

PUBLIC HEARINGS

April 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm

To discuss the assignment of EDUs for **both** sewer districts.

April 14, 2009 at 6:15 pm

To discuss the proposed code change on rentals.

EDU CHANGES IN BOTH SEWER DISTRICTS

A special Town Board meeting was held at 10 am on March 5, 2009 for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in how the equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) will be allocated for Sewer District #2. An EDU is a measure which is an equivalent of a typical single-family residence. Costs will be assigned according to the number of EDUs assigned to each parcel. In attendance were Board members Belden, Frasier, Meola and Martucci and Attorney Dominick Viscardi.

For Sewer District #2 the EDUs are assigned to each parcel as follows:

- a) Single-family homes and seasonal residences - 1 EDU for operation and maintenance and 1 EDU for capital cost.
- b) Multiple family residences - 2 EDUs for operation and maintenance and 2 EDUs for capital cost.
- c) Vacant land (which is a buildable lot) - .2 EDUs for operation and maintenance and 1 EDU for capital cost.
- d) Parcels containing two (2) structures in which one is not an equivalent dwelling unit - 1.5 EDUs for operation and maintenance and 1 EDU for capital cost.
- e) Vacant land - not buildable - no charge.
- f) Bed and breakfast - owners use as a home - 1 EDU for operation and maintenance and 1 EDU for capital cost; additional rooms for rent are charged .5 EDU each for operation and maintenance.
- g) A marina is assigned 2 EDUs for operation and maintenance and 1 EDU for capital cost with an additional EDU for banquet facilities.

A complete schedule will be submitted to a public hearing for all property owners in **both** sewer districts. New lists have been generated which reflect how EDUs would be assigned if the property was rented. Changes have been made in assignments in both districts and lists are available at the Community Center.

LOWES IS OPEN

Another national retailer has opened in Ticonderoga.

Lowe's, located at 1092 Wicker Street between Wal-Mart and Wicker Ford, with a new street light at the entrance, opened officially on March 5, 2009.

The store contains over 100,000 square

feet of retail space. Store Manager, David Lilkas, said that they have more than 100 local people on their well-trained staff. Lilkas said, "We are very glad to be here. It was a long time in coming and will be an important market between our stores in Plattsburgh and Queensbury."



Monday - Saturday from 7 am to 9 pm
Sunday from 8 am to 7 pm

ASSESSMENT RATIOS

There has been a major change in the calculation of the residential assessment ratio (RAR). Prior to 2009, the formula for determining the RAR was the median ratio in a list of ratios of assessed value to sales prices in ascending order. In towns with a limited number of sales, this ratio was generally unreliable.

Starting in 2009, the RAR for an assessing unit shall be equal to the level of assessment of residential property in the assessing unit as determined in the market value survey conducted by the State Board to establish state equalization rates. The new RAR is a more sophisticated statistical approach. The formula calls for using multiple years of sales from which non-conforming sales are trimmed. The sales which are time trended are then used to determine a weighted mean. The resulting ratio more closely reflects the equalization rate. ... D. Martucci

MEMORIAL FLOWER BASKETS

A reminder that the memorial donations are due for the hanging baskets which grace the hamlet area. Donations can be sent to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. The downtown flowers will be well-maintained this summer by Barbara Patchett.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

Hague resident Donna Van Wirt has entered the race for a position on the Ticonderoga School Board. With the retirement of Hague's Dick Frasier, her election would continue Hague representation on the Board. Donna and her husband, Karl, bought property in Hague in 2000 and she indicated her interest in the schools by running for the school board in 2004.



Donna is a graduate of Ticonderoga High School and has lived in several different states where her children have attended schools. Donna feels her strength lies in a firm understanding of, and respect for, the excellence of the Ticonderoga system combined with experience in other school systems as well as serving on a three county library board overseeing a budget of \$13 million. As a school board member she says she would "use common sense to balance the practical needs of our students with the financial costs to the community."

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

February's Covered Dish Luncheon Meeting was enjoyed by a record attendance which included two new members to the Club. The Seniors once again outdid themselves in the kitchen providing the table with a bounty of various and delicious dishes to share.

The big announcement of the day was the news that long time member, Shirley Smith, was moving 'bag and baggage' to Florida leaving all these snowy, icy winters behind. Shirley was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Memory Album of club activity photos, a bouquet of spring flowers and a homemade "Good Luck" cake. We are going to miss you, Shirley, but we wish you all the best.

On Thursday, March 12th the Club held a successful Bingo Party. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Guest Speaker for the day will be Kelly Crotty from the Glens Falls Hospital who will be sharing information with us regarding the hospital's Life Line program. Anyone interested in learning about Life Lines is welcome to come to our meeting. We look forward to seeing you. ... Madeline Pelkey

VOTER REGISTRATION

Michele Gautreau, Hague election inspector for the Ticonderoga School District (TSD) has announced that the hours for registering to vote in the school election will be on May 12, 2009 from 1 to 5 pm at the Community Center. You must be registered to vote in order to cast your ballot in the TSD School Board Election and vote on the school budget. The date of the election and budget vote is May 19, 2009.

