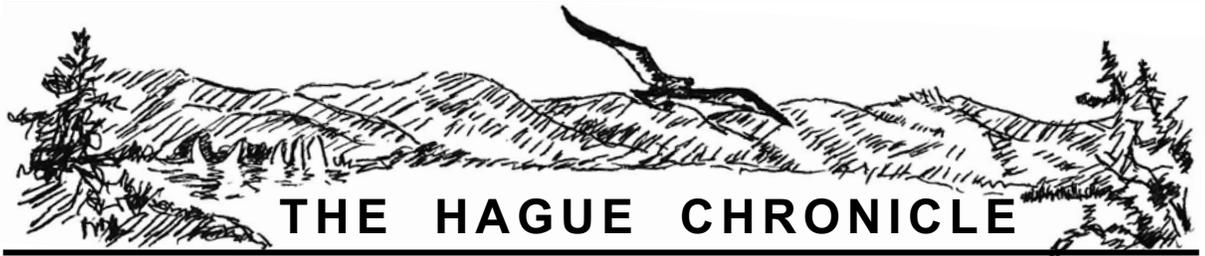


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## HAGUE WINTER EVENTS

### WINTER WEEKEND— FEBRUARY 18 - 20, 2011

#### Friday, February 18

7 pm Snow Queen Pageant, at the Hague Community Center

#### Saturday, February 19

7 – 11 am HVFD Breakfast Buffet at the Fire Station

9 am Fred LaPann Memorial Run

10 am – 1 pm Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing at Rogers Rock State Campsite

1 – 5 pm Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks Community Day

6 pm Beste Scholarship Buffet and Awards, and Rotary Club auction at the Fire Station

#### Sunday, February 20

10 am – 1 pm Snowmobile rides and sledding at the Hague Fish & Game Club

2 pm Polar Bear Plunge at the Trout House Village dock

3 pm Chili Bake-off at the Fire Station

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## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Club will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 1:30 pm with Bingo as the program. Members are asked to bring a "white elephant" item for prizes.

On March 17, 2011, at 4 pm the Club will hold another movie afternoon and St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Supper.

The Senior Club welcomes anyone age 50 or older to join their activities. For further information call President Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

## MEMORIAL DAY 2011

On Saturday, May 28, 2011 the Hague Senior Citizens Club will once again sponsor Hague's Memorial Day Celebration. This will be our ninth year! Do mark the date on your calendar and start planning now. For the FUNFEST at the beach we will be seeking food concessions, crafters, demonstrations of interest, etc. For the PARADE, anyone can enter - age is no barrier! Family floats, groups of creative friends, clubs, organizations, businesses, pets, clowns, classic/antique vehicles, etc. Remember - this is your parade so join in the fun. Prizes will be awarded in several categories which will be published next month.

The Parade Committee's weekly meetings will commence on Monday, February 28, 2011 at the Community Center at 9:30 am. Anyone interested in being involved in the planning process is welcome to join us. Senior Club membership is not a requirement. We also welcome suggestions or new ideas that you feel would be helpful.

For any information regarding Memorial Day, please contact Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130, Michael Cherubini at 543-6463 or Emily Cobb at 543-6325. ... Madeline Pelkey

## DO YOU HAVE A 1972 CONVERTIBLE?



*The Hague Chronicle* would like to use one for the Memorial Day Parade.

Please get in touch if you would be willing to let us use yours!

## HAGUE FIREMEN RESPOND TO WINTER'S SEVERITY

Hague firemen as a department and as individuals have been helping those who have been challenged by the severity of the weather recently. It is a good reminder to all of us to check on our elderly neighbors occasionally. We also would urge everyone to exercise due caution when removing snow from roofs.

Lieutenant Jon Hanna has begun a nine week certification course for line officers that is being given at the Fire Station in Bolton Landing.

There were four Ambulance calls using 46.5 man hrs., and one fire call using 30 man hrs. in the month of January.

Hope to see you at the Fire Station for the 2011 Hague Winter Weekend breakfast on Saturday morning, the Beste Scholarship dinner on Saturday night and the Chili Bake-Off on Sunday afternoon.

Many intersections are obstructed by high snow banks. Enter them cautiously. ... Joe McCrannels

## SCHOOL BUDGET NEWS

John McDonald, Ticonderoga Superintendent of Schools, confirmed that Mike Cherubini from Hague has been appointed to the School Board Budget Advisory Committee which is meeting on Monday evenings in February.

