



HAGUE TOWN ELECTIONS

The residents of Hague have elected their first female Supervisor, Edna Frasier, a life-long resident of Hague. A last minute challenge by write-in candidate, Dave Fitzgerald, gave voters an option. Frasier came out clearly ahead with at least 285 votes to write-in votes of 99. Fitzgerald, also born and raised in Hague, was promoted as a young candidate with fresh ideas. But his lack of experience in Town government combined with Frasier's years on the Town Board as Deputy Supervisor and being well-respected in the Town, propelled her into the new role of Town Supervisor.



Unopposed for the position of Town Clerk, popular incumbent Debbie Manning was the top vote-getter of the day with 364 votes.

Newcomer Steve Ramant garnered the most votes in a three-way race for two positions on the Town Board. Ramant received 290 votes and incumbent Rudy Meola received 203

assuring him of the other position while Bruce Clark garnered 173 votes.

In a hard-fought campaign, incumbent Don Smith was re-elected Superintendent of Highways over challenger EJ Siwek.

A total of 395 residents cast their ballots at the Hague Community Center on November 8, 2011. The results below do not include any absentee ballots although it appears that they would not be a factor in any of the races.

TOWN SUPERVISOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edna Frasier	285
	Write in Votes	99

HAGUE TOWN CLERK

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Manning	364
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HAGUE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Smith	228
	EJ Siwek	154

TOWN BOARD (two positions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Ramant	290
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rudy Meola	203
	Bruce Clark	173

11th Annual HOLIDAY IN HAGUE

Sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, December 3, 2011



10 am SHOPS in Town open

Juniper Designs and Goods; Senior Shop at the Visitor Center
Decorated Trees to be judged

Noon SOUP at the Baptist Church

2 pm PARADE starts at the Beach going to the Community Center
Doggie Costume Contest; Mr. and Mrs. Santa; Floats; HVFD; Cub Scouts

2:30 - 5 pm ACTIVITIES at the Community Center
Crafts/Face Painting; Carillon Garden Club Christmas Shop; Pictures with Santa;
Caroling; Cookies and Punch; Christmas gifts for the children; Tree lighting

6 pm HVFD hosts the Holiday in Hague Open House
Tree Contest Awards announced; Appetizers; Beer and wine for sale

7 pm Calamity Rock will play at the HVFD



If you or your group wants to decorate a tree for the contest, or if you want to walk or have a float in the parade, please call Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Seniors were sure "Swinging and Singing" at their Sock Hop 50's-60's theme Halloween Party - Sonny and Cher even stopped in and did a song for us. We also had a Las Vegas Cigarette Girl, Bobby Socks, Cheerleaders and of course the Poodle Skirt with all the accessories.

We held a contest for Best Costumes and dance contest for the Stroll and the Twist. Congratulations to all our winners: Costume 1st Place went to Sonny and Cher - Kitty Zacharenko and Joann Geisel, 2nd Place to Lee Dane our Las Vegas Cigarette Girl and 3rd Place went to Diane La Course for her Poodle Skirt, School Jacket. Dance Contest winners for the Stroll were Lee Dane and Cathye Christiansen. The Twist winners were Judy Stock, 1st, and Kay Caldera, 2nd. Trivia Queen of the day was Kitty Z. A nice time was had by all who came out for a great luncheon, a lot of good laughs, music, and of course Root Beer Floats and Ice Cream Sundaes at the Soda Shop.

Our Warren County guest speaker advised us on ways to prevent falls; he gave us some great information and everyone who attended got a night light. Pasta night was a good time with Bingo and Senior Prizes which are always interesting. The next Senior meeting is November 22, 2011 at the Community Center at 1:30 pm. Bring a small Thanksgiving item wrapped to share the Holiday Spirit.

The Senior Christmas Party is one you don't want to miss. It will be held at noon on December 6, 2011 at the Hague Fire Department. Please call Pat at 543-6502 if you have not yet signed up but would like to attend.

Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Hague Seniors.
... Pat Hintze

SENIOR CHRISTMAS SHOP

On Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm, the Senior Club Memorial Day Parade Committee will be holding their annual CHRISTMAS SHOP during the Holiday in Hague event. We will be located in the festively decorated Visitor's Center at the beach and will have available all sorts of Holiday Crafts, Decorations, Giftware and so much more! All proceeds will go to Hague's 2012 Memorial Day Celebration. There will be holiday music and refreshments to enjoy while you browse. Please do come check us out and share a bit of "ho-ho-ho". We look forward to seeing you there. ... Madeline Pelkey

HAGUE MEMORY TREE



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

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

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Meals on Wheels program is in need of drivers and substitutes to deliver the meals. They have only four weekly drivers and two substitutes at present. The program must have additional drivers in order to be continued.

Jane Crammond says, "This wonderful program provides a hot meal to disabled or elderly residents. It also provides a cold evening meal or food supplies for the weekend as well as diabetic meals and meals for people with food sensitivities."

If you can volunteer two hours a week to deliver meals, please contact Jane at 543-8054 or Bertha Dunsmore at the Community Center at 543-6161.



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VETERANS PARK

On Saturday, November 12, 2011, a clear, crisp fall day in Hague, the new Veterans Park, located on the north side of the Hague brook just off Lakeshore Drive (Route 9N), was dedicated. After a ribbon cutting by Supervisor Daniel Belden, those in attendance moved into the Park area for the formal dedication. Michael Cherubini gave the invocation, followed by Karney Manning who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Belden introduced and thanked several people including Kevin Millington from the NYS Department of State who gave some brief remarks. Belden thanked Deputy Supervisor Edna Frasier for her efforts in making the Park a reality as well as organizing the dedication.

The guest speaker was Jim O'Toole, Hague American Legion Representative, who also laid a wreath at the Memorial Wall. The Wall contains the names of all those veterans who were residents of Hague at the time of their enlistment. Among those in attendance were some of the Vietnam Veterans whose names are on the Wall, including Robert Chamberlain, Jamie Fitzgerald, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Katherine Jackson (Doty), David Middleton and Thomas Stull. After a gun salute and the playing of taps, Jim O'Toole rang the Memorial Bell.

A reception followed at the Community Center.



Guest Speaker Jim O'Toole and Town Supervisor Dan Belden

Laying a wreath at the Memorial Wall



Michael Fitzgerald and Karney Manning



Invocation—Michael Cherubini

HVFD PUBLIC MEETING – 10/25/11

Steve Young of the HVFD Board lead the meeting. He noted, "We have BLS EMS service only. We do not have ALS status due to resignations and changes in the law. Currently we have four volunteer BLS members and two new members in training for BLS. Three of the four volunteers are not available during the day. We have contracted with E5 Support Services for one BLS person to be here on Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm."

Although the ALS staff can perform more functions [eg. paddles, intravenous, intubation], "time is tissue" and BLS will help with survivability.

Calls are now handled through County automatic mutual aid. For the past 2-3 yrs they have been on this system where Bolton/Horicon/Ticonderoga are copied on a call and one of them will respond if Hague can't. The dispatcher makes the decision whether to initially call ALS or BLS. The volunteers do what they can under BLS status and request ALS intercept if needed. 20% of the ALS calls dispatched don't actually need ALS service. In 2010 they had a total of 77 EMS calls, 39 as ALS and 38 as BLS.

Questions were asked about recruitment, retainment and training and the need to take care of personnel issues.

There are no courses in Warren County. There is a course at the Ti Mill but 15 people are needed and under NYS law, it is cancelled if only 14 enroll. There are many NYS mandates which make recruiting difficult.

Linda Mury noted, "We do have a commitment but it is hard to get someone for training or team-building." Steve Young added, "We're not perfect and do make mistakes. Bruce Tamlyn will do some management training to try to build a better top structure."

