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HAGUE ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

On Saturday and Sunday, August 3rd and 4th, the 24th annual Hague Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at the town Community Center on Route 8, just a short distance from the intersection of Routes 8 and 9N. The Fair, which will be open from 10AM to 4PM each day, will have approximately 50 exhibitors, not only from neighboring counties and states, but from as far away as North Carolina and Florida.

Over the many years this show has been held the quality of the handcrafted items has continually been refined and improved to the point that this fair is now a great cross-section of local talent and Adirondack folk art artisans. Unique handmade jewelry, baskets, hand carved decoys, song and shore birds, Shaker and Adirondack wood products, American folk art carvings and stuffed animals are just some of the items that will be displayed.

A number of local churches and organizations will also be selling homemade breads, cookies, cakes and appetizer delights.

This craft fair in beautiful Hague on Lake George would be a pleasant summer's day interlude whether you are on vacation or just on a day's outing. You might just find that really unique gift item for that special person.

SUMMER IN THE PARK

Through the efforts of Councilman Meola and his committee, a series of free musical performances will be held on Wed. evenings (except for Sat. July 20) in the park at 7:30PM. The first event was folk and square dancing, led by Stan Burdick. Due to rain, it was moved to the Community Center. It was a great success with many participants. This will be repeated on Wed. Aug. 28. On July 10 The Rockefellers, a duo of teachers from Ticonderoga, performed with great expertise to a very appreciative audience.

On Jul 17 The Silver Bay Chamber Ensemble will entertain with light classical music. This is a must see/must hear ensemble and we are very lucky to have them perform in Hague. Refreshments will be served on this night compliments of The Bagel Shop.

In complete contrast, Small Axe and Beef will perform alternative rock on Sat. July 20 and Norma Strong and students will present a dance performance on July 24.

On Aug. 14 our own Rick Bolton will be back performing Soft Rock. He has quite a following in this area, so come early to get a good seat (bring your own chair or blanket for the grass)

These concerts are all sponsored by the Town of Hague Youth Committee, the Warren County Youth Bureau and the New York State Division for Youth.

If you think this is a good idea for the town of Hague, please show it by attending as many as possible of these concerts, and letting Rudy or other members of the town board know it.

"ANYTHING GOES" - THIS YEAR'S EMPS' SHOW

Once again, the Emps of the Silver Bay Association will give a benefit performance of their annual show for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. The 1996 show is **ANYTHING GOES** and will be presented on Friday night, Aug. 9 at 8:15PM for the public. Ticket prices will be \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Keep this date in mind, come and enjoy a delightful evening and give a financial boost to our splendid Fire Department and Ambulance Squad. . . ewa

HAGUE MOVING AHEAD WITH SEWER PLAN

Since the deadline for the permissive referendum has expired (30 days from hearing date) for the sewer project in Hague, there will be no vote on whether we should proceed with the project. We hope this means that the vast majority of the residents in the Hague Sewer District #1 are in favor of having a sewer system in Hague.

Ed: We have just been informed at the last town board meeting that the resolution approved at the hearing in May was not accepted by Audit and Control. A second resolution was passed on 7/9 and we have to wait another 30 days before we can proceed.

The district will serve 284 customers, most of which are private homes, with a few businesses in the hamlet area. The present district will cover the following roads: Route 9N from Cape Cod Village to just past Lake Shore Terrace; Robin Hood Drive; Shamrock Hill Road; Pine Orchard Road; Streeter Hill Road; Holman Hill Road; Overbrook Road and Extension; and Lake Shore Terrace.

The sewer plan includes the construction of a wastewater collection, conveyance, and treatment system. The wastewater system will consist of approximately 4 miles of gravity sewer, approximately 2 miles of low pressure sewer, approximately 2 miles of forcemain, 83 grinder pumps, 5 pump stations, and a wastewater treatment plant located on Decker Hill Road. A change in zoning for this plant was approved on 6/9. The estimated total construction cost for this project is \$4,502,200. The estimated first-year operation and maintenance cost is \$96,000. Hague has been notified that it can expect 100% funding. Supervisor Belden expects the project will go out to bid in the fall and start work in the spring of 1996.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

"Safe Natural Solutions for Women's Health Issues" will be the subject of our next program on Monday, August 12, 1996, 7:00PM at the Hague Community Center. Dr. Lester Bryman, a natural health educator and practitioner with degrees in chiropractic and clinical nutrition, will be our speaker. Dr. Bryman has been practicing in the holistic health field for over 35 years. In addition to a large local practice, he and his associate, Dr. Fred Ulan, see many people who travel from surrounding states, as well as Canada, Europe and South America, for their services. In their practice they use a unique method of analysis called Contact Reflex Analysis. CRA is a simple, safe, natural, non-invasive, method of analyzing the body's structural, physical and nutritional needs and is used to pinpoint the underlying cause of a wide variety of acute and chronic health problems which affect women and their families.

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.

SUMMER SERVICES CONTINUE AT GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Historic Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point in Silver Bay continues its 112th year of summer worship services. Worship is at 10AM each Sunday through Sept. 1. The chapel is interdenominational and worship is led by a different minister each Sunday.

The ministers for the remainder of July are July 21, Rev. Charles B. Holliday, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Silver Bay, NY and Rev. Gerard J. Van Heest of the Reformed Church in America, Holland, MI on July 28.