The Ticonderoga Board of Education will have their March 15, 2011 meeting at the Hague Community Center starting at 7 pm which will include a budget workshop and then the regular meeting.

These budget workshops give the public a chance to hear what is being proposed and to show interest in the process. All Hague residents are encouraged to attend.

## UPCOMING LGLC EVENTS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is sponsoring a Winter Warm Up event on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lake George Recreation Center/Berry Pond Preserve, Transfer Road, Lake George. This family event will feature a warm bonfire, tasty treats, hot chocolate and coffee and guided snowshoe or other activities for all ages. Registrations are not required for this free event but are appreciated. Contact Sarah at <shoffman@lglc> or call 518-644-9673 to request more information.

**THE HAGUE CHRONICLE** is mailed out by volunteers on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of each month. The News deadline is five days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to the Publisher, Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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## THE HAGUE CHRONICLE BOARD MEETING

On January 11, 2011, the Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* held their annual business meeting. A moment of silence was held for George Ianson, long-time treasurer.

Elected to the Board for 2011 were: Judy Stock (Publisher/Editor), Bob Whitaker (Treasurer), Nancy Young (Secretary), John Barber, Pat McDonough and Ginger Kuenzel. Dottie Henry remains as Publisher/Editor Emerita.

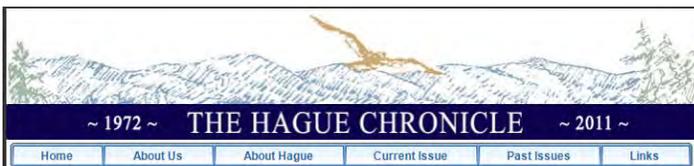
Bob Whitaker reported that the checking account balance as of the end of 2010 was \$10,234.90; the savings account was \$155.99 and the CD has a balance of \$5,249.50. Interest from the CD funds the Dorothy Henry/Hague Chronicle Scholarship. In 2010 the recipient was Kaley Manning.

Each month we print 700 copies of *The Hague Chronicle*. To help get these issues out we rely on a dedicated mailing staff. Those who helped during 2010 include: Maureen Cherubini, Diane Dickson, Enid and Ken Engler, Gladys Graser, Nancy Harrigan, Pat Hintze, Mary Keefer, Rudy Meola, Pat McDonough, Julia Middleton, Doris Moran, Carol Paul, Kathi Ramant, Sandy Rypkema, Judy Schultz, Joan Steitz, Judy Stock, Donna Van Wirt and Marguerite West.

We also receive help with publishing and organizational tasks. Additional 2010 staff included Cathie and Stan Burdick, Janet Hanna, Jim Henderson, Chris and George Ianson, and Jan Whitaker. We receive regular news reports from JoAnne DeFranco, Nancy Scarzello, Senior Club (Pat Hintze, Chris Ianson), Fish & Game Club (Steve Ramant), Fire Department (Joe McCranels), Historical Society (Pat McDonough) and Memorial Day Parade Committee (Madeline Pelkey).

The Board set the date of Sunday, August 21, 2011 for a special celebration of our 40th year of publishing. Save the date and look for more information in future issues.

We continue to try to keep up with technology and maintain a website <thehaguechronicle.org> and a page on Facebook.



The Board decided to post the current issue online! We continue to add past issues to our website. To see what is available, go to the website and look at the various options. Please let us know by email at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> if you have any comments or suggestions.

## ROTARY AUCTION

Supporting scholarships for local students is a high priority for the Northern Lake George Rotary. In conjunction with the Beste Scholarship dinner on February 19, 2011 at the Hague Fire Station, they will sponsor a fund-raising auction. The auction will feature donations of gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses and individuals. The names of contributors will be prominently displayed at the auction. Contact Diane Dickson at 543-8051 to make a donation.

## AT THE OTHER HAGUE

While we are celebrating our Winter Weekend, another celebration is going on in Hague - Hague, Saskatchewan, Canada that is!

They have a "Family Day - Winter Festival" on President's Day (well, it wouldn't be called that in Canada!) centered around their skating arena. Figure skating, curling and ice-hockey feature prominently in their winter activities. In the evening the Town hosts a bon-fire and refreshments followed by fireworks.