SPECIAL ELECTION

March 31, 2009 is the date for the special election for the 20th Congressional District to replace Kirsten Gillibrand who is the new Senator from NY. Running are Republican Jim Tedisco, an Albany politician, and Democrat Scott Murphy, a Glens Falls businessman. National political groups from both parties have made this an important priority and have funded many of the advertisements - much of which has been negative.

To learn more about the candidates, see <www.jimtedisco.com> and <www.scottmurphy09.com>. The polls will be open from 6 am to 9 pm on the 31st.

READERS SPEAK

Last month we asked readers to give us their opinions on our new "look" and to offer suggestions if they wished. One reader, Chris Quaglieri from Forest Bay, offered some great suggestions including "fixing" our masthead image. The original artwork, long ago misplaced, was done by the late Laurie de Buys Pannell and has been used since December 1985. With no really good copy available the image quality has decreased. Chris, a graphic designer, kindly volunteered to redraw the image to provide a crisp look, and she delivered. See the new masthead and take a real good look. Ever notice the sailboats before? Thanks so much, Chris.

We continue to welcome your opinions and suggestions on the new "look." One reader said, "We enjoyed the new format, really looks nice." while another said, "The print is too small for easy reading. Please go back to the former size." We will continue to assess your suggestions and will periodically update you on responses. Send your comments on the new "look" to Jim Henderson, Layout Editor, at 860-635-7300 or <jimkhenderson@comcast.net>. ...JKH

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50th ANNIVERSARY FISHING TOURNEY SUCCESS

The Hague Fish & Game Club is pleased to announce that it's 50th Anniversary, Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament was a huge success. Word has it, that the contest was the largest on the Lake this year. With adverse conditions, excessive high winds, the worst seen in many years on Saturday and a calmer Sunday, 259 fishermen, women and juniors hit the ice. Twenty-seven local Juniors and 72 local adults fished which was 38% of the total.

The Clubhouse was standing room only on Sunday afternoon for the awards ceremony and a good time was had by all. The winners of the Adult Division were: Lake Trout - Chris Mitchell of Granville, 13.35 lbs, 33 1/2"; Perch - Brad Bardeau of Moriah, 1.12 lbs, 12 3/4"; Salmon - John Bently of Brant Lake, 3.66 lbs, 22". The Junior Division winners were: Lake Trout - Hagen Lilley of Warrensburg, 4.57 lbs, 25 1/2"; Perch - Brett Moore of Putnam Station, .69 lbs, 9 3/4 ".

The Club would like to thank The Hague & Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce for their support as well as the 69 local and national merchants & companies that made the Tournament possible. A special thanks goes to The Hague Sno-goers and Hague Fire Police for all of their help.

Under the capable handling of Steve Ramant, event chairman, and his committee, the large turnout was recruited and donations were made by significant companies in the sporting world. Steve said, "Now that we have hosted the largest ice tournament on Lake George, plans are underway for the 51st Anniversary Tournament and to make it again the largest. We hope to see you all there."

Photos courtesy of Hague Fish & Game Club



HVFD REPORT

Just before this writing we learned of the passing of life long Fireman and EMT Captain Gerry Boyd after a brave battle with cancer. Gerry spent his entire adult life giving exemplary service to the Department and the community of Hague. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his loved ones.

On a happier note, the Winter Scholarship weekend was a great success, with most events centered at the Firehouse. Saturday's raffle was won by Bill Pittman, and Sunday's by Mike Fitzgerald. Thanks to Mike for donating his winnings back to the Department.

Thanks also to Vincent Smith, interim director of the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, for his letter of support and contribution to our cause. Finally, we appreciate the contributions from the Wagon Wheel, Hot Biscuit Diner and Silver Bay Association to our breakfast.

Repairs and refurbishing of Fire Engine #344 are on schedule and it should be back in service by late April. Testing of all fire hoses will take place in the Spring.

Safety Officer Dennis Johnson has set up a regular schedule of Tuesday night drills at 6:30 pm to run through June 1st. Certification for "Leadership Under Fire" was recently completed by Ray Murry, Ernie Trudeau, Bob Rafferty and Scott Siwek. We enlisted three new members in February.

Fire Police Captain Dave Snow has secured the support of the Hudson Valley Fire Police Association to assist with traffic

control during the Memorial Day Parade, relieving our members to take care of the business of the day.

The Spring melt will soon begin in earnest and for safety sake all hard water activities should cease then for another year.
... Joe McCranels

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

The Lake George Association (LGA), on behalf of the Lake George Watershed Coalition (LGWC), has announced that entries are being accepted for the second annual Lake George Bookmark Design Contest. The contest is open to students in Grades 4 - 7 from schools within the Lake George watershed, which includes students from Hague, Ticonderoga and Putnam.

