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## MOSES-LUDINGTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

Charles Parlin, Jr.

Petitions have been prepared and distributed and signatures are being collected in support of holding a referendum on the issue of tax support for the hospital. To trigger the referendum process, petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters in Hague and in six other towns and by owners of 5% by value of the taxable property in each town. Dottie Henry, Fran Clifton and Mary Laundree are in charge of the petition drive in Hague and they anticipate they will have all the necessary petition signatures within two weeks.

In the meantime a task force selected by the seven town supervisors is meeting to review various alternative courses of action and to prepare the Memorandum of Understanding called for by the referendum legislation. This document must be agreed to by all seven town boards and will specify the terms of the proposed financial support for the hospital upon which the voters will be asked to vote YES or NO.

How much tax support for the hospital will be proposed? How will this amount be divided between the seven towns? Must all seven towns have majority votes in favor of the referendum for it to pass? These are questions the towns will answer in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Once this Memorandum of Understanding is executed, the specifics of the proposed tax support are fixed and the public discussion can focus on them.

The hospital will issue fact sheets. Public hearings will be held. It is expected that the YES/NO vote will take place sometime during the summer.

The Hospital Board of Trustees wants to be sure that the voters have all the pertinent information so they can make an informed decision. If the result of the referendum is NO - the hospital will close by December 1, 1992. The voters must therefore understand what the health care options for each town will be if the hospital closes and what these various options will cost.

We are being asked to decide a critical issue with important ramifications for the health care and the economy of the region. The voters have been promised all the facts.

Ed: The Times of Ti has published two more letters from our summer residents. Please keep them coming. Any input you may have is very welcome.

## SCHOOL BUDGET

On May 6 the polls will be open in Ticonderoga and at the Community Center in Hague from noon to 9PM to vote on the school budget. Also on the ballot are five

names, all of whom are running for the next term of the school board. They are William Sola, incumbent from Ticonderoga, Gary Davis, James O'Bryan and Angela Sammis, all of Ticonderoga and Rudolph Meola, Hague. There are three openings to be filled on April 13.

After many workshops which were open for public discussion, the school board approved an \$8,648,200.00 budget (2.3% increase in tax levy, 3.1% in budget) on April 13. It is now up to the voters to determine their approval.

In order to be properly informed before voting, one may pick up a copy of the budget at the District office on Amherst Ave.

Voters must be registered in the school district. Registration will be held on April 28 from 1-6PM at the Community Center. Those who are registered voters need not register again. If you are not already registered, you may register for the school election only, at this time. You must be 18 years of age and a resident in the district for 30 days.

First - BE INFORMED: Second - REGISTER, if necessary: Third - VOTE on May 6 between Noon and 9PM.

If you won't be in town on May 6, you may obtain an absentee ballot by writing to the school district in Ticonderoga, or stopping by the office on Amherst Ave. and picking one up.

## MAGAZINE MADNESS MONTH

Tired of seeing all those magazines piling up in your house, with no place to recycle them? No need to wait much longer! Magazine Madness Month begins during Earth Week in late April. Warren County is setting up a trial program for recycling magazines and many other kinds of paper. It will be a drop-off program which means you will have to bring the paper (it can be mixed) to Hague Community Center on MAY 5 and 6 when the trailer will be there to collect.

**ACCEPTABLE PAPER**  
magazines & advertising inserts  
catalogs  
sweepstakes forms  
school/office paper  
textbooks (covers torn off)  
non-metallic wrapping paper  
real estate books  
NCR paper  
junk mail

**CANNOT ACCEPT**  
newspaper  
telephone books  
boxboard  
carbon paper  
foam/padded envelopes  
anything with plastic  
photographs

If all goes well, we hope to circulate the trailer on a continuing basis.

**KEEP THINKING SPRING!!!**

**W. C. COUNCIL SENIOR LUNCHEON**

The Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will host its 19th annual luncheon at the SAGAMORE HOTEL in Bolton Landing on Thursday, May 14. Registrations must be in the hands of the luncheon chairman by April 28. Any Senior (50+), seasonal or year-round, may register for the luncheon by phoning the HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER at 543-6161. In addition to registering, indicate your choice of entree (grilled chicken with rosemary butter, or sliced London Broil - both are \$12.00). The price of \$12 includes tax and tip. The meal includes a salad, chef's choice of starch and seasonal vegetable, peach glaze tart, and tea or coffee. Seniors to be honored this year are from the Town of Queensbury: Mrs. Arzelia Shultz as Senior Citizen of the Year, and Mr. & Mrs. Lucius Cary as Contributing Seniors. The Bolton Landing School Chorus will entertain at the conclusion of the program. Register, send your check to Ehel W. Andrus, P.O. Box 2551, Silver Bay, NY 12874; come and enjoy the beauty and elegance of The Sagamore ... ewa

**SENIOR ALERT**

THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING will be holding a series of meetings in several counties in NY State. For the first time within memory, one will be held in Warren County - on June 12 at the Adirondack Community College, from 10AM to 4PM. This meeting will concern "The Future of Senior Centers and Congregate Programs" - in short, our Nutrition Centers. Many of us have benefitted by being able to partake of meals and fellowship in Ticonderoga and Bolton Landing. Everyone is URGED to attend these hearings and speak your piece. If you do not wish to speak in public come with a prepared note, which you may hand to the registrar when you register - these notes will reach the right eyes. You do NOT have to attend for the whole day - register, hand in your essay and depart, if you wish; go shopping, go for lunch, visit a museum. Remember, you must show interest and support for your meal sites. Jim Baker, Director of The Warren County Office for the Aging would like to see that auditorium filled (it seats about 400). Information, advice and help with composition can be obtained by phoning Ethel at 543-6098, letting the phone ring MANY times before giving up. BUT MARK JUNE 12 ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. . . ewa

**HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Hague Community Center on April 28 at 1:30PM. After the business meeting John Breitenbach, Jr. will speak on Adirondack Guide Boats.

