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## SONAR TO BATTLE MILFOIL IN LAKE GEORGE

NYS and its citizens have been working together for several years to put Sonar in Lake George. Sonar is a safe and effective aquatic herbicide that is joining the arsenal of weapons used against milfoil in Lake George.

Plans are progressing steadily for two pilot projects to demonstrate effective uses of Sonar in New York lakes. One project will treat several areas of Lake George in 1997. The other is a whole-lake treatment of Eagle Lake.

The Lake George demonstration project will be the first phase of a lake-wide plan to add Sonar to the existing milfoil management program.

Five locations are to be treated with Sonar in 1997. Each will demonstrate different spot treatment methods that can be used in large lakes.

Last year, Sonar was used successfully in five privately owned lakes in NYS and has also been used successfully for several years in many other states.

Mechanical and physical controls will continue to be used at sites where they are effective.

The NYS DEC is leading the planning and is endorsed by member organizations of the Coalition of Lakes against Milfoil (COLAM). COLAM and LGA have asked NYSDEC and the Lake George Park Commission to be co-applicants for the Lake George project. LGA fully endorses all aspects of the planning effort and volunteers and staff are actively assisting with hands-on tasks.

Ed.: *The Hague Chronicle* has been reporting on our milfoil problems since May 1986. We are happy that something is finally being done about it.

## HEFTY, KODAK & HERSHEY LABELS DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!!

The Community Child Care Center can receive educational equipment and supplies if we collect enough Hefty, Kodak and Hershey UPC labels. This includes candy bars, film, garbage bags -- ANYTHING from those companies. Please help by saving these items. Bring them to the Hague Community Center, the Silver Bay Administration Bldg. or the Child Care Center at Silver Bay. The more labels we collect the more we can receive for the children, such as a computer.

We are also looking for field trip invitations for our preschool and toddler classes. If you have a special place for these youngsters to explore, please call the center at 543-8833. Thank you! . . . Helen Barton

## LOCAL RESIDENT ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Joanne Brown (Mrs. John), Silver Bay, was elected to the Ticonderoga School Board on May 9. Mrs. Brown comes to the board with a long list of credentials, including a 2-year interim term as principal of the elementary school in Ticonderoga and 14 years as principal in Trumansburg, NY. Most recently she has served as a consultant, leading School Quality Reviews across NYS. Hague residents are indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Brown representing them on the board. She is the first Hague resident on the board since David DeFranco won election in 1988.

The results of the May 9 election were as follows: The budget passed with 541 yes votes and 253 no's. This projects a 2.5% increase in expenditures and a 1.7% increase in the tax levy.

For the three school board seats - Nan Reale got 572 votes; Joanne Brown, 557 votes; William Brennan, 504 votes and John Silvestri, 480 votes.

## RALLY FOR SCHOOL TAX REFORM

There will be a Property Tax Protest Rally in Elizabethtown on Sat. May 18 at 1:30PM, sponsored by the Essex County Taxpayers' Alliance (EXTA), to urge the State Legislature to pass an alternative funding system for schools **THIS SESSION**.

Rapidly rising school costs and the current overdependence on the antiquated, oppressive and unfair property tax to pay for them have created an intolerable burden for large numbers of our citizens and unnecessary discord in our communities, ultimately threatening the quality of education.

The Legislature is considering a number of alternative funding concepts. Those receiving the most attention would either freeze or gradually roll back the property tax, with the state taking over further increases to cover inflation and other necessary expenditures. This gradual approach makes reform affordable even in the state's current fiscal condition. EXTA believes that, if the state assumes the responsibility for increased funding, there will be fewer costly state mandates -- one of the primary causes of the startling increase in school spending.

Another alternative concept receiving legislative scrutiny would involve a small payroll tax shared by employers and employees. Developed by a citizens' coalition in Malone, this approach would generate sufficient revenue to fund the entire public school system.

It is not EXTA's intent, nor the purpose of the rally, to support any particular plan but rather to urge the legislature to **WORK TOGETHER** on an urgent, bi-partisan basis to agree on a new system and resolve this deepening crisis.

EXTA welcomes the participation of school administrators, teachers, parents and school-board members at the rally.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 1538 PICNIC

Once again our Memorial Day picnic is just around the corner. On May 27 we will be having our picnic at the Post Home. Since this is also our 50th anniversary, we will also be celebrating it at the same time as our picnic. We are planning to have the usual picnic menu as well as an anniversary cake. Members are asked to bring the usual picnic fare (salads etc.) and BYOB. Set ups will be on hand. Photos will be taken at the picnic by a post member. All Post members and families are invited to attend free of charge.

You are asked to RSVP by phone no later than May 22 at 585-6866. We need to know how many people you are planning to bring so we can estimate the food and beverage we need.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

Bruce E. Sharpe, Commander Post 1538

### HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On Tues, May 28, the Seniors will car pool a trip to Finch & Chubbs Restaurant in Whitehall. We expect to leave the Community Center parking lot about 11:30, and both drivers and riders are urged to be at the center no later than 11:20AM. Finch and Chubbs will offer a blackboard menu; each person is responsible for her (or his) own bill. Most drivers would appreciate a small contribution to the ever-rising cost of gasoline.