The worship leaders for August are: Aug. 4, Rev. Nickolas Miles, United Reformed Church of Rosendale, Bloomington, NY; Aug. 11, Rev. Paul Kranendonk, Reformed Church in America, Whiting, NJ; Aug. 18, Rev. Robert S. Marr, United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA; and Aug. 25, Rev. Winston Saunders, United Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, NY. Rev. Glenn Kanestrom, Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, CT, will complete the summer schedule on Sep. 1.

The chapel organist is Laura Meade, Hague. Special music is provided each Sunday by musicians from the Silver Bay area.

Grace Memorial Chapel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 because of its age, its beauty, the fact that it represents an early work of William B. Tuthill, designer of Carnegie Hall, and is an early example of pre-cut framing. In addition to the worship services the chapel is also available for weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. For more information call William Floor at 543-6448. You are invited to come, worship the Lord in this beautiful old chapel. A warm welcome awaits you. See you in church!

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Club will hold its annual picnic on Tues, Aug. 27 at 12noon at the Hague Fish and Game Club in West Hague. People desiring to attend should (1) register by phoning the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 and (2) phoning Emma Werschky, food chairperson, 543-6883 regarding your food contribution. Please register by Aug 20 (Emma needs to know how many watermelons to buy).

On Oct 3 the Seniors will go by bus to Burlington and then on a luncheon cruise on Lake Champlain. You must register (and EARLY registrations are suggested) by calling 543-6161. Seating is limited so "first come, first served" is the order of the day. There will be a small charge toward the cost of the trip. Any senior citizen in the town of Hague is invited. . . ew

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS

The Warren County Council of Senior Citizens will host its annual picnic at Lake George Battlefield State Park (opposite beach) on Sep. 4, with a rain date of Sep. 5. The meal will be prepared by the Masons who donate their time and labor to the seniors. Grilled chicken and corn, rolls and chips will be served at noon. Music will be provided again this year by Disc Jockey Andy Pratt who was a smashing success at last year's picnic. The price of the meal is \$3.00, but no one will be denied a meal if unable to afford this. Please register for this event by phoning 543-6161 by Aug. 21. We encourage all seniors to attend this picnic. Hague had a good attendance last year, and we'd like even better showing this year. We can also use some volunteer workers - Ethel can always find something for you to do! . . ewa

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY

President of the Property Owners of Silver Bay, Harold Smith, announced a new format for the two summer meetings on July 18 and Aug.22. The program will begin promptly at 7PM and will adjourn promptly at 8PM. Those who wish to remain for discussion and visiting may enjoy the light refreshments to be served at 8; others with busy summer schedules may leave at the program's conclusion.

At the July 18 meeting Charles Parlin, Jr., will update the membership on the current status of the Ticonderoga Hospital. Dan Beiden, Hague Town Supervisor, will do the same concerning Hague issues at the August meeting. Following these presentations will be a brief business meeting.

Dues, which were described by a past-president, Paula Hartz, as "the last great bargain in town" are still \$5 and are payable at either meeting or throughout the summer to Ethel Andrus, treasurer. Membership now stands at 133, approximately 43% of its potential.

Rev. Smith invites all neighbors and friends at Silver Bay to attend the meeting on July 18, try out the new format, and share information and news of interest to all Silver Bay property owners. . .cb

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/27/96

A lengthy discussion on the status of Ody's Inn was held, even though Chairman Ginn announced that nothing could be done as far as changing the hours as requested while the case was in litigation. Mr. Neal asked if the inn was in compliance regarding the fire code and Mr. Ody, Jr. said it was and that Mr. Bothe has the paper work now.

Chairman Ginn distributed a packet from Mr. Levy to Board members questioning the board's ability to regulate the hours of an establishment. Ch. Ginn stated that the application is tabled, which means the requirement for action within 60 days is suspended, but he told Ody's that if they want to go ahead with the application, the Board would have to take action on it. Mr. Ody said they would wait another month and then will submit the application for action. Mr. Neal referred to the NYS zoning law which indicates that the hours of operation can be set by the board.

Mrs. Linda Spelman, a neighbor of Ody's complained of late hours five times at Ody's Inn, and has been keeping a record of dates and times. Mr. Ody acknowledged there was a time when a private party was allowed to stay later than the posted hours. Mr. Neal reminded those present that the original variance was granted by a slim 3 to 4 margin, and that he personally would vote to revoke the permit if the conditions were violated.

The only other item to come before the board was Ward's minor two-lot subdivision (21-1-21) Applicant proposes to subdivide his property on Rt. 8 near Decker Hill Rd. Mr. Jon Trudeau who owns property across the brook expressed concern about a septic system being put on proposed lot #2 because of ledge and the brook and wet meadow area.

Mr. Goetsch moved that if the maximum allowable commercial use is 10,000 sq. ft. then a variance is required. Motion approved unanimously.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - JULY 9, 1996

At the public hearing held before the regular town board meeting, the Zoning ordinance change was discussed and at the regular meeting at 6:30PM it was passed as Res. #21 - to establish sewer district #1. Several other resolutions were also approved. Res. #22 - to amend Hague Town Local Land Use Zoning Ordinance in order to establish a "special zoning commercial district."

Res. #23 - Authorizing a public hearing on local law #1 - 1996 entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" (hearing to be held on Aug. 13 at 6:15 PM at the Community Building, prior to regular meeting).

Res. #24 Amend 1996 General Fund Budget from General Fund Unexpended Balance (\$15,000) to General Fund Appropriations (\$15,000) Park Contract Exp. Improvements.