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

All residents of Hague are cordially invited to attend a Reception on the occasion of the Opening of the Adirondack Park Centennial WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION at the Watson Arts Center Silver Bay Association on Friday, May 8 from 6:30 until 8:30PM

The exhibit contains the selected paintings in a juried show sponsored by the Adirondack Park Centennial Committee to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park. It features works of 45 artists including local painters Robert Cole, Silver Bay, Ruth Strickling, Silver Bay and Dumont NJ, Joan Pulling, Ticonderoga, Emily Joy Cook and Pat Wilber, Schroon Lake, Mary Chaffee Frank, Warrensburg, Kenneth D. Wheeler and John Francett, Queensbury, John Gallucci AWS, Glens Falls, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lake George and Janet Palmer, North River. The Exhibit will be at the Silver Bay Association through May 28. A portion of the paintings then will travel throughout New York State for the remainder of 1992. This Traveling Exhibit will return to the area for display at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga in July.

For further information call Mary Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator at 543-6791 or Silver Bay Association 543-8833.

**HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Thursday, April 28  
Hague Community Center**

The Hague Historical Society April meeting will convene with a social hour starting at 7:30PM. A short business meeting will be held at 8PM followed by the program of the night.

Member Ethel Andrus will unfold the Chataqua story from its inception to the present. One of the oldest religious educational establishments in the USA, its history is intriguing.

The May meeting will be held jointly with the Ticonderoga Historical Society on Friday, May 15 at the Hague Community Center with the Hague Society as hosts and the Ticonderoga Society giving the program. Their program will be "Local Marine Archeology. Silver Bay resident, Ludwig Kasal, will be the speaker.

The public is welcomed - come visit us.

**HAGUE YOUTH AND RECREATION**

On Thursday, April 9, an organizational meeting of the Hague Youth and Recreation Committee was held at the Community Center. A survey will soon be conducted to determine the citizens' preferences in programs.

MARK MAY 30 on your calendar for The Ticonderoga Festival Guild's spring fund raiser, "AN EVENING WITH SAMMY KAY" (conducted by Roger Thorp, well known trumpet player), Cabaret style, to be held at the New York State Armory, Champlain Ave., Ticonderoga. Tickets are on sale at The Bookmark for \$15.00 each, \$10 for students. 4/92

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The ZBA meeting on March 24 was short. A public hearing for Brennan (62-1-5) was scheduled for April 23 at 7PM. It is a minor sub-division to correct a lot line.

The new members of the board, John Evans and David Kesselbach, were introduced. Karen Laundree clarified her position in representing the town board at the ZBA and Planning Board meetings. . . ac

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING 4/2/92**

The Board members met at 7PM with the Town's insurance representative, Bob Boothby, to review the liability coverage of volunteer board members under the Town's liability insurance. Mr. Boothby said that volunteers appointed by the Town Board to serve the community are covered in the same manner as elected officials. The insurance coverage provides a maximum annual liability payout on behalf of the Town of \$500,000, plus legal fees. Councilperson Karen Laundree contacted Mr. Boothby at this Board's request.

Land surveyor Harry Bly will join board members for a second site visit to land owned by Winston Disbrow on Split Rock Rd. to show the proposed building sites and driveways. Four 2.5 Ac. lots (1.1 Ac. is the minimum lot size in this zone) and one 136 Ac. lot is proposed.

Rosemarie Serdinsky explained the modifications that she has made in her plans for parking, decking and waste water disposal for her proposed ice cream and sandwich shop in her former retail flower shop on Rt. 8. A public hearing was scheduled for May 7 at 7PM.

APA has approved the 2-lot subdivision of the 2.8 Ac. Soliday property in Silver Bay.

Nelson Waters presented his proposal for the placement of three additional mobile homes on his 65 Ac. parcel located east and west of Decker Hill Rd. and south of Rt. 8.

One mobile home is located on the west portion, a second mobile home permit was approved on 8/1/91 for the portion of the lot east of Decker Hill Rd. The placement of two or more mobile home units on a parcel of land under single deeded ownership is defined as a Mobile Home Park and is subject to the regulations in Section 7.040, requires a Type II Site Plan Review, and falls into a Class B APA classification. Site visit scheduled.

Site visit scheduled and public hearing to be held on May 7.

Brennan/Weldon proposal to change lot line between properties so that existing septic system and driveway are part of property that they serve. The proposal will make the improvements on lot 65-1-5 conform with our zoning ordinance and will not increase the overall density or development. Public hearing scheduled for May 7.

Fitzgerald property on Overbrook Rd. Minor 2-lot subdivision in hamlet. Proposed lots exceed minimum lot size for zone. Site visit scheduled and public hearing on May 7.

Frasier minor 2-lot subdivision of 91.50 Ac., north and south sides of Rt. 8. Land on each side of Rt. 8 to be separate parcels. Site visit scheduled and public hearing on May 7.

