



CROWN POINT BRIDGE CLOSED

After hearing this news we found the following information on the websites of the Press Republican and the Post Star.

After an inspection showed it could collapse, the massive Champlain Bridge connecting New York and Vermont was closed indefinitely Friday afternoon due to erosion of two of the concrete piers. The sudden closing impacted the almost 4,000 drivers a day who cross the vital link between the two states. The Fort Ticonderoga Ferry, which runs only from 8 am to 5:45 pm, is slated to close for the season on October 31,

CANDIDATES NIGHT

On October 15, 2009, *The Hague Chronicle* sponsored a Candidates Night moderated by Editor/Publisher Judy Stock. The candidates for Town Board and Supervisor were asked a number of questions which had been submitted in advance compiled from topics indicated by readers. In addition, the last part of the program was open to questions from the audience.

Topics including the Fire Department/Ambulance, Water Quality, Style of Government, Master Plan and several specific items. An audio tape was made of the evening and anyone who wishes to borrow it can contact Judy at 543-6517 or <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

Statements from each of the candidates appear in this issue. Voting takes place on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at the Community Center.



ELECTION DAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Renewing an old tradition, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department will be serving an Election Day continental breakfast and lunch at the Community Center on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Pastries and coffee will be available starting at 6 am. Lunch will be a deli buffet including turkey, ham, roast beef, tuna, assorted breads, cheeses, a soup station, chips, pickles and dessert. The buffet lunch will be from 11 am to 2 pm and will be \$7. All proceeds go to the Jason R. Laundree Firefighters Training Fund.

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

The Hague Chronicle asked each of the local candidates for Town Board and Supervisor to submit a statement for publication. The incumbent Town Justice, Heather Knott, is running for reelection unopposed on the Justice Party line.

The only other contested election on the local ballot is for Justice of the Supreme Court (4th District). Vote for two from among these candidates: Barry Kramer, Democratic/Conservative; Brian Stewart, Democratic; Richard Meyer, Republican; Thomas Mercure, Republican/Conservative

In addition to candidates, the ballot will contain two amendments which do not appear to have any significant opposition.

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR, party affiliation (vote for 1)

DANIEL BELDEN, Republican/Independence

"I have been your Town Supervisor for the past 18 years, and appreciate the support and confidence you have given to me. I have been able to accomplish several, much needed, programs and solutions for our town and residents.

- (1) Meals on Wheels, with help from Ethel Andrus.
- (2) Obtained balance of State funding for reclamation of the landfill, at no cost to taxpayers.
- (3) DEC Grant for \$378,000 for the Hague Brook with stabilization of the banks, 2 sedimentation basins, a salt shed at the highway garage.
- (4) My biggest accomplishment was when I went to Washington, DC to get \$20 million for waste water projects. The Town of Hague used \$8.5 million for Sewer District #1, which was 100% funded. We used the balance of the Grant, (after Bolton Landing and Lake George completed updates to their sewer systems) to fund Sewer District # 2, which was \$3.2 million. The balance of the cost was funded by ESC. Sewer District #2 is now completed.

- (5) Processed a grant application from Dept. of State and received 50% of the cost to repair and improve the boat slip.

If I am re-elected to serve as your Supervisor for the next 2 years, I will continue to work hard to get more money to offset the cost to Taxpayers on Sewer District #2. I will also work with SBA to draw up a plan, and help to get funding to tie them into the sewer system.

In closing, I have appreciated your support in the past and would appreciate your support on November 3rd."

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Well, September and October have turned into beautiful fall days for all of us here in Hague and two months of good times for the Seniors. The Lake George Cruise in September was a total success and from all the smiling photos I've seen, it was a fun outing. September's meeting centered around the program, POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING was just that . . . an afternoon of 'positive thinking' which left us with a tip or two about how to deal with various forms of stress which everyone experiences from time to time. Also, speaking of Positive Thoughts, the Club has recently increased their membership by eight new Seniors which is always exciting and welcome news.

October's Foliage Outing to Schroon Lake was a wonderful day. Even though the sun wasn't bright, the intense fall colors along the many lakes created beautiful scenery for all of us to enjoy. Several took advantage of some early Christmas shopping at The Town Store in the village and then lunch at Drakes Restaurant proved to be an exceptional treat. The owner and chef, Tommy, layed out the red carpet for us ensuring that the Seniors enjoyed their afternoon. Our return trip included a stop at Gunnison's Orchards to stock up on apples, cider, donuts and more gift items from their extended new shop. It was a 'positive' day of smiles for all.