Designs must be done in marker, crayon, colored pencil, or watercolors on unlined paper. The theme should focus on lake and watershed issues and the winning design will be printed on a bookmark.

The entry deadline is April 29, 2009 and more information can be found at <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org> or <www.lakegeorge2000.org>. For additional questions contact Emily DeBolt at the LGA by calling 668-3558.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Hague Baptist Church is again sponsoring a Family Movie Night at the Hague Fire Department on West Hague Road. The date is Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 5 pm and everyone is invited for pizza, popcorn, drinks, prizes, coloring for the kids and the movie.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/10/2009

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

A moment of silence was held for Delmar Dhein and Cindy McCranels.

Laura Saffer, from the Warren County Health Services, gave a presentation on Pandemic Flu Preparedness. She said, "We don't want people to get complacent. If a community is prepared for pandemic flu, then it will be prepared for anything." She discussed the process by which flu can spread and what can be done to contain it. Pamphlets were left at the Community Center for residents to pick up.

Ms. Saffer also noted that volunteers are needed for emergencies and will be trained. For further information, contact Barbara Orton, Bioterrorism Coordinator, for Warren County at 761-6580. More information on pandemic flu can be found at <www.pandemicflu.gov>.

Supervisor Belden expressed thanks to Steve Ramant for an outstanding job on running the Hague Fish & Game Club Fishing Tournament. The Board approved a request to give the Club an additional \$196 out of the occupancy tax money to cover the remaining expenses.

Bob Patchett asked for clarification on the sewer EDUs assigned to the Trout House, which he felt was being unfairly treated. There will be a public hearing to discuss the issues before the final assignments are made.

Town Board Committee Reports

1. Assessor & Justice

The assessment grievance day will be Tuesday, May 26th.

2. Buildings & Grounds:

Requests for proposals have been sent out for additional work on the Community Center. A survey is being done on the needs in the kitchen to see if it is worth investing in renovation. The Board hired Luke Winters as a part-time maintenance person for \$25 per hour for a special project working on the porch, ramp, railing and decking and Bo O'Leary will provide oversight.

3. Enhancement:

The Board received a proposal from Barbara Patchett to water the hanging baskets for the summer. The Board wants to go over her proposal and speak to the Garden Club. They hope to hire her in April.

4. Fire Department:

The Fire Department submitted its 2008 report and discussed it with the Board prior to the regular meeting. They plan to rehab the old fire engine to save money. The report is public information and may be requested at the Community Center.

5. Highway:

If anyone has plugged culverts, they should contact Highway Superintendent Don Smith. Councilman Meola has been corresponding with the NYS DOT and has offered suggestions

on maintenance and training which should be addressed before next year.

6. Museum & Historian:

The Historical Society has ordered a camcorder and plans to continue with their oral history project. The Society will be having another "Show and Tell" program on March 31, which Councilman Frasier said "was excellent last time - so check it out." She also reported that the historian is working with the Lakes to Locks group on the Henry Knox marker at Sabbath Day Point.

7. Personnel:

Approval was given to Tim Costello to attend a Water Conference in Saratoga on May 12th & 13th.

8. Planning, Zoning & Stormwater:

There is still one more candidate to interview for the vacancy on the Planning Board. A choice from among the four will be made at next month's meeting.

9. Recreation, Promotion & Youth:

Councilmen Gladu and Meola and Bob Patchett met to send out letters of invitation to local organizations to participate in the committee discussing promotion. The committee will meet again on April 6th.

The Youth program will be held again at Silver Bay.

10. Sewer District 1 & 2:

The Board set a date of April 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm for a Public Hearing on the assignment of EDUs for both sewer districts. Other information may be updated at that time. The rain and mud have caused some additional problems with holes in the roads in Forest Bay and Pine Cove. Many of the laterals are already in. The budget was \$300,000 under for the northern extension but there will be difficulty with the brook at Cape Cod in the southern extension.

On March 20th, 2 tanks have to be put in at the 9N pump station. The road will be open but there will be a flag person to stop traffic because one lane will be used for equipment.

11. Town Park:

Councilman Meola reported that signs are being made and will be ready for spring. He suggested that the cannon type devices have been moved by ice so it might be a good time to remove them.

12. Transfer Station:

The contract for Casella management will be up in June and Ace has indicated interest. More information will be available at the April meeting.

In other business, the Board:

Awarded contracts to lowest bidders of Armstrong for sifted sand and Peckham for bank run gravel. The highway department will pick up the materials.

Will request the filling out of a Final Report from any organizations who use occupancy tax money so that it can be properly reported to the county.

Approved a request from Linda Benway for financial and labor assistance for the tent rental and set-up of the Ready-to-go -Doggy Show scheduled for May 23, 2009.