Letters citing violations have been sent to Mr. Fredericks, Vic LaVallee and Eric Robinson concerning the use of the Hague launch for commercial purposes. Three problems are at the head of the list:

- Boats are being left in the slip overnight and for

several days by Mr. Robinson, for customers to pick up. No boats are to be left in slip overnight

- Non payment of fees for the use of the ramp & slip.
- Boats are being repaired in the slip - violation of the park rules. This is a dangerous practice, ties up boat spaces and leaves residue in water.

Mr. Fredericks is planning to see Mr. Bothe to discuss the problem and Mr. LaVallee no longer uses the launch. Mr. Robinson has not replied to the letter. It was decided to contact him one more time and give him until July 20 to reply. If there is no reply, further action will be taken.

In other business: Mrs. Henry requested an answer to a letter she had written to the board re: Planning Board appointments. Councilman Fitzgerald explained that they had refused to accept Planning and Zoning Board decisions in the past and had made their own decisions. (Ed: On researching this statement, it was noted that there never was a Planning Board decision to that effect. There was, however in the minutes of the Town Board for Jan. 1988 listing appointments for the year, a name which had been proposed for the ZBA chairman by the ZBA, which had been struck out and another name inserted. It is assumed that the Town Board did not accept the name which was presented and another name was proposed and accepted, but there is no record of this transaction. However, there is no indication that the Town Board has ever refused to accept any nominations from either board for board members.)

In this case, both names which were submitted by the Planning Board to the Town Board at the June meeting were refused and it was requested that the four candidates be interviewed by the Town Board. Only three of the four candidates were interviewed by the Town Board and at the July board meeting Mr. Patchett proposed Peter Foster for an unexpired term, to end in 2000. He was accepted by a 3-2 vote. Mr. Meola proposed Nancy Harrigan for the other position, term to expire in 2002. She was accepted by a 3-2 vote. It was decided that in the future the Town Board will sit in with the Planning or Zoning Board for interviewing candidates.

The town is in litigation (Art. 79) with Morgan Marine. Our town attorney and assessor are to meet with Mr. Morgan's attorney, to work out a solution to the problem.

Certain safety concerns are being worked out and soon we will have "lights on" in the parking area at the Community Center.

Approval was given to allow extra money differences in screening at the Carney sand pit.

The BASS Federation made a \$430 donation to the Beste Fund (see related letter p. 9)) and praised the way Hague handles the tournament and all attending participants.

Councilman Meola would like to keep active the committee working on parking for the town. Councilman Patchett would like to disband the committee and wait until a bigger problem develops. It was decided to table the item for a future date.

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The shabby appearance of the Barker Real Estate Office at the intersection of 9N & 8 was mentioned. Though a letter to Mr. Barker was sent, there has been no reply. Continued efforts for cleanup will be made by Mr. Meola.

A petition was received requesting information on the possibility that people with a low income (in the sewer district) could get financial help in paying initial and yearly costs.

Flood money from FEMA is due soon.

A meeting will be held next week to resolve the Dykstra sandpit situation. Mr. Meola feels we should honor the contract Hague signed with the Dykstras for sand.

A complaint was expressed about ODY's restaurant staying open late in defiance of hours stated when they received the variance from ZBA. Complaints must be given in written form to Bill Bothe, Zoning Administrator, for further action to be taken.

On August 24 a public auction of 150 parcels of land and properties will take place at the Lake George Municipal Center. Contact them for time.

PLANNING BOARD - July 11, 1996

Peter Foster, new Planning Board member was sworn in by Heather Knott, town justice at the July 11th meeting.

Ann Johns, secretary resigned her position as of August 1. However, she did agree to remain until a new secretary is hired.

Dave Swanson, chairman, suggested choosing a vice-chairman, clerk and site review chairman when there was a full board present, probably in August when Nancy Harrigan will be sworn in as a new board member. It was therefore tabled.

The only item on the agenda was the property (21.1.21) on Rt. 8 belonging to Ward. He has requested a 2-lot subdivision. Sktp Hourigan reported on the site review. Seeing no problems the board thoroughly discussed the item and concluded they would hold a public hearing. To effect the the requested subdivision, a variance by the ZBA is necessary.

From the editor:

For those who have expressed an interest in what is happening in regard to the problem in the former town clerk's office, I have been in touch with District Attorney Goodspeed (Warren County) who had no comments but suggested I call again in two or three weeks. I have also been in touch with the Office of Audit and Control and was told that the audit is finished but the report is not ready yet, but would be made public as soon as it is available. This newspaper will publish the facts as they become available.

SAFE BOATING COURSE

The first of two safe boating courses was given at the Community Center during the past week. Marty and Carol Brown are the instructors for the course. Another course is being offered during the first week

in August. To register for this course please call 543-6161. Sixteen kids took advantage of the course offered in July.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN HAGUE

On June 25, 1995, the regular meeting of the LGPC was held at the Community Center in Hague. Wilson Campbell was installed as a new member of the commission. There was a lengthy discussion of the buoys at Rogers Rock Campsite. Mr. Glading, speaking in behalf of the neighbors of Rogers Rock objected to the number of buoys. He had safety concerns regarding them. He also stated that boats were still being tied to shore, which was a violation. The commission is planning to have another hearing on this issue sometime in July or August.