Maybe our Hague could consider some fireworks for our next Winter Weekend!

## OPEN GOVERNMENT FORUM

Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the NYS Committee On Open Government, spoke to an enthusiastic audience on February 9, 2011 at the Chestertown Town Center. He gave an introduction to the Open Meeting and FOIL [Freedom of Information Law] regulations and then answered all the questions from the audience. Freeman, a nationally know expert in this field with over 25 years of experience, was introduced by June Maxam, editor of the *North Country Gazette*.

The Committee on Open Government is a NYS Department of State Agency and they give legal advice to anyone who has a question on these and related topics. They write non-binding legal opinions and have over 24,000 of these on file - and indexed.

Freeman believes that the criteria for openness in government is that "everything is open" unless it hurts someone - with embarrassment not a valid criteria. He suggested that the question should be "What would happen if the government discloses this?"

In addressing the issue of an executive session, he said the law requires that there be a motion to go into executive session stating specifically what the meeting is for and a majority of the total membership must approve it. He noted that saying "for personnel reasons" is not sufficient - the specific reason must be stated. He also noted that a board can go into executive session for proposed or actual litigation - the threat or fear of litigation is not sufficient.

Another interesting issue that was addressed was the requirement for notice of meetings. He handed out the brochure, "Your Right to Know," published by the Committee on Open Government. In it is found, "When a meeting is scheduled less than a week in advance, notice must be given to the public and the news media 'to the extent practicable' at a reasonable time prior to the meeting." The notice to the public must be given by means of posting at a designated place while notice to the media must be 'reasonable' and can be accomplished by a phone call or email.

To find out more about this government agency or to download a copy of the "Right To Know" brochure, go to <<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/coog>>.

... Judy Stock

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/31/11

All Board members were present and went into Executive Session for a conference call requested by Attorney Viscardi.

*The Hague Chronicle* was not made aware of this meeting.

No action was recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/8/11

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

A moment of silence was held for George Ianson, John Jordon and Patricia DeLarm.

Kathy Bozony, Natural Resource Specialist with the Fund for Lake George, presented a slide show indicating how Lake George Water Quality is changing. Her many underwater photos showed the effects of fertilizers which create algae blooms. Kathy and Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky urged the Board to pass a local law to regulate use of fertilizers that would be damaging to the Lake quality. The Board plans to schedule a public hearing on the issue during the summer.

### From the Committee Reports:

**Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement** (Martucci/Frasier): A proposal for \$300 was approved to paint the back board room on a weekend. Also approved was \$685 to replace tables in the kitchen with three new stainless ones. The work on the new Veteran's Park is hoped to be finished by Memorial Day.

**Fire Department** (Gladu/Martucci): The fire department is down on active memberships and new members are needed.

**Highway** (Martucci/Gladu): Superintendent Don Smith was not present but it was reported that the Highway Department now has more than enough salt.

**Museum & Historian** (Frasier/Martucci): It was suggested that an alternate delegate to the Warren County Bicentennial Committee be appointed.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater** (Gladu/Meola): The resignation of Martin Fitzgerald, II from the Zoning Board of Appeals was accepted and applicants will be interviewed with input from the Chairman of the ZBA. John Brown has agreed to remain on the Planning Board until a replacement can be found.

The Board received the Code Modification plan from the Planning Board and it will be sent to the APA for final approval.

### In other business, the Board:

Received a financial statement from the Hague Senior Citizen Club, Inc. which was well itemized and commended by the Supervisor. It is hoped that other organizations which get Town funding will also submit detailed financial reports or risk losing the funds.

Reinforced the decision that there are no exceptions to a reduction in sewer fees due to seasonal use.

Approved attendance at meetings by various Town employees.

Passed a resolution that authorizes the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to make decisions on the bank accounts.

Passed a resolution that in 2012 all sales tax money will be taken by the Town and put into an account to earn interest.

Passed a resolution to join, at no cost, the Hazard Mitigation Plan that the County administers so that the Town does not have to do its own.

Supervisor Belden reported that the Town may be able to get on the County plan for health insurance as long as the total members in the plan remain less than 2000. The savings to the Town would be the money that otherwise would go to pay a broker.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/11

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman and Christopher Navitsky. Jon Hanna was absent and Martin Fitzgerald, II has resigned. A moment of silence was held for George Ianson.

