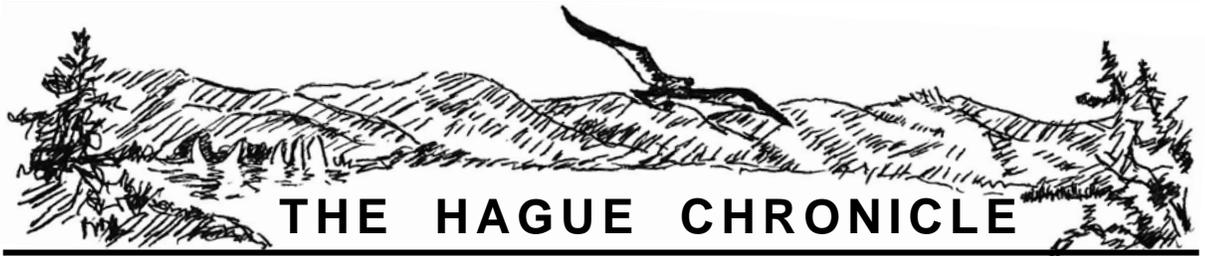


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FREE TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE

FREE taxpayer assistance is again available to local taxpayers through the AARP local Tax-Aide program which assists low and middle income retired and non-retired taxpayers. Volunteer counselors, trained and certified by the IRS, prepare and electronically file federal and state basic returns. Last year, the local volunteers prepared over 100 returns. In all, they assisted about 180 people, including some who simply needed answers to questions. Nationally, more than 35,300 specially trained volunteer tax preparers working at 6,500 sites, assisted more than 2.6 million taxpayers.

The services are offered free of charge. The AARP Foundation and Internal Revenue Service, national sponsors, and the Hague Chamber of Commerce sponsor the local program. You do not have to be a member of AARP for this service.

FREE tax help is available in Hague, Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 1 through April 18; or in Ticonderoga on Fridays, February 4, February 25, and March 11. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment.

LGA ISSUES ICE SAFETY TIPS, URGES CAUTION

The Lake George Association has published its 2011 Ice Recreation Safety Tips. The tips are listed in their Winter 2010 newsletter which can be found at:

<http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/pdf/LGA_Newsletter_Winter_2010.pdf>.

People who plan to venture out on Lake George ice this winter are urged to follow the tips. Pressure ridges and areas of weak ice present dangerous hazards to those unfamiliar with the Lake.

According to Walt Lender, LGA's executive director, "Most of the winter emergencies on the Lake are due to complacency. Before heading out, we urge everyone to follow these safety guidelines." Following the recommendations will help prevent problems but if you or a companion do break through the ice, excellent tips are also given on getting out safely.

Among the cautions are: always check the ice before you go out on it; Lake George has sub-surface currents that make the thickness of the ice variable; when snowmobiling at night, don't "out-drive" your headlight and never go out on the ice alone.

The Association also reminds the public to remember to remove any debris or garbage created out on the Lake ice, as once the ice melts, it will sink into the water.

ROGERS ROCK CROSS COUNTRY OPEN

After normal delays of weather, and not so normal delays of a tree removal operation at the campsite, things are in pretty good shape for some enjoyable skiing and snow-shoeing at Rogers Rock Campsite.

The DEC is undertaking some necessary tree removal at the site which will probably go on through most of the winter but there will be plenty of room to lay and groom trails. There may be need for caution at some intersections and downhill, but just use common sense. For now the south loop might be the better option.

Once again the Hague Snowmobile Club is responsible for grooming and trail maintenance. We thank them for that. As always skiers, snowshoers and hikers are asked to register at each use for safety and statistical reasons. Hikers, please keep to the sides of the trails for the safety of skiers. Think snow.

... Joe McCranel

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all **primary residence** homeowners to contact his office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

- **Senior Citizens' exemption:** primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions:

County	\$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)
Town	\$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)
School	\$30,399 (Includes sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms are sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

- **Enhanced STAR exemption:** primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$79,050. This exemption must be renewed each year unless an Optional Verification form is submitted. Renewal forms are sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.
- **Basic STAR exemption:** all primary residence homeowners. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year, once the first application is approved.
- **Veterans' exemption:** primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The filing deadline is March 1, 2011.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

As the Hague Seniors start a new year of meetings and events, we would like to say THANK YOU to all of you for helping to make 2010 a great year. The next meeting will be January 25, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the Hague Community Center. Membership, open to all who are 50 years old or more, remains at \$5 and dues for the year will be collected. So come on out, get involved, meet some nice people and join in on the fun.

