Chronicle* (Glens Falls) dated 3/28/96 and written by its Lake George editor, Ginger Henry

Who will pay the local share of matching funds for the Lake George Basin sewer project? Residents of the four towns affected? All the county's taxpayers? Just the users of the system? That's one basic question which Warren County's supervisors must answer before the project can continue.

And what exactly will the local share be of the \$22-million project? That's another key question not yet resolved.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to pay \$20 million toward the project, but requires a 10% local match, or \$2-million.

The county has requested that the \$1-million already spent on environmental impact studies (EIS) be considered part of that local match, effectively reducing the outstanding match to \$1 million, or 5%. But Fred Austin, Chairman of the County Department of Public Works, told the Lake George Basin Sewer Committee on Friday, March 22, that he is still waiting for EPA's answer.

Meanwhile, County Attorney Paul Dusek is waiting for an opinion from the state audit and control office as to whether the local share can be taken out of county funds or whether it must come from local communities.

Any local share which the individual towns must pay will be charged to residents of the sewer district.

But Austin told the supervisors that he "hopes that the local share would be countywide since Lake George is a steam engine that drives tourism in the county.

The sewer project would create new sewer districts in Queensbury and Hague, as well as upgrading existing systems in Lake George and Bolton.

Bolton Supervisor Deanne Rehm said that if the funds do not come from the county, she would have a problem asking other towns to help fund the project.

Queensbury Supervisor Fred Champagne pointed out that if Queensbury must appropriate money as part of the local share, then he must first ask his town board to approve it. "I still haven't seen any final figures," he said.

Queensbury, as well as Hague, must form a sewer district, an action which will probably require a referendum. If the district voters reject the proposal, then the sewer project could not go forward for that locality and the money which has already been spent on engineering studies would have to be spread across the entire town.

The county hopes to have an answer soon on how the funding will be carried out. "We have a bill in hand from O'Brien & Gere (the engineering firm hired by Queensbury). Where do we get the money to pay it?" Austin asked. "Does it come from the county or town or (sewer) district?"

Anthony Geiss, from O'Brien & Gere, put the estimated cost for the Queensbury project at between \$14 and \$15 million, so that the maximum local share would be \$1.5 million.

County Committee Chairman William H. Thomas asked Geiss to work out the cost of engineering studies up to the point of district formation. In the event no district is formed

and the matching funds do not come from county money, the town would be responsible for 5 or 10% of the cost of those studies.

Engineers present at the meeting from Clough, Harbour & Assoc., the firm representing Hague, also agreed to provide an estimate of the to-date engineering costs for the Hague project.

ORGAN PROCUREMENT

Today there are over 43,000 people in the U.S. waiting for a life saving organ transplant. Approximately 1/3 of them will die before an organ becomes available. In an effort to increase the public's awareness of the need for organs and tissues, as well as a way to recognize those who, in death have given the Gift of Life, April 21-27, 1996 has been designated "NATIONAL ORGAN/TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS WEEK."

The Organ Procurement Organization of Albany Medical College has asked us to make our community aware of this week and asks your help in making it successful by encouraging you to consider donation for the first time, or for those who have decided to donate, to discuss their donation with their family.

If any organization is interested in a presentation regarding organ and tissue donation, please call (518) 262-5606 to schedule.

Check the back of your driver's license which when signed gives authority for use of your organs upon death. Be sure and sign, with witnesses. VERY simple!

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Ticonderoga Schools are known throughout Northern New York State as one of the top school districts in our region. NYS Regents exam scores, IOWA test scores, graduation rates, attendance rates, staff stability, and SAT results are extremely impressive for a small rural school.

Some features of the school include:

- AP coursework available in English, Calculus and U.S. History
- Environmental Education Experiences: Coastal studies, field trips, Lake George floating classroom, Lake Champlain Awareness Day, H.S. courses in Forestry & Wildlife
- Computer Education in all schools.
- Specially designed Kindergarten wing
- Active Parent-Teacher Organization
- One of the largest music programs in the region.
- Over \$90,000 in scholarships awarded annually from local foundations.
- Vocational programs in Marine Technology, Travel/Tourism, and Criminal Justice
- NYS Excellence and Accountability Pilot School
- T1 Elementary School: NYS School of Excellence
- T1 Middle School: NYS Labor Dept. Report Card Pride School
- NYSPRA Empire Spotlight Award Winning School District

Thanks to all the dedicated teachers and staff who work so hard to accomplish all the above and give our kids a great education!