Received a letter from the NYS DOT that culvert replacement is planned over the Bennett Pond outlet which will require the closing of Route 8. The road will be closed for possibly two weeks between May 26 and July 2, 2009. Anyone needing to go to Brant Lake will have to go over Tongue Mountain and take Riverbank Road or go to Ticonderoga then over Chilson and south.

Learned that a Rabies Clinic for both cats and dogs will be held at the HVFD Firehouse on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 10 am to noon. No appointment is necessary and there is a donation of \$10.

Learned that the Town of Hague Residential Assessment Ratio has been finalized at 66.59%. (see article on page 1).

Learned there will be a free OSHA Safety Training at Warren County Municipal Center on April 7th and 8th from 8 am to 1 pm. It is mandated for highway department personnel.

Amended the 2009 budget for work done on the preservation of records.

Designated the Town Board as the Lead Agency for the Wireless Telecommunications Code and then adopted a negative SEQRA declaration - meaning that no additional environmental requirements were needed.

Amended the zoning code to include the wireless telecommunication provisions and will send to the APA for final review.

Designated the Town Board as the Lead Agency for the proposed code amendment relating to rentals and adopted a negative SEQRA declaration.

Proposed that the zoning code include rental of single family dwellings as a permissible use in all zoned areas in the Town of Hague and will send to the APA for final review.

A required public hearing on the rentals will be held on April 14, 2009 at 6:15 pm at the Community Center just prior to the regular Board meeting. (Changes are made to the EDUs if there is a rental and that public hearing is covered in an article on page 1)

Supervisor Belden reported that he and Councilman Martucci went to Albany on February 24, 2009 to hopefully secure the proposed funding for Sewer District #2 as the first round of voting on funding is taking place.

Pam and Myles Peterson alerted the Board to a situation in Pine Cove where the sewer work made mail delivery impossible for two months. A manhole will be put in so that the road can be cleared.

ZONING AND PLANNING

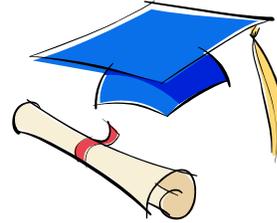
Current applications include:

RIZZA (43.13-1-22) 28 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

To construct a two story addition of more than a 25% increase to a legal non-conforming house. The plans call for the run-off of the structure to drain into existing and proposed flower beds. The property is located within Sewer District #1.

KOROT (42.20-1-8) 15 Buttner Lane (TR-1)

To construct a 150 sq. ft. addition to an existing house which sits 12' from Jenkins Brook.



BESTE FUND THANKS

The Beste Scholarship Fund Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank the following people/organizations who so generously sent in donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund in response to our recent fundraising appeal during the Hague Winter Weekend. Also included are those who sent in donations after our last list was published in March 2008, and those who responded to our appeal in *The Raider Review* of the Hague Alumni Association.

Kathleen Davis Backus, Dan and Janice Belden, Belden Property Services, Bruno and Dorothy Brauner, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brown, Jr., The Buck Family, Edna Elethorpe Middleton Butler – In memory of the deceased members of the 1936 Hague girls' basketball squad, Dave and Joanne DeFranco, Nancy Middleton Ferreira – In memory of Myra Elethorpe, Jackie Fort, Frank Fowler, Jules and Gale Halm, Dorothy Henry, Tom James, Joann Fitzgerald Johnston, Bob and Kay Mariaro, Joe and Cindy McCranel, Lu and Linda Megow, David Middleton, The Middleton Family, Northern Lake George Rotary Club, Anne and Chris Parlin, Daniel and Abigail Reingold, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Jean Frasier Stagg, Lynn Stanford, Lynn and Pat Stote, Trout House Village Resort, Caroline Clifton Turner, Donald and Alane Vogel, Bob and Jan Whitaker, Doug and Sharon Zeyak

Your response was greatly appreciated. Thank you and thanks to *The Hague Chronicle* for distribution of the flyer in the January issue. It's never too late to send in a donation to: Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836.

ARTS FAIR VENDORS WANTED

Vendors of handcrafted items as well as local produce vendors are being solicited right now for the 38th Annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague-On-Lake-George Chamber of Commerce on August 1 - 2, 2009. All vendors are invited to participate at a reasonable cost.

This year we are opening up the Fair to local vendors interested in selling fresh produce and breads. The show is held at the Hague Community Center, Route 8, Hague, New York. Both inside and outside spaces are available. Deadline for registration is June 15, 2009.

For further information please call or contact: Judy Schultz at 518-543-6769 or e-mail <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com>.

CHAPEL PREPARES FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point is completing a major project to refurbish the stained glass windows in time for the 125th anniversary, which will be celebrated this summer. The last, and largest, window on the east side above the doors at the front of the church is receiving the 'spa treatment' from stained glass artist, Mary Clerkin-Higgins. Ms. Higgins and her staff removed the windows in October and have been working to repair deteriorating glass and leading.

