



## HAGUE, SASKATCHEWAN

Yes, there is a Hague in Canada - and with a population (just under 800) about the same as ours. I came across information on Hague as I was browsing the internet (<http://www.townofhague.com>) and have been in contact with the Town Administrator, Deanna Braun.

“Our community is situated along a highway that takes travelers from a large city (Saskatoon, the largest city in Saskatchewan) to the northern lakes. We receive a fair bit of highway traffic coming into our community but it is not really our bread and butter!

“We have quite a dense rural population that helps support our town. We are just far enough away from a larger center that residents still rely on our local grocery store and hardware, etc. We also have some unique places of business like the Prairie Chicks - a quilting and scrapbooking store that draws customers from long distances.

“We have in the past have been known for our love of going for coffee and have at times been able to boast up to five restaurants open at a time - pretty good for such a small town! Right now we only have three coffee shop/restaurants operating.”

The Town has an ice arena and ice sports are an important activity in Hague. Also a recent Town Newsletter, which is posted on their website, includes three events - a 55 Alive Driving Course, a Hunter Safety Course and a Boat Safety Course. These same upcoming events are mentioned in this month's issue of *The Hague Chronicle* which indicates some of our similar interests. There is also a bulletin about a “Fundraising Steak Supper hosted by the Hague Volunteer Fire Department” which seems very familiar, too!

A big difference between our towns is in the administration. Instead of a Supervisor, they have a Town Administrator who wears many hats. Deanna remarked, “I was blown away by how many different people are employed or have different positions with your town. I, alone, am the administrator, the assessor, the zoning officer, the bylaw officer, the EMO coordinator, etc, etc”.

I hope to continue my correspondence with Deanna and find out more about our “sister town” in Canada. .... Judy Stock

## WIND CHILL FACTORY

It's less than two months since the fire at The Wind Chill Factory in Ticonderoga and it is already being rebuilt. According to owner, Bob Porter, there will be three windows for food and two for ice-cream. In addition, there will be indoor seating and bakery items. When the bagel shop closed in Hague, Bob bought the equipment which has been in storage and he now plans to use it.

*See photos on page 10*

## BRUSH BURNING



Burning of all residential waste (burn barrels, etc.) is banned in New York State. Open burning of brush (leaves, small branches) is permitted in towns with population under 20,000 but only from May 15 - March 15. In other words, in Hague between March 15 and May 15, brush burning is NOT allowed.

This rule seems odd when the March 15 - May 15 period is when we pick up the debris from the winter, when it is wettest and when the cooler weather makes it more pleasant. Or at least that is how many of us in Hague see it.

A March 2010 DEC press release <<http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/63389.html>> discusses the issue. In it, DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis outlined the reasons for banning open fires in the spring. He said, “Several factors enable wildfires to start easily and spread quickly at this time, including the lack of green vegetation, abundance of available fuels such as dry grass and leaves, warm temperatures and wind.”

He further indicated that “data from DEC's Forest Protection Division show that debris burning accounted for about 40 percent of wildfires between 1986 and 2006 - more than twice the next most-cited source. In addition, from 2000 to 2007, New York's fire departments responded to an average of 2,600 wildfires each year during the period of March 15 through May 15.”

Well, May 15th will be here soon and those brush piles can finally be ignited. But first ... remember to see Bertha Dunsmore in the Community Center who will issue your necessary burn permit. A handout with the burning regulations is also available there.

... Judy Stock

## TICONDEROGA SCHOOL BUDGET

At the April 7, 2010 meeting of the Town Board, Councilman Gladu noted that he had attended the Ticonderoga School District Budget Workshop on April 6th and the proposed budget shows an increase of 8.78% in the tax levy. He has arranged with Superintendent of Schools John McDonald to hold a meeting in Hague on April 26, 2010 at 6 pm to present the budget and give more information to Hague residents. Gladu encourages all interested parties to attend.

Dates of interest for the Ticonderoga School District are: April 23, 2010 – Property Tax Report Card available; May 11, 2010 – Personal Voter Registration in Hague at the Community Center from 1 – 5 pm and Public Hearing on the budget in Ticonderoga at THS cafeteria at 7 pm; May 18, 2010 – Vote on budget and election of school board members from noon – 8 pm.

