



THE VIEW RESTAURANT SOLD



At a court-ordered real estate auction held on October 20, 2010, David Bryce of Troy was the high bidder, acquiring The View Restaurant for \$520,000. The property is just under one acre and includes about 250 feet of lakefront. Also on the auction block that day was the former seven-unit motel across Route 9N, with slightly over three acres of land and 50 feet of lakefront. George Hubschmidt of Clifton Park offered the winning bid, with the gavel falling at \$175,000.

Bidders were seated outside, on the deck of The View, on a day that could not have been more picture-perfect. A crisp clear sky, flaming oranges and reds on the mountains and the deep blue of the Lake set the backdrop, leaving little doubt that this was a million dollar view, even if the bids didn't come close to that figure.



Speaking with Bryce immediately after the auction, *The Hague Chronicle* learned that he has no intention of opening a restaurant on the property. His plans, he said, are to turn it into a private residence or residences. Hubschmidt also told *The Hague Chronicle* that he has no plans for a commercial operation, but instead intends to convert the motel property to private use.

The restaurant, originally known as Indian Kettles, was built by the Reynolds family and first opened in 1947. When it was sold in 2001, the Whisher family purchased the property, renovating it and reopening it as The View. ... Ginger Kuenzel



HOLIDAY IN HAGUE EVENTS LISTING Saturday, December 4, 2010



- ◆ At the HAGUE BEACH you can find the Seniors Gift Shoppe and Costello's Pick-A-Tree.
- ◆ Then VISIT the Baptist Church for Soup and Hot Cocoa and the Wesleyan Church for Caroling and Treats.
- ◆ Also OPEN will be Juniper Design and the Hague Market.
- ◆ TREE Decorating contest – any individual or group interested in participating should call Carolyn Dunn at 543-6934.
- ◆ At 2:30 PM there will be a COMMUNITY PARADE going from the Hague Beach to the Community Center. Walk with your pooch in seasonal spirit or enter a float. Call Pat at 543-6502 if you are planning a float for the parade.
- ◆ AFTER the Parade there will be the following activities at the COMMUNITY CENTER:

Children's Christmas Party, Crafts, Photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Refreshments, Caroling, Lighting the Town Tree and the Carillon Garden Club will have its Christmas Shoppe for Kids as well as Wreaths and Sprays.

PRIZES and AWARDS for the Parade and Tree decorating contest will be presented at The Firehouse Restaurant around 5 PM.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

October's Halloween Party was certainly a step back into yesteryear - a Sock-Hop from the 50's and 60's complete with Soda Fountain Root Beer Floats and Malted, accompanied by those memorable sounds of the Juke Box. Costumes ran from fancy Poodle Skirts to Rolled Up Dungarees with Saddle Shoes and Penny Loafers. Prize Winners were First Place to Catherine Christiansen, Second Place to Pat McDonough and Third Place to Dolly Kenndy. It was a fun filled afternoon.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. The main order of business will be the election of the 2011 Executive Board Officers. Also, the final signup sheet will be available for the Senior Christmas Party which will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Noon at the HVFD firehouse. For those who are unable to be at this meeting, please call President Pat Hintze, at 543-6502, for reservations for the Christmas luncheon. There will be no charge to Club Members for this gala luncheon affair.



December will be a busy month - we are also "Going on a Sleigh Ride" on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, weather permitting. Sign up at the meeting or call Pat for this event too. Bundle up and plan to join the fun.
... Madeline Pelkey

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS ON SCHOOLS

John McDonald, Ticonderoga Superintendent of Schools, met recently with four Hague residents for another open discussion. He gave updates to his remarks from September and noted that the building project is 95% completed and they are about \$700,000 under budget. He said that the School Board had been very attentive to details and costs. He discussed some possible plans for the Race to the Top federal monies. There is a move toward a national curriculum and away from the NYS Regents exams.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Hague Community Center. It is hoped that more people will be aware of this meeting with this advance notice.

HVFD READIES FOR WINTER

Recent times have found the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) personnel readying equipment and generators for the upcoming winter season which is just around the corner. That, in turn, triggers a reminder that if you haven't changed the batteries in your smoke alarms and tested your CO alarms, it's time to do so.

There were 4 fire/ambulance calls in October requiring 26 man hours of service.

As usual, the department will be participating in and supporting Holiday In Hague on Saturday, December 4th.

With Christmas fast approaching, we urge that everyone use only appropriate UAL approved and designated indoor or outdoor lighting systems in their holiday decorations. Be safe.

The Department is looking for someone to do plowing of the driveways this winter. Anyone who is interested can call Ray Mury at 543-6550.