To update the use of sonar to control Eurasian Milfoil - an issue which was first reported in *The Hague Chronicle* in May 1986 and has been reported a number of times since, it was reported that the use of sonar was approved and bid openings were held on June 18. They have until July 18 to review the bids and on July 26 there will be a kick-off meeting. Everything seems to be positive and it is hoped that we will see the use of sonar by next spring at five selected sites on Lake George and the entire Eagle Lake. While the bureaucratic process went on and on, milfoil continued to grow and grow, but perhaps this latest development will assure its control.

LAKE GROUPS SETTLE DISPUTE

LAKE GEORGE, NY, June 18 -- The Lake George Association, Inc. (LGA) and the Lake George Association Fund, Inc., (The Fund) announced today that they have settled the lawsuit brought by the LGA against The Fund. The terms of settlement include The Fund's agreement to change its corporate name to The Fund For Lake George, Inc."

Tupper C. Limbert, LGA President, said "Lake George Association members are continuing LGA's 111 years of hands-on work for the conservation of Lake George and its watershed as a clean and beautiful resource, through education, advocacy and broad-based community involvement."

Edward W. Smith, Chairman of The Fund's Board of Trustees, said "we are pleased to have this matter behind us, so that The Fund for Lake George can get on with its mission of protecting and preserving the lake."

HAGUE TOWN TAG SALE

There will be a tag sale on surplus items which the town wants to dispose of on July 30 from 10AM - 3PM at the Community Building. Large items will be on view in the parking lot, smaller items inside. Fax machine; two optical disc drive; several chairs; a Coca Cola soda dispenser; three suitcases; eight bar stools; several tables; electric cooking range; a quantity of lumber; toaster; sled; sliding board; 20 wood chairs; two air conditioners; metal desk; 2 sinks; 2 large safes; odds and ends.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Although we still have no definite figures to present on the possible revenue derived from our Memorial Day dinner and the Fathers' Day breakfasts and steak roast, we do want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who came and worked; some extra special thanks are due to some willing young people who are not Fire Dept. members, but who turned out to help on Fathers' Day weekend. So to Brandi and Julie, Eddie and Paul, Pat and Kevin, Robert, George and Pat, our gratitude.

In June the department had just one fire call. However, the ambulance squad kept quite busy with 14 calls, covering a total of over one thousand miles and using 128 1/2 man hours.

The Fire Dept. participated in two parades - the Memorial Day Parade in Crown Point earned the Hague crew a trophy for the "Best Appearing Equipment." Despite the dripping skies our company turned out for Ticonderoga's 4th of July parade.

Many drills have been held in June, and more will be conducted in July. Warren County has been using a Protocol system for some time; now it will be enforced. This is controlled by the county. If it's a terrific emergency, the responding vehicle will use both lights and siren. A #2 call rates only flashing lights - no siren. A #3 is not life threatening - no lights, no siren.

Our safety tip this month comes from Ambulance Captain Lu Megow. He observes that the number of personal watercraft (jet skis etc) at this end of the lake has multiplied, and that unsafe operation of these crafts has been observed. Serious hand and head injuries can result in an accident; it is definitely a high risk sport. Lu advises all operators to exercise good judgement and practice water safety. . . ewa

A NEW HOME IN THE FUTURE FOR THE HVFD

Yes, it's true - those rumors you've been hearing for the past couple of months - the Hague Volunteer Fire Department has purchased the Blair property at the intersection of Rt. 8 and West Hague Rd. The thinking is BIG- the old department building in the village has become much too small for today's equipment - remember, our first fire truck was a Jeep! There is little, or no storage space for state mandated equipment; we want and need more room. This is a tremendous project for a fire emergency unit in a relatively small town to undertake, but, with the help of everyone we should achieve our goal. . . ewa

HVFD CRAFT FAIR DAY

On Sunday, Aug. 4, the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. will have two food tables at the Hague Arts and Crafts Fair. This is one of our major fund raising events of the year, and we urge everyone to support the cause by donating a home cooked, home baked or home grown product to the sale. We will deeply appreciate each and every donation! We thank you in advance ... and donations may be left at the Fire

Department's tables as early as 8AM. . . ewa
HVFD RUMMAGE SALE is still in progress at the Pat Swinton residence on New Hague Rd. on Mon, Wed, and Sat. from 10AM-2PM. Still a lot to choose from. NO FURTHER DONATIONS ACCEPTED. . . . ewa

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTER

New programs at the Child Care Center for the 1996-97 year:

- **Preschool class:** mornings from 8:45 - 11:30AM, \$5 per morning or \$20 per week, weekly movement classes at the new gym, daily language development, daily nature and art projects, and daily socialization development.
- **Bi-monthly field trips** for preschool age on Tuesdays with option for toddlers and infants to go on age appropriate trips. Parents are needed for driving.

We will continue to: • Accept 6 weeks to 5 yr olds

- Monday - Friday from 7AM to 6PM.
- Sept. through June -- First day of the 1996-97 season is Thursday, Sep. 5, 1996.
- First two visits are FREE.
- Scholarships available through Silver Bay Association and The Early Childhood Investment Fund grant of \$10,000.

Resister by July 30 for the 1996-97 season. Call Helen Barton at 543-8833 for age appropriate placement or to arrange a personal visit.

PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

At Silver Bay Association's Child Care Center
Wednesday evenings at 7PM

We invite Hague and Ticonderoga area community members, Parents from the Child Care Center, Silver Bay members and friends to all Parent Workshops. The facilitator is Vanetta Porth. She has been doing Parent Workshops for five years, has her MED in Guidance and Counseling and presenting in a PhD program.