October's monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, the 27th, 1:30 pm at the Community Center. We will open with a Halloween Parade, so don't forget to come IN COSTUME! You don't have to be decked out in fancy garb, just anything you find stuck in the closet - look silly, funky, scary - whatever! It is all for fun and yes, prizes will be awarded. Our guests this month will be Hague's political candidates running for office, and who knows, maybe they will come in disguise too!! Our special party refreshments will be a surprise created by one of our catering members - definitely a treat to look forward to. Visitors are welcome to join us for the afternoon. This will give you an opportunity to hear from our candidates and to check out the Senior Club. New faces are always welcome.
...Madeline Pelkey

CAPITAL DISTRICT COMMUTING

Anyone who commutes into or out of Saratoga, Warren or Washington County can use an easy and free service called iPoolNorth to search for carpool matches. For more information go to <www.ipoolnorth.org> or contact Sarah at 746-2199 x 3 .

HVFD MOURNS LOSSES

Within a week the Hague Volunteer Fire Department lost not only a respected young line officer, Jason Laundree, but a revered honorary member, Imogene Frasier. We feel a void that will not quickly be filled in either instance.

Jason joined the Department as a Jr. Fireman and outside of work and school, he devoted all his free time to it. Though not large in stature, he was certainly large in character which showed in the work that he did and the condition of the equipment he was responsible for. A man of few words, he would sooner show you how something worked than explain it, you remember it better that way. It is difficult sometimes to understand why such fine young people are taken from us without warning for whatever reason, but we do presume there is a reason, no matter how vague. In his memory, the Department has established the Jason R. Laundree Firefighters Training Fund.

Imogene Frasier has quietly been supportive of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for at least 22 years. On the event of the death of her son Dale she established the Memory Tree in Hague and has maintained it through each Holiday Season with all proceeds going to the Fire Department Ambulance Squad. The amount raised over the years has been quite significant, but in her usual quiet manner Imogene never called attention to that aspect of the effort. From her second row seat in church she would watch to see who took envelopes from the tree and gave a special warm and friendly smile as you passed by. She performed many other community services, again in her usual quiet and unassuming way. Her greatest gift was her love of her family and she was loved by them.

Jason and Imogene, Godspeed from all the members of the HVFD.
... Joe McCranels

NEW BURNING RULES

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has new regulations regarding open burning which took effect on October 14, 2009. Burning of residential waste is prohibited but because Hague has under 20,000 population (not even close!), you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires. Because we are in the Adirondack Park, a permit is still required. For complete information on the regulations see the DEC website: <<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4261.html>>.

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RUDOLPH MEOLA, Democratic/Conservative

“I am running for Town Supervisor because I believe that change is needed in that office and as Supervisor I will be in a better position to serve our town. We need to do some long range planning and provide some direction. Hague needs a effective voice at the County Supervisors to hold them accountable for their actions.

By working with the Highway Superintendent and his staff we will prepare a plan to improve their effectiveness so that road conditions in the winter could be improved and return to bare pavement sooner after a storm. The Town code manual needs to be updated as does the employees manual. I will develop an investment policy which will maximize returns on our investments. I will develop a plan of capital expenditures to meet the needs for public improvements. I will improve the management process and will work to provide opportunities for new developments for those who live and work in Hague while protecting the natural beauty and resources that make Hague so special.

I believe that I am uniquely qualified to bring about the necessary changes. As a retired school administrator, a former deputy supervisor and a town board member I have gained a wealth of experience in handling matters of personnel, organization and control in dealing with regulatory agencies and administering budgets and other fiscal matters. I will work to create a positive and more trusting atmosphere within the town board. I will strive for open and competent government responsive to the needs and concerns of our residents. I will approach the expenditures of taxpayers funds in a responsible and cost effective way.

I want to give the voters of Hague a choice between a candidate dedicated to being a proactive activist town supervisor and two more years of the status quo.”

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN BOARD, party affiliation (vote for 2)

MARYANN EATON, Democratic/Conservative

“My experiences working within all facets of New York’s public education system combined with six years co-owning, building, and operating two small businesses in Hague have provided me with a depth of knowledge and understanding of living and working in New York State. I am also an experienced facilitator.