Bob Dixon inquired, "How can you let the trained people resign?" Steve responded, "We've had some bad habits – things have not always been written down. We are working at getting up to guidelines. The Board is fully aware of the situation and accepted the resignations. We will take suggestions back to the Board."

Hague does not have ALS certification due to the resignations but Linda Mury noted, "We were going to lose the ALS certification anyway. NYS requires a roster of folks available 24hr/day, 7 days/wk for a volunteer organization to be ALS certified which we cannot guarantee." In response to other questions she noted that "a volunteer who is ALS certified cannot operate as an ALS EMT unless the Ambulance Squad is certified as ALS." She also stated, "Everyone in the field is under the control of a physician all the time."

Hague is one of only two towns in Warren County that have a Fire and Ambulance service combined. It is necessary for the HVFD to have them combined because they have so few volunteers that they couldn't split them and because they share resources. However, if the Ambulance service was separate they could charge for services so they are open to looking into it.

The Department urged residents to volunteer and members talked to many in the packed audience after the presentation.

2011 TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETINGS

All members were present for a Budget Workshop on 10/26/11. They reviewed the latest figures for the 2012 Budget and established an entry level hourly rate for the Highway Department of \$15.80 for temporary/part time truck driver and \$16.25 for full time operator.

An initial amount was budgeted for the HVFD which was later changed after a meeting with the HVFD Board of Directors on 10/31/11. It was agreed that the Town would budget an additional \$85,000 for the Department out of sales tax money to cover the cost of the E5 Support Services for 2012. With that amount the BLS Ambulance Service will be available for 6 months at 5 days per week and for the other 6 months (during the busier seasons) at 7 days per week. With this money coming out of sales tax in the general fund budget, it would be unnecessary to implement the override of the 2% tax cap.

On 11/9/11, the Town Board held a Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. The salaries contained in the budget include \$18,031 for Supervisor (an equal amount comes from the County); \$39,011 for Highway Superintendent; \$6,284 for each Councilperson for a total of \$25,136; \$16,073 for Town Clerk and \$8,917 for Town Justice.

The Board voted to adopt the 2012 Budget. This budget again balances expected revenue and expenses so that there is NO Town tax. The only tax all residents will pay is for the Fire and Ambulance tax levy of \$252,105.

Every year since 1994, the Town Board has agreed to leave a minimum of \$300,000 in sales tax revenue with the County in order to reduce Hague taxpayers' county bills. In March 2011, the Board passed a resolution "that effective with the 2012 fiscal year, the County of Warren shall not retain any of the Town of Hague's shares of the sales tax" and should forward all sales tax monies directly to Hague. The reasoning was that then the interest on that amount would accrue to the Town of Hague rather than Warren County. However, in planning the 2012 Town budget, there was no provision to reallocate the money to the County in spite of a request by Councilman Meola. Therefore, for the first time since 1994, there was no "credit" of \$300,000 for Hague.

The effect of not allotting this money to the County was to raise the tax rate for Hague from 3.915 to 4.76 or an increase of 21.5 percent. When Councilman Dick Gladu read the new rate in the Glens Falls *Post Star* on Thursday, November 10, 2011, he asked for a meeting of the Town Board to discuss the problem. Gladu and Councilman Meola wanted to amend the budget to allot \$300,000 to Warren County out of unexpended funds. Board members Belden, Martucci and Frasier, however, were not supportive of the idea because they did not want to diminish the Town reserves – which as of the date of the meeting were 2.1 million in unexpended balance in the general fund.

Councilmen Gladu and Meola continued to look at this budget problem and realized that \$300,000 of anticipated sales tax revenue had not been allocated. The Board had budgeted sales tax revenue of \$515,000 for the general fund,

\$275,000 for the highway fund and \$85,000 for the Fire Department for a total of \$875,000. However, Warren County projected that sales tax income for 2012 for Hague would be \$1,176,090 leaving \$301,090 which had not been allocated. Finally at the Town Board meeting on November 15, 2011, proper resolutions were made to have the \$300,000 credited to the County so that Hague's County tax rate was reduced from the substantially increased 21.5% to 4.3% - an amount in line with neighboring towns.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 11/15/11

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

A moment of silence was held for Anthony DeFranco, Jerry Shelton, James McGregor and Perry Girard.

Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce reported that plans have been made for Holiday in Hague and an after-party has been added at the HVFD building which will be open to all with beer and wine available for purchase. The Chamber is working on new brochures, is revamping the video guide and will try another event in January.

The Board authorized Councilman-elect Steve Ramant to attend the Association of Towns meeting in January.

Some items from Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement – Councilman Martucci reported that the Dedication at Veterans Park went well. On November 25th the duct work in the Community Center will be cleaned by All Pro while the building is closed.

Fire Department - Councilman Martucci reported on a bill in the state senate (S4856-2011) that would allow fire departments to charge for emergency medical services that they provide.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that Split Rock Road was paved, work was done on the culverts on Pine Orchard Road, the sediment ponds have been cleaned up, the holiday baskets have been hung and four trucks are ready for the winter season. They will also cut brush at Bass Bay and put the winter banners up on Route 9N.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater – ZEO Clark reported that it is not just fertilizer which is a problem but also dumping leaves near streams or the Lake. She has talked to different agencies and can arrange a workshop on protecting the value of lakeshore properties.

Recreation, Promotion & Youth – Councilman Meola reported that the County is considering raising the age in which youths are classified as juvenile delinquents. This change would mean more people in the system for a greater cost.

Sewer Districts #1 and #2 – Supervisor Belden reported that a new charcoal filter part had come in and would be replaced. A job description is being created for a new worker at the Sewer Plant.

Town Park – Councilman Meola suggested that the low spots in the Park be filled in before next summer.

Other business:

Councilman Gladu is working on a new policy for attendance at the NYS Association of Towns in order to assure that there is personnel still in Town during that time and that costs are kept down.

The Konica 7045 copier was sold to Empire State Towing and Recovery for a bid of \$100.

Ray Snyder was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Philip Smith, President of the Forest Bay Property Owners Association, presented the background of an assessment issue. In 1974 the Association registered their 27 acre forest tract under the Fisher Act expecting that it would lower their taxes on the unused parcel. The opposite happened and every year since then they have been paying more taxes than if not under the Fisher Act. The tract is now assessed for \$476,000 and if not under the Fisher Act it would be assessed for about \$38,000. In order to opt out of the Fisher Act they must pay a penalty of 6% of the value of the timber. In light of the fact that they have been paying taxes for 37 years on over assessed property, they are requesting that the Board waive the penalty. The Board will consult their attorney and tabled it until December.

Time Warner Cable has put in 3.16 miles of cable on New Hague Road which passes 28 homes, only 12 of which are hooked in. The Town's share of the cost is \$43,000. The Town receives 3% of the cable fees which is kept in a separate fund. The Town won't pay for the cable going through Essex County so the cable does not extend all the way up New Hague Road and will have to be approached from the other side.

Supervisor Belden will attend the AATV conference in December and hopes that new Supervisor Frasier will take his place on that committee.

The Board approved \$1,000 out of Occupancy Tax to help promote the WC Bicentennial Celebration.

The Board accepted the bid from Nemer Dodge for a 2012 truck with plow for \$66,240. The bid was under what was budgeted and will come out of the highway reserve fund.

It was noted that the Town will lose its plumber when Supervisor Belden retires. He has done much of the plumbing on Town property with no charge.

The Supervisor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



INFORMATION ON LOCAL HIKING TRAILS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) website is a great source of information about hiking trails that are part of the LGLC nature preserves. For each of the preserves, the website offers a downloadable trail guide as well as a guide to birds you might see during your hike. Go to <<http://www.lglc.org>> and click on Nature Preserves. From there, select from among the Preserves: Gull Bay, the Last Great Shoreline, Cook Mountain, Cat and Thomas Mountains, Berry Pond and Pilot Knob.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 10/27/11

Chairman Robert Goetsch, Lindsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman, Jon Hanna, Maureen Cherubini and Chris Navitsky were all present. There is one vacancy.