TO THE RESIDENTS OF HAGUE AND THEIR GUESTS

You are cordially invited to

THE HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY
At Silver Bay Association
MAY 4, 1996

- 1:00-3:00PM Bridge game in the Boathouse led by Gale Halm & Kay Barton, with trophy.
- 1:00-3:00PM Poker in the Boathouse and Nature Center
- 3:00-4:30PM Fire, Ambulance & Town Truck Exploration, plus much more in north parking lot.
- 3:00-5:00PM Goofy golf on the Inn lawn organized by American Legion and friends.
- 3:00-4:00PM Sand volleyball game at volleyball pit north of parking lot.
- 3:00-3:30PM Parachute play for youngsters next to shuffleboard courts.
- 3:00 PM Impromptu bird walk lead by Laura Meade. Please meet at front desk.
- 4:00-4:45PM "Super Sling Shot" for school age people - at north field.
- 4:00-5:15PM Bow & arrow target practice in south field led by Larry Johns. Bows and arrows available.
- 4:00&4:20PM Climbing wall demonstration in the Fisher Gymnasium.
- 4:30-5:15PM Relay races - one course for kids and one course for adults next to shuffleboard courts.
- 4:30PM Tour of SBA led by Jules Halm & Mark Johnson beginning from the flag pole. One tour will be walking (unlimited) and the other a driving tour (limited to seven people)
- 5:15-7:00PM Pasta dinner buffet in dining hall - \$5.00 for adult, \$3.00 for children
- 5:30PM Announcements and the "Cake Bake-off Contest" winner.
- 5:30-7:00PM Bingo during dinner organized and led by Claire Best and Dottie Henry,
- 5:45-7:00PM Make your own sundae - (nominal fee), sponsored by Northern Lake George Rotary Club and Stewarts
- 7:00-7:30PM Adirondack Jeopardy - in north dining room. Information gathered by Hague Historical Society and friends.

Please go to front desk for an updated schedule of events when arriving on campus.

ALL DAY

- The Children's Pavilion playground will be open but **not supervised**.
- Enjoy the afternoon on the Inn porch reading and socializing on wonderful rocking chairs while events are happening all around.
- Cakes for "**THE GREAT HAGUE BAKE OFF**" will be accepted at 3:30PM at the dining room. We will judge taste, creativity and appearance. The winning cakes will be used as prizes for Bingo and Jeopardy.

SPONSORS: Hague Town Board, Ticonderoga Kiwanis and Silver Bay Association. Please call Helen Barton at 543-8833 for further information or if you wish to volunteer. Updated schedule will be available the week before May 4 at the Hague Community Center and local businesses.

DEC INFORMATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 12, 1996

The audience at the informational meeting for the "special anchorage area" (Rogers Rock Campsite Moorings) was a mixture of campers, residents of Hague and representatives from involved state and local organizations.

A legislative hearing was held in Hague and later the committee met with The Lake George Park Commission, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of General Services, APA, Corps of Engineers and The Division of Regulatory Services. They then issued a permit to allow 30 moorings in a single tier for a one-season pilot program.

The audience at the April 12 meeting was a mixture of campers, residents of Hague and representatives from involved state and local organizations.

Sandy LeBarron, special assistant to Commissioner M. Zagata, did a great job as moderator, with Gary Best providing a history of the project and Joe Prall explaining the permit process, after which a lengthy and lively roundtable discussion followed. There were many constructive recommendations and suggestions concerning access to boats moored 50' from shore, safety, overcrowding, allowable boat size, and other major and minor items. all duly noted by Ms. Le Barron for review.

Everyone in the audience was appreciative of the fact that they had been notified and hoped this would continue in the future. Plans are being made for a summer informational meeting. If there are any further questions or comments, contact the Commissioner's office DEC, Regulatory Services, Hudson St. Ext., PO Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885-0220. Tel. (518) 623-3671. FAX (518) 623-3603.

According to Mr. Prall, DEC would abide by all regulations to stay within the limits.. gl 4/96



DIED - Martin F. Brosche, 86, in Atlanta, GA, on March 22. Mr. Brosche was a summer resident of Hague since 1962. Survivors include his wife, Hannah and daughters, Susan Brosche and Diane Larson and two grandchildren.

DIED - Henry W. Watts, 88, in Ticonderoga on March 23, 1996. Mr. Watts was the salutatorian of Hague's first graduating class and a graduate of Middlebury College. He was well known for the land surveying he did in the area and was also a civil engineer. Survivors include his daughter, Jane Crammond, Silver Bay, two sisters, Dorothy Goodfellow and Ethel Andrus, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

DIED - Mary Barth 99, on March 29, 1996, at Leavenworth, KS. She is survived by her son, John and daughter, Georgia, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was buried at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery next to her husband, General Bittman Barth. The Barths were long-time summer residents of Hague.

FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hague have been listed on the honor roll for the fourth marking period at Tl High School.

First Honors: MELISSA BRUNET, MICHELLE DEFRANCO; DAVID FITZGERALD; JESSICA FRASIER; LINDSAY FRASIER; ALLISON JOHNSON, MONICA JOHNSON; CRISTINA LAWRENCE

Second Honors: JENNIFER BELDEN; PATRICIA CORLISS; THORAN GAUTREAU; SHANNON KENNA

MICHELLE DeFRANCO, Hague, a 9th-grader at Tlconderoga High School participated in the prestigious 23rd annual Intersectional State Gymnastics meet in Plattsburgh recently. Michelle is in her third year of varsity gymnastics and made her third trip to this meet.

KIDS CARTOON CONTEST

A 3-county Kids Kartoon Kontest will be held in connection with the Second Annual Hague Chamber of Commerce Cartoon Show, it was announced by Stan Burdick, show representative. All your people, grade school through high school, in Warren, Washington and Essex counties are invited to participate.

Each year on Memorial Day Weekend, the town of Hague hosts a Political and Comic Cartoon Show, where 350 to 400 cartoons by renowned cartoonists are displayed. In 1995 over 300 persons attended.

"This year, May 24 through May 26, something different will be added -- cartoons by kids," Burdick said. Winners will be chosen by several practicing cartoonists, who will also demonstrate and lecture at

the show. Prizes will be awarded. A \$1.00 per entry charge will be made, payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

Three categories of cartoons from children will be accepted: 10 and 11 year-olds, 12-14 year-olds, and 15-17 year-olds. No direct copies or tracings of cartoons may be submitted. Any cartoon subjects are permissible, the funnier the better, Burdick said. All work must be on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper or card stock, drawn in color or black and white.

Cartoons should be submitted first to school art teachers (or any teacher) to be authenticated, and then sent by them to the Hague Chamber of Commerce, c/o Stan Burdick, PO Box 2678, Silver Bay, NY 12874 for judging. Deadline for entries is May 15. Prizes will be in the form of certificates towards formal cartoon course study. Further details: phone 543-6353 (C. of C.)

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE - 20 YEARS

The Champlain Valley Chorale is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special concert on May 19 at 4PM at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. Featured in this concert will be three selections from Mozart's "Vesperae Solennes De Confessore", accompanied by the Adirondack Music Ensemble.

Other selections in a lighter vein will be offered, including the 1938 tune "I'll Be Seeing You" and Rodgers and Hart's "Blue Moon".

Come help the Chorale celebrate its 20 years of bringing fine music to the Ticonderoga area. A voluntary offering will be accepted to help defray expenses.

CLEANUP WEEKEND

On Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (May 30,31 and Jun 1) the residents of Hague will enjoy three free days at the transfer station, during the regular operating hours. Material must be hauled to the transfer station but no fee will be charged. Included is C&D, white goods, any metal and brush and leaves.

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS who cannot handle large items (appliances, etc.), a pickup by the Highway Dept. can be arranged for **FRIDAY, MAY 31ST only**. Call the Highway Dept. (543-6500) and get your name on the list.

Regular kitchen garbage will be handled in its usual way... g!

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in that springing of the year ... Robert Frost*

*COME GENTLE SPRING
and please hurry!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL and MAY 1996

April

- 16 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 16 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Community Center
- 18 Rabies talk at Community Center, 7PM - p.1
- 19 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM - p2
- 21-27 Secretaries' Week - Apr 24 - Secretaries Day
- 24 School Board meeting - 7:30PM, H.S. Cafeteria
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 30 Voter registration, Community Center - 1-6PM p. 1

May

- 2 Planning Board - 7PM
- 3 May Fellowship Day - Silver Bay, 12 Noon - p2
- 4 HAGUE COMMUNITY DAY (p 8)
- 7 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 8 SCHOOL VOTE - p1
- 8 Combined schools spring concert - H.S. Aud. 7-8PM
- 12 Mothers' Day
- 15 Board of Education meeting - 7:30, H.S. Cafeteria
- 16 WC Senior Citizen Luncheon - p6
- 16 Elem., Middle Sch. Spring Concert - 7PM

THE MOTHER OF EQUAL RIGHTS?

On March 31, 1776 Abigail Adams writes to her husband John (then involved in setting the framework for the new nation.) "In the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors."

*A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL
YOU MOTHERS, YOUNG AND OLD
ALIKE. MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE!*

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