My Top Issues in this campaign are:

- Meeting the needs of ALL of the residents of Hague
- Protecting Lake George and respecting the environment
- Taxes and the economy

If elected, I will strive to:

- Understand and represent the needs of ALL of the residents of Hague
- Encourage pride in preserving and improving Hague
- Promote common sense spending with accountability
- Build community through the power of communication and reaching consensus

I am a strong supporter of HAGUE:

- H – Home by choice, Humbled by its environment, Honored to live here
- A – Appreciation of similarities, Acceptance of differences, Actions with Accountability
- G – Green for the water, land and air; Gentle planning for Growth through consensus
- U – Understanding needs and desires of this Unique setting and its Challenges, Uniting as a community
- E – Empowering people through communication and Economical, valuable Education”

EDNA FRASIER, Republican/Independence

“Having been born and raised here as well as raising my family and helping to run a business, I feel strongly about Hague’s future. My involvement in politics was that I hoped to seek a balance between the needs of local residents and the needs of the seasonal and new residents of town. The balance of their needs versus their ability to share in the ever increasing tax burden caused by rising property values is a critical one.

I tried over the past 4 years to do what was in the best interest of the taxpayer. It has been rewarding as well as frustrating. I don’t hesitate to take on tasks and I do it to the best of my ability and try to see it through the completion stage.

I am seeking your support so I can complete unfinished projects and respond to those needs and tasks that evolve in the future. Thank You.”

MARK MARTUCCI, Republican/Independence

“I have appreciated the honor of serving as one of your Town Board Members for the last two and a half years. I am again asking for your vote in my re-election campaign.

A little about myself - I have called Hague my home on a year round basis for over 30 years. Since becoming a member of our community, I have been a member of many local organizations including the Hague Fire Department (28 years), Hague Chamber of Commerce, Hague Winter Carnival and the Fish and Game Club.

In my time on the Board we have accomplished a lot and have a lot of work started that needs to be completed. I will continue to work on the Building & Grounds Committee to finish the work presently underway and about to be started on the Community Center. The Highway Department is running well and we now have a good replacement and maintenance schedule implemented. Sewer District 2 is nearing completion and now is the time to search for more funding through grants to help decrease the debt of the project.

In these hard economic times we have worked hard to keep the Town’s budget for 2010 under control without cutting services. I offer the residents of Hague both experience to do the job and also new ideas for the future. The residents of Hague are always welcome to contact me in person or by phone to discuss their concerns and issues regarding our town. I look forward to your continued support and serving the residents of Hague for the next 4 years. Thank you.”

MARA HASKELL THS '09



Mara Haskell, daughter of Meg and Tom Haskell, was one of the Hague residents who graduated in 2009 from Ticonderoga High School. Mara received a Ticonderoga Alumni award as well as a Beste Scholarship.

While at THS, she was a member of the Championship bowling team. She also helped start the Shannon James Memorial Fund in remembrance of a former classmate.

Mara is an active member of the HVFD and is a certified EMT. Her senior project was learning about Emergency Medical Services and she demonstrated the work of an EMT.

Mara has worked at Silver Bay and helps her family with the Hague DJ service. And she has a beautiful black Labrador

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Several local businesses have recently changed ownership. Sandy and Neil Rypkema of Silver Bay have purchased the apartment building next to The Hague Market from Kathe and Rolly Allen of Hague. Silver Bay Construction and Alison Craig Realty have offices in the building and 4 other units are for residential rentals. There is one apartment currently available for rent.

Lara Smith has purchased the dog grooming business from Linda Bendway. Opened for business on Saturday, October 10, 2009, the new business name is Meadowbrook Acres Boarding and Grooming and is located on New Hague Road. They will be boarding dogs, cats and horses and grooming by appointment only at 518-585-6884.

Although not as recent, Belden's Property Services, operated for many years by Dan Belden, is now owned and operated by Peter Belden. The services include all types of property maintenance and the contact number is 518-543-6503.



ROTARY CLUB NEWS

On October 15th, the Northern Lake George Rotary Club picked out the winning raffle ticket for a Kayak that included a personal flotation device, a paddle and a one-hour kayaking lesson by Lake George Kayak Company in Bolton. The winner was Jason Mosley from Ticonderoga, NY. Congratulations Jason, and thank you to all who supported the NLG Rotary Club raffle.