STANFORD (43.13-1-29) 7 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

The Board approved an after-the-fact variance to allow a three season porch to become living space.

SULLIVAN (76.20-1-9) 8124 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1R)

The owners are requesting an addition to an existing house. A staircase off an existing deck and a small portion of the proposed living room expansion will be within 50' of the shoreline setback, but will be no closer to the Lake than the existing structure. The Board tabled this request until a new survey is submitted.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-37) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

An after-the-fact modification/approval is requested of a 2000 Zoning Board of Appeals approval of the construction of two new single units with the condition that the two existing units be removed. One of the newly constructed units (Eagles) is now a double unit, the other was built as approved and one of the existing units was kept and is now being used as an employee break room.

The applicant would also like to replace a four unit motel building with a new four unit motel building. The existing size of each unit is approximately 300 sq. ft. and require 1/10 the minimum land area required by the Zoning Codes. The proposed size of each unit is 412 sq. ft. which will be counted as a dwelling unit.

These applications were accepted as complete and site visits scheduled.

PLANNING BOARD – 11/3/11

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

WILSON (25.1-1-17 & 18) Summit Drive & Route 8 (OCI)

The public hearing for this subdivision was adjourned to next month while the LGPC continues to review it.

MC GOWAN (25.1-1-1.31) West Hague Road (OCI)

The Board approved a two lot subdivision of a 36 acre lot with lot #1 becoming almost 25 acres and lot #2 consisting of 12 acres.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-37) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

An after-the-fact modification/approval is requested of a 2000 Zoning Board of Appeals approval and application is made to replace a four unit motel building with a new four unit motel building. Referral to the ZBA on the Patchett property was tabled.

NEW TICONDEROGA STORE



Animals gained food choices while humans lost some this past month in Ticonderoga. The Carillon Restaurant closed but Tractor Supply Company opened a store with a complete stock of supplies for farm and domestic animals.

TSC is located off the intersection of Route 74 (Chilson Rd) with Racetrack Road in the building formerly used by the Dockside Landing Marina. The store carries a range of items including hardware, power tools, chain saws, snow blowers, generators, work clothing, seasonal items including full gardening supplies in the spring and an assortment of gift items (such as John Deere toy tractors).

FESTIVAL GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers and board members for the coming year were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, Inc. Re-elected as president was Casey Skahan of Hague. Serving with him are Beth Hanley, first vice president; Sue Liddell, second vice president; Jeanne Thatcher, secretary, and John Brown, treasurer.

Re-elected for second terms on the Board were Viola Vassallo and Beth Hanley. Newly elected were Jill Cunningham, Vince Gerardi, Julie Graney, Alexander Shmulsky and Kate Shmulsky. The board membership now stands at 18, the highest number allowed by the bylaws, for the first time in many years. Cathie Burdick was appointed executive director for the coming year following a report by the personnel committee.

The board members are now involved in organizing committees, planning the programs and figuring the budget for 2012, following a successful 2011 season that ended with the treasury in the black once again, due to many donations and several successful fundraisers.

PUBLIC PORK LOIN DINNER

A public Roast Pork Loin Dinner will be served on Friday, November 18, 2011, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Take-outs will be available from 4:30 - 5 pm and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under.

STOUT ART LECTURE SERIES

Local artist Richard Stout is giving a monthly series of art lectures on the development of art in the western world. His October lecture was on Pre-Historic Art followed by Egypt, Mesopotamia and Aegean Art in November. The next lecture will be held at the Hague Community Center on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7 pm. The topic for December will be Rome and Early Christian Art (and in January Romanesque and Gothic Art).