... Joe McCrannels

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE USING THE INTERNET

As we have reported before, *The Hague Chronicle* has its own website <www.thehaguechronicle.org> with our contact information. We also have started to put the past issues on the site and hope to have the project completed in 2011. We have all the old issues in paper form which need to be scanned. If any of our readers have a scanner, can create pdf files and would like to help with this project, we would welcome your assistance.

We also have a page on Facebook (The Hague Chronicle) which allows us to post current notices and items of interest.

Another use of the internet we have considered is delivery of our monthly issues - either by email or by posting a pdf copy that can be accessed to read and/or download. We'd like to hear your thoughts on this possibility. Of course, we would still publish a paper copy but we wonder how many of you would prefer a digital copy. This idea is by no means a sure action - but your input would be appreciated.

Contact Judy Stock, Editor by phone at 543-6517 or email <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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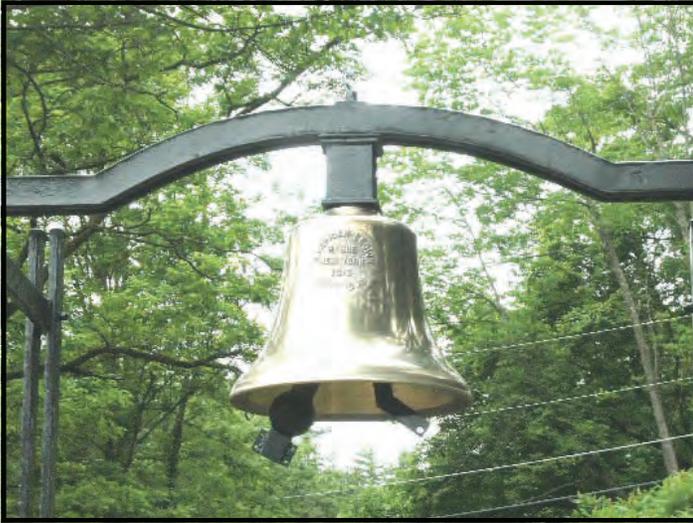
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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE



Veterans Day has come and gone. Hague's new bell is silent. Since its birth in May 2010, not many have taken notice of it on the barren ground between Hague Brook and Overbrook Road. That's where the tiny American Legion Post 1538 stood a few months ago.

Sadly, the Legionnaires had too few resources to take good care of their building any longer. The upkeep had become a physical and costly burden. On July 31, 2006, they deeded the property to the Town of Hague for \$1.00.

The Town Board talked it over. By December 29, 2008, they had a plan. They applied for and received a "matching" grant of \$80,000 from the State of New York, with the Town of Hague matching this amount for a total of \$160,000 to spend on Post 1538. They hired the architectural firm, Elan Planners. The Town Board and the Veterans studied Elan Planners' drawings for a new building and a monument that would honor Hague's Veterans.

In January of 2009 at a special meeting, American Legion Post 1538 learned its fate. The building would be torn down. The area would be called Hague Veterans Memorial Park, complete with Honor Rolls naming the veterans who served from Hague, NY. Legion Post Commander Frank Koenig and Adjutant Vincent Jones were in favor. They envisioned a building with natural log siding like Hague's present community center. By April 2009, the Town Board voted to build an historic replica, minus the kitchen and porch wings, as a cost saving strategy. (The Post 1538 building had been moved from Graphite, Hague's historic mining community, when the mill closed in 1921. Kitchen and porch wings were added later.)

Before work could begin, restrictions of land ownership had to be worked out. Part of American Legion's holdings sat on private and state land. The best solution seemed to be to tear the building down and build an open-walled Veterans Museum. There, artifacts and memorabilia could be displayed. Then more options were considered—a stone monolith would be erected dedicated to all of Hague's men and women who served in the military in every war since the town was founded. In May and June of 2010, the bell and a safety fence along Hague

Brook were in place. But American Legion Post 1538 won't see its building's rebirth in any form. Because it stood in the brook's floodplain, no building could be built there at all.

Veterans Memorial Park will be finished when engraved panels of the Honor Roll are installed, naming those who served from Hague in every war. A walkway will lead past the bell tower to the Honor Roll panels which will include the seals of each branch of military service. An illuminated flagpole will be a focal point. Competitive bids for the project have been advertised in Construction Journal, Oct. 26, 2010 and described as "...construction of a site retaining wall and veterans memorial naming walls." ... Christine M. Ianson

DINING IN HAGUE

Once again as winter approaches, the choices for dining in our area are limited. The Firehouse Restaurant will continue to be open at 4:30 pm on Thursday through Saturday. They will be closing on December 19, 2010 for the winter and will re-open on May 5, 2011.

The Firehouse's Chef Rob is offering a takeout service [turkey, sides or desserts] for holiday dining. Orders must be called in to The Firehouse by November 19th or December 17th with pickup at your convenience. Call The Firehouse Restaurant at 543-6266 for orders or more information on menus and pricing.