Please register (we must let F&C know how many of us are coming) by phoning the Community Center (543-6161) BEFORE May 21. Finch & Chubbs is in a lovely old building located on the canal in Whitehall, and the food is superb.

Following the luncheon we will return to the Community Center and have a very brief business meeting. . . ewa

### HVFD MEMORIAL WEEKEND BUFFET

Once again the Silver Bay Assoc. is cooperating with the Fire Dept. in hosting this fund raiser. It will be held on Sat., May 25 from 5-7PM and there will be a wide range of foods from which to choose. Chicken, beef and Chinese dishes will be offered, along with many other luscious foods. Do come, enjoy, socialize and, at the same time, help the HVFD. . . ewa

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Cole recently visited the New York City area. The most ardent of tourists, and always on the alert for history, they returned home with a wealth of information and lots of pictures. From these Dr. Cole has put together a program called NEW YORK CITY - FROM SEAPORT TO FINANCIAL CENTER.

This will be presented on Thurs, May 30. Refreshments will be served at 7:30PM with the program beginning promptly at 8PM. . . ewa

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No fires to report - it was another quiet month, except for training drills. The ambulance made only one run - #740 traveled 25 miles and 4 1/2 man-hours were used.

EMS week will be observed from May 19 to May 25. Ambulance 740 will be at the Grand Union in Ticonderoga from 10AM - Noon on Sat., May 18. Stop by and say "Hello" to the crew!

As summer approaches, boats multiply on the lake. One HVFD member wishes to remind you to make sure the plug is in your motorized vessel, and another reminds all boaters to carry fire extinguishers and wear live preservers. Both are essential to safe boating. . . ewa

### HVFD RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED

Once again Mrs. Swinton will be in charge of a rummage sale to benefit the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. This sale will be held at Mrs. Swinton's home from May 27 to Aug. 31. Sale days each week will be Mon, Wed., and Sat. from 10AM to 2PM. Items donated to the sale must be in good condition; clothes must be clean and whole. Household items must be in working order and good repair. Mrs. Swinton's home is located on the New Hague Road.

No donations will be accepted after June 29. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PHONE 585-3671 OR 543-6098. Do NOT drop off donations unless an attendant is on duty to accept them. . . ewa

### SILVER BAY ASSOC. HOSTS BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Alan Cederstrom, noted Glens Falls photographer, will conduct a black and white photography workshop at Silver Bay on June 7-9. His photos have appeared in Adirondack Life, The Barkeater, NY Conservationist, New York Times, Boston Globe and many local newspapers and magazines.

The cost of the workshop is \$250 per person, double occupancy - includes meals, snacks, room with bath and use of the facilities. A \$120 deposit is required by May 24. Contact 543-8833 for further information.

TLP

What is TLP? Silver Bay Assoc. will be offering the Teen Leadership program again this summer for teens entering 11th and 12th grade. Session #1 is from July 21 to July 27 with a five day hike through the High Peaks famous Indian Pass. Session #2 is from July 28 to August 3 with a five-day canoeing and hiking trip beginning from Northwest Bay. Please call Helen Barton at 543-8833 for more information.

**FISHING LICENSES MAY NOW BE OBTAINED FROM SILVER BAY GUIDE BOAT AND CANOE CO. - TOM JAMES - SILVER BAY, NY. 543-8924**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - APRIL 25, 1996

Only one response was received at the public hearing for Keeler (30-1-32.2) Overbrook Drive, an application for a rear and side variance to construct a 2-car garage and bedroom addition to their single family home. Neighbors J. Fort & J. Braisted requested equal consideration.

It would require an 18 ft. variance which would bring the home to within 2 ft. of the rear lot line (should be 20 feet).

After much input by all of the board members and the Zoning Administrator, the variance was granted with the condition that the building be no closer than the current 7 feet (including overhang) from the surveyed line and all other side setbacks are maintained. A new survey is required.

At a past meeting Thom (28-1-7), Rt. 9N, Island Harbor curve, was approved for a second floor addition along with an allowable 25% addition. However, his engineers informed Mr. Thom that the original footings would not stand up to the added weight.

The Zoning Administrator requested an interpretation on the removal of a non-conforming structure containing a conforming use and replacing with the pre-approved 25% enlargement on the existing building's footprint.

A motion approved the removal and the rebuilding.

This regulation is under review by the Zoning Revision Committee.

The application by ODY's Restaurant on an "Hours of Operation" change was heard and the board agreed that a public hearing could be set contingent upon positive disposition of the present court case where a decision is expected by the middle of May.

In the meantime, the board cannot accept the application until it receives that decision. This is based on advice given by the town attorney.

With more immediate concerns, Mr. Malaro (20-1-35) Decker Hill boat storage - no further action will be taken at this time... gl

PLANNING BOARD - MAY 1, 1996

A letter was sent to the APA earlier this year requesting an amendment to Article 11, Sect. 11-0-20, allowing for a zoning change at the location chosen for the sewer treatment plant (20-1-24), Decker Hill Rd. In order for the Town Board to hold a public hearing (the next step) on the sewer project the town must receive a reply from APA within 30 days. Approval is expected and when received, the town board can set that public hearing. The Planning Board will provide input and hopefully soon we can move forward on the project. The Planning Board will bring this item to the town board to discuss at their regular meeting on May 14.

