

### TICONDEROGA SCHOOLS BUDGET

The Ticonderoga Board of Education adopted a \$19,085, 916 budget for 2011-2012 resulting in a tax levy of 4.9 %. The process this year was very open to public input and many concerns were addressed by Superintendent John McDonald. Michael Cherubini represented Hague on the Budget Advisory Committee.

Cutting a projected budget proposal from over 9% tax levy to less than 5% was accomplished by a number of changes. Included in income was the anticipated elective payment of \$300,000 from the International Paper Company. Cuts in expenditures, including personnel and programs, totaled over \$400,000 and the Teachers Association offered a \$320,000 salary give-back for next year resulting in a net freeze on wages.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at the Ticonderoga cafeteria on May 10, 2011 and the public budget vote will be held on May 17, 2011 with Hague residents voting at the Community Center.

**School Budget Vote**  
**May 17, 2011— 12 noon to 8 pm**

### LAKESHORE GARAGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Edna and Dick Frasier and their family have celebrated 40 years of service to the Hague community. The garage was originally located on the lakeshore at the site of the old Trout House garage. There you could buy gas, get your car fixed and discuss the topics of the day.

In 2004, they moved the business to Whispering Pines Road, off West Hague Road where the new garage is 7500 sq. ft. They have had to diversify their operations over the years in order to stay profitable.



*Sons Luke and Matt are to the left of Edna and Dick Frasier and daughters Lindsay Mydlarz and Jessica Lerkes are to the right.*

### REMEMBERING THE CIVIL WAR



The second annual Civil War re-enactment will take place on the Graphite property of Tom and Judy LaPointe during the weekend of April 29 - May 1, 2011. The weekend will be a living history of the 1860s with both Union and Confederate companies. On Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm, there will be demonstrations and drills. The public is invited to attend and parking will be available. Look for signs on the corner of Belden Road and Graphite Mountain Road (Route 8).

One hundred fifty years ago the Civil War began and 2011 marks the beginning of events around the country in remembrance of those four years of strife. Jerry Crammond, Town Historian, has put together a wonderful display in the Community Center with information and artifacts of the Civil War and contributions of residents from Hague.

Thanks to enthusiastic Civil War buffs, Tom LaPointe and Jerry Crammond, we have a unique opportunity to learn more about this era and become involved in the history.

### TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after May 1, 2011 at the Hague Community Center, on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll on the following dates, by appointment only: Monday, May 9, Monday, May 16, and Monday, May 23, from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, May 14, from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center to hear complaints. Complaint forms (RP 524) are available at the Community Center or online at <[orps.state.ny.us](http://orps.state.ny.us)>.

## HAGUE SENIOR CLUB EVENTS

The Senior Club is ready for its 2011 summer programs and trips. Please save the dates! Friends and visitors are always welcome. Regular Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Hague Community Center on Route 8. Membership is still only \$5. For details please call Pat at 543-6502 or Maureen at 543-6463.

The regular meeting on April 26, 2011 will have Vicky Bueno of MVP Health Care present a program, "Life is a Ball—Humor in Health." A special road trip to Quechee Gorge, Vermont, with shopping and luncheon, has been planned for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 with a carpool leaving from the Community Center at 9 am. Then on May 24, 2011 the regular meeting will start at 12 noon for a luncheon and final planning for the Memorial Day Parade and Fun Fest as well as the White Elephant Sale, Americade and the Senior View Café II.

... Christine Ianson

## HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB

The Club has their Spring Break-Out Ride scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011. This ATV and horse ride, starting at the Clubhouse at 9:30 am, is the beginning of a fun day as we head onto the leased property and back onto Club property. A horseshoe tournament will start after lunch and music will be played for your dancing pleasure into the night.

All ATV riders must wear helmets and provide proof of insurance. The fee this year is \$15 and refreshments will be available. A reminder that dues are due by July 1st. Come on out and enjoy your Club.  
... Steve Ramant

## LGLC NEWS

Earth Day Cleanup will be held at Loines Preserve on Northwest Bay on Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 9:30 am – noon. Volunteers are needed to help restore a clean, natural state to this beautifully preserved land.

"Backyard Farmacy," a program presented by local Herbalist and Naturalist Nancy Wotton Scarzello will take place at the LGLC Office in Bolton Landing on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 1 - 3:30 pm. The program will feature the healing plants growing in your backyard, neighborhood and household garden with common and not-so-common uses. Nancy's PowerPoint presentation with a "walk & talk" outside or samples to handle if weather keeps us inside. Suggested donation is \$10.

Registrations are required. Contact Sarah at 518-644-9673 or email <shoffman@lglc.org> to sign up.

## HVFD HELD OPEN HOUSE

On April 9, 2011 the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) held a successful open house at the fire station. We washed lots of cars, showed off and demonstrated our equipment, gave chair massages and served a delicious turkey dinner.

