



**PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET**

**CARILLON GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

Taxpayers will have their opportunity to comment on the 2011 Hague Town Budget at a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Again this year, at this writing, the budget proposes no taxes for Town services except for the volunteer fire and ambulance service provided by the HVFD and for lighting for those in the streetlight district. Both of the latter amounts show a decrease for 2011 from 2010.

Taxpayers will, however, have continuing high taxes to pay at the County level although their budget is not yet complete. The Town Board gives some relief each year to its residents by leaving some of its revenue from sales tax with the county to offset the amount needed to be levied. The amount of this relief has been budgeted at a lower level than last year and is one area where residents may want to study the budget carefully.

The Warren County sales tax is the main source of revenue for the Town. The Board budgeted revenue of \$475,000 from the projected allocation toward general services. Other projected sources of income include payment in lieu of taxes of \$25,000 by the Silver Bay Association, mortgage tax of \$45,000, interest and earnings of \$15,000, and fees collected by the Planning and Zoning Office of \$9,000. The budget also is projecting receipt of \$30,000 as Hague's allocation of the Occupancy tax (bed tax charged for tourist accommodations) which must be used for promotion of tourism in the Town.

In addition, projected income allocated to the Highway Department is \$250,000 in sales tax monies, \$50,411 for services to the County and \$236,000 for services to the State. These services include plowing and sanding the roads. Also projected is aid from CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program), allocated by the NYS DOT, of \$32,000. The largest projected expense is \$200,000 for remediation of the contamination problem at the highway garage. The budget projects a capital reserve for the Highway Department of over \$200,000 for equipment purchases which can be reallocated by the Town Board.

In other expenses the budget includes a 3% raise for Town employees with few exceptions. However, the Board is planning to phase in increased employee contributions toward their health insurance. Effective January 1, 2011, employees will pay 5% of their health insurance premiums not including those more recently hired who already pay 25% of their premiums.

Budgeted funds that have not been used in 2010 are rolled over as "unexpended balance" for 2011. Thus, total projected appropriations from all departments total \$2,835,512 while estimated revenue totals \$1,565,792 and unexpended balance totals \$1,009,680 leaving \$260,040 to be raised by taxes for the



Vivian Den Bleyker, of the Carillon Garden Club, has presented their Enhancement Awards to five Hague property owners. The Club's Enhancement Committee recognizes community beautification through the use of flowers and plantings. The recipients were

Cris Ginn and Sheri De Larm's Firehouse Restaurant, Joan Steitz, Donna and Bob Levenstien and Mary Ann Eaton for their gardens. In addition, Dennis McDonough was given an award for his



'spot of color' dahlia hedge.

Donna Levenstien told *The Hague Chronicle* that she credits her award to the design and care of her gardens by Bartsie Patchett of Hague. Bartsie also worked on the flowers at the Firehouse Restaurant.

Hague is most fortunate to have these places which are so delightful to see and truly do enhance our community.

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streetlights and fire/ambulance. These figures may change and the budget will not become final until the Board approves it, after the Public Hearing, at a special meeting on or before November 4, 2010.

## HAGUE SENIOR CLUB

With humor in her usual energetic style, President Pat Hintze tells about the Club's recent trip to Lake Placid. "Hail to the brave 'soles' who didn't let the weather stand in the way of a good day out with friends. We still went up to the top of the mountain [Whiteface] by gondola and then to a good lunch at Generations with a nice view of Mirror Lake and of the leaves changing—it was pretty! We had a lot of laughs and some nice shopping time. We topped off the trip by stopping for some Gunnison Orchard donuts or apples or whatever else your choice was. All enjoyed the day."



Inza Jordon incognito 2009

Come in Halloween costume to the October 26, 2010 meeting at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. Pat reminds us to dress for the theme of the 50's - 60's Oldies but Goodies. "That's us," she says, "the Oldies but Goodies with a lot of time for fun trips. Come check out what we're up to next! You may be surprised what we have planned for the rest of the year. Our November outing will be announced at the meeting." Guests and new members are always welcome. There'll be refreshments, of course.

*Note:* Apologies to Shirly Vickerson for forgetting to mention that she took all those great photos in the wonderful 2010 Memorial Day Parade Album she prepared for us. We enjoyed leafing through it at the August picnic and it's now in the Club's archives. Though belated, A BIG THANK YOU from all of us, Shirli!  
... Chris Ianson

## HEATING ASSISTANCE

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 11 am to 12 noon, a representative from the Warren County Office of the Aging will be at the Community Center to help fill out applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

HEAP is a federally funded program to supplement annual energy costs. HEAP also offers emergency benefits in a heat related emergency and can help with furnace repair or replacement.