The Arcady Bay Commons survey map submitted for signing was a revised version of the map originally approved. Pending receipt of the reason for the

modification and approval of same, signing was denied at this meeting

A site visit was scheduled for the proposed replacement of a guest house on the Geer property in Forest Bay. Public hearing scheduled for May 7.

The Board went into Executive session to discuss the appointment of a permanent chairman of the Planning Board. When the regular meeting resumed, the board unanimously recommended that the Town Board appoint Ron Pote as chairman. The meeting adjourned at 10:30PM....ac

**TOWN BOARD MEETING 4/14/92**

The item brought up several times at this meeting again centered on the reval and the assessor. Two petitions were presented to the board, one for the immediate dismissal of the assessor, the second for cancellation of the reval - reason, unfair assessment. A special board meeting within 10 days was requested, but John Silvestri, town attorney, said only the supervisor can request such a meeting. James Braisted, councilman, made a motion to meet with the attorney and discuss board options. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board of Assessment Review item was brought up again and the involved member read an explanation she had received from the Real Property Tax Agency explaining her position in the matter.

A member of the audience stated that he felt only one side was being heard and he thought if everyone understood the assessing procedure they would realize the assessor was doing a difficult job well. He said he was speaking not only for himself but for people unable to attend who had spoken to him of the positive treatment they had received.

Speaking for the Chamber and the Fire Dept., Sal Santaniello asked the board to release one-half of the budgeted amount the town contributes yearly to the Chamber. They are short on contributions and must print new brochures. Later in the meeting this was granted along with authorization to use the park for the third weekend in June for the annual steak roast during the BASS Tournament. They would also like to use the boat launch at no cost to participants for a second BASS Tournament on August 27-29. A spaghetti dinner is planned for the 28th. This was granted pending a schedule check.

**In Communications and Petitions:**

Letters of thanks from Carl Frasier family and the Winter Carnival Committee. Letter from B. & M. Schwarz re: assessment. Letter from John Hobbs re: hospital. Letter from J. Howard asking permission to have a hot dog stand at the beach from June to Sept. No decision was made.

**In reports of Special Committees:**

1. Surveys will be going out to all families with children asking for input about activities they would like to see in the Youth Program.

2. Stormwater Management has requested a 6-month extension and the town must submit a timetable. Funding is possible.

**Regular Committee Reports:**

1. Jim Braisted said a rental on the old town hall is a possibility.

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2. State has met with D. Duriklee, highway superintendent, to discuss drainage problems.

3. Letter from Rev. Lawrence concerning the direction the School Tax Investigating Committee will take was read by Valerie Lawrence, member of the committee.

4. Four items for approval will be addressed on Landfill. As a result of the Reclamation Hague received a 6-month extension for closure.

Unfinished Business:

1. A HUD grant request was discussed for 1993 as none had been made for 1992.

2. J. Braisted, D. Frasier and Lu McGow will meet to discuss details for use of part of the spare room in the Center for the Fire Department.

3. There was a hospital meeting, which included the supervisors from the seven towns where health centers were the subject of discussion. The hospital was discussed. The supervisor had asked one of the hospital board members to attend the meeting, but later decided that it would not be the proper time.

4. Appointments to Board of Assessment Review were made. They will be Craig LaCourse and Nelson Waters, with Ron Graser as an alternate. David Kisselbach and John Evans were appointed to the ZBA. Nancy Trombley, town clerk, was authorized to attend NYS Town Clerk's Assoc. April 26-29.

In New Business:

Construction on 9N bridge starts about May 15 and should be completed by September.

County reports by Dan Belden, Supervisor, included:

- 1. Restoration of CHIPS funding.
- 2. Another look at milfoil and
- 3. A committee of 15 (including a member from Hague) will work on county tourism.

**SCHOOL BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A large audience greeted the Ti School Board as it met for a budget workshop at the Hague Community Center on March 27.

Dr. Brennan, Board president opened the meeting and then turned it over to Dr. Collins, school superintendent, who advised the guests of problems facing the school district; an IP law suit, a settlement with State regarding lands in Hague, Negotiations with staff, tax burden shifting to property owners because of State Aid cuts, and the repayment of \$476,000 taken out of State Aid to pay for teacher retirement in 1990.

The information concerning all aspects of the school budget with details was well organized and understandably described in individual budget reports available at the meeting. (If you did not get them you may look through these at the Community Center). A recommendation was made to supply this data about one week ahead to Hague so that residents could peruse material and have relevant and specific questions at these workshops. The Board agreed and promised to do so in the future. Dr. Brennan's suggestion that an occasional school board meeting be held in Hague was met with an enthusiastic response.

Questions asked were many and varied, ranging from transportation to mandated programs. Suggestions

were numerous and the board seemed to consider many worthy of note.

Naturally, some of the most frequent questions concerned the difference in equalization rates between Ti and Hague and what can be done to make it more equitable. Some people seemed to have a difficult time understanding the fact that the school board has absolutely no control over equalization rates.

State mandates were discussed and Dr. Collins "guesstimates" that 78% of the programs are mandated.

We should be aware that state mandates leave the district very little control over many budget expenditures for normal and special education. Class size was discussed by Ralph Corbo, High School principal. He explained how the figures for each child are arrived at.

There are pluses we should appreciate. 1. By investing funds borrowed to pay contractors who were hired for the reconstruction project, the district received \$108,000. 2. The district is \$100,000 under budget. The total \$208,000 will be used to reduce the budget deficit. 3. The cafeteria at the present time has no deficit.