The NLG Rotary Club is a service club that meets at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks at 7:30 am every Tuesday. Starting December 1st thru April 20th the Rotary club will be meeting in Ticonderoga at the Inter-Lakes Health Crown Terrace. A full breakfast is offered before the business meeting and a local guest speaker. Please contact our President, Michelle Benedict, at 585-7785 for more information on the meeting or any of our events. New members are always welcome!

ANDRUS BENCH DEDICATED

The Historical Society had a nice turn-out for the reception for Ethel Andrus. The bench in the Hague Heritage Cemetery was dedicated to Ethel for her long service to the Historical Society and to the Town as Historian. Ethel recalled her father taking her to the cemetery as a seven-year-old and her being inspired with a life-long love of history.



Pat McDonough, Pam Peterson, Kathi Ramant with Ethel Andrus (seated)

HHS PLANS AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Many Hague citizens have told us they were sorry to have missed our recent programs on Houses of Hague and the Sexton Sisters. In an effort to accommodate folks, we're having a Sunday afternoon program on November 8th at 2 pm. We'll review these programs as well as run "Burglar Killed in Hague", a brief program recently presented at a Warren County Historical Society event. Light refreshments will be served and we hope you'll take this opportunity to join us for an interesting afternoon.

NEW WARREN COUNTY HISTORY

The Warren County Historical Society has announced the upcoming release of its new social history of the county called "Warren County (New York): Its People And Their History Over Time."

The pre-publication price is \$35 plus tax and \$5 shipping if ordered before November 15th. For additional information please contact <mail@warrencountyhistoricalsociety.org> or any member of the Hague Historical Society Board.

SILVER BAY MOVIES

Silver Bay hosts a Movie Night on the second Friday of each month through May beginning with a light meal at 6 pm followed by the movie. A \$5 donation is requested per person to help defray the cost of the meal. For more information contact Chip Devenger at <cdevenger@silverbay.org>.

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Town Board met on October 1, 2009 to receive the Tentative Budget. (Diane Trudeau, secretary to the Budget Officer actually prepares the budget, then it goes to the Town Clerk who officially "presents" it to the Board.) At that meeting they also passed a resolution regarding cooperating with the County on the Quadricentennial program.

On October 5, 2009, the Board members met to go over the 2010 budget. A main topic of conversation was health insurance. According to the minutes of the meeting, "The consensus of the Board was to pay the increase in health insurance this year and give all employees a 3% raise. Insurance will be capped effective 1/1/11 at the 2010 rate."

TOWN BOARD MEETING 10/13/09

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

The Board went over the bills at 5:30 pm and at 6 pm they met with the auditor. He had been hired to look over certain operations concerning cash management, water and sewer, investments and payroll and submitted a written report to the Board in May, 2009. He made written recommendations to the Board and reiterated many of them at this meeting. He did not address some of the concerns which had been requested by Councilman Meola because where he found things were all right or not needing comment he did not include it in the report.

A public hearing was held on a waste water variance for Boyer, Lakeshore Drive, #12.14-1-16 and the Board approved the variance.

The regular meeting opened at 6:30 pm and a moment of silence was held for Albert Wray, Laura Waters Bolton, Jason Laundree, Dorothy Babcock and Imogene Frasier.

Other actions taken during the meeting were:

Board approved low bid from Northwoods for work on the Community Center.

Board approved a transfer of money from capital to general fund for work already completed on Community Center.

Personnel Committee will advertise for highway department position and will try to find someone to fill in for maintenance.

Supervisor reported that property owners have been hooking up to sewer district #2 and that by October 20th the sewer contractor will be out of the Darrin lot.

Learned that the Visitor Center building is closed now until spring.

Board passed a resolution authorizing agreement to be signed to extend the fixed lump sum Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement. NYS pays Hague \$238,349 to maintain Route 8 and 9N.

Heard from the Supervisor that the County is still strug-

gling with budget and that sales tax is down 14%. He noted that some Supervisors want to raise the sales tax but he is against it.

Bruce Clark suggested that there should be a defibrillator in the Community Center and people trained to use it and will get more information.

At the end of the regular meeting, the Board went into Executive Session with the members of the Planning Board to discuss a "personnel issue dealing with procedures."

PLANNING BOARD - 10/1/09

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

CLARK (43.5-2-19) 9051 Lakeshore Drive (hamlet)

The Board approved the applicant's request for a subdivision creating lots of 0.77 of an acre, 1.38 acres and 0.78 of an acre.