## HVFD TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 24, 2010 the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) will hold an Open House at their headquarters at the corner of Route 8 and West Hague Road from 11 am to 2 pm. All the community and visitors alike are invited to attend.

All of our trucks and equipment will be on display. Firemen and EMTs will be on hand to explain and demonstrate how everything works, and to offer tours of the facilities. Free blood pressure screening, free refreshments and a free chair massage will all be available at the Open House as well as more family fun. Please, please stop in and see us.

There were 8 Fire/Ambulance calls in September using 71.5 man hours.

The Fire/Rescue Boat is now out of the water for the season, and speaking of it, your scribe recently had the opportunity to accompany Skipper Jon Hanna on a shakedown cruise with new Helmsman Dave Martucci. They took it through all its functions, even "putting out a brush fire" on Gull Island. It really is a multi-functional piece of equipment.

It is the season when there can be lots of wet and slippery leaves on the roads, sometimes where you least expect them, so please watch out.  
... Joe McCranel

## VIEW NORTH FROM BLACK MOUNTAIN

This recent photo was taken by Timothy Meehan from his cell phone – he had left his camera in the car! One can see Sabbath Day Point, down to Hague and even Anthony's Nose and Rogers Slide.



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## TO OUR READERS

We know many of you enjoyed the color pages last month. Although we can't afford it every month, we will try to have more again soon.

Please remember to check your label for date and correct mailing address. Remember to let us know when you change your address or return to Hague for the season.

We update our database and process donations each month but there may be a delay before your check clears your bank. (Checks that arrive just after the paper comes out will take longer to process than ones received during the second week of the month.)

Several readers have joined our Facebook page (The Hague Chronicle). Lots of photos (in color!) of people and places are posted there.

A reader shared this quote with us:

**"If you're lucky enough to be at the Lake, you're lucky enough."**

## FISH & GAME CLUB NEWS

The Hague Fish & Game Club's Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament is scheduled for February 26 - 27, 2011. With continued co-support from both the Hague and Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce, this years contest should be the BEST ever !! There are many "leftover" prizes from our "NO ICE" contest last year and all of the MAJOR ice fishing equipment manufactures are also back on board. We're still planning to hold the "kids & novice" ice fishing clinic on Saturday with key instructor and ice fishing pro Shawn Hayes. Looking forward to seeing all of you on the hard water.

For you hunters, the Club is holding a BIG BUCK contest. It's a 50/50 pool for the heaviest deer with a \$5 entry fee. Call 543-6401 or 543-6179, Dick Bartlett, to register and/or get deer weighed. Good Hunting! ... Steve Ramant

## VENISON DONATION PROGRAM

Since 1999, the Venison Donation Coalition has been highly successful in its goal to feed the hungry, a large portion of whom are children, throughout New York State. They need donations of deer and funds for processing. For more information on how you can help see <[www.venisondonation.org](http://www.venisondonation.org)> or get information where you buy your hunting license. Nearby participating processors are Mark Burrell in Keeseville (834-9895), Frank Hohman in Fort Ann (639-5207), or John Rozell in Whitehall (499-0423).

## GARDEN CLUB AWARDS—continued



*The Steitz House*

Levenstien Gardens



Eaton Gardens

## TRASH REMOVAL REINSTATED

Due in large part to public pressure and efforts made by the Lake George Association (LGA), the Fund for Lake George and the Lake George Waterkeeper, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has reversed an earlier decision to discontinue trash collection centers for the Lake George islands in 2011.

The DEC has decided to raise campers' fees to offset the costs of operating the trash collection centers. In 2011, in-state campers will pay \$28 per night and out-of-state campers will pay \$33.

## LAW OFFICE OPENED IN TICONDEROGA

In June 2010, Alexander Shmulsky opened a law office at 174 Lake George Avenue and clients dropped in right away. Shmulsky has a good reputation as a trial lawyer in Pittsfield, MA, his home town and in Albany where he worked for a year. In the Ticonderoga area he will continue to work on criminal cases from petty larceny to serious drug cases. However, he will also maintain a general practice including divorce cases, adjusting as necessary to the needs of the area.

Shmulsky graduated in 2004 from Northeastern University in Boston with a business degree and from Albany Law School in 2007. In August he married Katherine Joubert from Ticonderoga who is the pharmacist at Moses Ludington Hospital. Shmulsky and his wife make their home in Ticonderoga.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/5/10

Supervisor Belden and Board members Martucci, Frasier, Meola and Gladu were all present for the 2 pm special meeting.