The Hague Market will continue to be open during the winter where you can order a full breakfast and lunch [including the soup bar] as well as take-out dinners. Their winter hours are 7 am to 5 pm except Sunday which is 8 am to 3 pm (currently).

The Hague Market also has pies, breads and other holiday items which can be ordered in advance by calling 543-6555.

Also available for catering are the "Crazy Caterers" led by Katy Wells. Katy says, "We are crazy about food and available for your holiday parties and other catering needs." You can contact Katy at 543-3006.

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE CONCERT



The Champlain Valley Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert "Musical Moods of the Holidays" on Friday, December 3, 2010, at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Schroon Lake, NY, and on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 3 pm in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, NY. Director for the concerts will be Mrs. Jeris French, and accompanist will be Mrs. Pat Cornell.

Following the Ticonderoga concert, the Carillon Garden Club will provide a reception for all attendees in the church's Fellowship Hall featuring its annual "Holiday Magic" array. The public is cordially invited to attend these admission-free events.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 11/7/10

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Martin Brown, Kate Hunter, Marguerite West, Betsey Mercelis, Betty Brown and Anthony Grasso.

Some notes from the Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement: Councilman Martucci reported that work has been done on the Community Center and there is more work to be done.

Finance & Insurance: Councilwoman Frasier noted that the budget is done and that the Board will meet with all the Town employees to discuss insurance.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that they are still cutting brush and are splitting wood for the wood furnace. He also noted that the remediation was pretty much complete and they have a 2000 gallon holding tank. Councilman Gladu asked Don to run a test on the radios.

Museum & Historian: Councilwoman Frasier noted they had received a letter from the Hague Historical Society in appreciation for work done on the Heritage Cemetery steps by Dan Steitz and for the Town support of the Graphite marker.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: Councilman Gladu reported that they have the stormwater permit for the cell tower which is one more step closer to its completion. The Board spent some time discussing the report of ZEO Cathy Clark. Clark is responsible for enforcing the Town's zoning code and when a contractor does something without a required permit, it is her job to record it and a permit has to be obtained after the fact. Councilman Gladu noted that there is a process for enforcement and the Town Board supports it. All builders should sit down with planning officials at the local and county level before work is done to make sure everyone knows what permits are required. Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky noted that applications for after-the-fact permits are not unique to Hague. One way other Towns have dealt with the issue is to have a fee which is much higher for an after-the-fact permit. Clark noted that there can be issues with fences or storage sheds, for example, which are innocent mistakes and can be corrected by working with the zoning office.

In other business the Board:

Reappointed Bruce Clark to the Board of Assessment Review for a full term to expire on September 30, 2015.

In a surprise move, because it was not on the agenda, appointed Hague resident Chris Navitsky to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board. Chris had previously submitted a resume for the Planning Board but was not appointed as some felt there might be a conflict of interest. In this case the Board recognized the expertise that Chris has in addition to his willingness to serve and respect for his professional integrity to serve without conflict of interest. The Board recognizes that in a small town such as ours, many people have a seeming conflict but volunteers are needed to serve on local boards.

Approved a request from the Senor Citizens Club to use the Visitor Center from 10 am to 4 pm on December 4, 2010 for the Holiday in Hague celebration. The Visitor Center bathrooms will be open for the day.

Accepted, with regret, a letter of resignation from Bob Rafferty who had to resign for health reasons.

Did not approve a request from the Chamber of Commerce for an additional \$500 to be used for the Holiday in Hague events. The Town had already given the Chamber the amount that had been budgeted for 2010.

Agreed to have the Supervisor respond to a letter from a neighbor of Docks Landing which Councilman Meola noted should be answered. (What that response would be was not discussed at the meeting, rather the Supervisor asked ZEO Clark to write up a letter for him to sign. *The Hague Chronicle* later obtained a copy of the original letter written by John and Pat Spiech. They addressed serious concerns about the Dockside parking lots on the west side of 9N off Lakeshore Terrace. These lots directly abut their property and stormwater may drain onto their property.)

After the Public Hearing was held, passed a Local Law on Dog Control and Licensing to meet NYS requirements.

Authorized the Supervisor to sign the Warren County Snow and Ice Removal contract.

In his report, Supervisor Belden reported meeting with Graham Bailey and an organizer from Saratoga to discuss details of a proposed swim meet. This meet would start and finish at the Hague beach and take place on the same weekend as the North Country Triathlon. Some of the races would be on Saturday afternoon and the rest on Sunday morning. It was pointed out that The Centurion cycling event is scheduled to take place on Sunday. Mr. Belden will keep the Board informed.

