

IN HAGUE—DECEMBER 5TH



2 pm Holiday in Hague Parade

4 - 6 pm Town Christmas Party

6 pm HVFD Karaoke Benefit Contest



HOLIDAY IN HAGUE

The Town of Hague and the Hague Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the 9th annual *Holiday in Hague* on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Some of this year's activities will include the tree decorating contest, a holiday parade, and a family Christmas party with games, crafts and carols provided by Silver Bay YMCA. There will also be a basket raffle and, of course, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Area shops will also be open.

Anyone wishing to decorate a tree may contact Katy Wells at 543-3006. Trees will be set up on Friday, December 4th and judging will be at 2 pm on Saturday. The parade will commence at the Town Park starting at 2 pm and travel to the Community Center where awards will be given for the tree decorating contest. First prize will be \$100, 2nd will be \$50 and 3rd will be \$25.

Anyone wishing to be in the parade or providing a float is welcome. We would like all the children to ride with Santa and Mrs. Claus from the Park to the Community Center. We also encourage pets in holiday attire in the parade. There will be a prize for the most festive pooch as well. ...Katy Wells

HAGUE'S GOT TALENT

A benefit Karaoke Contest will be held on December 5, 2009. The evening begins at 6 pm with general admission of \$5 which includes food. Beer and wine will be sold additionally. The Karaoke begins at 7 pm with a \$10 entrance fee for those in the contest. The prizes will be \$100 for 1st place, \$60 for 2nd place and \$40 for 3rd place plus Blind Prize drawings.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department, Hague Chamber of Commerce and Hague Sno-goers are co-sponsoring the event. The evening activities will take place at the Fire House on the corner of West Hague Road and Graphite Mountain Road (Route 8).

If you can sing or think you can sing, come show off your talent. There will be great prizes, food and drink. All proceeds will benefit the Jason R. Laundree Memorial Firefighters Training Fund.

For more information or to register, call 585-9890 or 543-3006 or email <haguesnogoers@yahoo.com> or <wellskatyb66@yahoo.com>. ...Tom Haskell

CROWN POINT BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

The NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) and the offices of the governors of both NY (David Patterson) and VT (Jim Douglas) have issued the latest information on the Crown Point Bridge.

Reports indicated that it is not feasible to rehabilitate the Lake Champlain Bridge since engineers have declared that the 80-year-old span is too unstable to be renovated. The bridge will be torn down and both states (NY and VT) are committed to moving quickly so that a replacement bridge can be erected in its place.

NY and VT hope to expedite establishing ferry service near the existing bridge. They then hope to build a replacement bridge as close to the existing location as is possible.

The best alternative for those in the Hague-Ticonderoga area has been the free Fort Ti ferry service between Ticonderoga and Shoreham, VT. The ferry had planned to shut down but, under an agreement just announced from Vermont and New York transportation officials, the company will install winterizing equipment so it can operate in colder weather at least until the lake freezes. The free service will keep the ferry open and running seven days a week from 6 am to 8 pm.

Another transportation alternative is free ferry service at the Essex/Charlotte crossing. Additionally, a free express bus service now brings commuters to three major employers in Vermont, while a pedestrian ferry service was established north of the Lake Champlain Bridge between Westport, NY and Basin Harbor, VT.

More information about the closure is available from a toll-free hotline (1-888-769-7243) open weekdays 9 am to 5 pm. Those calling from the 518 area code may dial 485-1159. The NYS outreach center is located in the Lake Champlain Visitors Center at 814 Bridge Rd. in Crown Point.



DECK THE HALLS VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT



Kaley Manning of Silver Bay is organizing this year's "Deck the Halls" party at the Community Center on November 22, 2009 from noon to 4 pm. Other volunteers are invited to come by during those times to join her in decorating the tree and halls of the Center on Route 8. Light refreshments will be served.



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Club wishes to thank Hague's political candidates for taking the time to attend our October Meeting which made for a very informative afternoon.

Since October is always our Halloween Party, we opened the meeting with a most unusual Costume Parade! Many of our Seniors arrived in disguise and our judges, Peggy Darrin and Bill Pelkey, were hard pressed to pick the winners. First Prize went to Catherine Christiansen as THE RED DEVIL, Second Prize went to Pat Hintze as OLD MAC DONALD and Third Prize went to Dolly Kennedy as THE T. J. MAXX SHOPPER. Each received a gaily decorated pumpkin. Apple Basket Door Prizes were won by Pat McDonough, Julia Middleton and Don Carey. We also welcomed two new members this month. Nice to see our Club is growing!!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. Entertainment will be a special program - HOLIDAY COMICS & STORIES presented by Stan Burdick of the Ticonderoga Cartoon Museum, assisted by his wife, Cathie. This should be fun and visitors are welcome to join us.