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The March 23, 2010 meeting was great fun with an Olympic Trivia Game, followed by Bingo. We also discussed our preparations for upcoming events: Hague's Memorial Day Parade, which the Club is sponsoring for the 8th year in a row, a White Elephant Sale and the Senior View Café.

We think the Memorial Day Parade is the best on the shores of Lake George. It all began with the idea to sponsor an event that could bind the whole town together again, as in the days when Hague still had its own school. Then the whole town would come out to suppers, basketball games, square dances and variety shows, like *Uncle Ezry's Hayloft Jamboree*.

Under the chairmanship of Madeline Pelkey, the parade has succeeded in that goal. Town organizations and businesses, kids, families, friends, dogs and other pets march in it. Great bands come from out of town. So do the *Shriners* with their clowns, the sweet pony cart, and lots of shiny fire engines. Everyone can be in the parade. Or be a crafter and sell your creations at the beach. Look for bargains at the White Elephant table. And as always, our Memorial Celebration will end in the solemn dedication honoring our fallen service men and women, and those in active duty, with a backdrop of most beautiful Lake George.

Any donations in fairly good condition [no clothing, please] would be appreciated for the Senior Club's White Elephant Sale. Please call Patricia Hintze for drop off or pick up 543-6502.

Club President Pat Hintze has more creative plans for us. Come to this month's outing to the Buffet Lunch at the Saratoga Race Track Casino on April 21, 2010. Non-members are invited! If you are over 65, the cost is \$6.95.

From June 8-13, 2010 during *Americade*, the Club is running the Senior View Café at the Town Beach Visitor's Center for the first time. We are asking for donations and volunteers to help out that week. You do not have to belong to the Seniors to help out. We will be open every day from 11am - 4 pm. Any questions or to sign up please call Patricia Hintze at 543-6502.

Our next meeting, on April 27, 2010, will feature the topic "Get Ready for Gardening." Come hear the speaker! New members and visitors are always welcome! Don't let the words "senior citizens" put you off. We're a fun bunch!

... Christine M. Ianson/Maureen Cherubini

## MONTHLY ROAST BEEF DINNER

The monthly Public Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, April 30, 2010, 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 \$10 for adults and \$7 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.

This will be the last dinner of the season. Public dinners will resume in September.

## ANOTHER COSTLY MANDATE FOR HVFD



At the March meeting of our Board of Directors, it was learned that the Warren County Fire District will be changing radio frequencies to narrow band. This means that radios on all apparatus and ambulances as well as hand held units and pagers will all have to be replaced by August 1st. This was not pre-advised, not pre-planned, and of course, not budgeted. It remains to be seen if any funding will be made available to assist with this financial burden now facing many small volunteer departments. We doubt it. We do hope as usual, that you remember this article when our few fund raising efforts come up through the year.

There are Fire Police classes scheduled for May and June and three members are beginning Fire Fighter 1 training. In March there were no Fire calls and 1 EMS call using 2 man hours. That is very unusual. Hope there are many more.

As always, we welcome new members, either at the supportive level or to train as Fire Police, Firemen or EMTs. We meet every first Monday. If you have any questions, ask a member.

Bikers should be cautious of loose sand and gravel, especially on side roads and at intersections. In some towns the roads haven't been swept yet. Watch out for careless drivers!

... Joe McCrannels

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## MEMORIAL DAY 2010

Saturday, May 29, 2010 is fast approaching with the Senior's Parade Committee diligently working to ensure the people of Hague won't be disappointed with this year's celebration. The Family Funfest is shaping up nicely with several new and exciting *Special Attractions* [to be announced in May] materializing which will be fun for all ages. There will be Children's Games, Face Painting, the 'very wet' Dunking Booth, White Elephant Table, Crafters, Flowering Plants, Educational Programs, several Food Concessions, WOKO Music all day and Cambridge Band Concert at 12:30. All this and more will run from 10 am to 4 pm.

The GOD BLESS AMERICA PARADE will start promptly at 2 pm rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded as follows: BEST IN PARADE, MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST ADIRONDACK THEME, MOST CREATIVE, MOST HUMOROUS, BEST YOUTH PRESENTATION and HONORABLE MENTION for both Adult and Youth. So . . . all you clever, creative people out there, start planning. Would love to see more family groups take part. Floats, Clowns, Unique Vehicles, Marching Groups, whatever - just join in the fun! Don't forget, you must call to register to be in the Parade Lineup.