They met with a representative from TD Insurance Company to discuss health insurance options and the increase in costs. The company is projecting an increase of approximately 16%. The figures presented to the Board will help them in preparing the budget.

They then met with Mike Farrell from Willsboro, an engineer with Vision Engineering which has been hired for \$23,000 to oversee the clean-up at the Highway Garage. He went over the three bids received for doing the removal of the contaminated soil and recommended the lowest bid of \$106,498 from Zebra Tech. It is hoped that clean-up can start in two weeks and then be finished in another two weeks. Vision Engineering will check on the highway garage to make sure all regulations are being followed and will give the Board a written report.

The 2011 Town Budget was prepared by Diane Trudeau, secretary to the Budget Officer in consultation with him (Supervisor Belden). It was then given to the Town Clerk, Debbie Manning, who in turn presented it to the Town Board. The Board discussed the need for employees to be aware of the value of their benefit package. Some part of the health insurance will need to be paid by those covered.

October 14th was set for an additional workshop and the date of October 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm was set for the Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget. It must be passed by the Board by November 4, 2010.

The Board then met in executive session on a personnel matter.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING – 10/12/10

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present. Supervisor Belden opened the regular meeting a tad early at 6:24 pm.

A moment of silence was held for Larry Best, Jean Mac Farland and Alison Silvestri.

The floor was open for statements and Madeline Pelkey, Senior Citizen Club Parade Committee Chairperson, asked the first question. She said she had heard rumors again about the Board hiring someone who would plan the handing out of funds received from the county. She asked, "Is the Board going to hire a professional planner?"

Supervisor Belden stated that there is no money put in the proposed budget for this item but it would be discussed in the Budget Workshop on Thursday.

Donna Wotton, a resident who is a professional event planner and the volunteer coordinator for the Oktoberfest committee, stated clearly that she was not interested in the position of an event planner for the Town as some had thought. She would, however, be able to support the community groups with

their events by assisting with publicity if that is what the Town Board wanted.

The Town Board had previously asked the Chamber to speak to the local organizations and report back to the Board. The Supervisor reiterated that there was no money in the proposed budget for a planner. Tom Haskell of the Chamber said he would be at the budget workshop.

Donna gave a report on Oktoberfest 2010 which pulled in more than 1200 visitors with about 700 from outside the Hague or Ticonderoga area. Local vendors did well and people who came gave it great reviews. Although there was a shortfall due to the quantity of beer mugs ordered that did not sell, Steve Ramant pointed out that this inventory will be carried forward and reduce costs for next year. The Board wanted to see the full financial report before making a decision about how the expenses should be handled and Donna said that it was forthcoming.

### Committee Reports:

**Assessor & Justice:** Councilman Gladu reported that Warren County is looking at a total countywide assessment in 2012. One problem for Hague is that our schools and related taxes are in Essex County.

**Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement:** Councilman Martucci reported on additional areas of the Community Center which needed repair.

**Fire Department:** They have gone over the budget with the Fire Department and it will be the same as last year. The rescue boat is now out of the water.

**Highway:** Superintendent Smith reported that culverts have been cleaned and the Department is now gearing up for winter.

Councilman Gladu reported that they met with Vision Engineering on the remediation needed at the Highway garage. Smith said that they have taken care of the items needed to be moved before work starts.

**Museum & Historian:** Thanks to the work of Susan Darin of the Historical Society, the new historical marker for Graphite has been received and Ray Snyder hopes to get it in place sometime this week.

**Personnel:** The Board approved a motion to employ Tim Fiallo for 20 hours per week for the Community Center and as necessary for the Park and Sewer Plant. Dan Steitz has returned to the Highway Department. Also discussed was a need to reinforce the policy on time cards.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** In her monthly written report to the Board, ZEO Cathy Clark noted that twenty appearance tickets were issued over the summer for Boat Launch and Parking violations. A trial has been scheduled for eight violations, and court appearances for six others rescheduled, for October 28, 2010.

The Town is waiting for final approval from the APA for the cell tower which could come soon after the 21st.

A vacancy continues on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The September 23, 2010 meeting of that Board was cancelled due to lack of applications.

**Recreation, Promotion & Youth:** Councilman Martucci reported that the County Special Events Director has made arrangements for a Centurion Cycling event starting on June 26, 2011 – the day after the North Country Triathlon. The event should bring in about \$600,000 for the County. Although it will start and finish in the Town of Lake George, people will be staying throughout the county.

**Sewer Districts #1 and #2:** Supervisor Belden stated that Paul Belden, Operator Trainee of the Treatment Plant, had sent the Board a report as requested.