Councilman Meola noted that he has sent out memos regarding Town Board business and some of the other Board members have not responded which he felt does not promote cooperation. Councilman Gladu agreed that, in general, if anyone sends Board members something they should respond.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 10/28/10

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Martin Fitzgerald, II, Bill Pittnam, George Ianson and Lindsay Mydlarz were present. Jon Hanna was absent and there is one vacancy.

MORGAN (93.8-1-25) 8 Delaware Avenue (TR-1)

The Board approved a request by Mr. Morgan for an extension of one year (from February 2011) to replace a nonconforming structure which was destroyed by snow load in 2007.

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PLANNING BOARD - 11/4/10

Chairman EJ Siwek, John Brown, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr, Mike Cherubini, Pam Peterson and Bruce Clark were present. Richard Frasier was absent.

COMMONS (26.10-1-37.1) 31 Commons Way (TR-1R)

The applicant is requesting a 2 lot subdivision of a 2.38 acre parcel. The scheduled public hearing was postponed to December because the hearing notice was not able to be filed in time.

DOCKSIDE LANDING MARINA (26.17-2-28) 9130 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The owners are requesting a change of use from a Model Home/Marine Store to a seasonal restaurant in the log cabin.

The Board continued to address issues of safety, neighborhood effects and environmental considerations. A crosswalk will be designed with proper DOT code but the Board questioned whether that will actually make it safer. Plans are being revised to address the stormwater runoff issue. The Board also discussed neighborhood issues of lighting, noise and screening. The owners want to open by Memorial Day so hope to get all the permits done soon. The Board set the date of December 2, 2010 for the public hearing. They have 62 days after the close of the hearing to make a decision.

GORELIC (60.13-1-6) 35 Red Fox Lane (TR-1)

The applicants are requesting a 566 sq. ft. addition to an existing house which requires Planning Board consideration since this new construction is within 100 feet of the Lake. Only a very small part of the construction on the road side is within the 100 feet, and the plan was acceptable, so the Board approved the application.

GRAB YOUR CAMERAS! PHOTO CONTEST!



On the spur of the moment, Editor/Publisher of *The Hague Chronicle*, Judy Stock, has announced a photo contest.

There are three categories: Holiday decorations in Hague; Interesting People or Places in Hague and Great Animal Photos (because we know how Hague residents love their pets!). Any individual may submit one entry per category. The images must be taken between November 1, 2010 and December 16, 2010 - with digital cameras we know you can do it! All entries must be in digital form [preferably jpeg] and emailed to <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> on or before December 16, 2010.

Winners will have their pictures printed, in color, in the December 2010 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. All images submitted will be kept in our photo library and may be used at any time in a future issue. Criteria? Well, clarity, color and creativity. Anything else we will make up as we go along. Sound like fun? Please submit your photos!



SILVER BAY PROMOTES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks is again offering a Community Membership to local residents in Essex County and the towns of Hague and Putnam. They can access the Silver Bay campus for free from December 6, 2010 to March 11, 2011. The Fitness Center will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 9:30 am and on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. To sign up, stop by or call the Front Desk (543-8833, ext. 235) during office hours (Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm) to complete an application.

To access the gym at other times persons can sign up for an Annual Membership and Program Fee at the front desk. Other activities include ice fishing access, snow shoes to borrow, trails to hike, and the library. For a full list of programs and activities check out the Silver Bay website <www.silverbay.org> and click on Silver Bay Breeze under Fun Around the Bay.

The Community Dinner and a Movie continue at Silver Bay. "Up in the Air" with George Clooney will be shown on December 10, 2010 at 6 pm in Brookside Community House. The suggested donation is \$5 and reservations are appreciated.

There are many Spiritual Life Programs held on the Silver Bay Campus. The Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast will be held next on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 7:30 am at Brookside Community House. Meditation and Prayer takes place at the Spiritual Life Center every Tuesday at 9 am. A Bereavement Group meets every Wednesday from 10 am to noon at the Spiritual Life Center. A Bi-Monthly Reading Group will meet on Friday, December 3 and December 17, 2010 at 9:30 am in Trinity Lounge. A Christmas Eve Service will be held on Friday, December 24, 2010 at 7 pm at the Chapel.

For more information on these and other Spiritual Life Programs, please contact Bev Hudak at 543-8833, ext. 293.

TICONDEROGA STREETFEST TO BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT

Following a highly successful 2010 Streetfest which was twice the size of their 2009 event, Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership's (TMSP) Enterprise Committee has decided to make its popular Streetfest an annual event in downtown Ticonderoga on the last Saturday of July. Streetfest is an annual community celebration of arts and crafts, shopping, food, fun, entertainment, and family activities to bring people to Ticonderoga's historic Montcalm Street district.