Back by popular request, the special event for February 10, 2011 will be the BAKED POTATO DAY WITH ALL THE TOPPINGS. Newly added to this day will be a movie with popcorn and candy. More information, including the time, will be available at the January meeting where you can sign up for this event. If you're unable to make the meeting, you can call President Pat Hintze at 543-6502 or any Board Member to sign up. We look forward to seeing you all and to another great year.
... Pat Hintze

NEW LGA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Students at Ticonderoga Middle School and Whitehall High School are raising salmon, through a new environmental education program presented by the Lake George Association (LGA) called Salmon in the Classroom, designed by Trout Unlimited.

Kristen Rohne, the LGA's watershed educator, visited the schools to help set up a 25 gallon tank, chiller and pump, along with testing materials and fish food. Salmon eggs were provided at no cost by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

This winter the students will raise the salmon from eggs to fingerlings. They'll learn to monitor tank water quality, study stream habitats, and perform stream-monitoring studies to find the most suitable place to release the salmon in the spring

This year's program was funded by a grant the LGA received from the International Paper Foundation. The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board and the Adirondack Resource Conservation and Development Council are partners in the project.

HVFD ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2011

At the December meeting, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) elected the following for the year 2011: Chief - Ray Mury, First Assistant Chief - James Belden, Second Assistant Chief - Ernie Trudeau, Captain - Bill Wells, Lieutenant - Jon Hanna, EMS Captain - Renee Swinton, EMS Assistant Captain - Meg Haskell, EMS Lieutenant - Pam Fischer, President - Linda Mury, Vice-President - Marty Fitzgerald, Treasurer - Lu Megow, Secretary - Joanne Trudeau, Recording Secretary - Janet Hanna, Chairman of Board of Directors - Martin Fitzgerald, II, Vice-Chairman - Richard Frasier and Secretary - Diane Trudeau.

If you are an Amerigas customer in the Town of Hague, you can help our Department by turning in your fuel invoices to us, and at the end of each fiscal year Amerigas will make a donation of \$.02 for each gallon represented on the invoices collected. This could amount to quite a financial boost, and we thank you and Amerigas for making it possible.

Mark your calendars for the HVFD events taking place during Winter Weekend at the Firehouse. On Saturday, February 19, 2011, we will hold the annual Firemen's Breakfast from 7 - 11 am and on Sunday, February 20, 2011 we will host the chili bake off at 3 pm.



The coldest part of Winter is probably still ahead of us, so while you want to get out and enjoy it, try to dress in layers and keep your extremities covered. Remember, when it is really cold, mittens work better than gloves.
... Joe McCranels

OPEN GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR TO SPEAK

On Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7 pm, Robert Freeman, Executive Director of Open Government, will be speaking at a free forum for citizens and public officials. The event will be held at the Town of Horicon Community Center on Route 8 in Brant Lake, NY. Reservations should be made by calling 518-494-4245.

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The Hague Memory Tree began in 1987 when Imogene Frasier approached the Hague Chamber of Commerce to sponsor her in requesting donations for the Hague Ambulance Fund in memory of her son, Dale. She continued the Memory Tree for the next 23 years to help the HVFD purchase equipment for the ambulances. Since Imogene died in 2009, her daughter, Diane Trudeau, continues the tradition in memory of both her brother and mother. The names of those for whom donations have been made are put on a "Memory Tree" at the Community Center and are published in The Hague Chronicle.

TOWN BOARD YEAR-END MEETING - 12/29/10

All Board members were present to pass resolutions to:

Sign the GIS agreement with the County to pay \$30 per hour when we use their services [maps/graphic data].

Reappoint Robert Goetsch as Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals and EJ Siwek as Chairman of the Planning Board.

Appoint Rudy Meola to the Warren County Youth Board and Dan Belden and Edna Frasier as Town delegate and alternate to the Association of Towns meetings.

Authorize transfer of money to close 2010 books and set up petty cash funds.

Robert Goetsch attended and cited reasons why he felt they should not appoint Chris Navitsky to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 1/5/11

All Board members were present to meet in executive session with Chris Navitsky to discuss his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board then convened in regular session to approve the necessary 2011 resolutions including official bank [TD Bank - Bolton Landing], official newspaper for legal advertisements [GF Post Star] and rate of mileage reimbursement [\$0.45 per mile].