Irene Rypkema, 63-1-9 near Warner Marine, gifts and devises would like to give her son a piece of legal non-conforming land on the lake and is asking for the correct legal procedure. The board will have a site review and make their recommendations to Mrs. Rypkema... gl

TOWN BOARD - MAY 14, 1996

A number of items on the Town Board agenda for May 14 were updates, with little new in the regular committee reports.

• Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, made his monthly report. • A meeting will be held with APA on May 16 for a map change connected with the sewer.

• A question of the possibility of paying the town insurance in two payments.

• A reminder of the cleanup days. On Thursday, Fri. and Sat., May 30, 31 and June 1 the residents of Hague will enjoy three free days at the transfer station, during the regular operating hours. Materials must be hauled to the transfer station but no fee will be charged. Included is C&D, white goods, any metal, brush and leaves. **Everything brought to the station must be properly sorted.** Regular kitchen garbage will be handled in the usual way.

Wayne LeMothe, Warren County Planning Board Housing and Development Dept. gave facts and figures on the HUD grant that Hague received this year and says an audit will take place in Oct.

Your assessments may be challenged on May 28 from 4 - 8PM at the Community Center. If you wish to meet with the assessor before then you may call 543-6161 to make an appointment.

There is an old set of lawbooks in the judge's office. These are free for the asking. Call 543-6161.

The program for the park as planned by Councilman Meola holds great promise for an exciting summer for young and old. The programs include our own Rick Bolton, a trio from Silver Bay and others.

The Youth program already has produced about 12 bluebird houses, plus educational information pertaining to same. Mike Manning, our custodian, will conduct a summer basketball program for youths 7 years old and up. A starting date of June 25 has been set and will continue each Tues. and Thurs. until Aug 8. Playoffs will be on Aug. 8. Register at the Community Ctr. on June 21 and 24 during business hours to participate in this program.

Still no decision as to who will be recommended for the openings on the Planning Board.

In unfinished business, approved were:

1. Proposal for the Community Ctr. (a) New floor in the CARE room. (b) L&M Masonry bridge repairs, and (c) Fence lighting and landscaping.
2. The power screen proposal (rental of machine to screen material at Carney pit)
3. Proposal for boat slip repairs.
4. The Fire Dept. requested the use the beach for fun Bingo on June 15 at the steak roast.
5. Purchase of Word-Perfect program for clerk.

A number of resolutions were read and approved: Res. #12. Landfill interest-free loan up to \$220,000. application, which must be in immediately.

Res. #13. A one-year contract with Warren County for 9.02 miles of road for removal of snow and ice in 1996-97.

Res. #14 Polling place, Hague Community Ctr.

Res. 15, 16, & 17 - To amend the budget for Community Ctr. improvements, Youth, and Community Ctr. insurance repairs.

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Res. #18 Support for specific bills now pending in the legislature and oppositon to several bills considered detrimental to this area. Mr. Meola voted No. All others voted Aye. Resolution passed.

Several items of interest:

- Rabies clinic at the Firehouse on May 23 from 6-8PM.
- Paving to start on May 15 on the West Hague Rd., then on to Overbrook and Forest Bay.
- Town attorney to make a quick deed claim for the bridge into the Community Center.
- Again, a reminder that the town has properties for sale - Curley Monroe's home and the old town hall. Sealed bids must be at the Town Hall by 4PM on June 10.
- New beach equipment will be here on June 3.
- New ramp at the boat slip. Park attendants got new job descriptions.
- The transfer station did \$600 more business than last.

The Home Bureau (an organization who bought the attractive photographs for the R.J. Bolton Room, would like to buy blinds for the three back windows. The idea was embraced by the Town Board, who also suggested they buy three for the front windows. Both were approved. . g!

**SEWER INFORMATIONAL MEETING - MAY 23, 6:30PM**

**WOMEN HELPING WOMEN**

"Update on Hair Care" with Allison Silvestri of Ticonderoga, will be the subject of our next program on Mon. June 10, 1996, 7PM at the Hague Community Center. A former member of the Long Island Hair Dressers' Guild, Mrs. Silvestri has 23 years experience in her field. She has ad training seminars and workshops with Vidal Sassoon, Paul Mitchell and Sebastian, and has attended the New York City Hair Show for the last 14 years, sometimes modeling hair designs.

The program will include the latest hair news--styles, care, products, thinning hair, blow drying and a couple of demonstrations on women in the audience. There will be a followup seminar the following week at the Hague Community Center, one in the morning from 9-11AM and in the evening from 7-9PM. The seminar will include hands on demonstration, styling, blow drying and general hair care. You will do the work, and Allison will coach. For details and date, call 585-3203.

We look forward to welcoming women from Ticonderoga, Putnam, Crown Point, Bolton Landing, Lake George and Glens Falls.

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

*If I had but two loaves of bread  
I would sell one  
And buy Hyacinths  
For they would feed my soul. . . The Koran*

**HAGUE BEGINS RESTORATION PROJECT**

Work has begun on the final phase of the Hague Brook Stream Bank Restoration and Stabilization project according to Daniel Belden, Town Supervisor. The project, sponsored by the Lake George Association in cooperation with the Town of Hague. The Lake George Park Commission, the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation have been funded by a grant from the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation. The work is being done by the Town Dept. of Public Works.