Incentives are offered for vendors who reserve and pay early. Vendor fees paid before January 1, 2011 will remain at the 2010 cost of \$25 per 10 x 10 space. Registrations and fees received after that date will be at the 2011 price of \$40.

For more information or a vendor application, please call Diane at 518-543-8860, Donna at 543-6693 or Sandie at 503-5213. Vendor applications are available at Rathbun Jewelers, Sunshine Laundry, and from the TMSP website <www.timainstreet.org>.



2010 THS GRADUATES



WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

The Warren County Historical Society is hosting an open house on Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 10 am to 3 pm in their headquarters at 195 Sunnyside Road, Queensbury, NY.

Available will be refreshments, holiday crafts, home baked goods, peanut brittle and raffles for chocolate and floral baskets. Visitors will be able to meet the new Executive Director, Gary Evans, as well as visit the "Winter in Warren County" display. In their gift shop are local history books, including the new "Warren County History."

SENIOR CHRISTMAS SHOP

On Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm, the Senior Club Memorial Day Parade Committee will be holding their annual CHRISTMAS SHOP during the Holiday in Hague event. We will be located in the festively decorated Visitor's Center at the beach and will have available all sorts of Holiday Crafts, Decorations, Giftware and so much more. All proceeds from this shop will go to Hague's 2011 Memorial Day Celebration. Please do come check us out and share a bit of "ho-ho-ho". We look forward to seeing you there.

... Madeline Pelkey

LAPHAM GALLERY HOLIDAY SHOP

The Lapham Gallery, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls, will hold its annual Holiday Shop from November 12th to December 24, 2010. Items for sale will include jewelry, pottery, original paintings, notecards, woodworking, candles, specialty foods, photography, books and more.

The Shop hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; on Thursday, December 9th and 23rd from 10 am to 7 pm and on November 24th, 25th and December 24th from 10 am to 3 pm. A special Ladies Night will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2010 from 4 to 8 pm.

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 Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)

3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)

3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)

4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)

3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (11 am)

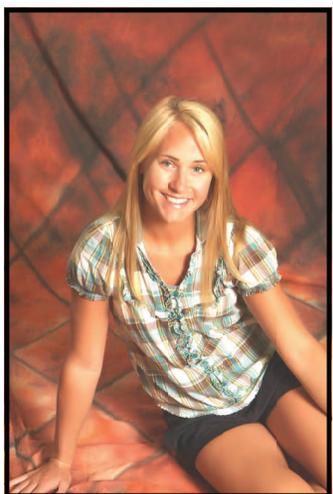
1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)

Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)

Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)

JAMIE PATCHETT AND JESSIE PATCHETT

Next in our featuring Hague graduates from the Ticonderoga High School Class of 2010 are Jamie and Jessie Patchett, daughters of Scott and Alice Patchett of Hague.



Jamie was active in gymnastics, basketball and track. She received the Stacey Lynn Frenchette Scholarship award honoring a senior gymnast in the Champlain Valley conference who exhibited outstanding talent and character.

Her Senior project was a training regimen required to participate in a triathlon. She was employed for the last three summers as a lifeguard at the Hague Town Beach.

Jamie successfully completed and earned 6 college credits for AP Spanish. She is currently attending LeMoyne College in Syracuse where her intended major is Communications and where she is enjoying jogging and intramural basketball.



Jessie was active in soccer and softball and was the Secretary for the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) at THS. She received the Bush Memorial Scholarship for Business. Her Senior project was on Childhood Obesity.

Jessie was employed at The Hague Market for the last three summers and assisted with reservations at Trout House Village, their family's business.

Jessie is also interested in hiking and taking her golden retrievers swimming. She is attending the College of St. Rose in Albany where she plans to major in business.





One of the great attractions to Hague in the late 1800's and early 20th century was horse racing on the ice. The poster tells us the "Horse Trot" was a two day event in February 1899 -- on Wednesday and Thursday. Day one was for three-year olds owned in Hague; Day two was for "road horses" owned in Hague, Horicon and Bolton. First prize was a blanket and second place won a whip. On Thursday there was a "Farmer's Race" and a "Free for All".

In Wilford Ross' "The History of Graphite New York", he fills us in a little more: "The Trout House was known from coast to coast. It was one of the most prominent hotels in the North Country and was owned and operated by Richard J. Bolton. Like the other hotels, the Trout House was full all summer, but unlike the other hotels, Mr. Bolton opened up his hotel during the winter, for the month of January. During that time he sponsored Horse Racing and Harness Racing on the ice on Lake George. Race tracks would be cleared on the ice, which would be from over eighteen inches to thirty-five inches in thickness. It was a great winter event. Meals were served and there was dancing in the evening. Banjo and violin music was provided for the dancers and on some occasions Helen Ross joined the musicians, playing the piano. The big hotel was packed. People came from all around the area, some staying for the duration of the great event some for only a day or two."