Rich said, "Modern man's capabilities have not evolved since Pre-Historic times. Our science, technology and our 'toys' have evolved, but we are the same people concerned with the same fundamental questions about who are we, what are we doing here, and what's next. Art is the only discipline that has consistently and accurately addressed this enigma."

According to Rich, the lectures show "how artistic periods and styles reflecting the social, political and cultural concerns of those specific times" are a way to understand humanity. He will also point out how art critics use the elements of art, principles of design and aesthetic sensibilities to evaluate what is great art, good art and bad art.

This cultural series is open to everyone and admission is by donation. For further information you can contact Richard Stout at <rhstout816@nycap.rr.com>.

NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE ROTARY KAYAK WINNER



Christie Keegan of Saratoga Springs was the winner of the Northern Lake George Rotary 2011 kayak raffle, having purchased three tickets at the Hague Craft Fair in August. Keegan, a storyteller with two dogs, vacations in Hague during the summer where she likes to kayak to an island on the Lake to spend time writing.

KIWANIS SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Kiwanis will host a Senior Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 2 pm. The event will take place at the Ticonderoga Elementary/Middle School. The snow date is the following day. All area Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

T'AI CHI CLASSES CONTINUE

Mae Pagan is continuing the t'ai chi classes at the Community Center on Wednesday evenings, from 6 - 7 pm. For additional information please contact Mae at <returntomountain@yahoo.com>.



HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A frequent visitor to the Island Harbor House in the 1880's was J. Buchanan Henry. He was born in 1833 and was the adopted nephew of U.S. President James Buchanan, 15th president of the United States who served from 1857-1861. Henry was educated at Princeton and studied law in Philadelphia. He served as secretary to the President and was the first person to hold that position who was paid by the government. Following his two-year stint as Buchanan's secretary, he practiced law in New York City. Mr. Henry apparently developed an affinity for Lake George, coming often to Hague, but he was also the joint owner of Green Island (the site of the Sagamore Hotel) which he bought in 1855 and sold at a handsome profit in the 1880's.

A July 20, 1888, entry in the Island Harbor House guest register paints a colorful picture:

"A grand parade of boats towed by the Steam Yacht of Mr. J. Buchanan Henry. The afternoon was spent by a trip up the lake as far as the Steam Boat Landing where a boat containing Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich was added to the line, and then to the east shore of the lake and down as far as Roger's Slide, from there returning to Island Harbor. The ladies were mostly on board the Yacht and the balance of the party was in the small boats. On returning to the dock three cheers were proposed and given heartily to Mr. Henry for the pleasure afforded."

The Henry clan continued to summer in one of the Island Harbor Cottages for many years. ... Pat McDonough

ANNUAL MUSEUMS' CHRISTMAS STORE

On December 2 - 3, 2011, four area museums will set up in one location to offer an exceptional local gift shopping experience. For the sixth year, Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga Arts, Ticonderoga Historical Society, and the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum will offer merchandise from their gift shops for sale in one convenient location. This year the Museums' Christmas Store will be held at the Ticonderoga Historical Society's Hancock House - giving area residents a chance to shop locally, save gas, support local museums, and find unique gifts for holiday giving. The Store hours will run from 9 am - 4 pm both days.

WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Lakes to Locks Passage has collaborated with National Geographic Maps to create a co-branded website, < <http://www.lakestolocks.org>>, that pinpoints regional destinations and unique points of interest. It includes ongoing events, activities, trails, shopping, foods, and more that define the region's character. The site acquaints tourists with local culture and traditions and offers them in-depth opportunities to enjoy the area's unique natural beauty and biodiversity.

One of our on-going goals has been to videotape oral histories with Hague residents. Under the leadership of Ginger Kuenzel, we've done pretty well this year. Our tapings for 2011 include: Dotty Henry and Alison Craig for the Chronicle's anniversary, Dolly Kennedy and George May. It seems to work best when Ginger does the interviewing and someone else runs the camcorder; that's the way she and Jim Henderson did it this summer. Alas, Jim is a seasonal resident and we're looking for someone to operate the camcorder for us during the long winter months so that we can keep this program going. If you have even a little experience and are interested in being our videographer, please contact Ginger via email at <ginger@utopianstate.com> or the Historical Society at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>. It's not a time-consuming project and it's a great way to learn more about your community and its history.