Bob Strong, president of the Chapel Board of Trustees visited the Clerkin-Higgins studio in Brooklyn, NY on February 18th to review the progress of the work. Ms. Higgins and her staff explained the multi-step process of repairing the windows.

First, staff photograph the windows and make a rubbing on brown paper to record the exact location of each piece of glass. Then the individual pieces of glass are numbered before they are removed from the leading. Each piece of glass is then cleaned and inspected to determine if it needs to be replaced.

Glass that is 125 years old shows the effects of age and the elements – some parts of the windows more than others. Glass with high alkali and low lime content is more affected by moisture and develops runs which eventually turn into cracks and crumbling glass, a problem for windows subjected to over a

century of Lake George rain and snow! Other problems are evident as well, for example glass which contains a lot of manganese reacts to sunlight and becomes purple over time.

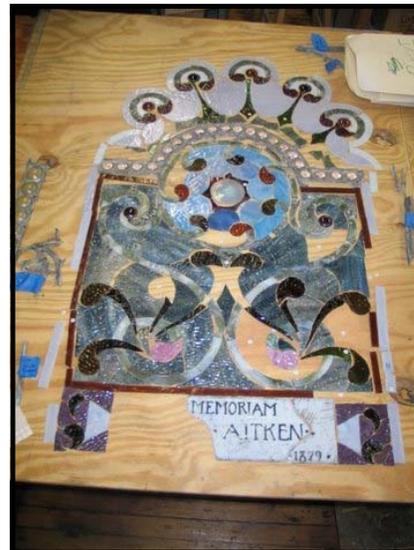
Some glass must be replaced, other glass can be glued – the goal is to preserve as much of the original glass as possible. Finally, all healthy glass is retained, glued where necessary, completely re-leaded, re-puttied and re-wired to the support bars for reinstallation.

Each winter for the past few years a set of windows has been repaired. The Chapel Board of Trustees, along with generous support from the community, has provided support for this major project.

The last set of windows will return to Sabbath Day Point before the start of summer and the Chapel's 125th season of worship. The Board of Trustees is planning a celebration of this milestone anniversary and the culmination of the stained glass window preservation project. Details about the 125th anniversary celebration and the worship and music programs for the summer 2009 season will be announced in future issues of *The Hague Chronicle*.



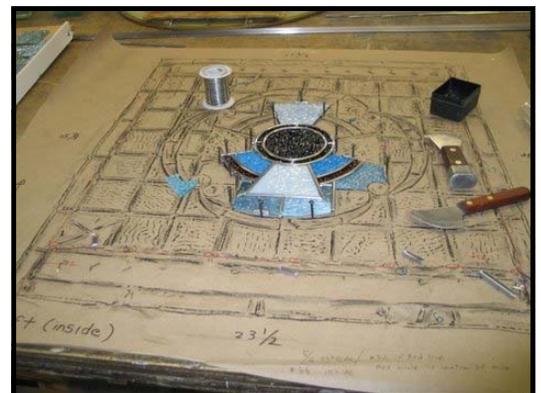
Mary & Bob discussing options for matching glass



Healthy Glass from center section of Window



Rubbing of side panel



Putting the window back together

Looking Back



In February 1980, Alison Craig, daughter-in-law of Ralph Craig, wrote a remembrance of him for *The Hague Chronicle*. The following is part of her article.

HAGUE REMEMBERS AN OLYMPIC STAR

In December of 1911 the president of the American Olympic Committee gave a dinner for the Olympic Organizing Committee. It was decided to increase the scope of competition and to enter teams in a large variety of sports. The committee chartered the "S.S. Finland" to both transport and house the 176 competitors for the 1912 Olympics. Ralph Craig was one of the 111 men selected to represent the U.S. on the track-and-field team.

The 1912 Olympics, held in Stockholm, Sweden was the 5th Olympiad . . . The first Olympiad, held in Athens in 1896, attracted 8 nations, the 5th, 26 nations and had become front page news. For the first time, electric timing was used, recording speeds to 1/10th of a second.

The 1912 opening competition was the 100 meter sprint. 17 heats and 6 semi-finals were required to weed out the field. Five of the six finalists were wearing the distinctive uniform that the American team had adopted in 1906; white T-shirt with the American shield on the chest and baggy white shorts with narrow red, white & blue stripes along the side. The Americans finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 6th. Craig had captured his first gold medal! Later in the week, Craig won his 2nd gold medal in the 200 meter dash.

Craig's interest in the Olympics lasted throughout his lifetime. In 1948 he sailed on the "Queen Elizabeth" to London as a member of the Olympic Yachting Team. At age 59 he held the record for the longest span (36 years) of Olympic Team membership & was the oldest of the 437 American competitors. He was awarded the honor of carrying the American flag at the opening ceremonies. In 1960, Craig traveled to Rome to cover the Olympics for his nationally syndicated column on the Olympic Games. In 1972, at age 83, Ralph Craig was still identified with the Olympics, still wore his signet ring given to him by the city of Detroit following the 1912 Olympics, & just prior to his death, had been scheduled to do an appeal on TV for the Olympic Fund Raising Committee.