Ralph Balcom's 1904 journal for February 18 reads: "We . . . went to the horse trot this P.M. They only had one race. Boltons horse won. There was quite a gang of drunken men around and fighting."

In "Remembering Lake George and Nearby Communities", George Leander Walker, who lived in Bolton Landing, writes "The winter of 1907 there were light harness horse racing . . . The first week of March there was a racing meet at Hague. The

ice was perfect and I wanted to go so I went down to the ice and skated to Hague the afternoon before the racing began. I stayed at the Hotel with Geo Streeter. I think Hotel Phoenix which he was prop. As he visited Dad whenever he came to Bolton he insisted I stay during the time I was in town with him. The day after the races I started to skate home but the Ice had softened up so I gave it up at Silver Bay and went ashore. I walked over the old military trail to the road which leads to North West Bay and then home . . ."

... Pat McDonough

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The summer season may be over, but your Historical Society is still a beehive of activity. If you have driven up Route 8 recently we hope you have noticed the new historical marker at the western most entrance to Old Mill Road. The deep red and white sign describes the community of Graphite that once existed in that area. Susan Darrin and Ray Snyder are the two "bees" who made this happen.



Please join us on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7 pm at the Community Center as we kick-off the holiday season with a Show-and-Share program. Bring something you'd like to share – a special holiday decoration, an interesting photo or map, something you collect, or perhaps a special holiday memory to tell us about. We've done these evenings before and they're always fun so we hope you'll be there.

Our note cards, which would make a nice gift for the holidays, are available at Juniper's and the Silver Bay General Store. Our thanks to Sally Rypkema and Sal Santaniello for their support.

We're working on a small exhibit for the spring that will tell the story of the Lake ice in our history. Please call us if you have any photos or other items related to the horse racing on the Lake's ice, or ice skating on the Lake and the local ponds, or ice fishing and tournaments. Photos and other ephemera can be scanned and returned immediately while items, such as an old pair of skates or tip-ups, would be returned after the exhibit. Please contact Pat McDonough at 543-6725 or email <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. Thanks for your help.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A girl, Ella Rae Barnett, on August 30, 2010, to Neil and Hollie Barnett of Jacksonville, FL. Ella joins older sisters Jordan and Doriann. Ella is the grandson of Pete and Pat Barnett of New Smyrna Beach, FL, and the great-grandson of the late Ruth and Spike Barnett of Hague.

MARRIED: Scott K. Henderson and Elizabeth C. Gurekovich on October 29, 2010 in New Britain, CT. Scott is the son of Jim and Donna Henderson, long-time summer residents of Hague. He is grandson of the late Captain Charles and Virginia Henderson and great-grandson of Charles and Sarah G. (Robinson) Henderson, all summer residents of Hague at their home *Idle Rest*.

MARRIED: Lucas Richard Frasier and Katherine Elice Kreilach on November 13, 2010 at the Reformed Church of West Lyden, NY. Luke is the son of Dick and Edna Frasier of Hague. The bride and groom will make their home in Connecticut where Luke is employed as a mechanical engineer for General Dynamics and Katie is a software engineer for IBM.

DIED: Kate Conlon Hunter, 103, on October 21, 2010 at Heritage Commons Nursing Home in Ticonderoga. Kate was a life-long resident of Hague until moving into Heritage Commons. She was considered Hague's oldest citizen at the time of her death.

Kate was a charter member of the Hague Fish & Game Club and remained an active member well into her nineties. In 2006, she was honored as Hague's Senior Citizen of the Year for her lifetime commitment to the Town of Hague.

Kate was recognized by the Hague Town Board on her 100th birthday with a congratulatory resolution and citing her remarkable milestone and "appreciation for your exemplary life.

Kate was predeceased by all her siblings, most recently Hannah Cameron and Margaret DelSignore of Hague as well as her late husband, Joseph and their sons. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lura Hunter; her granddaughters, Dolores Hunter and Darleen Fairfield; three great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, all of Colorado. She is also survived by many other family members especially her devoted niece, Donna Cameron Charboneau of Hague.

DIED: Marguerite H. West, 97, a life-long resident of Hague, on October 24, 2010. She had been staying with her daughter, Betsy Jensen, after her home had been destroyed by fire in August.

Marguerite graduated as the valedictorian of the Hague Central School Class of 1930. She was married to her late husband, former Town Historian Clifton West, for 62 years. After the death of Kate Hunter, Marguerite was considered to be Hague's oldest citizen.

Marguerite was a lifetime member of the Hague Baptist Church and was an active member of the Hague Senior Citizens and the Mohican Crafters. An avid reader, she had also devoted her time over the years to the former Hague Public Library and

to the Hague Historical Society. Marguerite was also a long-time volunteer on the mailing staff of *The Hague Chronicle* where she faithfully and cheerfully gave her time each month.