The Senior Christmas Party, catered by Katy Wells, will take place at the HVFD Fire House on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 starting at noon. This is always a very festive affair and once again our guest list will include members of the Chamber of Commerce who will announce their choice of Hague's Senior of the Year. Club Members will be able to sign up for this event at the November Meeting. ... Madeline Pelkey

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON FOR SENIORS

The Kiwanis and Ticonderoga School District will hold their annual luncheon for area Senior Citizens on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 2 pm in the Ti Elementary-Middle School Cafetorium. No reservations are required (we've heard that you should get there early!) and a light turkey lunch will be provided. There also will be student entertainment. The snow date is December 10, 2009.

RENTAL LISTINGS

Although we do not have advertisements as such, as a service to our readers we will publish listings for rental properties in our March issue. If you plan to rent your home next summer, send information which we will include - edited as necessary.

HVFD KICKS OFF WINTER ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, December 5, 2009 the HVFD will co-sponsor a Karaoke Nite Contest at the Fire House to benefit the Jason R. Laundree Fire Training Fund. Come out and support this worthy cause.

Our Annual Fire Department Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 11, 2009 and following tradition, each member will be asked to bring an unwrapped toy or clothing item and a non-perishable food item. This year, in the interest of economizing, as well as showing off some gastronomic member skills, our own food committee, led by Linda Mury and Katy Wells, will be preparing the food.

New member Brianna Blodgett along with others, is seeking certification to be active in the Fire Police.

In October there were a combined total of 25 Fire/EMT calls, using 280 man hours by 24 personnel, plus one water drill to Hulett's Landing.

The Christmas Holiday Season is just around the corner, and with it the urge to start decorating. As a word of caution, use only UL approved lighting systems, and be careful not to overload circuits. Be safe, not sorry. ... Joe McCranels

EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELP

Both Steve Ramant and Bruce Clark have encouraged the Town Board to consider buying an AED (automated external defibrillator) and having someone trained to use it. The AED device 'guides the user through the process by audible or visual prompts without requiring any discretion or judgment.' The American Heart Association notes that at least 20,000 lives could be saved annually by prompt use of AEDs. Ultimately, with broad deployment of AEDs among trained responders, as many as 50,000 deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest could be prevented each year. The key to survival is timely initiation of a 'chain of survival', including CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Bruce has organized a first aid/CPR class for Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The 3-hour class will be taught by Tom Beach, EMT who says, "This community CPR course includes techniques for children and infants and will also go over the use of AEDs." The fee for the class is \$35 with a check made out to Penny Beach and the sign-up sheet is in the Community Center office.

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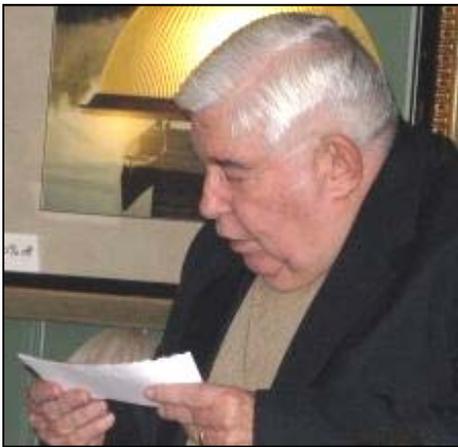
FRASIER THANKED FOR SERVICE

Dick Frasier was honored at a “thank-you” dinner for his volunteer service on the Ticonderoga Board of Education. Over thirty people from the Hague and Ticonderoga communities attended the dinner at *Eddie’s Restaurant* on November 11, 2009. Judy Stock and George Ianson, Publisher and Treasurer respectively of *The Hague Chronicle*, organized the event.

Judy remarked that since Hague has no organization like a PTA of its own, *The Hague Chronicle* wanted to offer a means to give public recognition to Dick for dedicating 12 years to the Ti School Board and advocating the best quality of education for the children and youth in our two communities. In thanking everyone, Dick included praise for the teachers and parents. As an explanation for stepping down, he remarked that anyone who serves on a school board should have children in the school to get a balanced point of view in order to make the best decisions for a quality education, which he believes his own children received in the Ticonderoga schools.

Beth and Dave Iuliano, owners of *Eddie’s Restaurant* presented good food, good service, and a pleasant dining atmosphere—just right for the evening. Dick’s family surrounded him at the table, with his wife, Edna, their daughter Jessica Leerkers and young son, Mason, and their second daughter Lindsay Mydlarz with husband Mike and young children, Alyssa and Brady. Absent at the family’s table were sons Matt and Luke Frasier who live miles away in other states, and son-in-law Tony Leerkers, who was kept late at work.

George read several “telegrams” from dignitaries who couldn’t attend, including this one: *Dear Mr. Frasier, Being a graduate of Ti High School, I wanted to express my gratitude for all that the school and you personally have done for me. I was employed during my high school years but I had not developed my job skills at that stage of my life. In fact, I was fired 33 times by you. I believe that is a record for NY State. But with those skills polished I hold a responsible job overseeing cement hardening and maturing grass seedlings. – Many thanks, Matthew Clifford Frasier.* (from his son Matt who is a civil engineer in Tennessee, employed at repairing dams for a construction company in the TVA.)