Ralph Craig lives in memory as one of those rare breed of men who "does it on his own". When he made up his mind to try out for the 1912 Olympics, he was just out of college & had started a job. Alone, he worked out daily, timing himself with his own stop-watch, disciplining himself to strive for his goal. He died in July, 1972, in his home on Friends Point, the 5th generation of his family in continuous possession of the tip of this beautiful point.

Mr. Craig was a grandson of James & Daphne Cook Craig. James grew up in Putnam, NY and Daphne, in Hague. Daphne was the daughter of William & Sophia Morse Cook. They lived in the brick house, known as Four Chimneys, just south of the

Essex County line on the east side of Rt. 9N in Hague. (This is the former residence of Alfred Stanley & is presently owned by the Michael Amick family.) William, and his brother Warner, made the bricks used in their homes from a clay bank on William's farm. Warner Cook's home was the brick house on the Essex-Warren Co. line. The homes were built circa 1822.

James & Daphne were married at Four Chimneys in 1853 and moved to Detroit, Michigan. Before her marriage, Daphne taught school in Hague and her father, William, a Lt. Col. in the War of 1812, operated a general store in Hague for 20 years, was Town Supervisor for 16 years, served as an Assemblyman for 2 terms and was a County Judge from 1827 until his death in 1852.

Editor's notes:

1. Four Chimneys today is owned by Dr. & Mrs. James Mack. The brick Warner Cook home is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Engler.
2. See **1912 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS** on page 10

The "Looking Back" series is researched by the Hague Historical Society.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DON'T FORGET: 7 pm on Tuesday, March 31, "Show and Share" program at the Community Center. What are you bringing to show and tell us about? Nothing to bring? How about sharing a family story or funny incident? Or just come to listen! Bring a neighbor or a friend. Please call Pat McDonough to let us know what you'd like to share so that we have an idea what to expect. Refreshments are always served!

As regards our Houses in Hague research, Donna Wotton, whose home is on Overbrook Lane, would be interested in any information on her house prior to the Grimes owners. Pictures or info can be sent to the Historical Society and will be forwarded to Donna.

Have you seen the Lincoln Exhibit in the Museum? Our Town Historian, Jerry Crammond, has put together an interesting tableau of Lincoln and Civil War items. If you stop in to see it, please be sure to sign the visitors' book and let Jerry know you enjoyed it.

Please remember that you can pay your 2009 membership dues at any time. Mail your check for \$5 to the address below. If you wish to include a donation of \$10 or more, you'll receive a pack of Society note cards! ...PMcD

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"Show and Share"
March 31st 7pm

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Ruth Palmer Bell, 90, of Williamsburg, VA on January 10, 2009. Mrs. Bell was the widow of Dr. John B. Bell, Jr. and is survived by three sons, John B. Bell, III and wife Carol of Newport News, VA; Henry Palmer Bell and wife Anne, of Jacksonville, FL and Paul D. Bell and wife Colleen of Pennington, NJ; seven grandchildren, Erin Bell, Sean Bell, Morgan William Bell and wife Michelle, Austin Bell and wife Taylor, Kaley Palmer Bell, H. Whitt Bell, Michelle Trucks and husband Tommy and three great-grandchildren, Hannah, Emma and Annie.

Mrs. Bell, also survived by her sister, Mildred P. Stout of Tinton Falls, NJ, was a summer resident of Sabbath Day Point since 1965.

DIED: Delmar Dhein, 83, of Forest Bay, Hague and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on February 20, 2009 peacefully in his sleep with family at his side. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Larinice, a sister, his son Rick Dhein and wife Paula of Telford, PA and Forest Bay, his daughter Linda Toner and husband John of Arlington, VA and Forest Bay and 5 grandchildren John, Patrick and Joseph Toner and Clark and Brittney Dhein.

Del was a past Commodore of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and Race Committee Chairman for over 14 years. He was also an avid sailor in both the Laser and Star fleets locally and competed in many Star worldwide events. A Celebration of Life will be held in the summer at NLGYC in Hague.

DIED: Cynthia (Bovard) McCranels, 72, of Hague on February 23, 2009 after a brave battle with pneumonia and surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband, F. Joseph McCranels, her brother Peter Bovard of Lake Placid, a son Steven McCranels and friend Karen Middleton of Hudson Falls and a grandson. A reception for friends will be held at a later date at Silver Bay.

Cindy worked as an Administrative Assistant at American Management Association and in various positions in the Silver Bay and other YMCA facilities.

DIED: Gerhard Boyd, 79, of Hague on March 12, 2009 at his residence. Gerry is survived by his cousin and many local area friends including his dear friend Patricia Swinton of Hague and her family.