She is survived by her daughter, Betsy and her husband, the Rev. Robert Jensen, of Saratoga, NY; four grandchildren Sarah Jensen of Saratoga, NY; Timothy Jensen also of Saratoga, Jolea Jensen, a missionary in Manila, Phillipines and Andrew Jensen and his wife, Becky of Stewartstown, PA and their children Michah, Jaan and Ethan Jensen.

DIED: Elizabeth Brown, 90, of the Cape Cod Village Club, Hague on October 27, 2010. She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, John J. Brown. They had been permanent residents of Hague since 1994.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan Mary Forand of Bronxville, NY; one son, Thomas A. Brown of Phippsburg, ME as well as two grand-children and one great-grandson.

DIED: Martin H. "Scottie" Brown, 89, of Pine Cove, Hague on October 27, 2010. Born in Scotland and retired from Kodak in Rochester, he and his late wife, Carol, moved to Hague in 1987. He worked at the Hague Town launch for many years and was an instructor of the Junior Boating Course taken by many of the young boaters on northern Lake George.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club and was a long-time member of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. He is survived by a daughter, Valerie DuPrey of Rochester, NY; a son, Gregory Brown of Crown Point, NY and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HAGUE MEMORY TREE



Once again, Diane Trudeau and Bertha Dunsmore are continuing the memory of Diane's mother, Imogene Frasier, and her brother, Dale, by putting up the Hague Memory Tree at the Community Center. All proceeds will go to the HVFD. The names of all those in whose memory donations are given will be published in the January issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

To include someone on the Memory Tree, please send \$1.00 per name. Checks should be made payable to Hague Chamber of Commerce BUT mailed to Community Center Memory Tree, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. Donations can also be given to Diane or Bertha at the Community Center.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Moving Through the Seasons

I know the winter is a time for going within and slowing down, but in this preparatory time I'm feeling a little less than slow as I "batten down the hatches", perhaps a bit squirrel-like as I scurry around winterizing the house, putting the gardens to bed, and last minute harvesting and preserving to save and savor the abundance in the months to come. In between all of that, there have been encounters with wildlife of the not-so-enjoyable-kind. Columbus Day weekend I was traveling home late Sunday night when I came around a corner on the Corduroy in Crown Point to find a huge dead raccoon in the middle of my lane. Too late to slow down and no place to swerve, I gripped the steering wheel, held my breath and straddled it hoping to pass over without incident. But...the coon was so big it didn't fit under my car and tore off the splash guard and part of my exhaust system which I dragged along with me till I could pull over! No cell service, no houses and five miles from home, I was able to crawl under the car with a flashlight and found that the raccoon was NOT stuck under my car (thank you, thank you, thank you) and was able to push things up enough to make it home. The work order from the mechanic read, "Check for Raccoon damage" ~ doesn't that sound more like a work order for a farmer's corn field or something from the DEC rather than my car mechanic???

With these cold nights and sunny days of late, I have had the awful, dreaded swarms of cluster flies by the thousands bouncing around my windows. They usually do not bother me more than an inconvenience and are part of life living in an old house, but for some reason they are in such abundance this year that I totally freaked one night when the "cluster" was the size of a grapefruit and they covered the bedroom ceiling. I crept up to bed without turning on the lights and barely slept as I envisioned them wintering in my walls and breeding there, maggots crawling....AHHHH!!!! But.... my neighbor, bless her, found some info on them on the Internet and it seems that they do NOT breed inside but rather outside in the grass ~ they are just looking for a place to sleep for the winter. Warm sunny windows just wake them up and they are really trying to get OUT. So, I don't freak out, I just vacuum a lot!

I'm still eating fresh greens from the garden and so it is hard to complete the clean up when there are those lettuces, Swiss chard and kale, that don't mind the freezes. I just went out this morning, everything frozen solid with frost, and snapped off a couple of Swiss chard leaves and brought them inside, sautéed them and added them to my scrambled eggs ~ delicious...and kale will stay fine even under the snow so I am stocked for a while. I'm digging parsnips and burdock root from the field, as I need them for soups or stew or roasted "roots"... they are sweet and tastiest after the frosts.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving I'm looking at the abundance of all that is around me, still growing and at its best this time of year, to celebrate and give thanks for a bountiful year. Foods from the garden will be the guests of honor on that day: squashes, kale, cranberries, potatoes, parsnips and turnip...a fresh wild turkey would be awesome! I'm including a colorful kale salad recipe that I'll be serving...Happy Thanksgiving!