The evening ended with a presentation of a gift for Dick—a globe desk clock inscribed: “To Dick Frasier in appreciation for serving on the Ticonderoga School Board 1997 – 2009 from the citizens of Hague, NY.” ... Chris Ianson

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Dick Frasier, owner of Lakeshore Garage, is well known to the community as an excellent mechanic and a continuous volunteer in civic activities. As well as his years of dedicated service on the Ticonderoga School Board, he has also served 20 years on the Ticonderoga Hospital Board and the Fire Department. Dick is a former member of the Hague Town Board and currently serves on the Hague Planning Board where he is the co-chair. The Town frequently turns to Dick for consultation. With the Highway Superintendent he has developed the purchasing specifications for new equipment.

We salute Dick Frasier, a citizen committed to service, for his many contributions to the Town of Hague.

ANCA SELECTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) has appointed Kate Fish of Lake Placid, NY, as its new Executive Director. She replaces Terry Martino, who served in that capacity for nearly two decades before becoming Executive Director at the Adirondack Park Agency in August, 2009. Greg Hill, ANCA’s Interim Executive Director, will return to assisting grassroots-based, community planning and outreach initiatives for ANCA on a regional basis.

“ANCA is delighted and thankful to have Kate Fish assume this crucial position, helping to proactively address local issues, regional concerns, and emerging opportunities in the Adirondack North Country region of New York,” said Donald Caldera, ANCA President. According to Caldera, “Kate brings a wealth of international and local experience to ANCA and we look forward to her leading the organization.”

For more information visit <www.adirondack.org>.

ELECTION RESULTS

All the incumbents were returned to office. As of the November 6, 2009 election figures from the Warren County Board of Elections, Dan Belden continues as Supervisor with 245 votes over Rudy Meola with 126 votes. Edna Frasier with 279 votes and Mark Martucci with 197 votes continue while Mary Ann Eaton received 171 votes. Heather Knott ran unopposed for Town Justice and received 143 votes. Additional votes came in absentee ballots but did not change any results.

Mary Ann issued a statement congratulating Edna and Mark and thanking Dick, Mark and Edna for "your continued dedication to provide leadership for our community."

She also thanked her supporters and said, "I was overwhelmed with your welcome acceptance of me."

Additionally, Mary Ann stated, I encourage all of the residents of Hague to unite and provide feedback to the team that has been elected to serve our community. Communication is essential to preserve what is unique about Hague and to move forward wisely with inevitable change."

The state propositions passed with Hague voting 124 yes and 27 no for #1 and 120 yes and 35 no for #2.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/22/09

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications.

PLANNING BOARD – 11/5/09

Chairman, EJ Siwek and Board members Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, John Brown and Mike Cherubini were all present.

COMMONS (26.10-1-37) 31 Commons Way (TR-1R)

After a public hearing, the Board approved the application for a subdivision of 3.48 acres into lots of 1.1 acre and 2.38 acres. Both lots will have 100 feet of shoreline.

HUME (26.6-1-9) 34 Forest Bay Road (TR-1R)

The Board approved the application for a 44 sq.ft. kitchen addition and an exterior handicap ramp with landing. The proposed new construction will be 51 ft. from the MHW of Lake George.

KILLORIN (60.9-1-37) 36 Bobkat Lane (TR 1)

The applicants would like to replace an existing house which sits 112 ft. from Lake George and with a new single family house which would sit 50 ft. from the lake. The Board approved the application with conditions about stormwater and erosion control. Suggestions were made about visual, noise and shoreline buffers and the applicant is planning a rain garden. A condition was also made to replace any trees cut down, which are over 6 inches in diameter, with native trees.

SCOTT (60.5-1-23) 69 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)

The Board approved the application, with erosion control measures, to construct a 15 ft. by 28 ft. deck addition to an existing house which will sit 89 ft. from Lake.

SALES TAX INCOME AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

The Town of Hague receives its main source of income from the Warren County Sales Tax. For a number of years the Town has left \$300,000 of that tax revenue with the County to reduce the amount of county tax levy for Hague residents. The proposed 2010 budget added an additional \$60,000 to that amount for a total of \$360,000. There was concern that the sales tax revenue would be much lower than usual.

At the November 5th Public Hearing, citing over \$2 million dollars that the Town has in unexpended balance, Councilman Meola moved to increase the amount left with the County to a total of \$500,000. Meola and Gladu voted yes and Belden, Martucci and Frasier voted no. The motion was defeated 3-2 and the amount was left as budgeted.

At the November 11th Town Board meeting, Councilman Gladu reported that the County sales tax "should only be off 3% instead of 14% as previously projected." In light of that news, he noted, "I would like to see more given to the County to offset the county (property) tax."