Gerry had been honored by the Hague Volunteer Fire Department last September for his 54 years of service as an EMT. He was a former Captain of the Hague Ambulance Squad and had been an active member in many civic projects. In 2002, Gerry was presented with the Hague Senior Citizen of the Year award.

BORN: A daughter, Micheline Rae, on December 15, 2008 to Chelsea Waters of Cropseyville, NY. Micheline is the first great-great grandchild of Barbara Snow of Hague. Barb also visited with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren over the Christmas holidays.

BORN: A daughter, London Elizabeth Fuller, on March 12, 2009 to Jordon Fuller and Alex Conner. Grandparents are Ronnie and Marie Fuller, great-grandparents are Gladys and Vernie Rockwell, and the baby is the 8th great-great-grandchild of Inza Jordon. They are all residents of Battle Hill Road, Hague.

MEMORIAL DAY 2009



The Parade Committee is working very diligently on the plans for this year's event. Many new and exciting ideas are in the works. Please mark your calendars - Saturday, MAY 23, 2009 - and start planning to share in Hague's DAY TO REMEMBER.

Needed for the FUNFEST at the beach: Crafters, Displays of Interest, Food Concessions. There are many of you Closet Crafters out there who create for fun, so why not share it at the beach with a 'Show & Tell' display. For information call Emily Cobb - 543-6325.

The prize categories for the parade units are: BEST IN PARADE - MOST CREATIVE - MOST PATRIOTIC - BEST ADIRONDACK THEME - BEST YOUTH PRESENTATION + HONORABLE MENTION ADULT & YOUTH. Anyone can take part in the march - groups, individuals, families, classic cars, clowns, veterans, musicians, etc. However, you must SIGN UP to be assigned a Unit Number. Please call Madeline Pelkey - 543-6130.

Donations are welcome! For the past six years with the help of your generosity, we have been able to cover the Memorial Day expenses. The fact is, you make this event possible and we thank you for it. All checks should be made out to Hague Senior Citizens Club - Parade Account and mailed to us at the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836. ... Madeline Pelkey

CITY HALL GALLERY

The North Country Arts Center is featuring its Board Members at an Art Show and Silent Auction through March. There will be an Art Reception on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 2 - 4 pm. The show is located in the 2nd floor City Hall Gallery on Ridge Street in Glens Falls. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday from 9 am - 5 pm. For further information see <www.northcountryartscenter.org>.

BAKED HAM DINNER

A Baked Ham Dinner, featuring strawberry shortcake dessert, 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, March 27, 2009, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available from 4 - 5 pm, and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available both by advanced sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door. The dinners are open to the public and additional dinners by these two organizations are planned for the last Friday of each month through late Spring. Public parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street, also at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

“Big Night” for Vernal Pools

“It was a dark and stormy night,” as the story goes. Well, kind of. This isn’t really a “story” but rather a real scenario that occurs every year when we have about three nights in a row of warm spring rains. The snow is mostly gone from the sides of the roads and the snowmelt and rains have filled seasonal pools with water. On this night, called “Big Night” (it actually has a name!), several species of amphibians will make their annual journey from upland forests where they have over-wintered, to vernal pools to lay their eggs. On this night in April ~ determined only by the weather ~ thousands of salamanders (spotted, blue spotted, Jefferson’s and four-toed) and thousands



Jefferson Salamander

of frogs (wood frogs and spring peepers) make the trek under the protective cover of the rainy night to their breeding pool. And it is their breeding pool ~ they return to the same pool in which they were hatched from, year after year after year!

The intermittent water they hold defines vernal pools. Usually flooded in early spring or after heavy rains, they maintain the water for 2-3 months and generally dry up later in the summer (or sometimes every two or three years). Since they do dry up, they can’t support the fish, bullfrogs, green frogs or aquatic insects that eat eggs and tadpoles making these vernal pools safe places to come to breed. Vernal pools are shallow depressions usually less than a half acre in size, often only several feet across. Located in upland forests, they can also be found along the edges of swamps or marshland and sometimes where deserted farm ponds have been grown in by surrounding woods.

These amphibians have complex life cycles requiring complex habitats. As adults, they spend their time in upland forests underground or under the moist leaf litter, stones and logs where their skin is kept moist and they forage for worms, slugs and insects. This is where they over-winter too, but on “Big Night” they travel ~ all of them ~ down to the vernal pool of their birth where they’ll breed and lay their eggs. Here the eggs grow and hatch into tadpoles and young salamanders who spend 2-3 months under water before they are ready to emerge as adults and forage the surrounding wetland and forest. Late in autumn they make their way to the upland forests to over-winter. All of these areas ~ the breeding area, summer foraging area and over-wintering area ~ make up the vernal pool habitat complex. And so the importance of maintaining the connections between these areas is obvious but not often seen. There are very narrow corridors to travel between the habitats and when those three rainy nights come in April, the amphibians are on the move in large numbers. This naturally goes unnoticed by humans unless there are roads that bisect their route. Then it becomes a problem as unsuspecting motorists run over them ~ understandably, while driving in the rain at night, who would notice a frog or salamander in the wet road? To address this very real problem as we create more roads across the landscape, the first underpass in New York specifically to help these salamanders was created in Albany County in 1999! Oth-

er groups of concerned citizens will gather at known crossings on “Big Night” and assist frogs and salamanders across the roads ~ a new definition of a crossing guard! Sounds fun to me! I look forward to seeing some excitement on “Big Night” close to home ~ ahh... the chorus of wood frogs and spring peepers heralding the amphibian parade! (I know, it’s been a long winter!)