Belden's report stated that he "met with Don King from Siemens Water Technologies concerning our odor complaints." Treatments were discussed and they went over the bioxide usage data.

Belden's plan for 2011 includes a) plan time of day dosing and recalibrate pumps, b) give longer times with smaller doses to cover more of the day and c) make adjustments to curb the odor before it gets to complaint levels. The challenge in planning is the large changes in flow which occur in the summer as well as on weekends.

**Transfer Station:** Councilman Gladu reported that he and Supervisor Belden met with Eastside Metals about collection of metal (including old cars), tires on rims, refrigerators (with Freon), batteries, etc. They envision having them come for a clean-up day similar to the one in the Spring. This project would be a wonderful opportunity for residents to get their property cleaned up and more information will be published about this plan as it unfolds.

#### **In other business the Board:**

Passed the annual resolution authorizing the agreement between the Town and the NYS DOT for Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice. The agreement calls for the Town to receive \$238,032 for the 2010/2011 season for plowing the State roads.

Passed a resolution awarding a contract with Zebra Tech, LLC for an amount of \$106,498 for the Highway Garage Site Cleanup Project. Zebra was the lowest bidder of those who contacted Vision Engineering, project overseer. To cover the costs, the 2010 General Fund Budget will be amended to appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund unexpended balance to the General Fund highway remediation to cover the bid, the engineering and a 20% contingency.

Passed a resolution to hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2010 in order to amend the Code of the Town of Hague relating to the licensing of dogs. The State is dropping its responsibility in this area and turning it over to the towns requiring an amendment to the Town code. The State still tells towns what to do and how much to charge. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:15 pm prior to the regular Board meeting.

Passed a resolution (finally) to amend the employee manual of the Town to allow the direct payroll deposit for its employees.

Chris Navitsky noted that the Waterkeeper/Fund for Lake George is sponsoring two paid registrations for town employees for the North Country Stormwater Tradeshow. Dan Belden and Don Smith will attend.

Ray Snyder told the Board that there is no sign which indicates New Hague Road when coming up from Route 9N. Supervisor Belden said that signs will be put up.

### **PLANNING BOARD – 10/7/10**

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

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

The applicant is requesting a two lot subdivision of a 2.38 acre parcel. If approved, lot one would consist of 1.28 acre and lot two would consist of 1.1 acres. If approved, lot two will be merged with Tax map # 26.10-1-36. An earlier subdivision has already been approved by the Board. The Board deemed this application complete and set a public hearing for November 4, 2010 at 7 pm.

#### OLIVER (26.14-1-2) 42 Friends Point South (TR-1R)

The applicants are requesting a modification to the Planning Board conditional approval of July 8, 2010 for the replacement of an existing garage. They foresee using the second story of the new garage as a home office and would like to install a half bath. The Board approved the request with the continuing restriction of no habitable space and the sole reason for approval is the allowance as a home office.

#### MORGAN (76.20-1-12) 8116 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1R)

The Board granted authority to ZEO Clark to reissue a Zoning Compliance certificate so the applicant can apply for a new Warren County Building permit and eventually receive a Certificate of Occupancy. The Site Plan was approved in 2002 but the applicant let the Warren County Building permit expire and needs a new approval from the Town.

#### 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 (the log cabin) to a restaurant. A 1983 Planning Board decision for the construction of the building was conditioned on the restriction "that water could not be put in the log home at that time and if the owner desired to put water in the building at a later date, he would have to come before the Board again."

The Zoning Board of Appeals had denied another previous application due to on-site septic issues and parking. The facility is now connected to the Town sewer and additional parking was added this past summer.

A restaurant is an allowable use in TR-1 and the LGPC shows a deck in existence on the Dockside marina permit when the docks were registered. A new proposed deck is over water and is in LGPC jurisdiction.

## TMSP HALLOWEEN FEST



Pam Peterson said that the owners need to come up with positive plans to make the property more Lake-friendly. She noted it is all black top with no green space and no drains. Stormwater runoff just goes into the Lake.

Dick Frasier said that the oils in the runoff from the road need to be channeled into collection devices. He also noted that fuel storage is a potential fire safety issue.

Mike Cherubini said that the new parking area on the other side of Route 9N creates a safety concern.

The representative for the owners said he would contact the Lake George Waterkeeper for additional suggestions. Since the parking lot will have stairs directly opposite the building for direct access, they are requesting a crosswalk from the DOT.

ZEO Clark said that a letter from the owners indicated that the building will be air-conditioned. Also they plan to stop serving at 9 pm. The application was deemed complete by the Planning Board and has been sent to the APA and the LGPC. The Board plans to wait for all the materials from the APA, LGPC and DOT before a date is set for a public hearing.