Councilman Meola reiterated his position that with more than 2 million dollars in unexpended balance, he also would like to see more given to the County. He also noted that the Comptroller "frowns on a town that has more than 10% of its appropriations in unexpended balance. The money belongs to taxpayers and one way to give it back to them is by going back to \$500,000 as the amount to be left there."

Supervisor Belden said it could be amended at a later date and a motion to change the budget was again defeated and the amount to be left with the County remains at a total of \$360,000.

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING - 10/22/09

All members of the Town Board were present. They passed a resolution declaring the Town Board as the Lead Agency for the Environmental Review of the work at the American Legion building. The site now known as the Hague Veteran's Park is located at 9073 Lakeshore Drive at the corner of Overbrook Road. The Town Board has provided funding for the design and construction of the Park including replacement of the building, pedestrian lighting, benches, landscape plantings and establishing a Town monument to commemorate local veterans. The Highway Department will be asked to perform the demolition of the current building.

In other matters, the Board:

Made additional changes in the proposed budget

Approved contracting with Swift Maintenance to perform bi-weekly cleaning of the Community Center at \$150 per week until December 31, 2009.

Received the resignation of Daniel Steitz as Deputy Highway Superintendent and learned that Richard Myers will take the position.

Agreed to the purchase of a Wastewater pumping truck through the grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussed the possibility of having a Department of Public Works.

TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - 11/5/09

All members of the Board and the Town Clerk were present for the Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

A moment of silence was held for those who were killed at Fort Hood, Texas.

\$20,000 was added back into the Fire Department budget to be used to help with the Communication Feasibility Study and radio budget.

Judy Stock, the only other person at the public hearing, inquired about the revenue and expenditures in the Justice budget. The Assessor & Justice Committee will review the position and bring their recommendations back to the Town Board.

The budget lists salaries to Town officials as follows: Supervisor - \$17,505 (duplicated by the County for a total of \$35,010), Highway Superintendent - \$37,132, Councilman - \$6,101 each, Town Clerk - \$15,299 and Town Justice - \$8,487.

The budget was adopted as presented.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 11/10/09

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Barbara Lawrence.

During the public comments, Gene Moran noted that it would help if the microphones could be used. Bruce Clark discussed a proposal for CPR classes and purchase of a defibrillator. Judy Schultz expressed concern about first responders being on call. Lara Smith, new owner of Meadowbrook Acres on New Hague Road, urged cable service for that area. The Board will work to address these concerns.

Committee Reports:

1. Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement

Work will be started soon on the east porch. Further investigation will take place on the needs at the Community Center such as an expanded fireproof, waterproof vault and humidification in the cellar.

2. Finance & Insurance

The Town budget has been set and approved.

3. Fire Department

Councilman Gladu reported that to date there have been 100 emergency calls.

4. Highway

Councilman Martucci thanked the Highway Department for their work on the American Legion project. Then he reported that there will be a new truck by December 1st, the culverts have been cleaned, interviews going well for the new person they will be hiring and the trucks have been serviced for the winter.

5. Planning/Zoning/Stormwater

A code modification committee has been established. Councilmen Gladu and Martucci were appointed to serve on it.

6. Recreation/Promotion & Youth

Councilman Meola questioned whether the Town was going to be involved in planning a Christmas party this year. The consensus was to go ahead with plans. As part of a school volunteer project, Kaley Manning has offered to help decorate the tree. The date of the Holiday in Hague is December 5th and Supervisor Belden and Councilwoman Frasier will work on the plans.

7. Sewer Districts #1 and #2

Supervisor Belden reported that 35 properties have already been hooked up this fall and the project is under budget although he did not have the figures.

Rolly and Kathi Allen related that they had attempted to hook up today and because the contractor had not done a good job, it had to be redone by his private contractor. They felt that the job being done by A. P. Reale is not appropriate nor complete. The Supervisor asked them to send him a letter and a bill which he will send to A. P. Reale. The county engineer will be doing an inspection and will not be making payments to the contractor until work is approved.

Councilman Meola noted that the Board still has not learned who gave A. P. Reale permission to dump contaminated soil last winter.

8. Transfer Station

Councilman Gladu has noticed that there is a growing pile of debris at the Transfer Station whose origin is unknown. He will do further research and put in a proposal on what the Town may want to do with that area.

In other business, the Board

Heard a report from Rolly Allen on the situation at the Lake Champlain bridge and he felt that the Town should "support an interim arrangement in some expeditious way." Supervisor Belden asked him to send the Board a letter and they will write up a resolution.

Approved a reimbursement of \$80 for a vacant property without a lateral in Sewer District #1 based upon a letter to the property owner in 2003. Councilman Meola noted that there was no reference to a lateral in the sewer code. He suggested that maybe we should get away from the EDU concept.

Received a thank you from John McDonald for the Town's 2009 donation to the Black Watch Memorial Library. The library will receive the same amount (\$2500) for 2010.