The Hague Brook Project, which was completed last spring, experienced some minor wash-out during the Jan. 19 storm. Three loads of big rocks will stabilize the exposed bank while smaller rocks will cover the larger rock to ensure further stability.

At the Bass Bay Rd. and Brook project site, a catch basin is being constructed to hold sediment. A forty-foot ditch lined with geotextile fabric and stone will dissipate energy and reduce localized erosion at the catch basin entrant.

Another project near the Hague Town Dock will reduce erosion from runoff from NYS Rt. 9N. Netting and mulch are being laid along the exposed hillside to help grass seed grow. The ditch at the toe of the slope is being lined with geotextile fabric for 150 feet. Across the road a section of the culvert will be replaced by a catch basin with a grating to trap additional sediment and prevent it from washing into Lake George.

A project to reduce the amount of sediment entering Lake George from NYS Rt. 8 will be the regrading of the roadway into a new catch basin.

These projects are in addition to emergency repairs required to fix a mud slide and damage to a retaining wall that is in danger of immediate collapse. The Town of Hague has applied for Federal Emergency Funding and anticipates immediate response before the damage becomes worse.

**THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION**

The Lake George Assoc. (LGA) with its 5000 members, is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of Lake George and its watershed as a clean and beautiful resource, through education, advocacy and broad-based community involvement. As the oldest lake association in the country, the LGA also works to improve fishing in Lake George, develop navigational aids and boating safety measures, combat problems stemming from erosion, promote application of sound development practices and preserve the valuable remaining wetland areas in the watershed. Membership is open to all who care about preserving the beauty of Lake George and the quality of the lake. For further information contact the LGA at 668-3558.

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS ARE NOW  
12 NOON TO 5PM EVERY DAY.**

## INTRODUCTION TO INSECTS

### Learning Objectives

1. General knowledge of insect structure (to enable you to use some simple keys to help identify insects)
2. General understanding of insect life cycles, growth and development.
3. Become familiar with the major groups of insects and arthropods that you will likely encounter in your work as gardeners.
4. Have a greater appreciation for insects as interesting creatures and their important place in nature.
5. Have a basic understanding of the ways in which insects cause injury to plants.

To obtain a copy contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, Warrensburg (623-3291 or 668-4881).

### CARTOON SHOW

Little Hague on Lake George, NY will become the Northeast Capital of Cartooning, if collector-cartoonist Stan Burdick has his way about it.

Burdick, along with the Hague Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor the second annual Political/Comic Cartoon Show in our town on Memorial weekend, May 24-26 this year.

Last year over 300 people attended the show in Hague, which included a display of 250 framed cartoons, including many originals signed by cartoonists from Al Capp to Jeff McNulty.

The show also features lectures by celebrities in the field of comic art, live caricature rendering, demonstrations and personalized instruction for students. Sid Couchey, creator of the cartoon character Richie Rich and other characters for Harvey Comics will be on hand to demonstrate his art. Other artists and cartoonists have agreed to come and sign cartoons, speak briefly and create characters for fun. Two of these are Corben Gels from State College, PA and John Wheeler, Waterford, NY.

Burdick is an often-published cartoonist himself, and has collected the works of all leading comic artists for over 50 years. His collection now includes five hundred prints and graphic images, most to be loaned for the show.

There are only half a dozen comic/cartoon museums in the world, according to Burdick, located in Boca Raton, FL; San Francisco, CA; Columbus, OH; one in France and one in Massachusetts. He'd like to add Hague, NY to that list. For info. call Stan Burdick, (518) 543-8824.

### FORMER HAGUE MAN FOUND GUILTY

Patrick H. May, a former Hague resident was found guilty on April 17 by a Warren County Court jury of all charges relating to the abduction and rape of a 12-yr. old downstate girl in August 1995 in Hague. Sentencing is scheduled for May 15.

### A BIT OF HAGUE HISTORY

The first state road through Hague was call the "Great Road!" The Great Road was originally an Indian trail often

used by the French. The Great Road was part of a circuit from Albany to Montreal and was marked by stone markers in 1800. The probable location of the road was from the present day Battle Hill Road south over the mountain to Wardsboro in the southwestern section of Hague.  
... from *The Story of Battle Hill* by Dolly Kennedy

### CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE CONCERT

The Champlain Valley Chorale will present its 20th anniversary concert on Sunday, May 19, at 4PM at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga.

They will be singing works by Mozart, Offenbach, Schuetky and some folk music, spirituals and various Broadway show tunes, under the able direction of Linda Azer, Patgrick Beauregard, and Paul Blackwell.

They will be assisted by a woodwind quintet and violin with Beverly Hudak at the piano.

The audience is invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.

As usual, there will be a freewill offering to help defray expenses.

### PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY

The 1996 clean-up season started on May 7, when eleven residents donned orange vests to clean up the two miles of Rt. 9N which is allotted to the Property Owners of Silver Bay under the Adopt-a-Highway Program. The organization has agreed to pick up trash along its stretch of road four times during the appropriate seasons.

Those working in May included Ethel Andrus, Ann and John Barber, Cathie and Stan Burdick, Gale and Jules Halm, Stu Harmon, Charles and Kay Holliday and Mary Johnson.