Inspired by the changes going on at the Hague Market this fall, our research project in 2012 will be the markets in Hague and Silver Bay. As we've done for the past few years, we'll start meeting in January and hope you'll email us if you'd like to be a researcher. In the meantime, we hope that anyone with photos or postcards of the markets or anyone with stories about them will contact us. A phone call to Pat at 543-6725 or an email to <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> will help to enrich our research and give our program a real personal flavor.



Seven members of the Historical Society spent an hour at the Hague Heritage Cemetery last week. With the help of two leaf blowers and four energetic rakers, we managed to clear the whole cemetery of leaves and fallen debris. Many of the grave markers need care and restoration and we hope to develop a plan for some future work in that vein. ... Pat McDonough

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: James Elliott McFeely, son of Nicole Elliott and Todd McFeely of Kutztown, PA and Silver Bay, on October 13, 2011. James joins older sister Fiona. He is the first grandson for Anne and Bill McFeely and great-nephew of Vanetta and Dore Hunter.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Erick Farlie, son of Sue and Bob Farlie, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Nyack College with a BA in History. Erick is the grandson of Fred and Ruth Klingler of Silver Bay and Staten Island, NY.

DIED: Anthony J. DeFranco, 95, of Hague on October 27, 2011. Mr. DeFranco was a veteran of the US Army, having served during World War II under General Patton. He and his wife, Emma, have been Hague residents since 1973.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, David DeFranco and his wife JoAnne of Hague, daughters Theresa Awgul and her husband Greg, of Philadelphia, PA, Mary Towers and her husband Tim of Queensbury and Kathy DeFranco of Queensbury as well as 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Judy Cusumano.

DIED: Perry L. Girard Sr., 54, of Hague, on November 2, 2011, following a short and courageous battle with cancer.

Perry graduated from Hague High School in 1975 and then served in the Air Force in Texas. He worked for the Town of Hague Highway Department.

Perry was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Evelyn Girard, and his son, James Girard. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Girard of Hague; two sons, Perry Girard Jr. of Lake George and Henry Girard of Hague; two daughters, Barbara Nast and Stephanie Nast; one sister, Cynthia Ryther and her husband Maynard of Lake George; one brother, Thomas Girard and his wife Judy of Ramsey, NJ; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

THANKS: From Debbie Manning, reelected Town Clerk. Debbie expresses her thanks to the Hague voters “for your continued support over the last 16 years. I have enjoyed meeting everyone and serving as your Town Clerk.”

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN BOLTON

On Saturday, December 17, 2011 you can be a “Volunteer Citizen Scientist” by joining the LGLC to observe and count birds in the Bolton area as part of Audubon’s annual Christmas Bird Count. Accuracy is assured by having new participants join an established group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher. Count volunteers follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile diameter circle or can arrange in advance to count the birds at home feeders inside the circle and submit the results to a designated compiler.

Please contact Sarah Hoffmann via email <shoffman@lgc.org> or phone 518-644-9673 for more info or to register. Participation fee is \$5.

CUB SCOUTS VISIT ADIRONDACK PHANTOMS



Photo provided; Left to Right:
Row 1: Keigan S., Sean K., Gage M., Mollie W.
Row 2: Matthew W., Jonathan W., Hayden F., Adriana B., Ali N., Kayden M., Carl R., Nicolas B., Jacob M., Noah A.
Row 3: Jeffrey S., Kaelyn R., Kylee H., Cheyanne R., Tony M., Brock H., Jordyn B.

Recently Cub Scout Pack 73, chartered to the Hague Fish and Game Club, visited an Adirondack Phantoms Hockey game in Glens Falls, NY. Corinna Woods, Cub Scout Leader reported, “The boys and their family members enjoyed a game and met several players. Some scouts were even given hockey sticks!!”