Approved contracts for the work on the new Veteran's Park (site of the former American Legion building) to the lowest bidders.

Approved proposals for replacing the sign at the Highway shed and preserving the Transfer Station sign.

HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB

The October meeting of the Hague Fish & Game Club opened with a moment of silence for departed members Jason Laundree and Imogene Frasier.

A discussion on the condition of the fishery on Lake George was initiated by Joe Greco as well as on The Cooperative Angler Diary Reports. During the forum many pros and cons on the Lake George Lake Trout population were discussed. It was noted that a comprehensive study of the Lake will soon take place that will hopefully shed more information on the Lake Trout population. With completion of the talks it was voted to keep the same format for this year's Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament, scheduled for February 27 - 28, 2010.

On October 30th many of the Town's kids and parents were treated to the Club's Annual Halloween Party. A "SPOOKY" good time was had by all.

The Club now has its own web site. Please go to <<http://haguefishandgame.com>> and check out the site. Monthly meetings are held at the Club (488 West Hague Road) on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm. ... Steve Ramant

TI METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Annual Christmas Fair at the Ticonderoga First United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 9 am to 2 pm. Church members, along with Fair Chairperson Jane Bassett, have been busy planning for this popular event. Featured at the Fair will be Homemade Crafts, a White Elephant area, Silent Auction, Gifts Galore Shoppe, delectable Baked Goods, and a marvelous Luncheon served from 11 am to 1 pm. Decorations for the Christmas season will also be available for sale as well as items in the Thrift Shop located on the lower level of the Church fellowship wing.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 1045 Wicker Street (Route 9N), up the hill from the hospital entrance. All are welcome to the Sunday services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am led by Pastor Scott Tyler. Adult Sunday School is held at 9:30 am and the children meet during the 10:30 am service. For more information call the church office at 585-7995 or visit the website <www.tifumc.com>.

CCE FINANCIAL PROGRAMS

The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Warren County sponsors a series of workshops for area residents. Upcoming are: "Making Ends Meet - Reduce expenses, make a spending plan and leave more money in your pocket," on December 3, 2009; "Save Energy, Save Dollars - Learn about reducing your energy bills and low cost, no cost energy conservation." on December 10, 2009 and "Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues," on December 1, 2009.

All workshops will be held from 6 to 8 pm at CCE, 377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg. For further information see <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/index.html>> or contact CCE at 623- 3291.

MOHICAN CRAFTERS



The Mohican Crafters' needles and hooks have been clicking all year! As they do annually, they like to share their projects with a worthy cause. This year they donated a box full of handmade hats, scarves and mittens to the Tiny Tim Program in Ticonderoga. If you find unused yarn the next time you're cleaning out your closet, you can drop it off at the Community Center and we'll put it to good use.

The Crafters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 am in the Community Center. Pictured above are Jackie Ambra, Blanche Hanna, Gertrude Raczkowski, Jo Wray, and Marguerite West. Other knitters are Maureen Cherubini and Pat McDonough.

T'AI JI CLASSES CONTINUE

Mae Pagan will begin a new series of t'ai ji classes on December 9, 2009 for 8 weeks. For further information contact Mae at 543-6605 or <returntomountain@yahoo.com>.

SEMBRICH FREE WINTER FILM SERIES

The Sembrich Winter Film Series continues on Tuesday evenings with "Joyeux Noel" on December 8, 2009. This film will be shown at the Bolton Free Library at 7 pm with free admission. For more information or to make a reservation, please call The Sembrich office at 644-2431.

LGLC RECEIVED GRANT FOR LAND PROTECTION

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently received a grant of \$200,000 from the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation towards continued support of LGLC's most recent land conservation projects. The Lake George Land Conservancy took on substantial amounts of debt to finance the acquisition of the Berry Pond Preserve in 2008 and the Last Great Shoreline Protection Project in 2009. The Froehlich Foundation's grant will help to meet the financial obligations associated with those purchases.

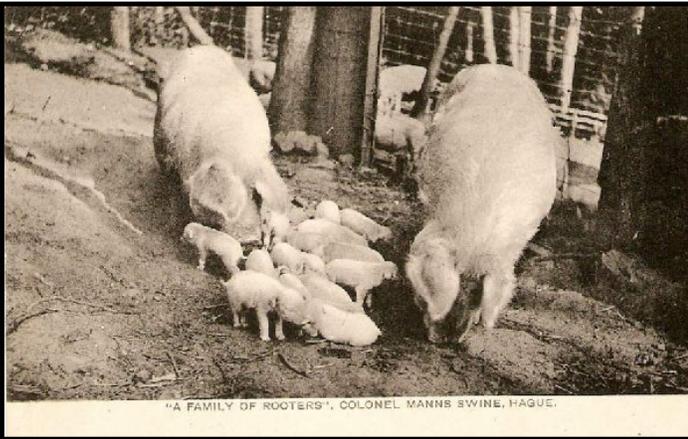
"We are thrilled that we were able to protect these parcels," said Nancy Williams, LGLC executive director, "and have already opened public trails on both Berry Pond and the Last Great Shoreline. However, both of these purchases are heavily mortgaged so we are responsible for large payments each quarter. ... We hope that those who use the lake appreciate the protected lands that protect the beauty of Lake George and, as they consider year-end donations, will send a check to LGLC. "