### ENROLLMENT FOR FALL SESSION AT SILVER BAY ASSOC. CHILD CARE CENTER

Enrollment is now open for the fall session at the Silver Bay Assoc. Community Child Care Center. Enrollment, which is limited to 32 children, will close on June 14.

Children six weeks to five years old are eligible for the program, which operates Mon. through Fri. 7AM to 6PM. Children can be enrolled for half or full days. The first two visits are free and scholarships are available.

The program is held in the new Marjorie Hilliard Hodges Children's Pavilion. The facility includes three learning/play rooms, which are divided by age group, and two outdoor play yards.

The center is licensed by NYS, uses certified staff members and has contracted with both the Warren & Essex County departments of social services as a service provider to families eligible for their child care assistance programs. For more info. call 543-8833.

POPS FOR POPS Concert, presented by The Master-singers, will be held on June 16 at The Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls at 7PM.

## WHY OPERA?

Want to learn more about opera in general and specifically about The Lake George Opera Festival's summer productions of *Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury* and *Richard Wargo's The Music Shop*?

The Warren County Arts Initiative, the Lake George Opera Festival and the Center are making it possible for you to take an in-depth look at how opera is produced, to hear excerpts from the selected operas, to meet the composer of *The Music Shop* and finally to attend the performance itself!

Cost \$10.00 - minimum requirement. attendance at 3 sessions

Five sessions, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29 and Aug. 5 (Performance). Sign up by June 12. Phone 793-2189 for more info.

## ART SHOW AT HANCOCK HOUSE

A May Art Show at Hancock House in Ticonderoga will feature Marianne Kuhn with her oil paintings of boats on Lake George, the lake itself and pen and ink drawings of places in our area.

The show will run from May 8 to May 27.

Marianne began studying watercolor and illustration in 1980 with Billie Samuelson. She is now a member of the Rockland Center for the Arts, Southern Vermont Artists Association and the Ridgewood Art Institute where she has been studying the principles of light in oil landscape with painter-teacher, John Phillip Osborne.

## LARAC JUNE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) is celebrating its 25th anniversary with its June Arts Festival to be held in the Glens Falls City Park (next to the Crandall Library) on June 8 and 9. 219 artists and craftsmen will be on hand to exhibit and sell their wares. The show is juried, meaning that all participants had to submit slides of their work which were reviewed by a panel of experts in Feb. Entertainment will be ongoing during the festival by a wide selection of entertainers who are volunteering their time and talent.

Call 798-1144 for further information regarding this festival, which always draws thousands of people from around the area.

## GIRL SCOUTS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

All girls ages 5 through 11 are invited to attend the Adirondack's Girl Scout Council's summer camp program located at Silver Bay. The theme is *Girl Scouts, Go Green* and will run July 29 through Aug. 1. During this week, girls will make projects using recycled objects and learn ways to help keep our environment healthy and green.

Summer camp is a great way to meet new friends and learn new things. For more info. call 792-0947 or 1-800-234-0206.

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## TOUR OF HOMES TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild Tour of Homes tickets are now available. Tickets may be obtained at Radio Shack, and Rathbuns, in Ticonderoga and from Guild members. The entire amount of purchase of the tickets (\$20.00 each) can be considered as a contribution to the Guild.

The Tour of Homes, featuring five homes especially chosen for their unique qualities of architecture and furnishings, will be held on **Sunday, June 23 FROM 1-5PM**. Two other historic buildings are also offered for the interest of those on the tour. The finale of the tour will be the President's Party, with refreshments at the Paine Hall Rotunda of the Silver Bay Association. For further information, contact Sharon Ofner, Ex. Dir., 585-6716; Jeanne Creamer, co-chair 547-8306, Dottie Henry, co-chair at 543-6633 or Stan Burdick at 543-8824.

## NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE ROTARY CLUB TO BE CHARTERED JUNE 11

A gala Northern Lake George Rotary Charter Night celebration will be held at the Dining Hall of the Silver Bay Association on June 11 at 7PM. A fellowship hour will be held at 6PM at ODY's Restaurant. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available from Stan Burdick.

The featured speaker for the evening is Ron Cowan, Past District Governor, Dist. 7850, Hanover NH. District 7190 Rotary dignitaries, the Chestertown Rotary club, and representatives from our sponsoring clubs, Lake George and Glens Falls, will be there to welcome and charter our new club into the Rotary International Organization.

## HAGUE - on - LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Maintains Information Booth in Town Park
- Publishes Directory and Color Brochure
- Sponsors Summer Entertainment Programs
- Sponsors Annual Bass Tournament
- Sponsors Annual Cartoons Exhibit
- Sponsors Annual Arts & Crafts Fair
- Sponsors Annual Memory Tree for the benefit of the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Sponsors Senior Citizen of the Year Award
- Sponsors Hague Community Christmas Party

## "WE DO A LOT FOR OUR COMMUNITY"

The Hague Chamber of Commerce has a new logo. You will see it on all future letterheads and other communications.





NATURE NEWS  
Laura Meade

On May 11, 1996 throughout North America, the fifth annual Migration Bird Count was held. Birders report their observations of that day to regional compilers who enter the data into a computer according to county and state or province, so that the species and individuals seen across the entire continent are documented.