Colorful Kale-Slaw (Nancy Scarzello recipe)

Remove and discard center rib from washed kale. Slice fine, like slaw and place 4-6 cups in lg bowl. Toss 2 tbs olive oil and coat kale completely using hands to mix.

Add any of the following:

Thin sliced red onion, grated carrot, grated beets, dried raisins or cranberries, sliced fennel bulb. Herbs like parsley, cilantro, dill, and chopped walnuts, slivered almonds, sesame seeds, diced avocado, and diced apple can be added too. Toss together.

Lightly sprinkle with sea salt and pepper. Add 3-4 tbs lemon juice or balsamic vinaigrette, toss thoroughly and is actually better if allowed to "marinate" for several hours or overnight. Can use a "cole slaw" type dressing too.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is recruiting "Volunteer Citizen Scientists" for the annual Christmas Bird Count which will take place on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Volunteers will be part of this nationwide activity, <www.christmasbirdcount.org>, by joining LGLC to observe birds in the Bolton/southern Lake George area. Observations are reviewed by a panel of regional experts and included with the cumulative data made available to the public and researchers for review and scientific study. Registration and a \$5 fee are required. To register or for more information, contact Sarah Hoffman at 644-9673 or email <shoffman@lglc.org>.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

October 16, 2010— November 12, 2010

The best day of the reporting period occurred on October 26, 2010 with a high temperature of 70 degrees and sunshine. There was a four day period with temperatures in the upper 60's and mostly sunny days.

November is traditionally the cloudiest month of the year. To prove this point it rained on October 16, 21, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31 and November 4, 5, 8. A total of 3" precipitation makes this October the ninth wettest October on record. The plants and trees loved it, even if you did not. They really needed the moisture to hydrate before winter sets in after the hot dry summer. It was cloudy on 10/16, 17, 19, 22, 29, 11/1, 2, and 6.

Temperatures have dropped to daytime highs in the 40's. Nighttime temperatures range from mid-thirties down to mid-twenties. The first accumulating snow fell on November 8. Roads were slippery. It is time to get out the snow tires. Last year the first plowable snowfall was on December 9.

The next full moon is November 21. Sunrise is 6:41 am. Sunset is 4:34 pm. Daylight savings ended on November 7.

There is an interesting article in the December 2010 issue of Adirondack Life, "Ten North Country Weather Disasters" If you can get a copy of the magazine it is worth reading about the March Blizzard of '93, the Jan '98 Ice Storm, Hurricane Floyd in Sept '99 and the Valentine's Day Blizzard in '07, plus more.

HAGUE CALENDAR

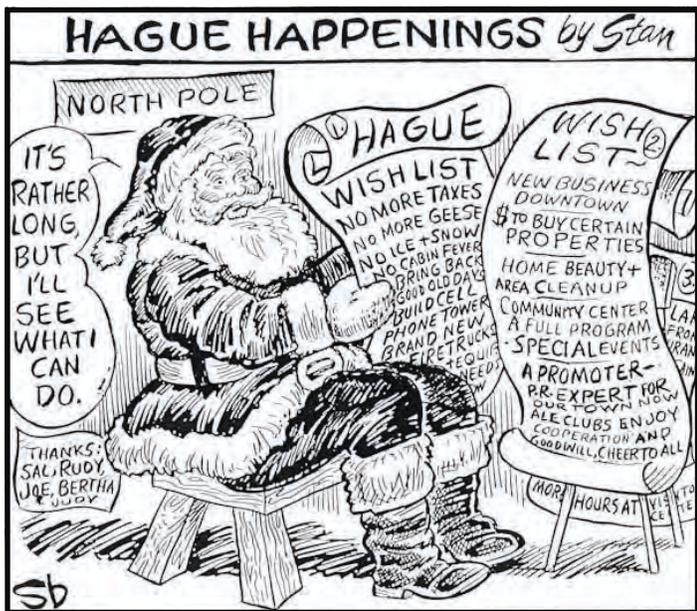
NOVEMBER 2010

- 18 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 20 10 am – 3 pm WCHS Open House
- 23 1:30 pm Senior Club Meeting
- 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING



DECEMBER 2010

- 2 7 pm Planning Board
- 4 HOLIDAY IN HAGUE
- 5 3 pm Champlain Valley Chorale Concert
- 7 noon Senior Club Christmas Luncheon
- 7 7 pm Historical Society program "Show and Share"
- 8 2 pm Senior Citizens Party - TMS cafeteria
- 10 6 pm Silver Bay Community Movie & Dinner
- 15 Senior Club Sleigh Ride
- 16 6:30 pm Superintendent McDonald at CC
- 16 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 17 News deadline for December Issue
- 18 LGLC Christmas Bird Count
- 21 Ticonderoga School Board meets
- 22 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



*See you at Holiday in Hague
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