Then on November 12, 2011 the Pack displayed the American Flag on the ice in the pre-game ceremony as special guests of the Adirondack Phantoms. Each scout participating received a free Phantoms jersey. Scouts and family members watched as the Phantoms defeated the Toronto Marlies in an overtime shoot-out to take First Place in the AHL Eastern Division.



There are currently over 20 boys and 15 adults involved with Pack 73.

LAKE STEWARDS: PRELIMINARY REPORT

During the summer of 2011, Lake George Association (LGA) lake stewards were posted at six boat launches, including Hague Town Beach, Rogers Rock and Mossy Point in the north basin. The stewards inspected 8,584 boats for invasive species and educated more than 19,000 people about the threats of invasive species and how to prevent their spread. Of the boats inspected, 1,016 were at risk of bringing invasives into Lake George because they had been in a body of water other than Lake George during the past two weeks. Right now, Lake George has only four invasive species. Some water bodies nearby have dozens.

Suspicious specimens were removed from 52 boats prior to launch. Of those, 31 boats were carrying at least one invasive species. The LGA recovered 22 samples of Eurasian watermilfoil, nine samples of curly-leaf pondweed, four of water chestnut and two of zebra mussel. A full report will be published later this year.

KEEPING SEDIMENT OUT OF LAKE GEORGE

In early November, more than 1,100 cubic yards of material was removed from three sediment basins in Hague: two on Hague Brook, and a third at the mouth of Jenkins Brook, just south of Cape Cod Village.

“These basins are instrumental to maintaining high water quality in Lake George,” said LGA executive director Walt Lender. “We began constructing the basins several years ago, and now we clean them out every one to two years.” Approximately \$5,000 of the \$8,000 spent on the Hague clean-outs has been funded by the LGA, with in-kind management and project oversight by the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, and in-kind hauling services provided by the Town. “The Town of Hague realizes the importance of maintaining the basins and the health of Lake George. We were happy to contribute to the project,” said Hague Town Supervisor Dan Belden.

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** (10 am)

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

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

Every Wednesday: **T’ai Chi** (6 pm)

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

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE IS OPEN

On November 7, 2011, Governor Peter Shumlin of Vermont and New York Lt. Governor Robert Duffy joined other dignitaries at a ceremony to open the new bridge. Construction of the \$76 million structure began in June 2010. What some thought would take eight years to build took less than two years which shows how rapidly things can happen when red tape is minimized.

Among those honored at the ceremony was a group of ‘29ers – those folks who had been at the opening of the original bridge in 1929. Evelyn Gravelle of Hague was one of them as her grandfather took the then two-year-old to the event.



Evelyn Gravelle



The Bridge is Open



Masses Walk to Vermont

More images can be found on our Facebook page.

HAGUE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 22 1:30 pm Senior Club Monthly Meeting
- 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 24 – 25 Community Center Closed

ANOTHER PHOTO CONTEST



After the success of our 40th Anniversary Photo Contest, *The Hague Chronicle* will hold another contest in 2012. Images taken between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 will be accepted. More information in our January issue.



DECEMBER

- 1 7 pm Planning Board
- 2-3 9 am – 4 pm Ticonderoga Museums' Gift Shop
- 3 HOLIDAY IN HAGUE
- 3 10 am – 4 pm Hague Senior Club Christmas Shop
- 6 noon Senior Club Christmas Luncheon
- 7 Kiwanis Senior Luncheon
- 13 6:30 pm Town Board
- 15 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 15 7 pm Art Lecture
- 16 News deadline for December Issue
- 17 LGLC Bird Count
- 21 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 23 and 26 Hague Town Offices closed
- 23 – Jan 2 Ticonderoga Schools are closed
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

NOTE:

The Senior Bus is still running and the next trip leaves from the Community Center at 8:30 am on December 12, 2011.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

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