### RANDOLPH (93.19-1-19) 7698 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant would like to replace a wooden seawall with a new natural stone seawall and replace a lakeside concrete patio with a new stone patio. Jeff Provost from Dock Doctors presented the plans and stated that the owners are trying to make the property more natural. The Board approved the application since it is less obtrusive than what currently exists and is therefore an improvement.

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership's (TMSP) Promotion Committee is pleased to announce that plans are underway for a spectacular Halloween Fest along Montcalm Street from 3:30 pm to 5 pm on Friday, October 29, 2010 for young children up to 5th grade.

Many downtown businesses will be displaying a pumpkin in their windows to invite area children and their families to visit Ticonderoga's historic downtown to participate in a fun, safe Trick or Treat event.

Additional activities slated for this year's event include a Halloween Costume Parade on the Community Building lawn plus a display of pumpkins decorated by local school children to showcase their creativity and enhance the Community Building steps.

All events are free of charge as area families are welcomed to experience Downtown Ticonderoga at its best! For more details regarding this annual, old fashioned hometown event, please contact Sue Rathbun at 585-9721 or 2244.

## TAXES AND THE ELECTION

It's election time. If the high property taxes in NYS are affecting you, now is the time to let the candidates know your position. While some of them are talking about cutting taxes – most are referring to income taxes not property tax. For more on this issue, search the internet for “New York’s property tax nightmare” for several related articles and websites.

## AWARD TO DEFranco LANDSCAPING

DeFranco Landscaping, Inc. was recently awarded the 2010 Frank Leonbruno Memorial Lake Stewardship Award from the Lake George Watershed. DeFranco Landscaping has installed various lakeshore buffers of native plants along the shoreline of Lake George to help protect the shoreline from erosion and minimize sediment and nutrients from entering the Lake.

DeFranco Landscaping now has expertise in stormwater management and erosion control with the addition of Anthony DeFranco, PE, a licensed civil engineer, to its staff. DeFranco also plans to offer engineering design services to contractors and residents in the watershed, primarily focusing on enhanced onsite wastewater treatment systems and small stormwater retrofits for existing residential properties.

Anthony DeFranco can be contacted with any questions at 518-543-6089, or by email at <defranco73@yahoo.com>.

## LARAC FESTIVAL

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) will hold its 28th Annual Fall Arts Festival on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm. The admission is \$4 with no charge for those under 12.

There will be one-of-a-kind hand-crafted Holiday Gifts at their new Fall Festival location – the Adirondack Sports Complex, 326 Sherman Avenue in Queensbury.

## ANNUAL CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Episcopal Church of the Cross, 129 Champlain Avenue, Ticonderoga will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 9 am to 2 pm. The Bazaar features holiday crafts and decorations, collectibles, jewelry, children's toys and games, books, white elephant items, and their famous cookie walk with dozens of varieties of homemade cookies.

There will also be raffles for a turkey basket, including a turkey and all the fixings, a hostess basket, and a lottery tree filled with dozens of unscratched lottery tickets. A scrumptious lunch will be served until 1 pm including homemade soups, chili, Michigan hot dogs, potato salad, chips, apple and pumpkin crisps, and assorted beverages.

For further information or to make donations contact Kim Barber at 518-585-9073.



Seneca Ray Stoddard, a pioneering Adirondack photographer, did a great deal of his early work on Lake George. As would be expected, he spent an abundance of his time in the environs of Caldwell and Bolton Landing, but happily he also reached the shores of Hague and left us a legacy of photographic images of our community.



Photo by Seneca Ray Stoddard

He wrote in his 18th edition, 1888 "Lake George Illustrated and Lake Champlain": "Hague is situated on a broad, sweeping bay, at the west side of the lake, 28 miles from its head. The general character of its scenery is peaceful, lacking the grandeur of the Narrows, but here the artist will find plenty of matter for study in the great variety of foliage, lichens and mosses, the many-colored rocks, the rugged islands and the peaceful elms, where slender branches droop and sway like the weeping willow, the like of which is seen nowhere on the lake.

"Good bass fishing is found nearby, and two fine trout brooks render the place attractive to those who throw the fly, while the shore, all the way back to Sabbath Day Point, is considered good hunting ground. A walk up the valley road, north of the house, gives a number of the most charming bits of scenery imaginable."