Looking Back



Researched by the Hague Historical Society

If you have a photo or postcard you'd like to share, just let Pat McDonough know at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. Below is a fun one! The card is labelled "A Family of Rooters, Colonel Manns swine, Hague". Postmarked 1901, the card is addressed to Mr. Harold Ross, Hague, NY, and the message is "Look out for the pigs."; signed "H."



Colonel Mann's farm was on the Pudding Island Road and he was, of course, the target of the original Lake George Monster Hoax. Read more about it in the Hague Museum!

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

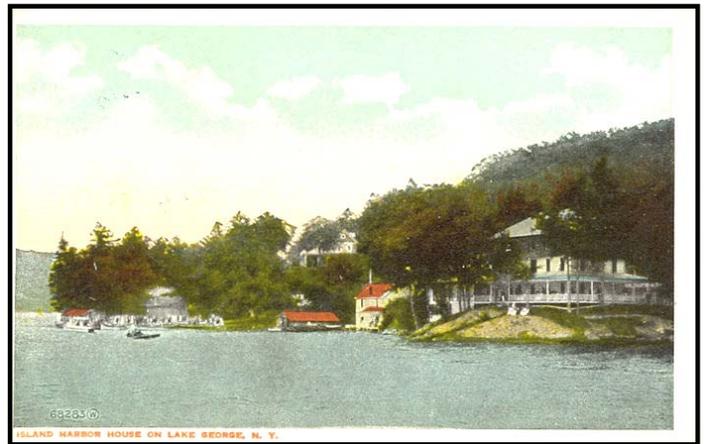
The Historical Society Board has set "Hague Hotels" as their research priority for 2010. We'd like to gather a group of local residents to help with that research which will then be used for our annual meeting program and our Community Center exhibit. In January we'll be calling a meeting of any and all who are interested in contributing to this research. We hope you'll sign-on for the project by calling Judy Stock at 543-6517 or Pat McDonough at 543-6725, or by email at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. Let us know before the first of the year and we'll contact you in January!

These are some of the things we'd be interested in: your own family stories or personal memories of the old hotels; photographs; postcards and old letters; documents; artifacts such as dishes, menus, advertising pieces, keys; anything related to the wonderful old places where visitors used to stay in Hague. We realize that you may have things you don't want to give us, but we do have the capacity to scan-and-return items or to photograph them. We hope you'll join us in pulling together another chapter of Hague history. ... Pat McDonough

A postcard of *The Island Harbor House* in its original location on the road to Ticonderoga (Route 9N) looking south.



Another postcard of *The Island Harbor House* taken from Lake side in the area of Asas Island.



Postcard image courtesy of Jim Henderson

CEMETERY CLEANUP



The crew for the annual Fall clean-up of the Hague Heritage Cemetery was small, but efficient. Special thanks to Pat and Joe Wania for the loan of their leaf blower! The hard workers pictured above are: (seated) Ray Snyder and Rudy Meola; (standing) Kathi Ramant, Pat McDonough, Steve Ramant.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A son, Mason Luca Marchetti, on June 22, 2009 to Angela and T. J. Marchetti of Ridgewood, NJ. The delighted grandparents are Bobbi and Tom Marchetti of Chagrin Falls, OH and Silver Bay. Mason joins his big sister, Malena and brother, Thomas.

BORN: A son, Dayton Lee, to Anthony and Nicole Waters on June 30, 2009. Dayton is the grandson of Janet and Ernie Waters of MA and the thirteenth great-grandchild for Barb Snow of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Erick Forlie of Queensbury who was honored with the 2009 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Erick is a liberal arts/humanities and social science major at Adirondack Community College. He spends his summers at Silver Bay and has worked at Snug Harbor South for the past 3 summers. He is the son of Robert and Susan Forlie and the grandson of Fred and Ruth Klingler of Silver Bay.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Shirley Bryant who is now the North Carolina Champion Female Croquet player in the 85-90 year-old division having won the NC State Senior Games on October 25, 2009. Shirley, a summer resident of Pine Cove, Hague declared, "And I am going back next year to defend my title and I believe I'll compete in shuffleboard as well." She is amazing!

TRAVELING AND THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

With the purchase of the new laptop, wireless connections and the convenience of telecommunications, I have been able to be out of town during three deadlines and still work on *The Hague Chronicle*!

In May, we drove up from Florida with a 1989 Toyota Supra that we had bought on Ebay. We stopped in motels in Tennessee and Pennsylvania that advertised "free WiFi" so I was able to upload email press releases, write articles and send them to layout editor, Jim Henderson.