Also dispersal of funds to American Legion for Memorial Day [\$300], Hague Volunteer Fire Department [\$252,305], Hague Senior Club [\$2,500], Hague Sno-goers for maintenance of cross country ski trails [\$1,000], Community Action Agency for transportation for Senior [up to \$2,600], Hague Chamber of Commerce [\$9,000] and Hague Sno-goers for maintenance of snowmobile trails [\$9,000]. This last amount will be sent to the Town from the County.

Made appointments of Daniel Belden as Budget Officer, David DeFranco as Town Naturalist, Bertha Dunsmore as Community Center Coordinator, Edna Frasier as Care Program Officer, Daniel Steitz as Dog Control and Animal Control Officer, Edna Frasier as Deputy Supervisor, Dominick Viscardi as Attorney for the Town and the Town Board to act as the Town Board of Health.

They also set the holiday schedule, Board committees, employee salaries and procurement policy. Details of these actions are in the minutes of the meeting which are available at the Community Center.

The Board then approved the appointment of Chris Navitsky to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a full term beginning in 2011 by a vote of 3 [Martucci, Meola, Belden] to 2 [Gladu, Frasier].

Judy Stock spoke in favor of the Navitsky appointment and Cathy Clark questioned the reduction in mileage reimbursement from the 2010 amount which is also the IRS amount.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/11/11

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: Leonard Wells, Marie Fabbri, Bob Marcotte, Stanley Jewell and Adelaide Cartwright.

A public hearing was held by the Town Board, acting as the Town Board of Health, on an application by Geils for a wastewater variance. Local engineer Tony DeFranco outlined how the new system was designed and answered questions. The Board approved the variance.

Chris Bowcutt, an event manager, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Open Water Swim on August 27 - 28, 2011 but there were no further specifics. The Board will hold off on any official support until more details are in place.

Tom Haskell reported on the many activities the Chamber of Commerce is planning for the Hague Winter Weekend. He also asked the Board to check with him if there are any questions about the Hague Sno-goers and their activities.

Supervisor Belden reported that the trail to Jabe's will be opened for snowmobiling. It is still state property and under state jurisdiction so any use after April 1 will have to be approved by them.

Joe McCranels reported on the cross country trails at Rogers Rock Park. There is some light snow on the trails and they are not groomed if it is under 6 inches. If the upcoming snow is heavier it will be groomed. The DEC will be in the Park for most of the winter doing tree work but will stay to one side and not impact on the trails.

The Board appointed Rick Myers as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Committee Reports:

Assessor & Justice: Assessor Dave Martucci read a letter concerning the lowering of the mileage reimbursement. After some discussion, the Board rescinded their previous motion and approved [4 - 1] a mileage reimbursement rate of 51 cents per mile which is consistent with the rates for the state, county and IRS. Councilman Meola voted against the motion saying we "have to start some place to reduce expenses."

Buildings and Grounds: Board members Martucci and Frasier met with representatives from the Department of Health on what measures were necessary to become a certified kitchen. There are not too many things that have to be done and they have put together an application. Tim Fiallo will do needed work and the water will have to be tested.

Fire Department: Councilman Martucci reported that the HVFD boat needed repairs which were made by the manufacturer, Boston Whaler, who also arranged for the transportation. The boat is due back when the weather is better.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that they are ready for the impending storm. They will work with the state on a permanent solution to the icing at the bottom of Pine Orchard Road.

PLANNING BOARD – 1/6/11

Museum & Historian: Councilwoman Frasier reported that the Historical Society would like to put up a sign on the outside entranceway which notes that the Museum is located in the Community Center. The sign could additionally have space for timely notices of Society events. Frasier also said that research is needed to determine ownership of the West Hague cemetery which is not owned by the Town.

Planning/Zoning: Supervisor Belden thanked Cathy Clark for her work on the Code Modification process. It now goes back to the Planning Board and then returns to the Town Board for a public hearing and also needs to be reviewed by the APA.