He writes of four hotels, -- the Phoenix, the Hillside, the Trout House, and Island Harbor. Of the Phoenix (shown above as photographed by Stoddard) he writes: "The Phoenix House is the large, white 3-story building seen a little way north of the steamboat landing. The house can accommodate fifty, comfortably. A level, grassy lawn stretches from the house out to sandy beach along the water front. A new proprietor will greet old friends here, in the person of K. A. Miller, assisted by C. B. Pease, a thoroughly efficient and experienced hotelman, as manager. The house has been newly furnished throughout, and is bright and clean as a new button. The beds are first class; the table exceptionally nice and inviting."

The Phoenix sat on the property that is today an empty lot across from the Town Park and in its later incarnations was the Beachside and the home of The Cave, a favorite watering hole of many folks who probably still remember it!

...Pat McDonough

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Let the drum roll begin . . . we are pleased and proud to announce that our Program Viewer is now fully operable in the Hague Historical Museum and available to the public for their viewing pleasure. Did you miss our program on the Sexton Sisters, Houses (2009), or Hotels I and II (2010)? No problem. You can now see them in their entirety **with narration** on the PC in the Museum. Stop in anytime when the Community Center is open and enjoy the show.

The Historical Society is indebted to Jim Henderson, long-time summer resident, for his steering this project to completion. We call him our technical guru, but he's been more than that on this project.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 10 am at the Hague Heritage Cemetery (corner 9N and Pine Orchard Road) to help clean up the fall leaves. Rain date is Wednesday, the 27th. It only takes about an hour – especially if folks bring their leaf blowers. This old cemetery has recently had a much-needed face lift. The Town's Dan Steitz has rebuilt the stairs and added a handrail making it easier to enter this peaceful spot.



We screened the DVD on renowned Adirondack photographer, Seneca Ray Stoddard, earlier this month to a receptive and appreciative audience. We also exhibited a number of his photos of Hague as well as his Adirondack images from our collection. We'll show the DVD again so watch *The Hague Chronicle* for an announcement.  
... Pat McDonough

## OUTBOARD MARATHON RESEARCH

The Hague Historical Society is excited to report that Ginger Henry Kuenzel is preparing a program for us on Hague's Outboard Marathons for next summer. In our planning, we wondered if anyone had taken moving pictures of these marathons in the 1950-1960 era. If you have movies or still photos and memorabilia from these regattas, please contact the Historical Society at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> or Pat McDonough at 543-6725. The more information and visual images we have, the better the program will be.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

## 2010 THS GRADUATE KALEY MANNING

**BORN:** A son, Finn Thomas Wilson, on September 8, 2010 to Jordan and Jenny (Behr) Wilson of Charlotte, VT. Finn joins older sister Maggie. Jenny is a lifetime summer resident of Hague. Maternal grandparents are Betsey Engler Barton of Chatham, NJ and Hague, NY and Tom and JoAnn Behr of Millington, NJ and Nova Scotia. Paternal grandparents are Jan Wilson of Essex Junction, VT and Gregg and Diane Wilson of South Burlington, VT.

**BORN:** A daughter, Leah Summer Hennen, on August 22, 2010 to Carrie Whitaker and Cliff Hennen of Seattle, WA. Maternal grandparents are Jan and Bob Whitaker of Silver Bay, NY and paternal grandparents are Eileen and Ken Hennen of Rockford, IL.

### FLU CLINIC

The Warren County Public Health nurses will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 11 am to 1 pm for the annual flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic for adults. Seniors should bring their Medicare cards to the clinic. A fee is requested if not Medicare eligible.

### WINTER HEALTH WORKSHOP

Nancy Wotton Scarzello will hold another Healthy Living Workshop on Friday, November 5, 2010 from 10 am to 2 pm. The workshop will help participants have "Winter Health" by learning how to prevent problems with Flu, Cold, Coughs, Throat and Ears. She will show how to prepare your body for a healthy winter with simple and natural prevention techniques - Yes, including the FLU! Participants will learn what to do for each of these, and how to prepare homemade treatments for them. Samples, recipes and a hearty lunch are included. The cost is \$50 and space is limited so call Nancy at 585-2106 for details, registration and further information.

### CHORALE REHEARSALS CONTINUE

The Champlain Valley Chorale is continuing its weekly rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas concerts. As in the past, the Ticonderoga Garden Club will present its annual "Holiday Magic" in conjunction with the Ticonderoga concert. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga. New singers in all sections are welcomed and no audition is necessary. For further information, please contact Bob Elling at 585-2173.

### SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH RESIDENTS

On September 23, 2010, Ticonderoga School Superintendent John McDonald met with about 20 Hague residents at the Community Center. McDonald gave a brief update on school activities and then answered questions related to finances. He indicated several areas where the district has reduced expenses and worked to improve the overall financial condition. He urged advocacy on school tax reform.