Dr. Collins noted that the district has 2-year plans for the instruction program and maintenance and care of facilities. He also advised the group that Hague can file a complaint on the equalization rate; the last complaint by Hague was made in 1982.

When asked what the current budget amount was, Mr. Butler, business manager, said it was approximately 8.3 million dollars of which about 4.7 million needs to be raised by tax levy. If no cuts are made in this year's budget, the increase in spending will be 6.6% as opposed to last year's 11% increase which included the reconstruction project.

**GLEANING**

Gleaning food distribution will take place at the Community Center on April 21 from 1 - 3PM. Bring documentation.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

meeting, May Fellowship Day, Friday, May 1, 1992 at 10:30AM in the Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague. This year's ecumenical service calls for a compassionate community. Guest speaker is Beverly Forster, director of Hospice program, Essex County. Luncheon will be a salad buffet at 12 Noon at Hague Community Center, \$4.00 per person.

For reservations call 543-6407; 585-6131; 585-7019; or 585-6908 by April 28... Ursula Montbriand, president.

**TOWN CITIZENS COMMITTEE**

asks you to "speak out". We are looking for your ideas on how we can improve the town of Hague. Please direct your suggestions to Lisa Olcott, Secretary, P.O. Box 551, Hague, NY 12836 or: Suggestion boxes will be placed at the Town Hall, Post Office, Silver Bay General Store and the Hague Market.

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*After all is said and done, more is said than done.* 4/92

## CUB SCOUT PACK NEWS

Karen Costello

First order is to thank all who purchased "Spring" goods from the Scouts' fundraiser and also to those who donated to our cause. It was very successful and will help with the Scouts' spring and summer activities, such as camping. Den #2, Webelos, earned the most overall and Thor Gautreau was top salesman. Donnie Smith and Peter Hutchinson also worked extra hard to help the pack. Thanks to all Scouts and parents who participated!

Webelos Den #1 and #2 are fortunate to have local EMT Bill Montgomery helping them learn first aid and emergency procedures while earning the Readyman pin. In Den #1 the Handyman and Craftsman pins have been earned by Peter Hutchinson, Greg Fitzgerald, Wyatt Wells and Donnie Smith. Good work boys!

Den #2 Webelos are covering their hats (that's where the pins go)! Thor Gaautreau and Tavish Costello have earned Scientist, Craftsman and Communicator. Thor has added his second compass point and Tavish his first to their compass points emblem. Nate Lawrence and Dave Fitzgerald have also earned Scientist, Craftsman and Communicator. Jim Ward added Scientist and Communicator to his collection. Thor, Tavish and Dave, with their loyal leaders and friends, bore the gruesome elements of North Pond in February to enjoy some skating and hot dogs (lots of 'em) over a campfire. Got to be tough to be a Cub in Hague!

Den #4 has produced another Wolf Cub, John Costello. He also earned a gold and silver arrow point and Kris Stonitsch a gold and 4 silver. Good going, guys! They've been learning the use and safety of tools, how to help the living world, and made some neat kits to fly when the wind blows.

Den #3 has concluded their weekly Bear meetings, but have some fun activities planned, including a campout and picnic.

On Saturday, May 2 from 10:00-11:45 the Cubs are holding Scout Show Off Day at the Community Center. Please come and enjoy the artistic talents, craftsmanship and imaginations of these fine young men. Their hard work as Scouts over these last three years of Pack 21's program deserves to be shared with their community. In the afternoon of May 2 we will hold our first Space Derby, a parent-son rocket race. Should be a fun day.

Thanks again for your bottle and can contributions. Please participate in the magazine recycling program on May 5 and 6. If anyone really can't get their recyclables to the Community Center those days, please call a Scout leader at 543-6590, 543-6007 or 585-9859. We will find a Scout to help you. (Maybe there's one available for spring clean-up projects, too.)

## ART SHOW

The Ticonderoga Historical Society announces with pride the Second Annual High School Art Display. The Gallery in the Hancock House at Moses Circle, Ticonderoga, will showcase these juried multi-media

works by Southern Essex County students, including Hague students Carolyn Dykstra and Tieah Gautreau. Hours are 10AM to 4PM Wednesday through Saturday. The show will be in place until April 25. Try not to miss it!

## WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

February was mild with most temperatures in the day between 20 and 40 degrees. We had rain and fog in the third week and only some snow on the 15th. For this season we received only 4.2 inches of snow, which is a foot below average. (Channel Burlington Weather)

The first robins were cited on February 26. It was reported that some robins wintered in Hague.

March made the cold weather feel as though winter was beginning to last too long. It came in like a lion with many a 20 and 30 degree damp days followed with considerable wind. By March 29 the sun appeared with a nice breeze and the thermometer rose to 50°. March 30 was an excellent example of the proverbial lamb's exit. The day was sunny and clear, 60°, a beautiful early spring day.

April shows classic signs of spring with lots of vacillation as we have had some cold damp days and some beautiful, tantalizingly warm afternoons. It can be joyfully stated that many songbirds have returned from the south. As of this writing (April 10) the lake is still frozen but the ice is becoming dark and honeycombed and looks slushy. I expect the ice will be leaving shortly.