KOSHEL (43.5-2-15), 9850 Graphite Mountain Road (Hamlet)

The Board approved, with conditions, an after-the-fact application for the conversion of a commercial building to residential use.

## PLANNING BOARD - 2/3/11

Present were Acting Chairman Dick Frasier and members Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, Mike Cherubini, John Brown and Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. Chairman EJ Siwek was absent.

QUINN (26.10-1-4) 49 Forest Bay Rd (TR-1R)

The applicant wishes to add a loft addition and a 192 sq. ft. deck extension to an existing house. The Board kept the meeting open for the site visit at which time they approved the request.

The Planning Board reviewed the Code Modification document at the request of the Town Board. They voted to approve the proposals with a question about the requirements for any roads taken over by the Town as in a sub-division.

## REAL ESTATE SALES

We last reported real estate sales in the June 2009 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. In the remainder of 2009, the following significant sales occurred in Hague according to deeds recorded in the Warren County Clerk's office. From Fisher-Bunyan to Guido and Healy for \$75,000; Waters to Frasier for \$100,000; Bank of New York to Silkworth for \$225,000; Velte Trust to Fallahpour for \$600,000; Beaty to Lawrence for \$40,000; Benway to Smith for \$255,000; Hinkamp to Van Heest for \$124,000; Donohue to Adair for \$72,500; Hanifin to Darrin for \$1,187,000; Riccardi to Basso for \$575,000 and Van Leeuwen to Kossuth for \$140,000.

## ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD OPENINGS

There are two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals and one on the Planning Board. These Boards meet once a month at 7 pm. The Town Board has decided to keep the number of members at seven for each of these boards. It is important for citizens to fill out these important boards – you are encouraged to apply. Submit a letter of interest to the Town Board, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

## PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

The March 1, 2011 deadline is approaching for property tax exemptions. Details and applications are available at the Assessor’s Office in the Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm.

Senior Citizens’ exemptions must be renewed each year. Enhanced STAR exemptions must be renewed unless an Optional Verification form is submitted. Renewal forms were sent out in December.

Basic STAR exemptions for all primary residence homeowners do not have to be renewed. However, new rules for the STAR exemption state that taxpayers making over \$500,000 are no longer eligible to receive the Basic STAR exemption. The local assessor has received a set of lists from the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance containing names of taxpayers that the department has determined make over \$500,000 by cross-matching their 2009 Income Tax with the town’s assessment roll. There is also a list of taxpayers that Taxation & Finance were unable to determine if their income exceeds the limit. The assessor has sent letters to these homeowners stating that they are no longer eligible for the exemption or that they need to show the assessor a copy of their 2009 return in order to prove eligibility.

Please call Assessor David Martucci for any questions at 518-543-6161.

## CREDIT UNION CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT



Ralph J. Corbo, Chairperson of the board of directors of Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU), announced that after more than forty years in financial service management, the past nine as President and CEO of Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union, Gregory D. Johnson has announced his retirement effective April 5, 2011. The TFCU board of directors has selected Shawn M. Hayes to be the next President and Chief Executive Officer. Hayes has fifteen years experience in management, the past eleven at TFCU serving as Chief Financial Officer, Human Resource Director, and member of its management team.

## POSTAL SERVICE REMINDERS



It’s that time of year again to make sure your mail boxes are clear of snow so you can get delivery. Can you drive in and out of the box area and open and close the mail box without hanging out your window? The carrier shouldn’t get out of the car - remember it’s not just your box but hundreds of boxes. They also shouldn’t have to plow through large amounts of snow which can damage vehicles.

Another reminder is the correct way to use your address if you are a post office box holder. The first line should be your name and the second line can be your street address [optional but you may use if necessary] followed by the PO Box number and then on the fourth line put the town, state and zip code. Mail may be delayed or returned for incorrect addresses.

Box holders are also reminded that your box rent must be paid on time. The local office does not have control over the billing and there will be a \$15 charge for late payments.

Your help in these matters is greatly appreciated by the postal staff.

## KEEPING IN SHAPE

Mae Pagan is again teaching classes at the Hague Community Center. You can “dance yourself into fitness” with her Zumba classes on Thursdays from 11 am to noon. These classes are fitness disguised as dance and you can lose weight and tone up, too.