Brian Grisi of the APA advised ZEO Clark by phone that the appointment of Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky to the Zoning Board might be a conflict of interest. Councilman Meola took exception to the involvement of the APA in an issue that was the prerogative of the Town Board and wrote to Chairman Stiles at the APA. ZEO Clark felt that Grisi's job includes advisement to towns if he sees a potential problem and noted that he does his job well. She did not think a letter should have been sent on the Town letterhead since the Board did not approve it. Supervisor Belden will draft a letter clarifying the Board's position and send it to each Board member before it is sent.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth: Councilman Martucci reported that representatives of the Centurion Cycling Group would be in the area the week of February 7th to discuss the bike race to take place around Warren County on Sunday, July 25, 2011. No State roads will be closed and they will not be on the Northway.

Supervisor Belden noted that a DOT permit is needed for the Memorial Day Parade which has to be applied for by the Town rather than the Senior Club.

Town Park: Councilman Meola noted that the Board had budgeted for new playground equipment and it was time to order. The company is on the State approved list so they don't have to worry about bids. The equipment and all installation will be done by the company for \$19,460 and was approved by the Board. The Town will just have to remove the old items from the Park.

Transfer Station: Councilman Gladu gave the dates of June 17 and 18, 2011 for the Cleanup Day which will work just like last year. More details will be in later issues.

Supervisor Belden reported that Attorney for the Town Viscardi wants to attend the Association of Towns meeting and have expenses paid. A motion to that effect was defeated.

Councilman Gladu reported that the cell tower should certainly be in by March and they are being encouraged to include Verizon.

In other business, the Board:

Gave permission to Paul Belden to attend two classes required for Wastewater Treatment Operator license.

Approved a request by the Hague Fish and Game Club for \$2,000 for the Ice Tournament and use of the Visitor Center from February 24 - 28, 2011.

Chairman EJ Siwek and members Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Bruce Clark, Pam Peterson and Mike Cherubini were present. There is one vacancy due to the resignation of John Brown.

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

A public hearing was reconvened. The hearing was kept open from last month primarily so that they could hear from the DOT. Kevin Novak of DOT wrote that they had completed their safety review and would allow work in the area and indicated some suggested changes. Chris Matte, manager at Dockside Landing, read a letter from the management relative to the statement made by Mr. Whittemore at the last meeting that there would be no live music. That remark was made in haste and they in fact do plan to have music but will use low amplification and try to accommodate the neighbors.

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 conditional "No sanitary facilities be installed in the log home at this 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 facility is now connected to the Town Sewer and additional parking was added this past summer. In 2000 the Planning Board gave their permission to put a ladies' room and a men's room in for the purpose of the marina use.

In 2003, after the destruction of the restaurant building, the owner went to the Zoning Board of Appeals to request an extension of use for a restaurant. It was decided that since a restaurant is an allowable use in TR-1 no extension was needed.

The Planning Board declared a "negative environmental impact." The Board felt that the concerns have been addressed and removed the 1983 condition. Bruce Clark stated that he was concerned that unreasonable conditions not be put on this applicant that have not been put on previous applicants. The application was accepted with the understanding that if problems occur the applicant would have to come back to the Planning Board.

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

The applicants are requesting the conversion of a commercially used building (previously known as Mary Ann's Ice Cream) to residential use. If approved the structure will be used to house occasional guests and will not be for rent or hire. The lot is connected to Sewer District # 1. The application will go to the Zoning Board for a variance due to two dwelling units on less than 20,000 sq. ft of land in the Hamlet. The application is "after the fact" since work has already been started to convert to residential use but no building permit was obtained. The Board recommended [5-1 (Siwek)] that the Zoning Board deny the application.

Property owners need to be aware of the regulations for obtaining a building permit and should check with the ZEO before starting any building or renovations. The Board noted that contractors share the responsibility and should not be doing the work if no permit has been obtained.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 1/14/11

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Lindsay Mydlarz, Jon Hanna, Bill Pittman, George Ianson and Chris Navitsky were present. Martin Fitzgerald, II was absent.

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

The Board deemed the application complete and scheduled a public hearing for the next meeting on January 27, 2011.

HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB PLANS TOURNAMENT

Hoping for cooperative weather, the Hague Fish & Game Club has scheduled its 52nd Anniversary Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament for February 26 – 27, 2011. With our co-sponsors, the Hague and Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce, this years contest looks to be the best ever.

There will be four categories of fish - Lake Trout, Salmon, Perch and Northern Pike. Prizes this year will be a combination of merchandise and cash paid out through 6th place in each category. There is a \$15 entry fee and kids 16 and under and seniors over 65 fish for FREE! Registration forms will be available at The Hague Market starting on February 1, 2011.