Ed: Then winter came again on April 11 bringing snow, ice, sleet, rain, thunder, lightning - you name it, we had it, but lo and behold on the 12th (Palm Sunday), it was sunny and spring-like again during the day, but snowed again at night. A lot of ice damage on the 14th.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am seeking a seat on the Ticonderoga School District Board of Education because of my qualifications and my interest in helping to resolve the issues facing our school district. I would bring to the Board of Education the expertise accumulated in 35 years as a classroom teacher and administrator. Because I have worked as an administrator for the past 12 years in our school district, I am familiar with its programs and its operations. This knowledge would bring another dimension to the deliberations in which the Board will be involved.

As your Board member I will represent you well. I will work for openness, for accountability and for the balance which must be achieved between providing a quality education and the ability of the community to pay for that program.

Public education is in a crisis. It is facing increasing demands from the many segments of our society. Schools have been placed in the position of having to assume greater responsibility for the total development of the child while at the same time facing an erosion in financial support. In these difficult times strong leadership must be provided. I can help provide that leadership. . . Rudolph Meola, Hague 4/92

**THANK YOU DOCTORS**

Marni May, 1st place, grades 7-8

This paper is more than just an essay. It is a letter of thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Moses-Ludington Hospital.

When I was a little over a year old, I was involved in a terrible accident. My family and I were invited to a dinner party at a friend's house. I was just learning to walk. I bumped into a stand and knocked over a pail which was full of boiling hot water. The water splashed over my legs burning me severely. My parents packed me in snow and rushed me to Moses-Ludington Hospital. When we arrived nurses took control immediately. They knew exactly what to do. They brought me into the emergency room where they prepared me for the doctor. The doctor and nurses worked together as a team to treat my burns.

Thanks to their knowledge and experience I was up walking within a week and I only have a few light scars.

These people deserve more than losing their jobs. For their hard work, support and cooperation, they at least deserve our support.

I am just one of the thousands of people Moses-Ludington Hospital cares for each year. If all of our communities pull together to support our hospital we won't have to risk losing it or losing a person's life.

One important form of support is to pay your outstanding bills. If you are not able to pay it all at once, at least pay as much as you can each month until it is paid off. This allows the hospital to pay its own bills.

I encourage everyone to help the hospital so that it can help others.

**THE NURSES ARE VERY KIND**

Lindsay Frasier, 1st place, grades 4-6

I haven't really even been to the hospital, but some people in my family have.

My grandfather was taken there when he had a heart attack. I wasn't old enough to remember, but my parents told me that the nurses were very kind.

My great-grandmother was taken there when she had a blood clot. The doctors and nurses were so nice. Then she went to a nursing home. They were nice there too. Then she was taken back up to the hospital because she had pneumonia. She wasn't there very long, but the doctors and nurses were great.

Just a little while ago my grandmother was taken there because she was unconscious. Then they took her to the Glens Falls Hospital for a CAT scan. I don't think they should close down the hospital. Thanks again, nurses and doctors.

**KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN**

Tracy Schlogl, 2nd place, grades 7-8

I think that the hospital should remain open for emergencies for many reasons.

One is that the nearest hospital is in Middlebury, Vermont, which is about 40 minutes away, the only way to get there is to over the bridge or to go across Lake Champlain.

A few more reasons are if someone has a life threatening situation, it is a race against time. Forty minutes is way too much time for someone who has something such as a heart attack.

It's also a lot of effort to try and get a hysterical person, if they are hysterical because of their condition to a hospital that is 40 minutes or more away.

Although I wasn't admitted to this hospital when I was diagnosed with having diabetes, I desperately needed medical attention immediately, because my blood glucose level was 1023.

My younger sister had lots of accidents and other emergency room was open and treated her. If Moses-Ludington was not there, we might otherwise have had to drive to another location. The hospital, though, was in a very convenient location.

It was also there when I recently sprained my wrist, and the employees paid a special close attention to me, since I have diabetes and cannot heal properly.

Besides, what if I should suddenly happen to go into insulin shock and coma? I'm afraid that if the hospital isn't there to treat me, I might not live to see another tomorrow. I'm terrified.

So as you can see, there are several highly important reasons to keep the Moses-Ludington Hospital remain open.

**LOVE YOUR HOSPITAL ESSAY**

Lauren Mack, second place, grades 4-6

I'm glad that our town has a hospital and I am sure many people from neighboring towns are too. Our hospital is very advanced compared to the size of our town, having surgical, laboratory and radiology services.

I have never needed to use the hospital, but it's reassuring to have one available.

Some people have not been as lucky as I am. They have needed medical care for such emergencies as cuts, car accidents and broken bones. If the hospital had not been there they would have had to drive 45 minutes to an hour just to get to the nearest hospital. That is a very long ride for someone suffering from a heart attack or stroke or if they had been badly burned or wounded.

The hospital's doctors, nurses and staff have certainly done their job at the hospital. Now, let's do our job and support and help save Moses-Ludington Hospital.

**WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIP**

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is conducting a four day; 4-H Wilderness Exploration Trip on July 13-16. This trip is open to ANY Warren County youth, 14-18 years of age. The group will be canoeing from Long Lake to the Raquette River Canoe Access Site near Tupper Lake. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 per participant. For further info. contact Cornell Coop. Ext. Office, Schroon River Road, HCR02, Box 23B, Warrensburg, NY 122885 (Phone: 623-3291 or 668-4881)

**HAPPY EASTER**

**NATURE NEWS**

Laura Meade

From mid-April through mid-May 'tis the season for bird migration! Flocks of Canada geese, robins, starlings and brown-headed cowbirds are common, but rarely seen are 25 species of warblers which fly north along the Hudson River - Lake George - Lake Champlain migration routes to nest in northern New York or Canada. Several species of these warblers will combine into large flocks and will fly north on warm, calm, spring nights. They stop to feed and rest early in the morning and through the day, then continue along flyways over a period of nights until they reach their destinations.