- Jul 17 Decreasing Negative Behavior (3-12 yr olds)
- Aug 7 Developing Creativity (3 - 10 yr olds)
- Aug 14 Using Time-Out (3 - 10 yr olds)
- Aug 21 Disciplining Teenagers

** All workshops are free of charge. Please call 543-8833 for further information.

The Adirondack Discovery Series at Silver Bay Association on Wednesdays at 8PM will feature "Adirondack Memories - Songs and Stories of the North Woods" by Bill Smith on July 31. The public is invited to attend free of charge. Call 543-8833 for info.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY will be held on Aug. 24 at the County Municipal Center (check Post Star for time) There are 150 parcels for sale, valued at about 12 million dollars.

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment and learn again to exercise his will, his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.

... Albert Schweitzer

GRACE CHAPEL TO DEDICATE NEW ROOF

On Aug. 18 at the regular 10AM morning worship service at Grace Memorial Chapel, Sabbath Day Point, Silver Bay, the new slate roof will be dedicated to the glory of God and the continued ministry of this summer chapel. Rev. Robert Marr, a retired pastor of the United Church of Christ from Suffolk, VA, who is a member of the board of trustees and a long-time summer resident of Hague, will lead the dedication service.

The board of trustees is indebted to the many friends and neighbors of the chapel who donated so generously to the roofing fund. Their gifts, together with those of the members of the board and a \$3,500 grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Fund made this important \$45,000 expenditure possible. A plaque with the names of those who donated \$500 or more will also be dedicated at the service.

Because the chapel is on the National Register of Historic Places, the 100 year old slate roof had to be replaced with a new slate roof, an expensive undertaking because of the high cost of the material and the scarcity of roofers who work with slate.

The trustees of the chapel invite all from the community to come and celebrate God's abiding faithfulness and love, the generosity of all those who supported this project with their gifts and their prayers, and the beauty of this historic chapel at 10AM Sun., Aug. 18.

PART TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR needed for local performing arts organization. Must have excellent organizational and writing skills in addition to experience in marketing, financial management and communication. Send resume to the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. **Deadline: JULY 28, 1996.**

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD SCHEDULE

Ti Festival Guild continues its Friday night concert series on July 19 with a concert by Peggy Eyres, Bill Smith and Dan Duggan - "Adirondack Music and Stories" Peggy Eyres is considered the "First Lady of Adirondack Music, a singer/song writer who deeply appreciates our natural environment, and also understands the loneliness of the blues. Bill Smith is a storyteller, balladeer and artful basket maker. Dan Duggan is the first winner of the prestigious National Hammered Dulcimer Championship to have performed all original compositions.

July 26 - Nick Brignola and Company. In addition to being one of the top three baritone saxophonists in the world, Brignola is considered by jazz critics as one of the great multi-reed soloists.

Aug. 2 - Vance Gilbert ... "the voice of an angel, the wit of a devil and the guitar of a god," has developed a comedic talent and sings and writes songs that have something to say.

Friday, Aug. 9 - La Chic 'N Bones. Brought back by popular demand, this group is well known to the area for their wonderful harmony and big band

sound. Featuring five trombones, plus piano, bass and drums - and a "chick", a song stylist who likes to sing sweet romantic ballads and those flirtatious wicked jazz themes! Our former assemblyman Jim King from Putnam, is one of the trombonists. A great way to end the season.

Don't forget ARTS TREK XIV, FREE programs for children under the tent beginning July 17 at 10:30AM with "Laughing Matters" starring Peter Gould and Stephen Stearns, two madcap men with rubber bodies and lots of humor. On July 24 the Prop Trunk players from Pendragon Theater will present "A Comedy of Errors". on July 31 the Catskill Puppet Theater presents *The Willow Girl*; Aug 7 Tim Jennings & Leanne Ponder, storytelling at its best and on Aug. 14, David Parker, "Bill Cosby with a little Ben Vereen thrown in." David uses both singing and signing to bring people of all ages together.

All Friday concerts begin at 8PM and Wednesday mornings at 10:30AM. COME, ENJOY!

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society is presenting for all the residents of Hague and its neighbors, a special summer program at the Hague Community Center, on Thursday, July 25 at 8PM. This is an audio-visual program about transportation in the Adirondacks during the 1800's. Mr. Dick Kowell will present an evening "They Rolled, Floated and Flew in the Adirondacks." Mr. Kowell is a retired engineer for a Syracuse TV station and currently is active as an audio-visual specialist in the repair of projection equipment.

It is a compelling story of how our forbearers moved around in the Adirondacks during the 1800's through the 1930's. Also covered are the logging and ice cutting industries. Rare visuals of early passenger boats, many Adirondack railroads and the magnificent bush pilots and their flying machines will be on the screen.

The public is not only invited, but urged to attend. This will be an unusual opportunity for both the young in years as well as the young in heart. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested to defray the expenses.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE AT SILVER BAY

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay on Thurs. Aug. 15 from 12N to 4:30PM. Volunteers are needed for donating blood and also for helping with the bloodmobile. Please call 543-8833, Ext. 225 if you can offer your services for a couple hours that day.

Blood is urgently needed, so please donate yours.

There are openings for young people, ages 14 - 18, in the CETA program in Hague for the summer. The work week is 30 hours and salary is \$4.25 per hour (minimum wage). If interested, contact the supervisor at the Community Center.

Our earth is degenerate in these latter days; bribery and corruption are common, children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book and the end of the world is evidently approaching. . . From an Assyrian tablet, 4700 years ago

NATURE NEWS

Laura Meade

Rabies! Even the thought of the disease invokes fear! So, what is rabies and how can people take steps to avoid it?