On Wednesdays from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm she will lead T’ai Chi – the original no impact aerobics which promotes mental, physical and spiritual health by combining physical exercise with relaxation and meditation.

The fee is \$12 per class and walk-ins are welcome. For more information call Mae at 543-6605 or e-mail <returntomountain@yahoo.com>.

## LGLC SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

The LGLC is now accepting applications for its Stewardship Assistant Position. The two summer positions will start at the end of May/beginning on June and go for 12 weeks. Applications are due by March 18, so apply today! Go to <http://www.lglc.org> then click on “Get Involved” then “Job Opportunities.”

## PANCAKE SUPPER

The Episcopal Church of the Cross on 129 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga, NY will host a FREE Shrove Tuesday Supper on March 8, 2011 from 4 – 6 pm. The menu includes “all you can eat” pancakes, sausage, applesauce, ice cream, coffee, tea, juice and milk. All denominations are welcome. It’s a great way to get out during the winter and catch up with friends and family.

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE UPDATE

According to the latest construction update information on the New York State Department of Transportation website the bridge will be completed on schedule and open for traffic on October 9, 2011. There is excellent up-to-date information available on the NYDOT web site <[www.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge/news](http://www.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge/news)>. Web cam views of the construction site and more information is also available at that site.

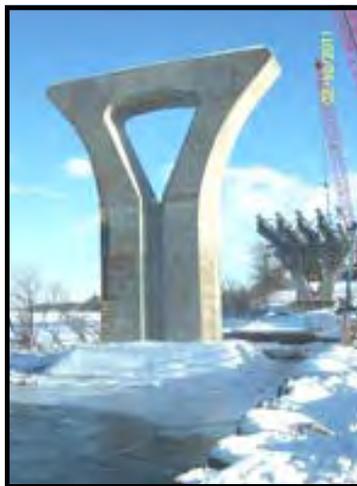
Below are photographs and the Current Construction Status as of February 11, 2011.



An aerial view of the project site taken on Jan. 29, 2011. (Courtesy of the USCG Auxiliary)



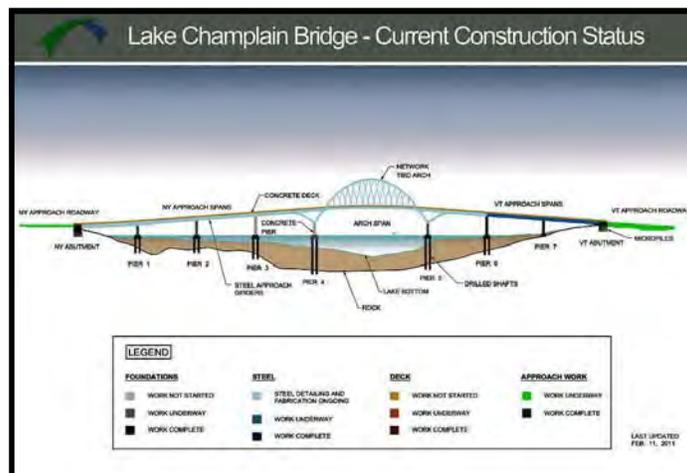
The first 5 steel girders set in place on Pier 7 as viewed from the Ferry.



The forms at Pier 6 near the VT shoreline have been removed exposing the entire pier.



A view of the steel work under way looking towards NY from Chimney Point VT.



Source: <[www.nysdot.gov/regional-offices/region1/projects/lake-champlain-bridge/repository/Construction\\_Status\\_2011-02-11.pdf](http://www.nysdot.gov/regional-offices/region1/projects/lake-champlain-bridge/repository/Construction_Status_2011-02-11.pdf)>



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Inza Jordan of the Hague Sao Goers and Hague Supervisor Dick Bolton check the times during the Ice Auger Title last weekend.

According to a history of Hague's Winter Carnival written in 1983, the Carnival began in 1967 when it was sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce. In time the Fish and Game Club took it over with help from the Town. The activities have varied widely from Hot Balloon demonstrations to crowning a Carnival Queen; and from Army-Navy parachute jumping to polar bear swimming. In 1982 the New York State Police Scuba Diving Rescue Team staged a rescue mission. Scuba Divers were lowered from a helicopter into a previously cut hole in the 24-inch ice.