On Saturday, the 26th, a kids and novice fishing clinic will be held at the Hague Beach starting at 8 am until noon with a hot dog lunch for all at the completion of the class. Strikemaster ice fishing pro, Shawn Hayes, will be the instructor and equipment for the first 40 registrants will be provided.

Lake/fish services will be provided by the Hague Sno-Goers. Plan now to attend the Premier Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake George. See you on the hard water! ... Steve Ramant

PUBLIC DINNERS CONTINUE

A Public Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F&AM, and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, January 28, 2011, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). 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 \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available both by advanced sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street, also at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

2011 NORTH COUNTRY TRIATHLON



NORTH COUNTRY
TRIATHLON

Registration is now open for the 5th annual North Country Triathlon on Saturday, June 25, 2011 starting at the Hague Town Park. Both the Sprint and Olympic races sell out typically a month before race date, so be sure and reserve your slot and register early since it is limited to 500 spots.

See <northcountrytri.com>

UPCOMING LGLC EVENTS



The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has two upcoming outdoor events. For both events contact Sarah Hoffman by email <shoffman@lglc.com> or at 644-9673 for more details and to register.

Guided Cross-Country Skiing will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 9:30 am on the Cat and Thomas Mts. Preserve, Valley Woods Rd, Bolton. Volunteer guide and co-editor of ADK's "Guide to Adirondack Trails, Eastern Region", David Thomas-Train will expertly lead participants on this challenging 8-mile, round trip, cross-country adventure leading to the summits of the mountains. You will be rewarded with expansive views of the frozen southern Lake George basin below. This event is for experienced cross-country skiers only. The event is free but registration is required.

A Walk on Water to Dome Island will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 am, meeting at the LGLC office, 4905 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing. Experience the slippery side of Lake George—no whitecaps to contend with but be prepared for the lake's characteristic wind and wintry beauty! Snowshoe, walk or ski over a mile of frozen Lake George to explore Dome Island. Nearly centered at the widest part of Lake George and as the highest island on the lake, Dome Island was once an important military lookout during the French and Indian War. Today, it remains a unique ecological gem, having been protected from human disturbance since 1915. This event is highly weather dependent. Space is limited and fills quickly so reserve your spot today! A suggested donation is \$5.

TWO BROTHERS MEAT MARKET RIBBON CUTTING

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome Two Brothers Meat Market as one of their newest members. The Chamber will host a ribbon cutting on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 10 am at Two Brothers to mark the grand opening of their recently expanded and relocated business.

Two Brothers Meat Market is a family owned meat market and deli now located in historic downtown Ticonderoga. Two Brothers offers fresh meats, cheeses, produce, groceries, homemade sandwiches, subs, hot foods, and more. "We want to serve our local community with fresh, high quality, and homemade products. We wanted to expand but keep our business in the downtown area to better serve our local community. We look forward to being a part of Ticonderoga's bright future," stated Gary Namer of Two Brothers.

As part of their grand opening celebration they will have complimentary food and refreshments and will be raffling off a \$25 gift certificate, a \$50 gift certificate and a Beef Tenderloin at 11 am that day. Customers can enter to win these raffles during the prior week. In addition they will be offering special promotions throughout the week including 10% off fresh cut meats and deli slices as well as offering hot menu specials, cold salads, soups, and more. The grand opening week celebration will run until Saturday, February 5, 2011.

CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATION

2011 marks the beginning of a four-year commemoration of the Civil War. States around the nation will be observing the Sesquicentennial (150 years) of this important event in our nation's history. The Civil War lasted four years and took the lives of 500,000. Our own Town of Hague sent sixty-four of its young men to war in the Union's effort to preserve the nation.

Both the Historical Society and I, as your Town Historian, are hopeful that many families have letters, photos, discharge papers, and other items of the Civil War era that you would be willing to share for a special exhibit in the Community Center. The Historical Society has the ability to reproduce documents by scanning, copying and photographing and returning them to you on-the-spot. If you have uniforms or other memorabilia you may wish to loan for an exhibit, we can handle them as well. Careful records will be kept on any items loaned for the exhibit.

Please help the Historical Society by going through your trunks, etc. to see what you might have that you would be willing to share with the public as we commemorate this turning point in American history. In fifty years they will be celebrating the 200th anniversary and before many items are lost or forgotten, let's try to preserve them by sharing them for future reference.