MCGOWAN (25.1-1-1.3) West Hague Road (OC1)

The Board approved the applicant's request for a subdivision creating parcels of 6 acres and 35.95 acres. The smaller lot will be sold to a neighbor making his property conforming in that zone.

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

The applicant has revised his request for a subdivision which will not need a variance. If approved one lot would consist of 1.1 acres and the other of 2.38 acres, both with the required 100 feet of shoreline. A public hearing was set for November 5, 2009.

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

The applicant is requesting a 44 sq. ft. kitchen addition and an exterior handicapped ramp. New construction is allowed 50 feet or more from the Lake with site review by the Planning Board for any distance less than 100 feet. This construction will be 51 feet from Lake George.

KILLORIN (60.9-1-37) 36 Bobkat Lane, Arcady Bay Estates (TR 1)

The applicant would like to replace an existing house which sits 112 feet from the Lake with a new single family house which would be 50 feet from the Lake.

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

The applicant would like to construct a 15 ft by 28 ft deck addition to an existing house. If approved it would sit 89 ft from Lake George.

The Hume, Killorin and Scott applications were deemed complete and site visits were scheduled.

The Planning Board then went into Executive Session for 50 minutes.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/24/09

The meeting was cancelled since there were no applications needing consideration.

DICK FRASIER THANK YOU DINNER

In the Spring of 2009, Dick Frasier completed 13 years of service on the Ticonderoga School Board. Although candidates are not elected by town, it did give Hague a voice on the Board all those years. *The Hague Chronicle* is organizing a dinner to thank Dick for his many years of volunteer service.

The dinner will be held at Eddie's Restaurant on Monday, November 9, 2009. The cost will be \$27 per person. Anyone wishing to attend must make reservations and dinner selection by calling George Ianson at 543-6167 by Friday, November 6, 2009.

HAGUE MARKET BREAK-IN

Twice this summer there were attempted break-ins at the Hague Market. During a third recent incident, an alert neighbor called 911 and the Ticonderoga Police promptly responded. They stayed until officers from the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the NY State Police arrived and arrests were made.

PUBLIC DINNER

The monthly Public Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F&AM, and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, October 30, 2009, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available from 4:30 to 5 pm, and dine-in is 5 to 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Parking is available on Montcalm Street and at the Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Donna Wotton of San Francisco, CA and Overbrook Lane in Hague, came with her parents to Forest Bay every summer while growing up. She has a great love for Lake George where she learned how to swim, sail, fish and relax. Now owning her own home in Hague, she is able to spend several months each year here while running her business, Unconventional Event Planning, by telecommunications.



Having a professional event planner volunteering to organize the Oktoberfest was a great benefit to the Town and led to the tremendous success of that event. Donna also serves on the Board of Directors of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and is an active participant in many area organizations.

We salute Donna Wotton as our Volunteer of the Month!

FISH & GAME CLUB EVENTS

The Hague Fish & Game Club has announced two upcoming events. The Club will host the annual Kids Halloween Party on October 30, 2009 from 5 - 7 pm at the Clubhouse off West Hague Road. There will be many "SPOOKY" events, games and refreshments for the kids.

Winter will be here soon and the Club has announced dates for the 51st Anniversary Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament. Mark your calendars for February 27 - 28, 2010 for the two day event. Both The Hague & Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce will be co-sponsors and there will be continued support from The Hague Sno-Goers. Plans are now under way to again make this Tournament the premier contest on Lake George.

The winner of our annual muzzel loader raffle was Jim O'Connell. Jim is now the proud owner of a Traditions Pursuit XLT. Thanks to Barely Used Furniture and Ti Barber Shop for their help and support of this event.

The Hague Fish & Game Club and The Hague Sno-Goers combined for a fun afternoon at the Oktoberfest and sold out of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and pop. They plan to be there next year with an exciting, expanded menu of tasty eats. Debbie Malaney of Ti was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and won \$126.

The Club is proud to continue its relationship with Cub Scout Pack 73. The Scouts recently had a well received overnight at the clubhouse where meetings will continue through the winter.

The Club, in conjunction, with Silver Bay Association, recently hosted a group of women that were participating in the program, "Becoming an Outdoors Women." The ladies used the facility for a weekend and enjoyed shooting on the rebuilt rifle range.

The newly remodeled Clubhouse has been used for family gatherings, birthday parties, baby showers and wedding receptions. For rental dates and information, please call Val Lawrence at 543-6846.