At our April meeting we approved and accepted four new supportive members. They are Bobbie Jean and Todd Fish and Brenda Jean and Allan Rider. Welcome aboard, one and all. We are more than pleased to be increasing our ranks at this time.

Our Board of Directors recently approved acquisition of a walk-in cooler and our kitchen is NYS Department of Health approved. Other storage lay-out plans are also being undertaken. In other equipment matters, we have had to replace two heater units at the Silver Bay Substation.

Jon Hanna, our Safety Officer has announced that there is a nationwide recall on 20" Lasko Box Fans #2002 and #2005. Contact Jon directly if you have any questions.

In March there were 8 Fire calls using 62 man hrs. and 3 ambulance calls using 29 man hrs. There were a total of 105 Fire Calls in 2010.

The ice is out of Lake George and many other area waters. Early boaters should heed that there are no navigational markers, but lots of debris in the water at this time of year. Be cautious.  
... Joe McCranels

## THE FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE AND WATER-KEEPER

Another *Do-It-Yourself Water Quality* presentation will take place on May 4, 2011 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. As the snow melts and winter recedes it's time to start thinking about landscaping our yards and properties. One excellent way to start the spring season is to attend this highly informative program based on the content of the award winning *Do-It-Yourself Water Quality: A Landowner's Guide to Property Management that Protects Lake George*. This guide provides critical information for landowners around Lake George about how they can manage their properties in a way that protects water quality

The FUND for Lake George has been selected to receive a 2011 U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award, the highest recognition from the EPA for environmental achievement. The EPA is recognizing the FUND's public education work for creation and publication of this landmark book.

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## MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

The Memorial Day activities will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm.

**FUNFEST at THE BEACH:** The Parade Committee is definitely seeing all their planning and plotting come together in what appears to be another great celebration for the people of Hague. "Sylvia and The Magic Trunk" will perform two shows at the beach. This trunk is home to a host of puppets which Sylvia magically brings to life through ventriloquism. Her program is geared for both young and old and sounds very unique. "All 'Bout Critters" with Nancy Carlson and her menagerie of what she calls "Unwanted Pets" will be with us for the day Her program is educational as well as entertaining and one you won't want to miss. "Upyonda Farms" will be with us once again and their presentation is always a hit. New for all ages will be the "Memorial Game Booths" - 4 to be exact - from "Wheel of Ice Cream" to "Surprise" - you will have to come to find out! All proceeds from the booths will go to the Parade Account. Along with this will be the White Elephant, the Crafters, the Food Concessions, Children's Games, Cambridge Band Concert, music by WOKO Radio Personality Steve Pelkey, etc. Any one wishing to set up at the beach, please give us a call.

**"GOD BLESS AMERICA" PARADE:** It is great to see so many people already signing up to be in the parade. We do hope more of you will come on board too and join in the fun. Prize Categories are: BEST IN PARADE, MOST CREATIVE , MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST ADIRONDACK, MOST HUMOROUS, BEST YOUTH and HONORABLE MENTION/ADULT/YOUTH. New this year will be **POOCHES IN COSTUME** with categories BEST COSTUME, MOST PARTRIOTIC, MOST HUMOROUS and HONORABLE MENTION. Don't forget - to be in the parade you must call to register so that you can be assigned a placement number.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Participants for this very expressive service are all in place. Our Guest Speaker will be a gentlemen by the name of Ray Tolar who is a World War II Marine Veteran. He will be sharing with us his thoughts on the meaning of Memorial Day. Ray speaks not only from the heart, but also from experience!! Once again there will be the drum rolls, the musket salutes, TAPS, and the roar of the canon as it fires out over the Lake. Please plan to be there.

For information, please contact Madeline Pelkey 543-6130, Michael Cherubini 543-6463 or Emily Cobb 543-6325.

## MEMORIAL FLOWER BASKETS

The hanging baskets will be put up again in the downtown area of Hague. Donations for the baskets are appreciated and can be sent to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

## CALLING ALL VETERANS



We are seeking Military Veterans to march or ride in the parade along with Hague's Memorial Unit. Uniforms would be great but not necessary. You will not be required to do more than to act as escort in the lineup. We know our town has many, many veterans - please do come to help us out. Just give me a call - Madeline Pelkey 543-6130.

## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION DONATIONS

The economic times are showing their affect on this year's donations so far. We rather expected that fewer checks would be coming in since everyone is feeling the pinch in more ways than one. However, if there are some of you who would like to contribute to help the Parade Committee with their efforts for the Town, it would be appreciated. No amount is too small. Checks should be made out to HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - PARADE ACCOUNT and mailed to us at the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. We thank you.

... mp



Kristen McDonough, a 16-year-old sophomore at Northwood School, is hoping you'll stop by to meet her at "Alex's Lemonade Stand" during Memorial Day activities at the Town Park.