The next public meeting in Hague with McDonald will take place at the Community Center on October 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm.



One of the top students of the Ticonderoga High School class of 2010 was Kaley Manning of Silver Bay, daughter of Debbie Manning and the late Mike Manning.

Kaley was the recipient of the Hague Chronicle/Dorothy Henry Scholarship as well as several other awards. She received a Special Award from the Southern Adirondack Softball Officials, Westport Chapter Baseball Umpires and the NYS Softball Officials in memory of her father who was a well-respected coach and sports official.

An Honor Society member, Kaley also was active in sports (soccer and golf) and performances (drama, band, chorus). Her Senior project, under mentor Music Teacher Jolene Harrigan, was a Coffee House with the profits going toward the Ticonderoga High School Music Program.

Kaley is attending College of Saint Rose in Albany and majoring in Elementary Education.

### TFCU OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is again offering local high school seniors the opportunity to win several scholarships toward tuition at a two or four-year accredited college. To be eligible, students must be college-bound high school seniors at the time of application, attending college for the first time in the fall of 2011, and members of the Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union.

Scholarship applications are available online at <[www.tfcunow.com](http://www.tfcunow.com)>, at TFCU office in Ticonderoga and at branch locations in Port Henry and Elizabethtown. Applications must be returned to a TFCU location no later than January 21, 2011. For more information, visit a TFCU office or contact the TFCU at (518) 585-6725.

### OTHER MISSING OBJECTS

While the good news is that the wooden soldiers missing from the downtown triangle have been recovered, unfortunately Charlie the frog has not been. And more is missing with a hanging basket and pumpkin gone from the hamlet decorations. We hope to see all these items returned.

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### Fall Turnover

At the time of this writing, I have yet to take my last swim in the lake. That will usually happen by the first of November when the water temperature is still warmer than the chilled fall air. Sometime in the next few weeks though, that will change when the water does cool down enough to keep me out until next spring. No polar bear am I, at least voluntarily. What follows is a variation on a piece I wrote for the upcoming LGA's revised and expanded Lake Book explaining the Fall Turnover of the lake's waters which is about to happen in the coming weeks.

An interesting phenomenon called **thermal stratification** takes place when seasonal air temperature changes cause lake water to separate into thermal zones. This occurs most dramatically in deep-water lakes like Lake George. By following the seasons we can track these changes in the water's thermal environment.

### Summer

The surface waters of the lake can become quite warm in the summer months. In contrast the deep waters remain cold. Separating these two zones is the **thermocline**, where the water temperature changes dramatically within a few yards. The depth of the thermocline generally is related to the clarity of the lake water and how exposed a lake is to wind. A clear lake will have a deeper thermocline than a turbid lake and a wind-exposed lake will have a deeper thermocline than a protected lake. The deep thermocline of Lake George creates a thermal barrier to the mixing of surface and bottom waters.

The surface water area and deep-water area are very distinct regions, especially in the summer when there is very little mixing of the two. It is like having two lakes in one ~ a warm lake sitting on top of a cold one. During the summer months, Lake George is often referred to as having "2-story" fishing as trout and salmon move to the cooler, lower depths while bass and other fish frequent shallow, warmer waters. The surface water maintains high levels of oxygen because of photosynthesis and the mixing of oxygen from the air, but by late summer, oxygen levels in the deep water regions (where it is too dark for photosynthesis) becomes very low. Fish, zooplankton and animals have used up much of the oxygen supply, while decomposing organic matter consumes even more. Without oxygen, the only living thing in the lake would be anaerobic bacteria. That sounds like bad news for fish! Fortunately, the lake water overturns seasonally to help restore oxygen to the lake bottom. How does this happen?

### Fall

Surface waters cool in the fall and the lake temperature becomes more uniform throughout. Since water is densest (heaviest) at 39°F (4°C), cooling surface waters sink toward the bottom and force deep waters upward. With the temperature stratification gone, wind action and currents help to circulate the water. This seasonal mixing, or **fall overturn**, brings an essential supply of oxygen to the bottom of the lake and nutrients from decomposition to the surface. It also is now cold enough to keep me from putting my whole self in!

### Winter

As the lake continues to cool, the densest water, at 39°F (4°C) occurs at the bottom of the lake even as the water at the surface freezes at 32°F. The fact that ice floats is really quite remarkable. Water is the only substance for which the solid form is less dense than the liquid. This is the reason why lakes don't freeze solid from the bottom up, which would kill most of the life in the lake ~ fish, plants and all.