Each Sunday during football season the members are rooting for the Giants and Jets while watching the games on the Direct TV set up. The member's monthly meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month and starts at 7 pm. We hope to see you all there as we focus on the upcoming winter season and Club events.
... Steve Ramant

HAGUE CHRONICLE SCHOLARSHIP

The Hague Chronicle/Dorothy Henry Scholarship was established in 2007 to honor longtime editor and publisher, Dottie Henry. The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating Senior from Ticonderoga High School whose residence is in Hague. Previous recipients include Stephanie Nast and Samantha Abare.

The scholarship was awarded this year to Molly Ginn who graduated in June and is now attending New York University.

Congratulations, Molly!

SUPER SUCCESSFUL OKTOBERFEST

The first annual Hague Oktoberfest drew 1,250 visitors to the town park on September 26, 2009 to enjoy the music, food, beer, and spectacular autumn weather. The unexpectedly large crowd created a shortage of food and beer, but organizers were pleased that more than half of the attendees came from outside the local area and contributed to an exceptionally strong weekend for local lodgings, retail, and restaurant businesses. Donna Wotton noted, "The primary goal of this event was to draw new people to see our great town and community, and to attract business dollars to the town. From that standpoint, the event was a rousing success."

Hearty congratulations to the Oktoberfest Committee. The Town thanks you for all the creative planning and amount of time devoted to this successful event. Donna Wotton chaired the committee and others helping with the organization were Rudy Meola, Dick Gladu, Linda Mury, Katy Wells, Tom Haskell, Graham Bailey, Carol Pittman, Steve Ramant and Carolyn Close.

The organizing committee thanks the Town Board and Chamber of Commerce for their support in this project as well as thanks to the Hague Fire Department, Hague Sno-Goers, Hague Fish and Game Club, Hague Historical Society, The Kiwanians, The Rotary Club, The Highway Department, Thread Heads and more than 50 volunteers for doing such a great job.

Thanks also to the generous sponsors for their support: Alison V. Craig Realty, Belden Property Services, Best Western of Ticonderoga, The Firehouse Restaurant, The Hague Motel, Island View Rentals, Juniper Goods and Gifts, Justy Joe Charters, Lake George Lettering, LaPointe Contracting, The Locust Inn, Northwood Concrete, Ruah Bed and Breakfast, Silver Bay General Store, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, Trout House Village Resort, and The Uptown Store.

We're looking forward to an even better Oktoberfest in 2010 with all the food you can eat, and all the beer you can drink!



JASON RAYMOND LAUNDREE

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: James Zachery and Katelyn Orren to Michael and Linda Elliott of Half Moon Bay, CA on May 16, 2009. Grandparents are Jan and Robin Van Sickle of Sonoma, CA. Great-grandparents, are Ted and Shirley Halliday, Carlisle, PA and Roy and Nellie Van Sickle, Penney Farms, FL. Both great-grandparents are Silver Bay summer residents.

DIED: Laura Waters Bolton, 95 of Corinth on September 18, 2009. She was born in Hague, the daughter of the late Francis and Alta (Dalbeck) Waters and was a graduate of Hague Central School.

She was predeceased by her husband James H. Bolton to whom she was married for 47 years. She was also predeceased by four brothers, Walter, Miles, Nelson and Ernest Waters; and one sister, Ruth Waters. Survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins. The Rev Nelson Waters assisted at his aunt's service.

DIED: Dorothy Gray Babcock, 94, of Silver Bay on October 3, 2009, in Hague. Dot was born in East Orange, NJ, the daughter of the late John Floyd and Ella Gray McTyier. Mrs. Babcock first came to Silver Bay in 1916 via steam boat, and has since spent every summer there. She met her late husband, Edward Russell Babcock, at Silver Bay.

Survivors include three daughters: Harriet Ann and her husband, Dee Marsden, of Sun Lake, AZ, Jeanette and her husband, Tim King, of Chester, NJ, and Carolyn and her husband, David Dunn, of Hague. She is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

DIED: Imogene "Gene" Marie Barnaby Frasier, 76, on October 9, 2009, at her home, in Hague. She is survived by two daughters, Diane Frasier Trudeau and her husband, Jon, and granddaughters, Kacheena and Harley, of Hague and Julie Frasier Laird and her husband, Greg, Chief Master Sgt. U.S. Air Force, and grandchildren, Krystal and Trevor of Hampton, Va.