You may contact Pat McDonough of the Hague Historical Society at 543-6725 or myself at 543-8054. The Historical Society is planning a day in which articles may be brought in for scanning or to discuss what you may wish to contribute to the exhibit.

Let's make this a successful community-wide effort to commemorate the Civil War.

... Gerald Crammond, Hague Town Historian

NATURAL STONE BRIDGE AND CAVES SNOWSHOE ADVENTURES

On Saturday January 22, 2011 from 10 am — 8 pm Natural Stone Bridge and Caves Park in Pottersville will offer FREE ADMISSION, with valid ID, to residents of Warren and Essex Co. for use of the new snowshoe trails.

These trails include views of the Stone Bridge – the largest marble cave entrance in the east. Explore over 5.5 miles of well marked trails using the provided detailed map. In addition, try to find the 26 marked points of interests along the trails.

After dark, you can view the illuminated stone bridge, so bring a headlamp. Snowshoes or other traction devices are required for the trails. Upon returning from your adventure, sit around a roaring fire and roast marshmallows (provided).

During the winter a small gift shop with hot drinks and snack food is available. Also try out our 9 hole Disc Golf Course in the snow; it is lots of fun! Check out our website at <www.stonebridgeandcaves.com> for more detailed information and pictures of the snowshoe trails and tours.

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Our "Tourism" research team will hold its kick-off meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 9:30 am in the Community Center. We still need volunteers for this project as we look back at the years from circa 1940 through 1970. This will be a fun project with so many folks around who have memories of these places to provide a wonderful resource for good stories. So please join us on the 25th and give Pat McDonough a call at 543-6725 or email us at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> to let us know you'll be there.

As to those stories we're looking for, do you have fond (or not so fond!) memories of coming to Hague for your family's annual vacation? Of eating out at the Indian Kettles or the restaurant at Cape Cod Village? Of staying in a little rental cottage near the water or camping in the woods? Of a long car journey on your way to Lake George? These are the kind of stories that will enrich our research and the ultimate goal of an entertaining program at our annual meeting in June. Sharing them is made so easy by using the above email address, but if that's not possible then send us a letter at PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. Barring either of those options, just give Pat a call and she'll take your story down over the phone or come for a visit.

STUDENTS BUILD BEST BRIDGES

In December, thirty-seven students, in eleven teams, competed in the Kiwanis 2nd annual Bridge Building Contest. This year the high school competitors consisted of Paul Jebb's entire physics class who built their bridges using balsa wood in advance of the contest. Following lunch provided by the students' parents, the bridges were judged for attractiveness and efficiency to see which bridge could carry the greatest load for its weight.

Before the start of the contest, Principal Bruce Tubbs welcomed the students and School Superintendent John McDonald, Jr. encouraged students to consider engineering as a career.

A special thanks goes out to Bruce Tubbs and Jim Marshall for hosting the event at the Middle School and to the judges, Tony De Franco, Joyce Cooper and Steve Boyce, and to Kathy Marshall for her help with lunch. A final thank you goes to the Kiwanis members, Jack Bast, John Bartlett, Bill Bolton, Ross Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Sylvia Boyce and Joe McCranels for providing assistance during the event.

This contest was the culmination of a 2 month program in which students were given design guidance and presentations from Kiwanis member Graham Bailey of Hague and John Grady from the NYSDOT along with teachers Pam Arzberger from St. Mary's, Paul Jebb from THS and Jim Marshall from TMS.

This year, the High School winners of the most efficient bridge were the team of Will Lawrie and Meghan Schyrer. They also won the First Place trophy for the most attractive bridge. Cory King and Chris Burns came in Second Place in both categories.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: Felix San Wu Elliott on July 14, 2010. He is the son of Matthew and Bonnie Elliott, San Francisco, CA. Felix is the grandson of Robin and Jan Van Sickle and great-grandson of Ted and Shirley Halliday, Terrace Road.

MARRIED: Jennifer Clark and Chris O'Hara on October 23, 2010. Jennifer is the daughter of Cathy and Bruck Clark of Hague and Chris is the son of Jim and Linda O'Hara of Ticonderoga. The couple will make their home in Troy, NY.