Among the biggest draws were the National Ice Auger Championships and snowmobile races. People and contestants came from miles around for Hague's Carnival fun.

In 1972 all the usual events were planned: snowmobile trail ride, crowning of the Queen, Snowmobile Championships, National Ice Auger Contest and even Snowmobile Football Championships. Alas, the weather didn't cooperate. The April 1972 *Chronicle* reported: "We wouldn't have believed it if we hadn't seen it with our own eyes. The Winter Carnival, originally scheduled for March 15 and postponed because of insufficient ice and snow to March 18-19, did take place despite a foot of wet snow which fell on March 14-15 followed by over an inch of rain the next two days. On Friday and again on Saturday morning the committee plowed out a snowmobile race course on the lake through several inches of slush. And on Saturday and Sunday the races were run with snowmobiles throwing up plumes of slush and water that made them look more like outboard motor boats than snowmobiles.

"The committee deserves much credit for its determination to hold the races as scheduled. On several occasions the race announcer used the expression 'miracle worker' to describe the committee chairman, Dick Bolton, and that he was."

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A visitor to our Museum last summer took a few minutes to write of his Hague experiences in our "What's Your Story?" binder. In view of our quest for stories from folks who spent time in Hague during the era from 1930 to 1980, I'd like to share what he wrote and hope you'll pick up a pen or hit the keyboard with your story.

"Just stopping by to view one of the most beautiful spots in the whole world. In the mid-50's we stayed two weeks at Bywater Motel operated by the Grimes family for many years along with a cozy Restaurant serving Burgers & Fries long before there was ever any McDonald's. The residents were always so very kind and delightful each year so we bought a summer home and spent every summer here. Our place overlooked the always bustling Trout House garage, one of the two gas stations in town for miles around; alongside was the Trout House Restaurant serving fresh lake trout dinners daily – what a treat! Earl Bolton was the owner and, in fact, owned numerous buildings in town at the time. The town park was jammed each year hosting the Lake George Regatta – wall-to-wall speedboats, one driven by a future nun, Marion Grimes!! Thanks for the memories."

Now it's your turn! Write us at PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836 or email to <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. Please help us to build a book of memories of the Tourism era.

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Mark your calendar, Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7 pm in the Community Center, we will host a rave-review program by Caperton Tissot, author of "Adirondack Ice." She comes to us all the way from Saranac Lake, so let's give her a big Hague welcome. See you there!  
... Pat McDonough



ByWater Motel

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** Elin Gabrielle Engler on January 20, 2011 to Lisa and Steven Engler of Watertown, MA. Elin joins a brother, Samuel, who is 2 1/2 years old. Proud grandparents are Ken and Enid Engler of Hague.

**BORN:** William Michael Barron on December 22, 2010 to Michael and Carolyn Barron of Hampton, NH. The proud grandparents are Rena and Dick Dykstra of Hague.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Beth Barton-Navitsky, daughter of Kay Barton of Sabbath Day Point, on her selection as the new Executive Director of The Sembrich Museum in Bolton Landing. Beth and her husband, Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, along with their daughter, Kayla, make their home in Sabbath Day Point, Hague.

**DIED:** George William Ianson, 77, of Hague, NY, died suddenly on January 23, 2011, at his home. George was an active member of the community serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and frequently attending Town Board meetings. He was also the Treasurer of *The Hague Chronicle* for many years and served on its Board of Directors. George was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Christine M. (Raczowski) Ianson; his three children: David Ianson of Washington, NJ, Michael Ianson of Boulder, CO, and Dina Taylor and her husband Gary of Washington, NJ; his two grandchildren, Emily Rose Taylor and Per William Taylor; his mother-in-law, Gertrude Raczowski of Hague; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fr. John O'Kane, with the sympathy of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues will offer the sacrifice of the Mass at 4 pm on March 19, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Church in Chestertown and at 11:15 am on April 17, 2011 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague.

**DIED:** Patricia Ann De Larm, 74, of Hague, NY and Zephyrhills, FL, peacefully on February 5, 2011 in Zephyrhills. Patricia was born in Hague at the De Larm farm, the daughter of Derward Franklin Waite and Bessie Elizabeth (Leach) Waite. In 1953, Patricia married James Bern De Larm, the son of Rollin De Larm and Ethel (Fitzgerald) De Larm. Pat and Jim were lifelong friends in addition to their 57 years of married life.