Banding of birds at the Crown Point Historic Site by Mike Peterson of the High Peaks Audubon Society has revealed that uncommon warblers, such as the Nashville warbler, the golden-winged warbler, the Tennessee warbler, the Canada warbler and the orange-crowned warbler really do pass through this area on their way to nesting sites north of here. Warblers that are known to nest in the Town of Hague are: yellow warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, black-throated blue warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, black-throated green warbler, black and white warbler, American redstart, ovenbird, northern waterthrush, Louisiana waterthrush, and common yellowthroat.

Warblers are colorful small birds and fine "singers" as their name implies. Spring is a good time to refer to Roger Tory Peterson's "Field Guide to Birds" for positive identification when seeing or hearing an unusual bird. Anyone who would like a chart of the 30 warblers of New York State may contact me.

From May 8 - May 18 "birders" are welcome at the banding site on the grounds of the Crown Point Historic Site. Please ask Greg Furness, site manager for directions to the mist nets and information area, where birds are caught, banded and released unharmed from 4AM - 9PM. For several years Mrs. McDonald's kindergarten classes and Hague senior citizens have enjoyed seeing wild birds at this site. Mr. Peterson often allows a visitor to hold a warbler, a goldfinch or a scarlet tanager for a few minutes prior to its release. This is a special opportunity to become more familiar with birds of this area.

**MOHICAN CHAPTER OF THE HOME BUREAU**

The membership has had a very enjoyable year under the guidance of our chairman, Trudy Karmazin and her officers.

At present we have 36 members from the area of Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Silver Bay, Sabbath Day Point and Hague. All area women are welcome to join us. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Hague Community Center.

Our Sunshine Committee sends cards and memorials. This year we hosted many of the County meetings and craft previews. Every second meeting we hold a raffle of some nice gift donated by a member. We have an annual Christmas party and Spring Luncheon for the membership. Every meeting craft projects of interest are taught.

Our community projects are: making lap robes and slippers and collecting personal items for the Veterans in

the Albany V.A. This year we donated small stuffed animals for the area EMA's for their young patients, collected register tapes for computers for the area schools; visited the area nursing homes through the year with small homemade gifts; donated toward MLH and are in the process of purchasing a Bunn coffee maker for use by the various users of the Community Center.

Our fund raisers for the year are raffles of Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and a Victorian Doll House on display in the lobby of the Community Center. The raffle will be drawn at our table at the Hague Craft Fair on August 1.

Anyone interested in joining, please call 543-8838, Trudy or 543-6770, Betty. ... BVS

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

There will be a Community Easter sunrise service in the Town Park at 6:30AM. This will be followed by the annual pancake breakfast at the Hague Baptist Church annex. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**CAUTION: BURN BARRELS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH**

According to Cornell University's Waste Management Institute, careless use of burn barrels can present health risks to you and your neighbors. And whatever you think of the burn plant in Hudson Falls, don't make the mistake of thinking there is no difference between burning your garbage at home or letting someone else burn it at the Adirondack Resource Recovery Facility.

First, remember that a burn barrel permit allows the burning of *non-recyclable paper only - no other trash*. Second, though it's cheaper (in \$) to do it at home, there are potential health costs of breathing in toxic fumes from the incomplete combustion of plastics and heavy metals from brightly colored packaging and batteries.

The burn plant burns at a very high temperature - *your burn barrel doesn't*. The burn plant has emission controls - *your burn barrel doesn't*.

If you want to save money, you're better off recycling more, avoiding unrecyclable plastics when possible, and figuring out ways to reduce the amount of waste you have to deal with in the first place.

**TICONDEROGA BOOSTER CLUB VARIETY SHOW**

The second annual Ticonderoga Booster Club Variety show will take place on Saturday, May 2 in the high school auditorium. This production, which showcases school and community talent was enthusiastically received by those who attended last year's performance. The purpose of the event is to raise money for the school music program and other deserving high school activities.

This show promises to be one of the community highlights of the spring season.

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**REMEMBER MOTHER MAY 10  
and every other day!**

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Be sure to mark Sunday, May 24 on your calendar. (Memorial Day Weekend). The Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner at the Hague Community Center. Details next month.

## AMERICAN LEGION

There will be an installation of officers at the May 6 meeting of the Hague American Legion at 7:30PM at the Legion Hall. Past State Commander H. G. Burleigh will install Edward Shattuck as Commander, Frank Koenig, 1st Vice Commander and Gordon Marek, 2d Vice Commander.

## SUDDENLY IT'S SPRING!

Once again the Carillon Garden Club women of Hague will break out their trowels, etc. and gather in the Hague Park to do the annual planting of flowers - and also at several other spots around town. This is in keeping with our constant efforts to beautify the communities in which we live. In the past this has included the landscaping and maintenance of the Black Watch Library plantings; the landscaping of the Moses-Ludington Hospital and Nursing Home plantings; the beautiful shade trees along the main street of Ticonderoga, and last but not least, our current project of the Hague Community Center landscaping. This year the Carillon Garden Club has voted an additional \$1,000 to help fund the completion of the project; and in 1991 the club contributed over \$2,000.00 to the beautification of our town.

So ladies - gather together your gardening equipment, and meet me at the park in Hague at 10AM on May 22nd - if it is a really bad day I will reschedule - but otherwise I'll see you then.