### Spring

As the weather warms in the spring, the ice melts and the surface water gradually reaches the critical 39°F (4°C) point. When this point is reached, the surface waters sink to the bottom and deep water is forced upward in the **spring overturn**. This leads to the mixing of the surface and deep waters, ensuring that the entire lake is well supplied with oxygen and nutrients once again. Fishermen are keenly aware of this mixing cycle as fish move back and forth between deep and shallow waters following the oxygen, nutrients and optimal water temperatures for breeding.

Some lakes never stratify and others have one or more mixing periods depending on their depth, shape and water chemistry. Lake George experiences a complete lake mixing in both the spring and the fall, a cycle that keeps our lake rich in life for plants, fish and humans.

Stay tuned for a release date for this forthcoming book from the LGA.

## Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

### September 17 – October 15, 2010

Weather for the period has followed the usual trends for this time of year: temperatures declining, daylight decreasing, more rain, frost warnings. The sun is lower in the sky and not as warm. There is a chill in the air when the sun is not out. It is the time of year when we switch the clothes in the closet to the warmer sweaters and fleece jackets.

We have been treated to two fall color changes. I am calling it Fall 101 and Fall 102. Fall 101 came quickly; leaves changed to muted color, some just dried up and fell off, drained from the summer heat. Rain and wind on 9/27 caused most of those leaves to fall off. The leaf colors have been changing since then around the Lake basin and in the Lord Howe Valley, producing a better Fall 102.

A Nor'easter on October 15th dropped about 1.5" rain in the Hague area. The rain changed to snow in the upper elevations (1500-2000') of Whiteface and Keene areas, accumulating up to 6". Wind, flood, and winter advisories were posted. The Hague area escaped with just rain and wind. An earlier storm on October 1st seemed more intense dropping 4.55" rain from Thursday to Friday night.

A widespread killing frost hit on October 12th, although properties at the Lake level did not reach the freezing mark thanks to the Lake giving up its warmth. Daytime temperatures have been mainly in the 60's for the reporting period with nighttime temperatures dropping into the 40's. Sunrise is at 7:09 am and sunset at 6:09 pm. The full moon will be on October 23rd. Get outside and enjoy the rest of the fall!

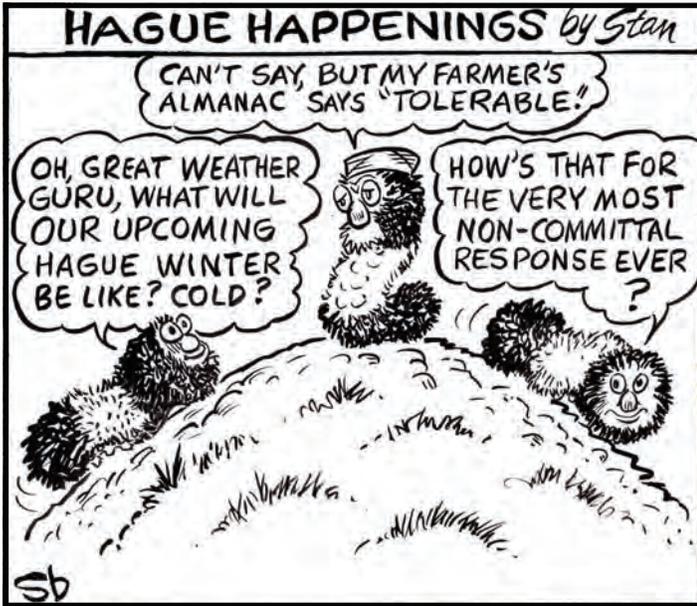
### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER 2010

#### NOVEMBER 2010

- 21 6:30 pm TCSD Superintendent meeting with Hague residents
- 24 11 am – 2 pm HVFD OPEN HOUSE  
All Invited!
- 26 10 am HHS cleanup of Heritage Cemetery
- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club Halloween Party
- 28 6:30 pm Hague Budget Public Hearing
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 29 3:30 – 5 pm TMSP Trick or Treat Event in Ticonderoga
- 31 HALLOWEEN

- 2 ELECTION DAY
- 3 11 am – 12 noon HEAP Assistance at CC
- 4 7 pm Planning Board
- 6 10 am – 5 pm LARAC Festival
- 7 10 am – 4 pm LARAC Festival
- 7 Daylight Savings Ends – Turn Clocks back
- 9 6:15 pm Public Hearing on Code Amendment (dog license)
- 9 6:30 pm Town Board
- 10 11 am – 1 pm Flu clinic
- 11 Veteran’s Day – Town Offices Closed
- 12 News deadline for November Issue
- 13 9 am – 2 pm Church of the Cross Holiday Bazaar
- 16 Ticonderoga School Board meets
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed



#### ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd 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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