Representing the Town of Hague were the great bird "detectives", Bob and Betty Wotton, of Forest Bay. Although the weather that day was rainy with mist and fog, from 6:30AM until late afternoon, they searched for their feathered friends along lake-shores, main roads, back roads, meadows, streams, yards, ponds and cemeteries. Their species total of 63 and individual count of 629 are amazing and should impress any compiler in New York State! Most unusual were the 20 American Water Pipits seen at the May Memorial Cemetery. This species has never been documented in the Town of Hague, to my knowledge.

13 warbler species were seen (or heard), including 2 Tennessee Warblers, 1 Nashville Warbler, 2 Northern Parula, 2 Yellow Warblers, 5 Chestnut-sided Warblers, 7 Black-throated Blue Warblers, 14 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 7 Black-throated Green Warblers, 4 Blackburnian Warblers, 1 Pine Warbler, 8 Black and White Warblers, 12 Ovenbirds and 2 Common Yellowthroats. Other notable sightings were 1 Double-crested Cormorant, 35 Tree Swallows, 12 Cliff Swallows (flying over Lake George near the Silver Bay Assoc.), 24 Barn Swallows, 12 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, 48 Chipping Sparrows, 37 Brown-headed Cowbirds, 38 American Goldfinches, 8 Spotted Sandpipers, 13 Least Flycatchers, 6 Ruby-crowned Kinglets and 8 Veery. However, no Owls, Common Loons, or Eastern Bluebirds were spotted by the Wottons, although they saw one loon at Forest Bay on May 10.

Bob commented that the overview of his list indicated that the first wave of migrants had appeared, while many of the winter birds were still here.

During the late morning of May 11 I was able to spend a short time at the Hague Beach, where a flurry of many Yellow Warblers flitted through the emerging leaves in the trees along the parking lot.

Bird watching is the most fun in Spring, so get out your binoculars, Gore-tex hiking boots and insect repellent and ENJOY!

CIRCLE L RANCH SUMMER CAMP

For many youngsters a summer camp with horses is like a dream come true! Spence & Judy LaFlure, owners of CIRCLE L RANCH in Thurman, are happy to announce that this year, in addition to their regular riding lesson program and pack trip rides, they will be offering weekly summer day HORSE CAMP.

This HORSE CAMP will be offered to area residents Mon. through Fri. mornings weekly during July and August. Children will learn all about the horse from A to Z.

The campers will be assigned a horse for the week and through careful and professional supervision will not only learn to ride that horse; but will also learn how to groom, feed, saddle, etc. through the use of videos, hands on experience, games, rail rides, and yes - even a horse show!

It is the goal of Spence and Judy to help area youngsters learn lifelong values such as responsibility, self-esteem, and pride, to name only a few. What better way to learn than having fun with a horse at Summer Camp!

For more info. on SUMMER HORSE CAMP, WEEKLY RIDING LESSONS, or maybe even a 2 1/2 hr. - 1/2 day - or all day WILDERNESS PACK TRIP RIDE (offered Aug through Oct only) featuring semi-private groups of four or less on gentle well trained horses, call CIRCLE L RANCH (518)623-9967 located 15 mins. from Warrensburg.

"STAND FOR CHILDREN" - JUNE 1, 1996

WHAT IS STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY?

- A national day of commitment to children
- A non-partisan call to action at a critical moment in our nation's history; the last national election year of the 20th century; the eve of a new millennium when our nation's legacy is at stake; a time when the decisions we now make will shape the future for our children and our nation in the coming century.
- A day for Americans to gather and affirm our responsibility as individuals, families, communities, and as a national community for improving the quality of life of children.
- A day for Americans of every race, age, region, income, and faith to unite in Washington, DC as a national community in support of children.
- A day to affirm what unites us rather than what divides us: a desire to raise healthy, educated, and moral children.
- A day for us to celebrate children and those who struggle every day to raise them well.
- A day to send a message to political, business and cultural leaders that they must do no harm to children and that they should make it easier rather than harder for families to raise children.
- A day where parents and grandparents, aunts uncles, big brothers and big sisters, students and educators, advocates and nurturers will commit ourselves to doing better for children and commit to holding our cultural, business and political leaders responsible for doing more for children.
- A day to speak in one voice: "Leave No Child Behind!"

Stand for Children Day was the idea of Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, an organization that has for almost 25 years provided a voice for children in Washington, DC. Stand for Children is a separate non-profit organization with broad-based support in every corner of the country. So far, over 1,800 national, state and local groups which represent tens of millions of Americans from every walk of life have endorsed this day of moral commitment to children. And the list continues to grow.

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June 1 will be a day of spiritual and community renewal. It will be a day of commitment to children, not a partisan political day. Americans who care about children are coming as parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, big brothers and sisters, students and educators, nurturers and providers, not as "Republicans, "Democrats" or "Independents." And when they go back home, we hope that Americans of every persuasion will insist that local and national political leaders do no harm to children and take positive steps to support them.

Stand for Children Day is a call to action. The focus on June 1 will be on concrete steps that every American can take to ensure that no child is left behind. Throughout the coming months and on June 1 we will encourage everyone to commit himself or herself to taking specific, positive, personal steps to improve the quality of life of children in their community. This may mean walking a child in the neighborhood to school, reading more to your child, mentoring a child, or it may mean getting your religious congregation, community group, or organization to do more for children. It also may mean voting with children in mind and insisting that every cultural, business and political leader meet the same high standard of supporting children to which you hold yourself. It is within our power as people who care about children to change the way our country and our local communities treat our children.