In June, I drove with my daughter, Elizabeth, from San Francisco to St. Louis, MO. Again, we had to make sure that any motels had WiFi so that each night and morning I could check and send emails.

Then in October, Elizabeth and I attended a family wedding and stayed at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, NJ. (Coincidentally, Ken and Enid Engler were at the same place for a different wedding!) The Inn had wireless internet throughout and again I was able to get most of the articles written while out-of-town.

Pat McDonough and I receive the final drafts from Jim Henderson by email and after proofreading and any corrections made, I upload the issue directly to the Staples website. So really the whole edition can be done by telecommunications - the editor doesn't even have to live in Town! With that in mind, would anyone be willing to take on the duties? How about even Assistant Editor and doing it "sometimes"? Volunteers are always welcome!

Judy Stock, Editor

TRY IT, YOU MAY JUST LIKE IT!

Last November I "volunteered" to do the layout work for *The Hague Chronicle*... yes, volunteered. I live in Cromwell, Connecticut most of the year but have been coming to Hague now for over 60 years. My father was a *Chronicle* proofreader during the summers in the 1980s for Dottie Henry. I have a background in the printing and computer industries and decided it was time to get involved. Sometimes one must convince others that you do not have to be physically near to perform various roles.

Last December I produced a prototype of the new layout for the Editor, and in January took on the layout responsibilities. In the past eleven months I have produced three of the issues on my laptop at the Lake and the remainder here in Connecticut. With Internet connections the production runs smoothly and Judy and I usually only talk on the phone once per issue and that is for the last minute corrections prior to publication.

It has been enjoyable, I strongly encourage others to get involved and share your skills in whatever way you choose but please get involved—you might just like it.

... Jim Henderson

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Hague Weather Report 10/18/09—11/13/09

Weather for the past 30 days has been consistent with the usual weather pattern for Oct/Nov. We had some rain and wind which helped to bring down the leaves quickly. Saturday, October 24th was our wettest day with 1.8" rain. It was a steady all day rain, heavy most of the time. The following Wednesday, 10/28, was another all day rain accumulating .7" Halloween was windy and cloudy with .35" rain coming after dark. The leaves were really blowing around that afternoon, not great for Trick or Treating but warm at 70 degrees. The same night we turned the clocks back to end Daylight Savings Time. It is now light in the morning. At least the children do not have to get on the school bus in darkness. Scattered rain showers occurred on Nov. 3rd and I saw several rainbows as the sun came in and out.

On November 5, there were snow showers. Although the ground was warm and melted the snow as it fell, the cars were dusted with 1/4 -1/2" snow. Time to find the snow brush and ice scrapers. Heavy frosts occurred on the vehicles the 1st week of November. Sunday, Nov 8th ranks as the best day of the period with a high of 70 degrees and sunshine.

I heard a term on the radio that really describes the sunshine we get this time of year. The announcer called it "milky sunshine". It is great way to describe those days that are not really sunny and are not really cloudy. The sky is neither bright blue nor grey cloudy. It is in between....milky sunshine. Good description.

As our reporting period ends on Saturday, November 14, we are expecting some rain from the effects of a late season hurricane. Although most of the nor'easter will stay well to the south, some rain/wind will brush by us.

Sunrise is at 6:43 am and sunset at 4:30 pm. Full moon was on Nov. 2nd. Next full moon is Dec. 2nd.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Wild Parsnips ~ Poison or Table Fare?

I have been on a quest, since the spring, to find wild foods and include them in my diet ~ weekly. I want to be able to follow the seasons with what is growing and edible and in the area where I live. I am not content with “foraging for berries” as my mother once worried, but determined to find delicious ways to serve the wild things, documenting the harvest, preparation and recipes while I’m at it. This quest forces me to pay close attention to and identify everything I can, learning the way plants, trees and mushrooms look in each stage of their growth and when is the best time to harvest which part ~ roots, leaves, flowers, berries?

Over the summer I learned about the wild parsnip. This plant has received much attention in the last ten years or so, as being the cause of severe dermatitis. A rash surpassing the worst case of poison ivy with painful blisters lasting for weeks and scars lasting for years has caused alarm wherever it has appeared. Considered a toxic invasive plant, it is cropping up in abandoned fields and roadsides all over New England and the mid-west. I have it in my yard and I see it in large patches everywhere I go from Chilson to Ticonderoga to Hague. A relatively new phenomenon, the blisters appear only when the stems are cut, the sap gets on the skin and then that area is exposed to sunlight ~ photo-dermatitis. It has also been indicated that the skin must have sweat on it too, which makes sense since that would mean that the skin’s pores are open to receive the toxin. It also makes sense that the rash usually develops when a person is actively removing the plants, yanking the “weeds” or weed-whacking them down and the stems are ripped apart and the sap flies onto the skin in the mid-summer heat (sweat) on a sunny day.