Pat was an active member of both the Hague and Zephyrhills communities. She is survived by her husband, James; a daughter, Martha; three sons, Bruce, Michael, and Robert; a granddaughter, Jennifer; and a grandson, John; and numerous friends from the Hague and Zephyrhills communities.

A memorial service will be held in Hague later in the spring.

**DIED:** John Joseph Jordon, 64, of Ticonderoga, NY, on Saturday, February 5, 2011. He was the son of Raymond Lash and Sarah Jordon and was a lifelong resident of Ticonderoga and Hague. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Taylor) Jordon of Florida; one daughter, Angela Lea Jordon of Ticonderoga; one son, Louis Jordon of Glens Falls; one brother, David Carpenter of Ticonderoga; and six sisters, Ona Scoffield of Florida, Eileen Perry of Whitehall, Rosemary DuFault of Westport, Madeline Mason of Witherbee, Ann Bennett of Ticonderoga and Connie Samson of Ticonderoga; and his uncle, Calvin Jordon of South Glens Falls. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Nicholas Knickerbocker and Kelly Bright, and many nieces and nephews.

### WITH THANKS

Chris Ianson and her family give heartfelt thanks to the community of Hague for the awesome tribute to George's memory given on January 29th at the Community Center.

Chris sends many thanks to all their good friends and neighbors who helped them in so many ways. She adds, "A most sincere and special thank you to our HVFD's EMT's, who responded to the 911 call and arrived so immediately, for their professionalism and their compassion. May God bless our town and all its people."

### AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Beth Hill, Executive Director of Fort Ticonderoga, was the guest speaker at the Warren County Historical Society meeting on January 22, 2011. In an enthusiastic talk, she noted that Fort Ticonderoga has a "history of epic proportions that defined North America" making this area unique to the history of our country. But she stressed that it is not just past history - Fort Ticonderoga is history that is dynamic and alive. Beth noted that a goal for Fort Ticonderoga is to be the premiere historical site in North America. With vision like that, there is bound to be some success!

Upcoming events at Fort Ticonderoga include "Material Matters: It's in the Details--Winter Weekend Living History Workshop" on February 26, 2011 and the "North Country History Day New York Regional Contest" on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

For more information on Fort Ticonderoga and its programs, see <[www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org)>. ... Judy Stock

### CELEBRATION PHOTO CONTEST

The Hague Chronicle is sponsoring a Photo Contest as part of its celebration of its 40th anniversary. More details will follow in future issues. Some general information:

- Photographs taken between January 1 and June 30, 2011.
- All submissions should be digital.
- Photos taken in the Town of Hague or immediate environs.
- Categories: Scenery, People, Animals, Still-life, Boats/Boating, Botanicals.

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### A Snowshoe Tale

February's frequent snowstorms have kept my snowshoe forays close to home. It seems that every couple of days I need to re-pack the trails that begin outside my door in order to keep them accessible. I have several interconnected loops that offer me choices in scenery, how far I want to travel and how much time or energy I have. After a deep snowfall I'll do one of the loops that takes me through the woods and down to the creek and back; the next time out I'll take the route past the barn and around the field before hooking up to the woods' trail packed earlier. When the snow is deep, it's a workout not unlike using a step-climber with 10 lb weights on top of your shoes!

So, it's been a while since I've snowshoed on the logging roads that take me back further into the woods, but the snow-mobilers have gone by a few times each storm and packed a base that was easy to travel on. With only about 4-5" of new snow from this last snowfall, I ventured out onto the logging trail that takes me into the woods through a cedar swamp alongside the creek. I can follow this particular trail for about a mile before it meets the creek. Here, one normally has to turn around and retrace your route home, because the dam and bridge that once crossed it a hundred years ago, is of course, long gone. But in the constant frigid temps of winter, the creek will freeze solidly over and some folks have been known to cross over here to continue on the trail until it comes out of the woods onto the Corduroy Rd. in Ironville. But this day I was alone, and although I could see the tracks of others who had safely traveled across, I decided - my mother will be very happy to read -I wasn't up for a polar bear plunge (been there, done that, in this creek) this late in the day. The sun was low and it was only about 15 degrees and getting colder, so I turned and started home.