If you are unable to get to Washington's Lincoln Memorial from 1-3PM on June 1, do something locally. WE SHOULD ALL BE "STANDING FOR CHILDREN."

#### TAKE OFFENSIVE AGAINST ZEBRA MUSSELS

If you discover a cluster of Zebra Mussels in Lake George, please preserve them in rubbing alcohol and call the Darrin Fresh Water Institute in Bolton Landing and the LGA.

Although zebra mussels, considered invasive biofoulers, have not yet infested Lake George, they have spread to nearby Lake Champlain and Glen Lake. Scientists believe they will survive in Lake George and almost nothing can be done to prevent their spread here.

Early identification of new populations provides a chance for us to take steps to protect our lake intakes, boats, and other facilities from serious damage.

Melissa Vito and Mary-Arthur Beebe recently represented LGA at a workshop sponsored by the New York Sea Grant Extension Program, entitled *Zebra Mussels in New York's Waterways*. Presenting the workshop were Charles R. O'Neill, Jr., coastal resources extension specialist; David B. MacNeil, fishery biology specialist; and David G. White, program coordinator for the Sea Grant Extension Program.

The tiny larvae of zebra mussels attach themselves to anything in water and travel with it to a new breeding place where they multiply at an alarming rate, befouling boats, clogging drains, and choking food supplies for fish.

It is only a matter of time before your boat, your fishing gear or even your scuba gear, traveling from an infested body of water, will bring zebra mussels to Lake George.

But their spread into Lake George can be slowed in several ways: The larvae and the mussel can be killed by hot

water, preferably 140 degrees or more. All equipment that may have been used in infested waters should be thoroughly rinsed in hot water and allowed to dry in sunlight for several days to ensure the larvae and mussels are dead. They can live three to five days out of water.

Mr. O'Neill noted, "Zebra mussels are not just a temporary inconvenience; they are here indefinitely and we must learn to live with them. Don't take the 'it can't happen to me' attitude! Adopt preventative measures now."

#### WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

Spring is late. Just when I had anticipated talking about the excitement and joys of springtime, weather predictions about snow appeared. Spring is meandering into our region. It is and has been a very wet and unseasonably cool time. Usually temperatures are mid 60's to low 70's this time of year but that has not happened.

Most of the first nine days of May were tantalizingly pleasant, sunny with cool temperatures in the 50's and 60's and even a 73 on May 9. Flowers began blooming; many were mistakenly lured into the false security of believing that the fair season was upon us. The reports of snow on West Hague filtered in. Even at this writing 8-10" of snow is reported in the higher elevations of the Adirondacks. This is after the tulip, myrtle, azaleas, forsythia, and columbine have bloomed.

Phlox in the garden were beginning to fill out and buds appeared, only to be turned back by the recent cold and excessive wet weather. The smelt ran 13 days. They were not abundant but did run longer than last year. We experienced a premature thunder storm on May 11.

Venus was dazzling in her brightness in April. It will be sometime before we see such luminosity from her again. Because of the cold we have not been graced by the presence of mosquitos or black flies. The southwest is suffering from a severe drought. It appears that we are receiving their allotment along with ours.

#### HAGUE MARKET UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Doug and Sharon Zeyak, Montgomery, NY are now the owners and operators of The Hague Market. In an interview Doug stated that they would be specializing in Deli - NY style. They will also offer catering services. They plan to install a pizza oven and serve homemade pizzas, also salads, sandwiches, etc.. A breakfast pizza has been introduced to their menu, everything homemade! They serve Boar's Head cold cuts products, fresh meats (steaks, sausage, etc.) They plan to continue stocking all kinds of camping equipment, sporting goods and a full line of groceries.

The Zeyaks own property on Overbrook Drive but are now living on the second floor of the store. They have two sons, Bart and Doug, Jr., ages 14 and 16.

Stop by and introduce yourself and welcome the Zeyaks to the community.

For your information - the Steltzs are sticking around. Art is involved with electrical inspections and Art and Joan are both helping the Zeyaks with the transition.





**BORN** - A boy, Ty Herman, to Melanie Fish and Tim Denno, Hague, at Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga. Maternal grandmother is Linda Fish and paternal grandfather is Bernard Denno, Jr. Great grandparents are Anna and Bernard Denno and Margaret Jordon, Hague..

**BORN** - A girl, Jeanette Marie to Eric & Alicia (Merritt) Coon on April 21 in Moses Ludington Hospital, Ticonderoga. Proud grandparents are Mr & Mrs John Coon, Hague and Mr & Mrs Charles Merritt, Ticonderoga.

**BORN** - A girl, Sheila Elizabeth, to Elizabeth Hawkes. Sheila is the first great grandchild of Carol and Martin Brown, Pine Cove Road.

**DIED** - David C. Lawrence, 44, on April 17 in Middlebury, VT. as a result of gunshot wounds. Rev. Lawrence was pastor of the Hague Baptist Church for the past seven years, resigning in July 1995 to take a position as chaplain at the Moriah Shock Incarceration Center. As vice-president of The Lake George Association, David set up the Floating Classroom for 8th graders in the Lake George area. He served as the program's first instructor, pointing out lake features and recounting lake history for boatloads of students. David also was a poet, particularly wild flower poetry. He is survived by his wife Warrna, daughter Cristina, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lawrence and two sisters, Janet and Elizabeth.