When Kristen was in the 8th grade, her school principal lost his 5-year-old daughter to a rare form of childhood cancer. Kristen was deeply affected by the loss of this child and she avidly researched the subject. As Kristen writes, "One specific organization I came across blew my mind -- a charitable organization that gives money to children with childhood cancer." Founded by a young girl battling cancer, "Alex's Lemonade Stand" helps pay for the best treatments for childhood cancer and transportation costs to get to these treatments.

So come by, have a glass of lemonade and help Kristen in her quest to support this worthwhile charity.

*Kristen is the daughter of Kevin and Heather McDonough of Silver Bay and the granddaughter of Pat and Dennis McDonough of Hague.*

## HAGUE MARKET TO CHANGE HANDS

Sally (DeLarm) and Jim Rypkema have purchased the Hague Market from Sharon and Doug Zeyak. The Zeyaks will continue to run the store this summer and then the Rypkemas will make several changes before reopening.

## **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/5/2011**

All Board members and Highway Superintendent Don Smith were present for this special meeting that *The Hague Chronicle* was not informed about. According to the minutes of the meeting, the Board went “into executive session for a personnel issue.” Afterward the Board authorized a two week paid medical leave until a response was received from the cardiologist of the employee.

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – 4/12/2011**

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 William Randall, Betty MacDougall, Julia Beaty, Dan McGowan and Dorreen Devenger.

Graham Bailey announced that he will be putting a budget together for the Oktoberfest on September 24, 2011. He reported that the Kiwanis would like to donate \$750 to the Town. Supervisor Belden said that it would be used toward the newly ordered playground equipment. The old swings will have to be taken out and if anyone is interested in them they should contact the Community Center.

Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, spoke about a seminar he has arranged for May 5, 2011. There will be presentations by regionally and nationally renowned experts in Low Impact Development and stormwater management for the benefit of land use professionals, review board members and the development community.

### **In the Committee Reports:**

Councilman Gladu reported that the Hague equalization rate has gone from 72.3 to 75.9 which means a reduction in assessed valuation. The tentative roll will be ready as of May 1, 2011 and should be available online.

Councilman Martucci reported on work continuing on the kitchen to get it ready for Department of Health inspection. Councilman Meola requested that his committee report be written in advance and contain a plan not just the work being done. A set of matching dishes from the kitchen will be retained and the other dishes will be given to the Senior Club to be used for the White Elephant sale.

Councilwoman Frasier noted that the HVFD has saved money using solar panels and she is looking into solar panels for the highway department and the community center.

ZEO Cathy Clark requested permission to attend the NYS Wireless Trade Show to be held at the Sagamore on May 11-12, 2011. The Board approved attendance for Councilman Gladu and for the ZEO if there are still funds in her budget. Gladu reported that there is power to the cell tower in Hague and a crane will put in the antenna. The company hopes to have the work done by the end of the month.

Last summer violations were issued for boat owners who exceeded the time limit for docking. One violator asked for a

trial which was held and the Judge imposed a fine of \$525. The regulations will continue to be enforced at the Town boat slip.

The bathrooms at the Town Park will be open as of April 29, 2011. The Park Attendant building will not be replaced but repaired and painted. Hired for the 2011 summer season at the Visitor Center will be Evelyn Gravelle, Hague; Julie Kozerski, Ticonderoga; and substitute Kathi Ramant, Hague. Brendan Carberry, Hague; Julie Kozerski (2 days); and substitute Maranda Wells, Hague will be Park Attendants.

As Lifeguards, contingent on certification, will be John Paul Okrin, Crown Point; Samantha Sharrow, Jesse Perkins and Rebecca Diehl, all of Ticonderoga and Jenna Petro, Crown Point as substitute. Two lifeguards are necessary for the size of the beach so one will be stationed out near the point. To accommodate that, the Board approved purchasing a standard duty Leg Dock for \$429 and a Lifeguard Chair with arms for \$213.

The Supervisor will apply for a grant, with help from Dave Wick of WC Soil and Water, for money for work to be done at the delta at the mouth of the Hague Brook. The work will be done from the Hague Beach over to the Trout House Village.

The Board approved a fee of \$150 additional for after-the-fact applications through the zoning office.

### **Other business:**

The Board approved \$1000 for 2011 for the Ticonderoga Youth Agreement.

The Hague Senior Citizens Club, Inc received permission to use the Visitor Center on Sunday, July 3, 2011 from 3 pm to the end of the Fireworks to sell hot dogs and chips and also to use the center to store items until the White Elephant sale.

The Darrin Fresh Water Institute does not have the funding to do the water testing that it usually does during the summer. The ZEO will report this fact to all the local associations with beaches. The Town Board will test the water at the Town beach for bacteria and fecal coliform from May to September.

Sewer user fees for both districts will be collected through June without penalty. There will be a 10% penalty in July and the deadline is July 31, 2011. The Board denied a change in sewer fees for the joint owners of 5 lots. Two of the lots have buildings and are charged regular user fees and three are undeveloped lots with a charge of \$90 per year for each.