I had seen the tracks of many animals ~ they especially like the packed trails too, as it makes it much easier for them to make their way in the woods without having to wade through deep snow. The trail often looks like a highway for wild ones: mice, squirrels, partridge, turkeys, porcupine (I found two places where they crossed between dens), lots of deer and for a while, one lone coyote. At one point I was the lone traveler, my snowshoe tracks breaking the solid whiteness ahead of me, and then some tracks appeared to come down from the mountain-side and met up with others ahead. Not one coyote's tracks, but two who had joined together for the hunt, as mated pairs will do in winter.

I stopped for a moment, the quiet and stillness welcomed in my psyche, when I heard the low "cuck" notes of a bird. I was confused. This bird's voice was familiar, yet I could not place it. I heard it again and caught movement in the trees next to me, now there were three and I could see them...they were Robins! I talked to them, "What are you doing here? It's too early, the snow is too deep for finding worms!" They flew off into the dense cedar swamp and I continued towards home. Almost there, and I encountered another flock of six robins! What was going on here? Surely they'd starve and freeze?

When I returned home ...a phone call, an Internet search on the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website and a check into my own bird books, much to my relief, I found the answer. I have always looked for the first robins to signal that spring is really here, when there are still patches of snow on the ground, but soggy lawns yielding early worms for them to feast on. These robins were doing what robins do in the winter ~ gathering together in flocks to roost in treetops and moving to moist woods where berry-producing trees and shrubs supply them with their winter diet. Not all robins fly away south for the winter, in fact these robins could very well **have** flown south ~ from Canada ~ and decided that this was a very nice place to spend the winter where the trees in the swamp and creek edges have an abundance of their favorite winter foods: chokecherry, hawthorn, juniper berries, dogwood and sumac. And that first robin I see on my lawn in the spring is probably one that wintered right here in the swamp nearby, filling up on those first juicy worms to emerge before he makes his journey back north to breed ~ in Canada!

### Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

#### January 15, 2011 — February 11, 2011

We have experienced very active weather patterns for the past 30 days. Everyone is tired of shoveling snow, sloppy roads and walks every few days. But let's talk about the positive weather events first. The sun now rises at 7 am and sets at 5:07 pm, an increase of 50+ minutes since the last report. There are more days that are sunny with bright blue sky. The lake has frozen solid. I *don't* know how thick it is but I assume it must be strong ice because of the many ice fishermen venturing out there. And lastly, the weather reports for next week show warmer temperatures. By the time you are reading this, it may be 40 degrees!

If you enjoy skiing, this is a banner winter for you. Down-hill, cross country, and snowshoe conditions are great. In the past 30 days we have had 34"+ of snow on nine different days. At least here in the North Country, we have enough snowplows, salt, and sand available to deal with winter weather conditions. Our road crews are efficient and work quickly to clean up the roads. Hats off and kudos to the Hague Highway Crew!

Our coldest day and night occurred on January 24, 2011 as the mercury dropped to -18 to -20 degrees. On Saturday evening, February 5th, there was thunder and lightning during a snow storm. The darkened landscape had a silvery glow as the lightning lit up the sky and reflected off the white snow. Awesome! Temperatures rose to 31 degrees and some rain and sleet mixed with the heavy wet snow. The next day temperatures rose to 37 degrees. It was the first day it warmed up enough to melt some snow on metal and slate roofs so the snow could start to slide off. You may want to pay some attention to the snow load on your roof. If the doors in your home are suddenly sticking and hard to close, it may be due to the weight of the snow bearing down on your house. Snow pack up on the roof right now may range from 2 to 4 feet depending on your location in our area.

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 19-20 Hague Winter Weekend
- 21 PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY
- 21-25 Ticonderoga CSD Winter Break
- 22 1:30 pm Hague Senior Club
- 24 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 26-27 Fish & Game Ice Fishing Tournament

#### MARCH

- 1 Tax Exemption Application Deadline
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 4-6 pm Church of the Cross Pancake Dinner
- 8 6:30 pm Town Board
- 11 News Deadline for March Issue
- 15 7 pm School Board Budget Mtg - Hague
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 🍀
- 17 4 pm Senior Club Pot Luck Dinner and Movie



#### 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)

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