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held for William Icke, Pine Cove Rd., on May 25 at 11:30AM at the Silver Bay Chapel. A gathering will follow at the Icke home in Pine Cove. Mr. Icke died on Jan. 22, 1996.

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Ruth Nelson, Silver Bay, who died on Aug. 1, 1995, will be held on June 8, 1996 at 11AM at her home on Bass Bay Rd.

#### TI MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ROLLS

Class of 2000 - CHRISTINE FRASIER, PETER HUTCHINSON, KATHRYN RUTKOWSKI, EVE TROMBLEY

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

Class of 1002 - JOHN COSTELLO, JERALD FRASIER, LUCAS FRASIER, PETER MACK, JOE PLASS, ALISON, RUTKOWSKI

On the Merit Roll (for shown improvement in academics is GREGORY FITZGERALD, Grade 7.

LIZ DeFRANCO, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, Hague, was named Alfred University's athlete of the week for the week ending April 14. DeFranco is a leading pitcher for the university's

women's softball team. Liz is also a great batter. She hit a towering 3-run homer over the outfield fence, a chain link fence 10 ft. beyond the field and into the Kanakadea Creek during the bottom of the first inning in a game against Hartwick. Wow!

#### SILVER BAY ASSOC. RECOGNIZES STAFF

At the third annual Staff Recognition Luncheon ten Silver Bay staff members were honored for significant years of service. Among those honored were Hague residents Bernie Smith, Marion Barnaby, Carroll LaPann, Mark Rutkowski, Jerry Crammond and Carol Stormer,

#### YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

16 Ticonderoga high school students participated in a program which encourages students to find out about government by actually being the government themselves. For a whole year the students prepare and research bills and practice opening and closing statements. The district conference was held at the Silver Bay Assoc. in Jan. where they participated in workshops and choose the bills they want to take to the Albany conference. They can choose to participate in the Judicial branch as judges and attorneys, in the Legislative branch as Senators or Assemblymen/women, or in the Executive branch as Lt. Gov., Governor or as a member of the governor's cabinet. Shana Treadway and Allison Johnson (Hague) pioneered the new "Y 'n G" span - a video production of the weekend's debates and events. Missy Brunet, Hague, distinguished herself as a member of the press corps. Other Hague students who attended were Jessica Frasier, and Monica Johnson.

#### WARREN COUNTY CAMPERSHIPS

The Warren County Campership Program, made possible through the generosity of the Warren County Board of Supervisors and the New York State Division for Youth, will be accepting applications through School Nurses, various Community Service Agencies and Town Supervisors for youngsters ages 9-12 years old.

This is an excellent opportunity for youngsters who would benefit from a one or two week camping experience at 4-H Camp Sacandaga in Speculator, NY. The program is for boys and girls living in low income households or in situations of domestic turmoil, no matter what their families' income.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL SYSTEM?

- has over \$90,000 in scholarships awarded annually from local foundations
- is a National School of Merit, NYS Quality Review School
- is an International Paper Co. EDCORE Award Winning School
- TI Middle School: NYS Labor Dept. Report Card Pride School.
- there is a senior citizen indoor walking program (Nov. 1 - Mar 30), 3-6PM school days. Call 585-7442. 5/96

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY and JUNE 1996

May

- 8-27 Art Show at Hancock House (p6)
- 16 Elementary/Middle Sch. Spring Concert, 7PM
- 18 School Tax Rally -( p1)
- 18 Spring Stargazer's Show at Ti Hi 7:30PM
- 19 Champlain Valley Chorale - 4PM (p5)
- 22 High Sch. Spring Concert - 7:30PM, HS Auditorium
- 23 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 24-26 Cartoon Show (p5)
- 25 HVFD buffet at Silver Bay Assoc. (p2)
- 27 American Legion picnic -( p2)
- 28 Senior Citizens lunch trip to Finch & Chubbs (p2)
- 30 Hague Historical Soc. meeting (p2)

June

- 1 STAND FOR CHILDREN (p7)
- 4 HVFD meeting
- 6 Planning Board - 7PM
- 7-9 Photography workshop, Silver Bay - (2)
- 8 & 9 LARAC Arts Festival
- 10 Women Helping Women - 7PM (p4)
- 11 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 11 Rotary Club Charter Night (p6)
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 16 FATHER'S DAY
- 18 Blood Pressure clinic - 1PM Community Center

BROTHERS

*Spoiled rotten awful brothers,  
 They enrage me every day  
 of my life,  
 They demolish the house  
 from breakfast to bedtime,  
 They upset the quiet of the dark with  
 their bawling;  
 always pretending to be renown people ..*

*Power Rangers, country singers.  
 Shameful at the table,  
 they stand in chairs and sling food,  
 yet are idle when it comes to bringing in  
 the wood.  
 Always getting into dilemmas  
 expecting me to right their wrongs  
 Those mischievous, obnoxious brothers.*

... Written by Jessi Frasier, Hague, a 5th grade student and daughter of Mr & Mrs. John Frasier. The poem was published in the April issue of the National Council of Teachers of English newsletter, on the occasion of National Poetry Month in April.

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