Due to rust and other problems, the truck for the sewer plant will be replaced as approved by the Board 3 – 2 (Belden, Martucci, Frasier; Gladu, Meola).

At the end of the meeting, Supervisor Belden announced that he would not be running for re-election this fall.

## **RENTALS**

We will again publish rental listings for the coming summer as a service to our readers. If you plan to rent your home in the Hague area, send us the basic information at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> and we will include it in our May and June issues – edited as necessary.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 3/24/2011

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

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

The applicant wishes to add a 105 sq. ft. deck addition to an existing deck. About 59 sq. ft. of the addition will be within the shoreline setback from Lake George. In February the Planning Board approved an addition of a loft. The application was approved with the condition, recommended by the Planning Board, that the deck cannot become future living space without first returning to the ZBA for additional approval.

### DOCKSIDE LANDING & MARINA (26.16-2-27) 9130 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The Board approved a variance from the front line setback for the installation of a retaining wall and staircase from an existing parking lot to a proposed crosswalk.

ZEO Clark referred to a letter from the Warren County Planning Board whose recommendation was to “Deny without Prejudice pending Engineering recommendation and approval from the DOT.”

ZEO Clark read an email from Kevin Novak, NYSDOT engineer indicating that the permit “to install a portion of the sidewalk, culvert pipe and crosswalk was issued.” He further stated that the “staircase was relocated to private property and therefore not a part of the permitted work within the State’s highway boundary.” John Mulligan, Roselle Industries, stated they would build and maintain the crosswalk. The DOT will inspect and observe.

On January 6, 2011 the Planning Board approved the use of the “Log Cabin” building for a restaurant use, with conditions. The main concern of the Town of Hague Planning Board and Warren County Planning Board was for pedestrian safety. The owners have received approval for the installation of the crosswalk. NYSDOT has issued a work permit for the installation of the retaining wall and stairs.

### BRAUNER (60.13-1-7) 39 Red Fox Lane (TR-1)

Mike Finney, representing Paul and Jane Brauner. spoke in favor of the application and exhibited diagrams. He said that the applicants want a variance to turn an illegal non-conforming structure, which sits 4’ 7” from the property line, into a legal non-conforming structure so they can reconfigure it. An area, with no sanitary facilities, would be created as an exercise room.

ZEO Clark noted that no permits had been issued for the garage expansion done by the previous owners. She also read letters from the Arcady Homeowners Association and from the Planning Board in which they recommended against approving the application.

In 1986 an approval for a 10’ x 12’ tool shed sitting 10’ from the property line was issued. In 1998 a one bay garage addition to the tool shed was approved. The file does not contain permit approval for the current two bay garage.

The Board denied the application citing that major reconstruction is going to take place by removing a substantial portion of the structure. Moving an additional 5 ft to meet the setback would not be a large change to an already substantial rebuild. There are plenty of areas where the building could be moved to become a legal conforming structure.

## PLANNING BOARD – 4/7/11

Chairman EJ Siwek, Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Bruce Clark, Mike Cherubini, Pam Peterson and John Brown were present. There is an opening for a replacement for a retiring member.

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

The applicant is applying for a Major Subdivision of two parcels equaling 148.8 acres. If approved 10 new residential lots will be created. Lot lines have been reestablished so that no lot line crosses into or through a wetland and will maintain a 200 ft setback from the wetland. The project is a Class B regional project as determined by the APA.

Bruce Clark read a required position, approved by the Board, of a negative declaration of environmental impact. They deemed the development reasonable and that it takes into account all the necessary environmental concerns including stormwater management.

Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper, stated that they were in general support of the application. He did note that they might try to reduce impervious surfaces by combining driveways. He suggested other considerations which were addressed by the engineer. A decision has yet to be made whether the main road into the cul-de-sac (16 ft wide with 2 ft shoulders) will become a Town road or remain in private control.

The Board kept the public hearing open so additional requirements can be completed before final approval.

### KILLORIN (60.9-1-37) 36 Bobkat Lane (TR-1)

Upon the applicants request, the Board modified a November 2009 approval to include a ground level deck to be built directly under the second story deck. According to the LGPC this addition would not require any modification to the owners’ stormwater permit. In the approval the Board deemed that any enclosure of the area which might become a living space must be referred back to the Planning Board.

### **Other business:**

EJ Siwek and Mike Cherubini reported that they had gotten clarification related to the open meetings law from an APA attorney at the Local Government Day workshops. As a result, the Planning Board will follow a new procedure when keeping open a meeting in order to consider an application after a site visit. The decision will be made by reopening the meeting at the Community Center at a publicized time and place rather than at the property site.