According to Webster's Dictionary, rabies is an acute virus disease of the nervous system of warm-blooded animals usually transmitted by a bite of a rabid animal, but may be acquired by contact with saliva or brain tissue. Rabies is characterized by increased salivation, abnormal behavior and eventual paralysis and death.

In the Town of Hague, without a doubt, there are some rabid wild animals, so precaution, knowledge and awareness are important. Lonnie Swinton, Hague's Animal Control Officer, is not only trained to remove animals suspected of having rabies, but also he is protected by vaccination from contracting the disease. He can be reached at home at 543-6939, or during the day at Rogers Rock Campsite at 585-6746. Other reporting numbers are Warren Co. Health Services at 762-6415 or N.Y.S. Health Dept. at 793-3893.

Lonnie advises that symptoms of rabid animals are: 1) nocturnal animals seen in daytime; 2) falling or staggering; 3) growling at a person and 4) salivating noticeably. In this area these animals can possibly be affected: raccoon, red fox, gray fox, skunk, woodchuck, deer, beaver, moose, bobcat, bat, coyote, opossum, mink, river otter, and unvaccinated dogs, cats and livestock. Very seldom is any rodent affected by rabies. These include squirrels, chipmunks and all species of mice and rats.

Recently four strangely acting raccoons found on the West Hague Rd were destroyed but, because no one was exposed via a bite or saliva, the animals were not tested for rabies. Warren Co. has a policy of not testing destroyed animals even if they are suspected to be rabid.

However, one Hague resident was exposed to rabies this spring after a dog killed a rabid raccoon and the owner went to the dog's aid. That person tested positive and has since received shots to prevent the disease.

Lonnie said, "An animal can infect a person with rabies even if it is dead, so I am required to pick up and destroy all dead animals from the roadside. Please notify me if you see a road kill. If I shoot a suspected animal or pick one up anywhere, I spray the area. One should not be concerned with birds, however, because they do not get rabies."

Remember! The disease rabies is always FATAL if untreated. Rabies shots are no longer a series of painful injections, according to information distributed by the Warren Co. Municipal Center.

WEATHER NOTES

Marylou Doulin

Living in Hague is beautiful year round, but the gentle living that the summer months affords us is both exhilarating, and to use a Victorian word - sublime.

Rather than having oppressive heat that July usually brings, this year it has been delightful. Days have been pleasantly warm and nights have been refreshingly cool! It's been breezy and the air and sky have been lucid. Gardens are growing, flowers blooming and the lake temperature is presently 68°, great for swimming. With Hurricane Bertha coming up the coast, things may change.

We had heavy rains on the 3rd and 4th of July but that didn't dampen the spirit of Ticonderoga's Home-town parade. Even the fireworks went off.

July is the month of the rare blue moon - July 1 and July 30. June 12th and 13th we had lots of precipitation, thunder and lightning and again the Hague brook went wild. The water was so rapid, high and extremely muddy in color. Trees were carried far out on the delta. Driveways washed out too. That makes two excessive storms in five months (Jan. 19 and June 13). Also July 11 marks the 20th anniversary of the wicked storm that was called an act of God back in 1976. They received 4.9in. of rain overnight and parts of Rt. 8 were destroyed due to the Hague Brook flooding.

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the 111th Annual Meeting of Lake George Association: Tupper C. Lambert, Pres; Richard Swire, Exec. Vice-President; Vice Presidents, Roger Howard, John Schaninger and Lewis Stone; Secretary, William Dutcher; Treasurer, Richard Morris.

Five new members were elected to the Board of Directors: Anthony J. Cafaro, Jr., Daniel Carnese, Walter Lamb, Jr., Robert McIntosh and Fredericka V. Slingerlands. Continuing to serve on the board are Ted Arnstein, Audrey Barbera, Barbara Chick, Ellen Deane Cummins, Robert Evans, Albert Frelhofer, Allen Howland, Robert Macfarland, George McGowan, Robert Sherry, John Skinner, Melissa Vito, Etto Von-Zastrow and William Wetherbee. Re-elected to serve on the board are Joan Swire Hyman, Nancy Rhodes, Joseph Roulier, Michael Siegel and Norbert Zahn.

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 assoc. in the country, LGA also works to improve fishing in Lake George. Membership is open to all who care about preserving the beauty, clarity and quality of Lake George. For further info. please contact at 668-3558.

APA WILL MEET IN TICONDEROGA

The Adirondack Park Agency has added six additional public meetings to get comments on its plans to revise its rules and regulations.

Here's your chance! They will be meeting in the Ticonderoga Middle School on August 7 at 7PM..

The APA has not revised or amended its regulations since 1982. Comments from the meetings will be used to determine the process and scope of the revision, which they hope to start drafting in mid-Sept. and complete by March 1998. Copies of the revision proposal are available at county clerks' offices.

PUTNAM HOUSE AND GARDEN
LUNCHEON TOUR
SUNDAY, August 4, 11:30AM-3PM

Sponsored by the United Presbyterian Church, Lower Road, Putnam Station, the tour will start at the church.

Two 19th Century stone houses and an 18th Century mill site converted to a home will be on the tour. There will be a progressive luncheon in three stages consisting of beverage, appetizers, cold soup, sandwiches and desserts at the homes. The homes are beautiful and the gardens exquisite.