The wild parsnip *Pastinaca sativa* is a biennial plant, meaning that the plant has a two-year life cycle. The first-year plant appears as a basal rosette of 3-6 large, pinnately-compound leaves. At full size in autumn, the leaves may reach 2 feet in length, somewhat resembling the leaves of celery to me. They have a large edible taproot (we’ll get to that later!).



The second-year plant (which does not provide the edible taproot) grows from 3-6 feet tall and blooms from late June to the middle of July. The flowers resemble the flat-topped yellowish-green umbels of dill and are conspicuously taller than the grasses around them. This is the form that gives us the rash. We try to eradicate the plant when it begins to appear where we do not want it to be growing. But ~ here is the neat

part ~ the wild parsnip is exactly the same plant as the garden parsnip ~ it just happens to be growing wild! It is not a wild variety or descendant or related ~ it is the same! This parsnip plant has escaped from colonial gardens and is the same as if you planted them from a packet of seeds from Burpee. And why didn’t the colonists and Europeans long before them ever have this dermatitis problem? Because they were not letting them get to be second-year plants and tearing them out to kill them. They were planting them, tending them and then harvesting them for food in the first year of growth. They **wanted** them growing in their gardens. I highly recommend Samuel Thayer’s book, *The Forager’s Harvest*, for detailed identification. In it he says, “Ironically, the rash is most often suffered by people pulling it out because it causes a rash ~ much like rattlesnakes, which bite people mostly when they try to kill them because they bite people.”



Parsnips are best when harvested in the fall of the first year from late October until the ground freezes ~ now. The sweet, edible taproot ranges in size from 8-12 inches in length and 1-1.75 inches thick at the top and looks just like the creamy off-white roots you buy in the store. Easily dug with a shovel, just rinse them off and store in a plastic bag in the fridge for up to two months. I love adding them to

soups and stew but enjoyed them the other night roasted with fresh carrots from the garden. As always with wild foods, proper identification is a must, but don’t miss this one, it is easy to learn and would be perfect to grace your Thanksgiving table. I know wild parsnips will be on mine ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

CORRECTION

The number for Belden Property Services is 518-543-6504. An incorrect number was published last month. Our apologies to both parties.

HAGUE TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

HAGUE CALENDAR

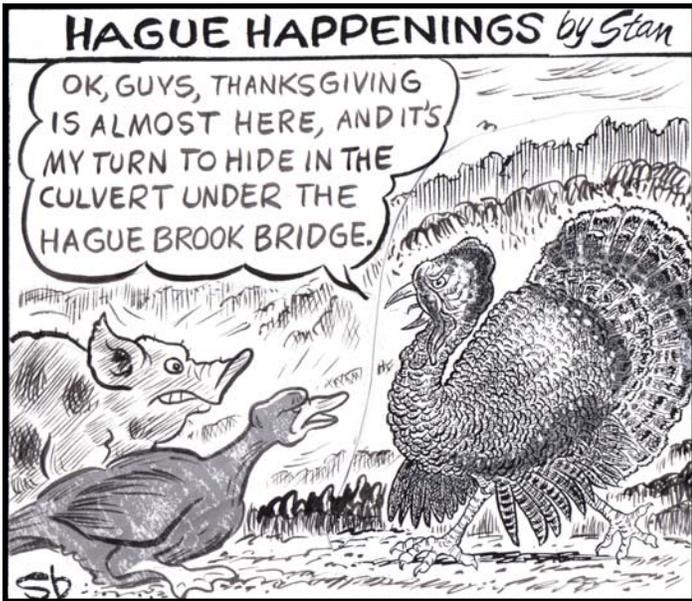
November 2009

- 21 9 am – 2 pm Ti Methodist Church Christmas Fair
- 22 noon to 4 pm Decorating Community Center
- 24 1:30 pm Senior Citizens meet
- 25 - 27 No School Thanksgiving Break



December 2009

- 1 7 pm Ti Elementary School Concert
- 2 First Aid/CPR Class at Community Center
- 3 7 pm Planning Board meets
- 5 HOLIDAY IN HAGUE
- 8 noon Senior Club Christmas party
- 8 6:30 pm Town Board meets
- 9 2 pm Kiwanis Senior Citizens Holiday Lunch
- 10 7 pm Ti Middle School Concert
- 11 News deadline for *The Hague Chronicle*
- 15 7 pm Ti School Board Regular Meeting
- 17 7 pm Ti High School Concert
- 17 December issue of *The Hague Chronicle* mailed



ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: Fire Department (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: Senior Bus to Glens Falls (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: Chamber of Commerce (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Mohican Crafters (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: Ticonderoga School Board (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: Sno-goers
- 4th Wednesday: Extra Helpings Distribution (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: Carillion Garden Club (11 am)
- 1st Friday: Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
- 2nd Friday: Silver Bay Movie Night (6 pm)

- Every Tuesday: Rotary Club (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: Kiwanis (12:15 pm)

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