## CREDIT UNION PROMOTES YOUTH SAVINGS

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is celebrating Youth Savings Month. This national credit union celebration is designed to teach young credit union members the benefits of saving and goal setting as well as inviting young people to open savings accounts and make deposits this month and throughout the year. Financial education materials covering age groups from pre-school to high school will be on hand in the TFCU lobbies and on their website <[www.tfcunow.com/youth](http://www.tfcunow.com/youth)>. Persons with Hague affiliation are eligible for TFCU membership.

## PUBLIC DINNER

The last Public Roast Beef Dinner in the series sponsored by the Masons and the Stars will be served Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. 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.

## KIWANIS DINNER

Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga will hold its Spring Community Dinner on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Methodist Church in Ticonderoga from 5 – 7 pm. Take-outs will be available at 4:30 pm. Menu items include a pork and turkey carving station, lasagna, delicious desserts and more. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, can be purchased from Kiwanis members or at the door. Funds raised at the dinner will be used for various children and youth activities in the community.

## CARILLON GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON

On Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 12 noon at the Hague Community Center, the Carillon Garden Club invites the public to lunch and a program. Joan Reilly, Floral Designer from Albany will present "Hand-tied and Armature Floral Arrangements". A fee of \$10 covers both a lunch of sandwiches and salads as well as the program. Please make reservations by calling Mary Carman at 585-4494.

## TASTE OF TI - DINING OUT FOR A CAUSE

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum will host the 9th annual Taste of Ti on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the High School Cafeteria. This major fundraiser for the Museum features "tastes" of favorite dishes from area restaurants and food providers. From appetizers to desserts, diners are able to sample menu items from local restaurants, visit with friends and neighbors, enjoy a relaxing dinner, and, at the same time, help the Heritage Museum fund its free Childrens' Workshops and other free programs that take place at the Museum during the summer season.

Tickets are \$17.50 each and are on sale at Rathbun Jewelers, Ti Paint and Decorating Center, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce Office or by calling 585-6178.

## EVENTS AT FORT TICONDEROGA

The Sixteenth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War will be held at Fort Ticonderoga on May 20-22, 2011. Scholars from around the country attend this prestigious conference. The seminar brochure is available on the Fort website at [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org) by selecting the "Education Program" tab and then clicking on "Revolutionary War Seminar."

During its regular season, the Fort offers programs, tours, demonstrations and exhibits each day from 9:30 am – 5 pm from May 20 – October 20, 2011. Featured this season will be an exhibit, *The Art of War: Ticonderoga as Experienced through the Eyes of America's Great Artists*, highlighting the Fort's extensive art collection by America's greatest artists. A full schedule and information on events can be found on the website.

Just in time for the spring, the King's Garden will hold its annual pre-season plant sale, Saturday, May 21, from 10 am – 2 pm. Visitors will enjoy the first blooms of the season while browsing the many unique perennials available within the garden walls. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions and dig visitors' selections. There is no admission charge to attend the plant sale and visitors are encouraged to bring their own bags, boxes or bins. All proceeds support the King's Garden. The King's Garden is open June 1 – Columbus Day from 9:30 am to 5 pm.

## TICONDEROGA STREETFEST SEEKS VENDORS AND CRAFTERS

The Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership's Enterprise Committee, chaired by Rolly Allen, plans to hold another StreetFest event on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 10 am to 3 pm. The Committee hopes to increase the participation of Montcalm Street businesses as well as other businesses in town. Additionally more craftspeople and vendors will be sought to fill the street. In cooperation with the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance, StreetFest will also include Artists and Artisans who wish to participate.

If you want to join the fun as a vendor or wish to exhibit some other item for view or sale, check out the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership website <[www.timainstreet.org](http://www.timainstreet.org)> or contact the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce at 585-6619 or Sue Rathbun at Rathbun Jewelers (585-2244) Ticonderoga.

## VERDI WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The Adirondack Voices, together with the Queensbury High School Concert Choir, orchestra and soloists, will perform Giuseppe Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Christ Church United Methodist, 54 Bay Street, Glens Falls.

A capacity crowd is expected for this performance with tickets available at the door for \$10 per person or by advanced sale from Adirondack Voices members for \$9. This event is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. For further information, call 793-2620.



### Barbering in Hague

I ran across the quote that follows in a 1926 *Ticonderoga Sentinel* and it set me on a quest to know more:

“Hague is to have a barber this winter. And bobbed heads there may well sigh with relief for even though all roads to larger towns may become blocked by the snow, they can still have their hair trimmed without having recourse to outsiders to get the work done. Frank Maher has moved into Thomas Bolton's store and will do barbering there. Frank should do a good business this winter, with both men and girls in his list of clients.” In the Graphite news column of a 1928 *Sentinel*, we are told that Frank and his family were moving to Hague and that they would be missed in Graphite. His business must have been successful after that first winter.

A photo in the Museum's collection from the Flood of 1947 is marked “Frank Marr's barber shop and home”. You can easily recognize the properties. From the dates, it would seem that Frank spent a good many years barbering in Hague and it makes me wonder if folks remember him and his shop. Did *you* have your hair cut there?