Fran Clifton, Planting Committee Chairman

## MOSES- LUDINGTON HOSPITAL - 84 YEARS OLD WILL IT CELEBRATE ITS 85TH?

The history of Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga is one of which the whole area can be particularly proud.

Founded in 1908 by Philanthropist Horace Augustus Moses, the hospital has been in continual use since that time.

Dr. J. P. Cummins, a local physician, convinced Mr. Moses of the necessity for health care in the Ticonderoga area, who in turn presented to the community its first hospital, costing about \$25,000. Designed as a 12-bed hospital, it was believed by many that it would never be filled and its usefulness here was very questionable. They were proved wrong and the institution was a success from the start. It established a favorable reputation and was of great service to humanity in this and the surrounding communities.

The first site was the Lucius Lewis farm on Wicker St. At that time the hospital was named the Shattuck Memorial Hospital, since Mary Moses Shattuck had provided a large contribution for it in her will. Mr. Moses made a large contribution from his own estate and appealed to the citizens of the community. In 1909 the 12-bed hospital was renamed the Moses Hospital.

In 1917 the need for a larger hospital was evident. The present capacity was gradually enlarged by utilizing every possible

space, including the porches and corridors, until it reached a maximum capacity of 25 beds. Due to the summer tourists it was operating at over twice its capacity. In 1918 a new building fund was started. Various adjacent properties were purchased and gradually added to the grounds until 16 1/2 acres were acquired by 1922. In September 1920 Mr. Moses proposed to the Board of Directors that he would duplicate all cash subscriptions to the building fund up to \$50,000. Within one year \$80,207 was secured. The \$20,000 needed to complete the fund was generously contributed by the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Co.

A friend of Mr. Moses, Mrs. David Ludington, from Mass. arranged to have her stock in the Strathmore Paper Co. donated to the hospital building as an endowment fund. This fund was set up to maintain the beautiful park surrounding the hospital and to pay for all the outside work as well as taking care of the depreciation on the building. It was not available for ordinary operating expenses. At this time the hospital was named Moses-Ludington.

It was the original intention of the Board to build an extension to the Moses hospital, but on the recommendation of the architect the Board unanimously decided to adopt the scheme of building a separate fire-proof, modern hospital of 50-bed capacity, so designed and constructed that an additional wing of the same size could be added later. This was built in 1922.

By 1946 the hospital had again outgrown itself and the wing which had been planned was constructed and other improvements made. A separate boiler house and laundry facility were constructed at this time. The nurses' quarters were refurbished and brick facing put on the building in keeping with the hospital building. This was done with funds previously made available by Mr. Moses before his death. At his request it was called the "Emily J. Moses Memorial Building" in memory of his mother. It is also known today as The Pavilion and now houses doctors' offices, the Substance Abuse Program and St. Joseph's program for alcoholism.

The charges for services have never equalled the operating costs. In 1928 the actual operating cash deficit of the hospital (without maintenance and allowance for depreciation) was averaging \$8,400 per year for the three years in the new building.

On the Statement of Income and Expenditures for year ending 12/31/27 the income was \$39,104.52 and expenditures \$47,807.35. During the same year the daily average number of patients was 23.66 with a total number of days treatment of 8,634. 128 major and 332 minor operations were performed. Also, at that time there were nine physicians and surgeons on staff and 24 on the consulting staff.

The patient rates at that time were considerably lower. Single rooms were \$5.50 to \$7.00 per day; semi-private rooms \$3.00 to \$4.50; ward service \$2.25 and compensation cases \$3.00. Operating room charges were \$5.00 to \$10.00; delivery room \$5.00; lab fees \$1.00 to \$5.00; plaster casts or special dressings, \$3.00-\$10.00 and board for a special nurse, \$1.25.

In 1974 a 40-bed nursing home was built adjacent to the hospital at a cost of \$1.2 million with funding arranged through the Housing Finance Agency of the State of NY.

In 1981 a new 45-bed hospital was built on property adjacent to the hospital. Various mandates by the state could not be met and a new building seemed to be the only way a hospital could continue in Ticonderoga. The new hospital is modern in every way. There are presently 160 employees adding up to a weekly payroll of \$70,000. There are five general practitioners and two surgeons on staff plus a pediatrician and radiologist. There are also 12 consulting doctors.

The future of Moses-Ludington is uncertain. The questions involved are complex. It will be up to the citizens in the seven towns that use the hospital to decide the big question - DO WE NEED THE MOSES-LUDINGTON HOSPITAL AND ARE WE WILLING TO SUPPORT IT? With the 84-year history of this venerable institution, should we let it die? Or should we give it a booster shot and try for 84 more years? ... djh



**SOUNDINGS**

**BORN** - A son, Kevin William, to Richard and Joann Fortier, Crown Point, NY on March 30. Proud grandparents are Lu and Norma Megow, Cape Cod Village, Hague, and Olawia Fortier, Crown Point.

**DIED** - Porter McKeever, Pelham, NY and Pine Cove Rd, Hague, on March 3, 1992 at Sloan Kettering Hospital in NYC. Mr. McKeever was director of information for the U. S. Mission to the United Nations. He wrote a biography of Adlai Stevenson entitled Stevenson, His Life and Legacy, and was the first president of the United Nations Association of the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Susan (Lobenstine), a daughter, two sons, a foster son and eight grandchildren.