DIED: Adelaide Igoe Cartwright, 83, peacefully at her home in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on December 27, 2010. A summer resident of Friends Point for sixty-five years, she leaves behind her husband of 59 years, Alton Cartwright, their four sons and daughters-in-law, and seven beloved grandchildren. Adelaide graduated from Vassar College and Albany Law School. She was a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and a communicant at Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's Church.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Brendan Carberry of Hague who was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Clarkson University. Brendan is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Samantha Abare who has completed her studies at Cobleskill University, graduating with a BT (Bachelor of Technology) in Animal Science with a concentration in Equine studies. Samantha completed the four year degree in 2 1/2 years and was on the dean's list every year, graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

Samantha was president of the photo club and a student tutor. She has started her career at the Dancing Horse Farm in Lebanon, OH and is thoroughly enjoying her new adventure.

Samantha is the daughter of Bernadette and Mike Fish of Hague and Mike Abare of New Hampshire. Her maternal grandparents were Buck and Anna Denno of Hague and her paternal grandparents are Gordon and Norman Abare of Ticonderoga and Lu and Linda Megow of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Katie Clark who graduated in December from SUNY Plattsburgh with a degree in Journalism. Katie is the daughter of Cathy and Bruce Clark of Hague.



Polar Bear Plunge — Winter Weekend 2010

JOCELYN FISCHER WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



The National Junior College Athletic Association [NJCAA] has announced that Jocelyn Fischer from Adirondack Community College, daughter of Pam and Rob Fischer of Arcady Bay, Hague, is the winner of the 2009-2010 NJCAA Lea Plarski Award. The Plarski Award is handed out annually by the NJCAA to the student-athlete [out of over 50,000] who exemplifies sportsmanship, leadership, community service and academic excellence, coupled with athletic ability and achievement.

An article by Gage Axford on the NJCAA website cites her many accomplishments.

“With her enthusiastic vigor, Fischer led Adirondack as captain of the women's tennis squad, while also contributing in several important roles in her community.

“Fischer, inspired by her deep passion for helping others, is currently pursuing a degree in nursing, and thus far has exceeded regular responsibilities of most in the profession.

“While maintaining a 3.21 GPA, Fischer has found time to volunteer as a Critical-Care EMT with the Hague, N.Y., Volunteer Fire Department and Warrensburg, N.Y., EMS, while also taking firefighting training courses on the side. On top of that, Fischer took it upon herself to create her own training videos to help instruct fellow EMS staff members and students. In addition to her videos, she teaches EMT continuing education courses, is the webmaster of the HVFD website and regularly visits local schools to lecture about the dangers of drinking and driving.

“Outside of her commitments in the medical service community, Fischer has volunteered for the past seven years at the Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center and family camp giving tennis lessons, teaching weight training, first-aid courses, life-guarding, and photography classes, while also helping with marketing and day-to-day operations.”

Axford cites her character, leadership, dedication and ability as she has continually been cited for sports honors including two-time Adirondack Female Athlete of the Year.

Congratulations to Jocelyn on all her honors and dedication! We are indeed fortunate to have this fine young woman as an active member in the HVFD.

Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Hibernation Activities

Actually that is an oxymoron, isn't it? Hibernation, by definition, is *inactivity*. In the winter months when animals hibernate, their bodily functions (respiration, circulation, metabolism, etc) slow down to a bare minimum in order to conserve energy while food is scarce. The Big Sleep. However, I guess what I am referring to, is that during the *time* of hibernation, there are many animals that remain active such as the mink. Richard Stout and his very big cuddly black lab Claude, were exploring the frozen shoreline by their dock last week, when Claude picked up the trail of something interesting...nose to the snowy tracks, he led Rich (Ha! "dragged" would be the word if you know Claude) around the corner where they surprised a mink working the edges. The mink, finding the closest route of escape, plunged into the frigid lake water and swam away to safety.

Humans, on the other hand, may have an abundance of food available and if they do not balance it with adequate activity, the consequences are certainly undesirable in many forms ~ mostly large and unhealthy. Now that we have some snow to play around in, we can get out and snowshoe, ski and hike in the winter wonderland! If outdoor activities are not your thing, there are opportunities for indoor exercise to burn off the extra holiday pounds. Mae Pagan will be offering a really fun dance-type exercise called Zumba, at the Community Center beginning at the end of the month in addition to her Tai Ji classes. And there's the gym at Silver Bay, too, so no excuses!