Further inquiries led me to Hague's own Dick Bolton who colorfully described the barber shop:

“Yes, I remember the barber shop real well. You brought up old memories. Frank Marr was his name and he had an adopted son, Howard Bennett, Deliah Marr was his wife. The barber shop itself had two chairs, six "waiting" chairs along the outer wall, two slot machines, punch boards, candy case and all kinds of fishing equipment for sale. It was quite a gathering place. Cubby Scott, the local Justice of the Peace, was always there telling many tales about the town. Frankie, as he was called, also did shaving. He also would have a drink quite often. Usually his patrons would go into the shop, look Frankie over to see if he had been drinking, before they sat down in the chair. I can remember one day when Gerald Keenan was in a hurry and came into the shop for a quick shave. This was one of the days when Frankie was pretty well oiled. Gerald sat down in the chair where Frankie lathered up his face and was

about ready to shave him when Gerald realized he had been drinking, so he jumped up out of the chair and went out of the shop with a lathered face. Frankie was dumfounded. He did a good business since he was the only barber in town and had a big summer following. I got many haircuts there for fifty cents. Sometimes he wouldn't charge at all. He liked fishing and kept his boat at the Island Harbor dock. During his later years he did a good business selling fishing equipment. He lived and owned the house where the bagel shop is today and the barber shop was on the east side of Grazer's apartment complex. He was a Hague resident for many years and well liked by all of the natives.”

“Yes, there was a barber pole attached to the front corner of the building. . . . The barber shop itself, I'm guessing, wasn't any larger than 50 feet long by 20 feet wide. The reason we used to go to the barber shop so often was so we could punch the punchboard that sat on the candy case. If you were lucky you could win candy bars. It was 5 cents for each punch.”

Ethel Andrus, in the 2007 “What's Cooking in Hague” cookbook, mentions the barber shop in her reminiscences of working on Holman Hill for the Miller sisters. She says, “Somebody once asked me what I did at night. I read! There was a little barbershop in town, in what is now the bagel shop, and they rented books. I would walk downtown and rent a book. Then I walked back to my room and read. That was my entertainment.”

Drop me a line and let me know what you remember of Frank Marr's barbershop: P. O. Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. Thanks!  
... Pat McDonough

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you missed Caperton Tissot's “Adirondack Ice” program last month, you can order her book at <snowyowlpress.com>. If you visit the Historical Society table at the beach on Memorial Day, you can buy a raffle ticket for a copy of her book *Adirondack Ice*. Raffle tickets will be available at our programs in June and July and the winning ticket will be drawn at our August program on “Outboard Regattas in Hague”.

We're still collecting information for our “Tourism” program on June 28, 2011. If you've got something to share about the cabins or other tourist spots during 1940 - 1990 – reminiscences, advertising flyers, menus, maps, brochures, etc., please email to <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> or call us at 543-6725. You can help us preserve Hague history for the generations to come. ... Pat McDonough

### ETHEL ANDRUS TO CELEBRATE 90 YEARS

Ethel Andrus turns 90 on April 27, 2011. Ethel is well-known as the former long-time Postmaster of Silver Bay as well as Historian of the Town of Hague. She also served as President of the Hamilton-Warren County Council of Senior Citizens, as Secretary of the Hague Senior Citizens Club and served on the board of *The Hague Chronicle*.

Notes and cards will reach Ethel at Moses Ludington Hospital – Adult Home, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Or call 585-4079 to wish her a Happy Birthday!

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** Skylar Breu Foster on November 16, 2010 to Jason and Kristin Foster of Gansevoort, NY. Skylar joins brother, Willem, 3 years old. The proud grandparents are Peter and Judy Foster of Hague and proud great-grandmother is Jeannette Foster of Naples, FL, former resident of Silver Bay.

**MARRIED:** Molly Leigh Taylor and Patrick Andrew Toner on April 15, 2011. Molly is the daughter of Lois and Mark Taylor of Essex Junction, VT. Patrick is the son of Jack and Linda Toner, Arlington, VA and Forest Bay, Hague and the grandson of Lari Dhein of Hilton Head, SC and Forest Bay, Hague. Molly and Patrick make their home in Somerville, MA.

**DIED:** John A. Miller, 73, on February 21, 2011. Jack spent his summers at Stonehedge in Silver Bay. He especially enjoyed square dancing at Silver Bay and in the Hague Community Center. He is survived by his wife, Jean, daughters, Laura, Jennifer and Kelly, son John, and 10 grandchildren all of whom summer in Silver Bay.

**DIED:** William H. Randall, 81, peacefully at home in Rhinebeck, NY on March 14, 2011. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Decker Randall; a daughter, Debra Welsh and her husband Robin of Red Hook; a son, Michael Randall of Rhinebeck and three grandchildren. Bill was a United States Army veteran. Carolyn grew up in Hague and they have a home on West Hague Road.