**DIED** - Joseph B. Morse, 92, Hamden, CT. on March 14. He is survived by a son and two daughters, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. His daughter, Mrs. Richard E. (Penny) Bolton is a resident of Hague.

**DIED** - Kenneth H. Buck, Silver Bay, formerly of Garden City, on March 25, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Anna, a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and his mother, Lillian.

**DIED** - Frederick G. Butler, 74, a Hague resident for most of his life, at Moses-Ludington Nursing Home on April 7, 1992. Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

Happy belated 80th birthday to Russell Babcock, Silver Bay and Palm Harbor, FL on April 14, and congratulations to his granddaughter, Erin Dunn, Pittsfield, MA, who had the title roll in Cinderella at her school. Erin is the daughter of Carolyn and David Dunn.

**LIZ MONROE**, daughter of Joyce Monroe, Hague, is attending the New School of Contemporary Radio in Albany.

**COLONEL THOMAS F. REATH**, UMSC, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Reath, Cape Cod Village, Hague, was awarded the Legion of Merit by President Bush for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 August 1990 to 12 March 1991. "An extremely competent and resourceful leader, Colonel Reath was directly responsible for the development, implementation, and supervision of the 1st Marine Division Air Support plans for Operations **DESERT SHIELD** and **DESERT STORM**. . . . By his stellar leadership, total effectiveness, and inspiring devotion to duty, Colonel Reath reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

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**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 27, 7PM.**

**FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

The following students from Hague are listed on the Fourth Marking Period Honor Roll at Ticonderoga High School.

**FIRST HONORS:** Treva Braisted, Elizabeth Brunet, Richard Cobb, Carolyn Dykstra, Nathan LaCourse, Jessica Mars, Vickie Waters.

**SECOND HONORS:** Tieah Gautreau, Alison LaCourse.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**LIZ DeFRANCO**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, Hague, competed at the NY State Intersectional Gymnastics Championships March 6-7 at Williamsville East High School. Liz competed on the uneven parallel bars, coming in 16th place with an 8.00 earning Section Seven's best finish in that event.

Liz, a junior, was team co-captain this past season. She is an all-around performer who has competed at the varsity level for five years. She has been a Section Seven representative at the state meet the past four years.

**CAROLYN DYKSTRA**, daughter of Mr & Mrs Richard Dykstra, Hague, had her art work selected to appear in the NYS Art Teachers Association Legislative Student Art Exhibition, held from March 23 - 27 in the Legislative Office Building Lobby, Albany, NY.

**SEAN AMANN**, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Erv DeGraff will be graduating among the top seniors in his class at R.P.I. on May 15. After graduation he will be associated with Anderson Consulting, a world-wide consulting firm, in its Seattle office.

**MARK MARTUCCI**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martucci, Silver Bay, has been appointed to Warren County Tourism and Industrial Promotion Advisory Committee by the Warren County Board of Supervisors. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Lake George/Warren County Convention Bureau and 2nd Vice president of Warren County Council of Chambers of Commerce.

In the **LOVE YOUR HOSPITAL** essay contest held recently, **JESSICA FRASIER** won first place and **LAUREN MACK**, second place among the Hague 4th - 6th graders. **MARNI MAY** was first and **TRACY SCHLOGL** second place among the Hague 7-9 graders. Their essays appear elsewhere in this paper. They were awarded prizes at a reception at Moses - Ludington Hospital Cafeteria, to which all prize winners, their teachers, principals and parents were invited. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN**

If you are thinking about coming to God's country and "home" soon, please let me know so that I can change your address. Some of you have done this already, and I appreciate it. We are looking forward to having you back soon but please bring spring with you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 1992

April

- 17 Good Friday
- 18 First Day of Passover
- 19 Easter Sunday
- 21 Gleaning Program, 1-3PM, Community Center
- 21 Home Bureau - 10AM, Community Center
- 22 Secretary's Day
- 23 Carillon Garden Club - Box Lunch - 10AM
- 23 Hague Historical Society -- 7:30 Community Ctr. (p2)
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - hearings begin at 7PM
- 28 Senior Citizens meeting - 1:30PM (p2)
- 29 Board of Education meeting - 7:30 THS

May

- 1 Church Women United - Church of the Blessed Sacrament (p6)
- 2 Cub Scout Show Off Day, Comm. Ctr 10-11:45 (p5)
- 4 Fire Department meeting - 7:30PM
- 5 Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 6 Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 7 Planning Board . Public Hearings begin at 7PM
- 8 Reception at Silver Bay Assoc. (p2)
- 10 Mothers' Day
- 12 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Hague Hist. Soc. joint meeting with Ti (p2)

SILVER BAY SONNET

*Amid the Adirondack's sweet bouquet,  
A small enchanted cottage for a nest,  
My love and I retired to Silver Bay  
And marvelled at the gifts with which it's blest.  
Each day brought bliss which could not be outdone:  
The silence of the mountains all around,  
A lake of diamonds sparkling in the sun,*

*The towering pines with which the shore is crowned  
The kiss of gentle breezes to delight,  
While hand in hand we ventured for a stroll,  
A chickadee aloft in graceful flight,  
Its song a sweet refreshment for the soul.  
Perhaps God simply waved a magic wand  
To prove that Silver Bay's our Golden Pond.  
--Joy Huott 3/92*

The Nest Egg

*Adversity may come to take our health  
For Silver Bay is not immune to cold.*

*But fortune cannot steal away our wealth,  
The goodness of the people is our gold. . . JH*

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