Just as important to our health and well being is staying mentally active. I love this time of year when I can find time to study a subject in depth or learn something completely new. This winter I have two projects already underway. One is that I am researching the relationship between plants, lay healers and doctors during the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War period, specifically at Fort Ticonderoga. The staff at the Fort's Thompson-Pell Research Center is extremely helpful and I may soon find that I have ancestors that served there! The second project had its origin with a Thanksgiving Day epiphany that I needed to know how to "make music" of some kind...the very next day I was on my way with a mandolin on loan from a friend and lessons from the fabulous Jim Bevins! I may not ever be ready for Nashville, but I'm having a blast entertaining myself on these cold and snowy nights, strumming away and singing "You Are My Sunshine" to liven things up! What a hoot!

January is also the busiest month for planning events throughout the year. As a teacher and presenter about herbs and nature it is exciting to get things in motion during this "down" time when the plants are sleeping. I'm offering an Herbal Home Study Course that is perfect for the winter months and begins in February (see announcement in this issue). I've also just met with Ft. Ticonderoga to expand the programs offered in the gardens for this year, and I am developing a new program called "Backyard Farmacy" that will debut at the LGLC Macdonis Center in May ~ all about native plants and natural healing. This year I'll be teaching classes again here at my home in Chilson as well as presenting at events in VT, NH and possibly New Mexico; some folks have expressed interest in an edible

mushroom class that I may offer in Hague in the spring ~ let me know if I should put something together (585-2106). I will if enough people are interested in that one.

Right now, the seed catalogs have arrived in the mailbox and plans for expanding the vegetable and herb gardens are filling my head, but a lone starling that has been devouring the suet feeder for the last two weeks distracts me. Is there *ever* just one starling???

HERBAL HOME STUDY COURSE

Nancy Wotton Scarzello will be offering Rosemary Gladstar's "Science and Art of Herbalism," a ten-lesson course on the Foundations of Herbalism with a certificate from Rosemary upon completion. For a full description of the course, you can go to Rosemary's website, <www.sagemountain.com>, click on "Home Study Course" and then on "Course Curriculum." However, to have Nancy as your exclusive teacher, you must sign up through her. Nancy has been teaching the course with Gladstar at her Sage Mountain Botanical Sanctuary and Herbal Education Center in Vermont; but now is offering to teach it directly. The course will have a reduced price of \$295 for those who sign up by January 30, 2011. For more information you can contact Nancy at 585-2106.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

December 18, 2010 – January 14, 2011

Most days in the reporting period were cloudy with temperatures in the 20's and low in the teens. A few nights the temperatures dropped into the single digits. The sun was out very little- about 4 days. We had the first nor'easter on December 26-27, 2010 that crippled NYC. We only received 3-4" of light, fluffy snow. Warm temperatures (above freezing) melted all the snow around New Year's. Many people took hikes instead of snow shoeing or skiing. The next storm on January 7-8, 2011 dumped 6.5-7" of light fluffy snow with slippery roads on January 7. The second nor'easter on January 12 dumped 8-9". The total snowfall for the reporting period is 18.5-21" of snow. Our normal snowfall for the entire season is about 65". I would estimate that we are on target right now for a normal season. However, there is still a lot of snow season left.

The lake is not frozen yet although there is ice forming in the bays. Lake Champlain is frozen in spots and people are ice fishing already.

Sunrise is 7:25 AM. Sunset is 4:39 PM. The next full moon is January 20, 2011.

For weather updates check out NOAA website and enter the zip code <<http://forecast.weather.gov/zipcity.php>>. It gives a lot of up-to-the-minute weather info. Also you can see the radar for our area. Since Time Warner switched our program area to Albany, finding accurate weather forecasts for Hague is limited. TV stations give the weather for Albany and north to Glens Falls but most of the time leave areas north to guess what we have in store for the day. The "Eye on the Sky" forecasts on PBS radio give a good report for Northern NY and Vermont.

HAGUE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2011

- 22 10 am – 8 pm Pottersville Snowshoe Adventure
- 25 1:30 pm Hague Senior Club
- 27 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 28 4:30 pm Public Roast Beef Dinner
- 29 9:30 am LGLC winter activity
- 31 10 am Ribbon Cutting in Ticonderoga

FEBRUARY 2011

- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 6:30 pm Town Board
- 9 7 pm Horicon Open Government Forum
- 10 Senior Event – Movie and Treats
- 11 News Deadline for February issue
- 12 10 am LGLC walk to Dome Island
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed
- 19-20 WINTER WEEKEND Activities

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (11 am)
- 1st Friday: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)



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