**DIED:** Julia Corscaden Beaty, 91, peacefully in her sleep on March 18, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Julia was a life-time summer resident of Hague and had been a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club since its inception. She was an active supporter of the restoration and use of the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga. She is survived by her four children John (Anne) of Bethesda, MD; James (Seddon) of Lexington, MA; Janet of Harvard, MA; Jeffrey of Washington, DC and her grandson Jamie of Washington, DC. A memorial service will be held at Valley View Cemetery on July 16, 2011.

**DIED:** Dorreen Devenger, 84, of Sutton, VT on April 5, 2011. She was in her 50th year as Town Clerk and Treasurer of Sutton. Dorreen is the mother of Chip Devenger of the Silver Bay YMCA.

**DIED:** Madeline C. LaBarge ("Cassie"), 87, on April 10, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband William E. LaBarge and is survived by her daughters Madeline A. O'Toole (James) of Hague, NY and Caroyl E. LaBarge of San Francisco, CA; three grandchildren Peter O'Toole (Brenda) of Ballston Spa, NY, Eric O'Toole (Aimee) of Brooklyn, NY and Jennifer (O'Toole) Lockhart (Bryon) of Mount Laurel, NJ; eight great grandchildren and four nieces and nephews. and many close friends. Madeline was an avid gardener and when not gardening she and her husband enjoyed the outdoors skiing in winter and sailing in the summer on Lake George.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jordan McKee, on her athletic successes at Ticonderoga High School. At her third consecutive NYS High School Bowling Championships, held in Syracuse on March 5 -6, 2011, Jordan won a medal for girls high single game with a 237 while rolling a 579 three game series. She finished with a six game total of 1,101, which was good for 15th overall for the girls competition. Jordan, a sophomore, has been named the starting pitcher on the varsity softball team, so she's taking a break from bowling for now.

## WITH THE LGA

The March 2011 issue of the Lake George Association (LGA) E-news contained an interesting report on the Lake levels. "After one of the snowiest winters on record, the Lake George Park Commission is prepared to manage higher than normal lake levels. They have already opened the floodgates at the LaChute River, which normally do not open until April 1. By releasing water earlier than usual, the Commission hopes to avoid flooding and reduce damage to docks, boathouses and shorelines. in a recent Lake George Mirror article, Mike White, the executive director of the Lake George Park Commission, "said, "The land's capacity to discharge inflow greatly exceeds the capacity of the outlet to collect water."

The Lake George Watershed Coalition and the LGA are looking for original artwork for the third annual Lake George Bookmark Design Contest. Entries are now being accepted from any students in grades 4-7 attending schools that are part of the Lake George watershed. Bookmark themes should focus on any lake and watershed issues, and may include topics such as pollution, invasive species, aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals, streams and wetlands, lake ecology, water quality, and lake health. The deadline is April 27, 2011 and entry forms can be found on the LGA website at <<http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/documents/BookmarkContest2011EntryForm.pdf>>.

The LGA has launched a Facebook page for LGA members, educators, local residents and tourists at <[www.facebook.com/LakeGeorgeAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/LakeGeorgeAssociation)> to provide accurate and current information on the watershed, its ecosystem, and the environmental programs that protect the Lake. LGA Communications Coordinator Lynne Rosenthal stated, "On the Facebook page, the LGA will seek to create a community of caring people who love the Lake for its unequalled natural beauty and outstanding recreational opportunities, as well as those who depend upon a pristine Lake for their livelihoods."

The March 31, 2011 issue of the Albany Times Union, in an article by Brian Nearing, featured DeFranco Landscaping of Hague as a company which uses native flora to help protect Lake George. They can plant buffers along the shoreline with native plants which help catch runoff and are suited to the local climate. The DeFranco family has worked with local builders and the LGA on designs which will help the goal for a cleaner Lake George.

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

I had an experience on my birthday that I had wanted to happen for many years. I was beginning to wonder if my timing would ever allow me to witness this almost-annual event. So close a few times, but missed it, and so it crept onto my bucket list. It wasn't one of those big things on the list like: "Sail around the world" or "Climb Mt. Everest" (neither of which are actually on my list) or "See the Grand Canyon" (which was). But it was there, nonetheless, because I wanted it and it kept eluding me.

I went down to Forest Bay, sat on a rock and watched the ice go out. I know that sometimes this happens with such speed and fury that within a couple of hours the wind and waves have forced piles of ice up onto the shore, taking out docks and boat-houses regardless of ice eaters chugging along to clear the water around them. I know that sometimes the Lake never fully freezes at all, like last winter. I think that's the intrigue for me ~ that it is never the same. For the last few days I had been receiving calls from friends living within sight of the Lake to give me a heads-up when they thought it might be happening. Patches of open water along the shore and in some of the bays warned that the Lake was about to let go its icy grip on winter, but one thing or another kept me from going and I thought I would miss it yet again.