She is also survived by three sisters and two brothers including Eugene Barnaby Sr. of Hague and special friends Richard Porter and Inza Jordon of Hague.

She was pre-deceased by her loving husband of 38 years, Mitchel D. Frasier and by her beloved and only son, Dale Wade Frasier. Donations in Imogene's memory may be made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Squad, Hague, NY 12836.

DIED: Barbara Corell Lawrence, 82, of Schenectady and Hague, NY on October 15, 2009.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet Lawrence and Libby Lawrence Fredman; one daughter-in-law, Wanita Lawrence Blanchard; and three grandchildren: Cristina Lawrence, George Fredman and Lucy Fredman; and one great-grandson, David LaPointe. Barbara was also the mother of the late Hague Baptist Church Pastor David C. Lawrence.

Barbara was a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. A memorial service will be held next summer in Hague.



Jason Raymond Laundree, 25, of Hague, passed away suddenly, on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009. He is the son of Doug and Karen Laundree of Hague. Jason was a lifelong resident of Hague, and was a 2004 graduate of Ticonderoga High School. He was a highly respected Town of Hague Highway Department employee, and was a 10 year Hague Fire Department member serving as foreman, property man, and pump operator. Jason was also an active member of the Hague Fish & Game club, the Hague Sno-goers and was an avid four-wheeler.

Jason touched many hearts and was a friend to all that knew him. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Raymond and Marjorie Laundree. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Aren and her husband, S.P.C. Hendrik Witherell, of Anchorage, Alaska; his brother, Nate Laundree of Hague; and his maternal grandparents, Gene and Louise Schram of Whitehouse, OH. Other survivors include his aunts and uncles, Meg and Thomas Haskell of Hague, Katy and Bill Wells of Hague, Michael Laundree of Plantation, Fla.; and two special cousins, Mara Haskell and Thomas M. Haskell.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Jason R. Laundree Fire Fighters Training Fund, c/o Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAMS AT SILVER BAY

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on November 6 and December 4 at 7:30 am in Brookside Community House. All men are invited to attend. The Women's Prayer Lunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon in Brookside Community House and will meet on November 10 and December 8. For more information contact <bhdak@silverbay.org>.

VOLUNTEER WITH AARP TAX PROGRAM

Are You Interested in Joining the Local AARP Tax-Aide Team?

The local American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide team provided assistance to over 120 local households filing their 2008 personal income tax returns. The local program is sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with AARP and the Internal Revenue Service. As the local program continues to grow, we are continually recruiting dedicated individuals to join our team. AARP provides the necessary training. For more information, call Jan and Bob Whitaker at 543-6826. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Trophic States: Natural Stages in the Life of a Lake

Our lake was formed over many thousands of years through faults in the earth's crust and the transformative work of the glaciers. In the 10,000 or more years since the last glacier retreated, it may seem that the pristine lake has not changed much over time. But the world is constantly changing and although these changes may seem to be imperceptible, it is the natural aging process of a lake to eventually fill in with sand, silt and organic matter. This nutrient enrichment and filling of the basin is an inevitable and natural aging process occurring slowly over hundreds to thousands of years unless accelerated by disruptions to the watershed ~ most notably by humans.

Lakes are classified by their **trophic state** in the aging process. **Trophic state** is the term used to describe the amount of nutrients and biological productivity of a water body. Lakes naturally move from a nutrient-poor (**oligotrophic**) condition to an intermediate (**mesotrophic**) stage of nutrient availability and biological productivity, and finally to a nutrient-rich and highly productive (**eutrophic**) state.