This will be a unique opportunity to appreciate the charm and hospitality of the gracious Putnam community. Donations are \$15 advanced sales and \$17 the day of the tour. Crafts and home baked goods prepared by the famous Putnam bakers will be sold at the church, on the lower road, one mile north of the Putnam School.

For tickets call Carolyn Charlton at 585-7511 or write to her at Putnam Station, NY 12861 with checks made payable to Putnam U.P. Church. No tickets will be sold after 2:30 PM the day of the tour.

FLEA MARKET AND AUCTION

The Episcopal Church of the Cross on Amherst Ave., Ticonderoga will hold its annual flea market and auction under the tent on the church lawn on July 27 from 9AM to 4PM. Besides "fleas", they will be selling baked goods, crafts, jewelry, etc. They also plan to have a snack bar.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT HELD

On July 13 the annual backgammon tournament was held in Sabbath Day Point. The winner of the tournament was Patricia Boyle and second place, Meredith Behr, with Gale Halm and Kay Barton finishing in third and fourth place.

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION TO OFFER
ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAMS

Silver Bay Association will be holding several Elderhostel programs during this summer and fall. These sessions, which are open to individuals age 55 or older, will include courses on comic art, watercolor, the Arab & Israeli Conflict, The Late, Great Prophets, poetry, Adirondack Writing, canoeing, Revolution in the Champlain Valley and American Folk Dance. Tuition is \$320-350 (commuter fee \$100) and includes all meals, lodging, classes, course-related field trips and extracurricular activities. Group size is limited. Hostelships are available for those who require financial assistance.

For more information about Silver Bay Elderhostel, contact Jane Crammond, Silver Bay Assoc. at (518) 543-8833.

TUESDAY LAKE TALKS

The Lake George Association continues its series of Tuesday night "lake talks" at 7:30PM at the LGA Center on Route 9N south (the Luzerne Rd.) just west of Northway Exit 21. The public is welcome. For more information, call LGA, 668-3558.

July 23 - Colonel Robert Rogers of Roger's Rangers
July 30 - Antique Furniture - Definition & discussion
Aug. 6 - A Photographer's Perspective of Lake George & the Adirondacks.

Aug. 13 Mount Independence in the American Revolution

Aug 20 - Lake George Reflections

Aug. 27 - Fishing: All You Never Knew, Plus...

MOHICAN HOME BUREAU INSTALLS

On June 4 the Mohican Home Bureau held its spring luncheon and annual meeting at Ody's Restaurant. Officers for 1996-97 were elected and then installed by Betty Decker. They are: Carol Brown, Chairwoman; Jackie Ambra, Vice-Chairwoman; Peg Huntley, Secretary; Georgia Cawley, Treasurer.

Home Bureau is a service organization servicing Hague, Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Meetings will resume at the Hague Community Center in September. All are welcome! Call 543-6403 or 543-6604 for further information. . . .cwb

LILA YORK'S BALLET "CELTS" ACCLAIMED

Lila G. York, daughter of Rod and Nena Geer, Hague and Reston, VA., was acclaimed by the Boston press last spring following the premiere of her new ballet, "Celts", performed by the Boston Ballet Co. Accorded standing ovations at every performance, the Boston Globe called it "dazzling" . . . "an astonishing array of dance images of Ireland, a piece that is both profound and thrilling." The Boston Herald, in turn, called it "a stunner, a riveting marriage of ballet and Irish folk dance with a modern sensibility."

Lila, a member of the Paul Taylor Dance Co. for 12 years, was inspired to create this work midst plans for a family trip to Ireland and Scotland celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents. Much of the music and theme choreography was developed last summer in the Geer's guest house in Forest Bay.

A happy sequel: Lila York has emerged as a serious choreographer, with commissions from the San Francisco Ballet, The Houston Ballet and yet another from the Boston Ballet Co.

Whatever can be useful to starving millions is beautiful to my mind. Let us give first the vital things of life, and all the graces and ornaments of life will follow. I want art and literature that can speak to millions. A semi-starved people can have neither religion nor art nor organization.

Man cannot properly be said to live till he rejoices in the well-being of others.

. . . Gandhi



BORN - A boy, Andrew Yeates, to Stuart A. & Sally Y. Cartwright in Wayland, MA. on May 10. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Alton Cartwright, Friend's Point.

DIED - Dr. Robert E. Rockwell, 89, Saratoga Springs and Bass Bay, Silver Bay, on June 10 at home. Dr. Rockwell was a surgeon for many years in Saratoga and has been coming to Silver Bay since 1929. Surviving are two sons, Robert B. and John, two daughters, Susan West and Joanne Gotha and four grandchildren.

Congratulations to **BETTY** and **JOHN BRAISTED**, Silver Bay on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24. They were married in the Valley View Chapel in South Ti. They have three children, Kathy, Jim and Mary and five grand-children.

RICHARD EARLE COBB, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Cobb, Hague, received a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Elmira College at its 138th commencement held on June 21.

ANTHONY DeFRANCO, son of Mr. & Mrs. David DeFranco, Hague graduated from Clarkson Univ. on May 12 with a BS degree in civil and environmental engineering.

EVE TROMBLEY, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Trombley, Hague, made a perfect score in State Regents exam in Sequential Course I on June 14.

TI HIGH GRADUATES THREE HAGUE STUDENTS

Among the 89 students who graduated on June 22, 1996 from the Ticonderoga High School were three residents of Hague. Allison and Monica Johnson, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Johnson, Silver Bay and Angela Swinton, daughter of Pat Swinton, Hague received their diplomas from Mr. William Grinnell, representing the Board of Education.