The morning of my birthday though, I went. As I drove down 9N, I could see that although there were some patches of open water, the Lake was still ice-covered as far as I could see across to Anthony's Nose and up towards Ti. Down in Forest Bay, there were ice floes throughout the bay and big sheets covered most of it. I found a place to sit on the smoothed rock shoreline where I spent the next two hours in awe and peaceful bliss. Inch by inch I saw the ice sheet before me move away



from the shore, like a sliding cover to a box revealing the rocky bottom of the Lake below. Almost six feet away it moved before it began to come back, sliding back to close the cover on the Lake again, grinding against the shoreline where I sat, pushing loose chunks of ice up onto the rocks. I heard it groan, I heard slushy squishing, I heard plops and bubbling like ice cubes dropped into a glass of seltzer. And then it moved away again, like a sigh, back and forth. Though the air was still, the

Lake seemed to be breathing, her chest rising and falling, the ice thawing and sinking...puddles on the ice, larger gaps between the flows, the darkness of open water now could be seen from the top of the Lake to Rogers Rock...the sounds of ice melting suddenly interrupted by the call of a loon. I was startled out of my meditative stillness with the welcoming arrival notes of his song as he surfaced in a patch of open water in the bay. A slight breeze was now making dark ripples between the ice flows and I knew it wouldn't be long now before the north wind took the rest of it. Time to go. Cross that one off the list. I smiled as I realized that I had spent as much time looking over the edge of the Grand Canyon as I had watching the ice go out, finding this experience equally exhilarating ~ and a lot less scary I'm pleased to say.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO CONTEST

*The Hague Chronicle* is sponsoring a photo contest to celebrate its 40th year of publication. All photos should be taken in, or about, the Town of Hague, New York or immediate environs, during the period from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

All entries must be accompanied by specific information and submitted on or before June 30, 2011. Before submitting any images, please request a copy of the guidelines and requirements by email at <haguechronicle.nycap.rr.com> or a stamped-self addressed envelope to The Hague Chronicle Photo Contest, PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836. Guidelines are also available at the Community Center.

### REPUBLICAN PARTY TO MEET

The Hague Republican Committee will meet at the Hague Fire Department on April 27, 2011 at 6 pm. The meeting is open to any potential candidates and interested parties. The 2011 calendar will be reviewed as well as officers for this year. For further information please call Mark Martucci at 543-6020.

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

### HAGUE CALENDAR

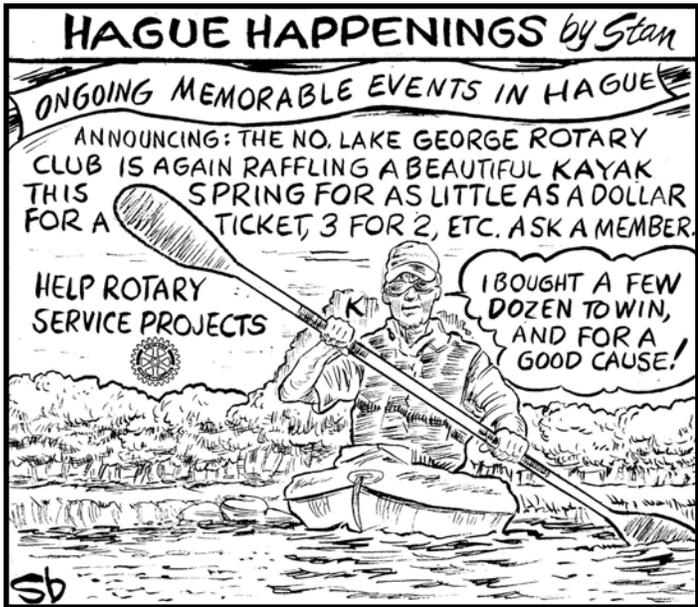
#### APRIL

- 23 9:30 am Loines Preserve Clean Up Day
- 24 Happy Easter! 
- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club meets
- 27 Ethel Andrus is 90 years old
- 28 7 pm ZBA meets
- 29 Restrooms at Town Park open
- 29 5 pm Roast Beef Dinner - Ticonderoga

#### MAY

- 4 7 pm Water Quality Workshop
- 5 5 pm Kiwanis Dinner - Ticonderoga
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 10 6:30 pm Town Board meets
- 10 7 pm TSD Budget hearing
- 11 9 am Senior Trip to Quechee Gorge, VT
- 13 News Deadline for May issue
- 14 9:30 am Fish & Game Club Spring Ride
- 14 1 pm LGLC program "Backyard Farmacy"
- 17 noon - 8 pm TSD Budget vote
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 19 noon Garden Club Lunch and Program
- 19 6:30 pm Taste of Ti Fundraiser

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



**SAVE THE DATES**

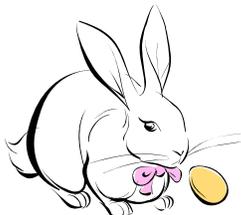


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