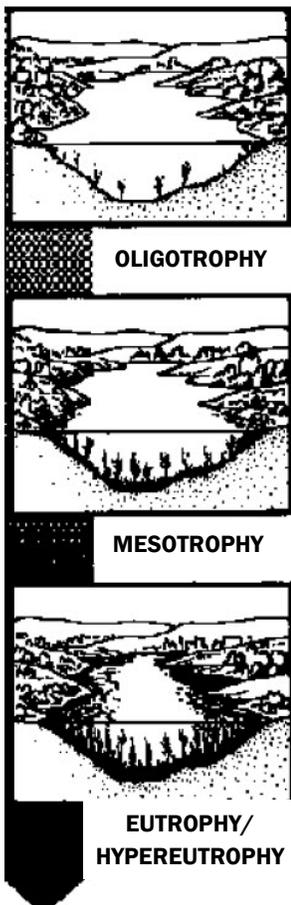


Illustration from NYS DEC - CSLAP 2008 Annual Report on Lake George

Each **trophic state** has characteristic conditions. **Oligotrophic** lakes have little organic matter, low nutrients, low productivity and little algae; exceptional water clarity, deep water and steep basin walls often characterize them. Lake George is an **oligotrophic** lake. **Mesotrophic** lakes have greater levels of nutrients, greater biological productivity, more organic matter in the sediments of sloped basin walls, an increase in algae and a lesser water clarity. **Very high levels of nutrients causing a significant rate of plant and algae growth characterize eutrophic lakes**; water clarity is greatly reduced, especially in the summer months as organic matter decomposes in the elevated water temperatures of shallow waters. There is no definitive line between these **trophic states** and there may be areas further along the timeline than others as the lake matures. Some of the shallower bays on the lake are beginning to move into **mesotrophic** states ~ this is a natural process towards **eutrophication** taking thousands of years to transpire if left to evolve without outside influences.

Cultural eutrophication however, is a state caused by humans altering and speeding up the process. Stormwater runoff, industrial and septic effluent, fertilizers and pesticides, sediment and organic matter entering the lake can accelerate the process at a rate that may take only **tens of years** instead of thousands to transform an **oligotrophic**

Lake George into a **eutrophic** lake. This acceleration is of special concern as we see the effects of our human impact on the lake over the last 30 years, particularly evident in the south basin. Shallow bays have shown more algae and water clarity has been reduced significantly in many areas on the lake. All organic matter entering the lake contributes to the growth of algae and reduced water clarity, so when those colorful leaves fall from the trees this fall, let's do our best to make sure they do not end up in the lake. Yes, they decompose, but in doing so they become the food for the algae! Unfortunately this is a process that cannot be reversed, but with serious attention to our impacts and sound, responsible lakeside-living practices, we may be able to slow the acceleration to a more natural rate, preserving our beautiful Lake George for generations to come.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Hague Weather Report 9/12/09—10/17/09

Fall officially started September 22. But 2 ½ weeks later the "S" word (snow) is in all the weather forecasts. With daily high temperatures hovering in the 40's this past week (Oct 12-17) many people are talking about "early onset winter." Fortunately, the snow flurries stayed well to the South of us, dropping 6" in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

The first frost to hit the area occurred on September 20. People in Chilson and Graphite reported freezing temperatures. On October 13, cars from Chilson were decorated with 1" wet snow. At lake level, the first hard frost occurred on October 15, again on October 16 and again on October 17.

There was a total of 4.35" rain this reporting period. September 14 was the best day of the reporting period at 78 degrees and sunny. September 23 it reached 79 degrees, but was cloudy and very humid. It was raining by 6 pm with thundershowers as a cold front moved in. Temperatures began a slow steady decline from 60 degrees, down to the 50's, and finally 40's this past week.

Our fall foliage has been outstanding. The colors were vibrant, although short lived, over Route 8 to Brant Lake and also County Route 11. Peak here was the week before Columbus Day. The mountains surrounding Lake George peaked this week October 13-17. The wind and rain are forcing the leaves to drop quickly. If you have not done your leaf peeping yet, you will have to go south for the best color now.

Sunrise is at 7:10 am; sunset at 6:09 pm. The next full moon will be November 2.

Notes on Fall Cleanup of Gardens: Several theories exist about fall cleanup. I have always cut back and cleaned up perennial gardens in the fall. The theory behind fall cleanup is to clean up any diseased plant debris. If you allow molded/mildew leaves to winter over in the beds, they can spread the spores for the next season. However, the proponents of "green" theory, urge the gardener to leave the stalks and cleanup the perennial garden in the spring. The flower stalks not only add winter interest with snow on them but also give the birds food (seed pods) and perching spots.

Fall is great time to add compost/organic matter to your beds. Chop up leaves with a lawn mower and add them to your beds.

HAGUE CALENDAR

October 2009

- 22 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 30 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
- 30 3:30 - 5 pm Ti Trick or Treat on Montcalm St
- 30 5 - 7 pm Fish & Game Club Halloween Party

November 2009

- 3 ELECTION DAY - VOTE at Community Center
- 3 HVFD serving breakfast and lunch at CC
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 2 pm Historical Society Presentation
- 10 6:30 pm Town Board
- 13 News deadline for *The Hague Chronicle*
- 19 November issue of *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 19 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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 (7:30 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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