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Hague Weather Report 2/15/09—3/13/09

There is an old saying about the weather in March. It goes “in like a lion and out like a lamb.” According to USA Today “there are large climatological differences between March 1 and March 31. These differences result from large changes in sun angle and length of day during the month. The angle of the sun is 11.7% higher in the sky by month’s end – a larger increase than any other month. Also outside of Alaska, there is a greater increase in daylight hours for all US locations during March than any other month. Take for example, Lebanon, Kansas. On March 1 they have 11 hours 20 minutes of daylight. On March 31, they have increased to 12 hours 38 minutes.”

Personally, I think March is a teaser. One day it is sunny and 50 degrees. The next day it is 25 degrees and snowy. It is also so MUDDY due to snow melt. But that is the weather that makes good sap flow for maple syrup.

From Feb 15 to March 13, we had 15 days and 4 nights above freezing. During that time period there were 6 fully sunny days, 9 partly cloudy/partly sunny days, 4 cloudy days, and 8 days of snow or rain. We had 5” snow on 2/18, 4” on 2/22, ½” on 2/26, 3” on 3/2, and 2” on 3/9. It rained on 3/10 and 3/11. The full moon occurred on 3/10 but was covered by clouds/rain. Sunrise is at 7:11 and sunset at 6:56 on March 12. We were fortunate to miss the foot of snow that was dumped on NYC on 3/1-3/2. It’s all location, location, location!

PARENTING PROGRAM

Separation, divorce or a child-centered legal case is not a single event but a series of transitions that many families experience. The process is stressful and is exacerbated when there is conflict between the parents. Children are often the innocent bystanders put in the middle of their parents’ conflict.

CCE of Warren County offers a program for parents dealing with a family restructuring such as separation or divorce. The Parenting Apart program helps parents understand what their children are experiencing and how they can help them through the transition. Emphasis is placed on the parent-child relationship and focuses on what parents can do to promote a healthy adjustment for their children and protect them from the negative effects of ongoing parental conflict.

The program is certified by the New York State Unified Court System and classes are offered on a regular basis. The next scheduled program is April 1 and 2, 2009 from 6 - 9 pm in Queensbury. For more information contact Roxanne Westcott at 668-4881 or the website <www.cce.cornell.edu/warren>.

HAGUE CALENDAR

March 2009

- 21 7 pm THS Three Act Play
- 24 1:30 pm Senior Citizens Club
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 27 5 pm Baked Ham Dinner- Masonic Temple
- 28 5 pm Baptist Church movie night
- 31 6 am - 9 pm Vote for Congressman
- 31 7 pm Historical Society program

April 2009

- 1 7:30 pm THS Pops Concert
- 2 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 6:30 pm Sewer District Public Hearing
- 7 7 pm Special TSD Board meeting on Budget
- 8 7 pm Sixth Grade Science Fair
- 10 News deadline for *The Hague Chronicle*
- 10 - 17 No School in the TSD- Spring Break
- 12 1 - 5 pm Registration for School District voting
- 14 6:15 pm Public Hearing on Rental Code change
- 14 6:30 pm Town Board regular meeting
- 23 Next issue of *The Hague Chronicle* mailed
- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25 10-2pm Ti Hi -Healthy Kids Day

SAVE THE DATE

April 25, 2009 is Healthy Kids Day. Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks is planning a lively day of educational and fun activities for local children and families. The annual YMCA event will be held from 10 am - 2 pm at Ticonderoga High School. Last year's event drew more than 60 people and the Program Department has high hopes to top that number.

HAGUE HAPPENINGS *by Stan*

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? WE HEARD THAT ON FEB 15 THE "POLAR BEARS" WERE HAVING THEIR LAKE SWIM AND A STRANGER DROVE BY, ASKED IF HE COULD JOIN THEM, TOOK OFF HIS CLOTHES, AND PLUNGED IN, THEN CALMLY DRESSED, JUMPED IN HIS CAR, DROVE OFF WITH "BEARLY" A WORD.

THANKS TO "FIRST IN" MICKEY F. FOR THE TRUE STORY

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1912 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS



Obverse: permanent or two female figures crowning a young victor in the Olympic Games with a laurel wreath;



Reverse: the figure of a herald, proclaiming the Olympic Games and standing close to a bust of Ling, the founder of the Swedish system of gymnastics.

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