Angela Swinton is planning to attend Oneonta College in the fall. She is a recipient of the Mary C. Beste Scholarship, awarded by the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Committee to Hague graduates who plan to attend college.

Allison Johnson, also a recipient of the Mary C. Beste Scholarship, is planning to attend the College of Wooster (Ohio), planning a major in Communications. She also received a Stephen J. Potter Education award, was a member of the National Honor Society and was one of the top ten students in the class.

Monica Johnson, also one of the top ten students and a member of the National Honor Society, is planning to attend Cornell University (NY), with a major in biology in preparation for the study of Veterinary Medicine. She received the Beatrice E. Sel-

lect Memorial Prize for the best average in French over four years; the Stephen J. Potter Education award, The Hague Winter Carnival Award and the Mary C. Beste Scholarship Award.

The town of Hague and the staff of *The Hague Chronicle* are proud of these three students for their perseverance and accomplishments and wish them a happy and successful college career and life ahead.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE NEEDED FOR TRANSFER STATION. APPLY AT COMMUNITY CENTER.

TI MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION

The following Hague students were promoted from 8th grade to high school in exercises held on June 21: William Tavish Costello, Gregory Fitzgerald, Brandy Frasier, Peter Hutchinson*, Brandi Jordon, Joanna Jordon, Andrew Mack, Kathryn Rutkowski*, Eve Trombley*. * indicates honor graduate awards. Brandi Jordon won the Principal's Award.

SQUARE DANCE CALLERS SCHOOL IN HAGUE

An unusual training school was held last week at the Community Center. Students from six states and Canada convened for five days to learn how to be square dance callers.

The school, titled the Northern Lake George Caller School, now in its fifteenth year, was established by Stan Burdick of Silver Bay and taught by Burdick along with Tom Miller from Chest Springs, PA.

Both Burdick and Miller are well-known square dance callers and teachers, with certification from the International Callers Assoc. known as Callerlab. The school is held in Hague every July.

A letter dated 6/21/96 from Dan Belden, Supervisor, to Ms. Susan Johnson, Secretary and Tournament Director of the N.Y.S. B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation follows:

Dear Susan and N.Y.S. B.A.S.S. Federation members:

Hague-on-Lake George, for the fifteenth year, was again honored by the New York State B.A.S.S. Federation with the selection of our setting to host the Annual "Opener Tournament." This year it was a particular honor for Hague to be the site of the new "1st Annual Susan Johnson Season Opener." Commemorative plaques from your Federation will be proudly displayed by the Town, The Fire Dept. and the Hague-on-Lake George Chamber of Commerce.

It was especially gracious of the 1st Annual Susan Johnson Tournament Contestants to make a large and special donation to our local Beste Scholarship Fund. I hope you know how much we all appreciate your sponsorship of and interest in the Beste Fund, and your fine spirit of help and cooperation. Your response was heart warming and is very much treasured. The value of your giving is in knowing that you are helping to make it possible for the Fund to continue the educational program that has come to mean so much to the young people of Hague.

On behalf of our entire Community thank you all very much for your kind support and for your confidence in the Beste Scholarship Fund. Every dollar counts. We are looking forward to a long and continuing relationship with your organization.

Cordially, /s/ Daniel D. Belden, Chairman, Beste Scholarship Fund

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 1996

July

- 17 Blood pressure clinic in Community Ctr. - 1-2PM
- 17 Concert in park (p1) Silver Bay Ensemble
- 17 Parent Workshop at Silver Bay (p5)
- 18 Property Owners of Silver Bay meeting (p2)
- 19 Ti Festival Guild Concert (p6)
- 20 Concert in park (p1) Small Axe and Beef
- 24 Concert in park (p1) Norma Strong Dance Studio
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7PM
- 25 Hague Historical Society (p6)
- 26 Ti Festival Guild Concert (p6)
- 27 Church of the Cross Auction (p8)
- 30 Hague Town Tag Sale (p4)
- 30 Food Distribution - 1-2PM

August

- 1 Planning Board - 7PM
- 2 Ti Festival Guild Concert (p6)
- 3 & 4 Hague Arts & Crafts Fair (see p 1)
- 4 Putnam House and Garden Tour (p8)
- 5th through 8th - Young Boaters Course (p4)
- 7 Parent Workshop (p5)
- 7 APA meeting in Ticonderoga (p7)
- 9 EMPS' show, "Anything Goes" at Silver Bay (p1)
- 9 Ti Festival Guild Concert (p6)
- 12 Women Helping Women - (p2)
- 13 Town Board Meeting - 6:30PM. Public hearing 6:15P
- 14 Parent Workshop (p5)
- 14 Concert in park (p1) - Rick Bolton, soft rock
- 15 Red Cross Bloodmobile at Silver Bay (p6)
- 21 Parent Workshop (p5)

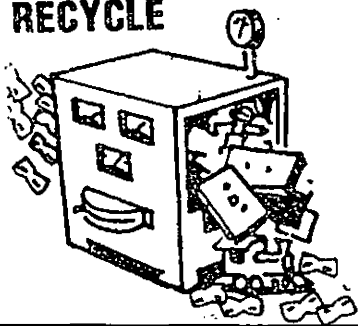
*When I works, I works easy.
 When I sits, I sits loose.
 When I worries, I sleeps!*

*Credo of Squire Higgins
 on his 100th birthday*

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