The Memorial Service at the beach immediately after the parade, promises to be another memorable dedication which you will not want to miss. This ceremony is very moving as you will see when you hear the drum rolls, the muskets and cannon fire and of course, the echoing *Taps*. This Dedication sums up Hague's entire DAY TO REMEMBER.

We thank all who have donated to the Parade Fund to date. For those who still wish to contribute, checks should be made out to Hague Senior Citizens Club Parade Account. Mail to Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY, 12836.

For further information, phone contacts are Michael Cherubini at 543-6463, Ray Snyder at 585-6061 or Madeline Pelkey 543-6130. ....Madeline Pelkey

## HAGUE VETERANS NEEDED

The Memorial Day Parade needs your help. We would like to have Hague Veterans act as escort for Hague's Memorial Unit. You can choose to march or ride in the parade on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Lineup at the Community Center is 1 pm with parade at 2 pm. Please do give me a call at 543-6130.

... Madeline Pelkey

## TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Tentative Roll will be available for inspection after May 1, 2010 at the Hague Community Center, Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. David Martucci, Sole Assessor, will be in attendance with the Roll, by appointment only, on the following Mondays - May 3, 10 and 17 and on Saturday, May 15th, from 4 to 8 pm. Please call (518) 543-6161 for an appointment.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 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>.

## LGA – SPRING CLEANING, BOAT SAFETY CLASSES AND FLOATING CLASSROOM

For more information or to register for any of the LGA programs, call the Lake George Association (LGA) at (518) 668-3558, email <info@lakegeorgeassociation.org> or visit the website at <www.lakegeorgeassociation.org>.

**SPRING CLEANING:** The LGA, the membership organization that works to protect the beauty and cleanliness of Lake George, takes an unusual approach to spring cleaning... it's called a Catch Vac, and it recently came out of storage and hit the streets of Lake George Village. "The LGA's Catch Vac removes large quantities of sand and grit, applied to the roads during the winter that accumulates in the region's catch basins" said Randy Rath, LGA's project manager. The Catch Vac reaches and pulls out leaves, debris, bottles and cans from as far down as 100 feet into storm water drains, manholes and catch basins. By providing the Catch Vac for lease to area municipalities, contractors, homeowners and private citizens, the LGA makes this essential spring cleaning task both easy and affordable. For more information or to make a reservation to use the Catch Vac, contact Mona Seeger at the LGA. 668-3558

**BOAT SAFETY CLASSES:** The LGA and the Eastern NY Marine Trades Association (ENYMTA) are co-sponsoring a series of safe boating training courses, leading to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation.

Two options are available: a single-day course on a weekend or a three-day evening course during the week. Students who take one of the sit-down courses this spring will be able to come back in the summer for an on-lake program aboard the LGA's Floating Classroom boat.

The courses are free and are open to adults and children 10 years of age and older. The course is required for all young boaters ages 10 - 18 and for any person in New York State who is driving a personal water craft (PWC), also known as a jet ski. People 18 and over who complete the course hours and requirements must send in a \$10 fee to receive their course completion card.

Class size is limited to 15 participants. The evening courses (M, W, F) will be given at the LGA office from 5:30 – 8:30 pm on these dates: April 26, 28 and 30; May 10, 12, 14 and June 7, 9, 11. A local venue for the ENYMTA full day course will be at Snug Harbor Marina on Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 9 am – 5 pm.

**FLOATING CLASSROOM:** The Floating Classroom reaches over 1,000 area students, adults and visitors each season, providing hands-on activities about lake ecology, geology and stewardship. In 2009 the LGA purchased a new 40-foot custom-built catamaran boat and outfitted it with water quality measurement tools, including Secchi disks, plankton nets and other lake monitoring equipment. Schools, youth groups, adult groups and tour groups are invited on board for programs customized to their interests.

This summer, for the first time, the LGA will offer two-hour floating classroom trips to the general public on Wednesday mornings during July and August, leaving from a dock near Shepard Park in Lake George.

## **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 4/7/10**

All Board members were present for this special workshop. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss Building Utilization of the Community Center. Councilwoman Frasier reported on the results of the surveys of groups [Senior Club, Garden Club, etc] that use the kitchen and gave recommendations based on them. One important issue identified was the need for more counter space. The old pizza oven, grill and deep fryer will be taken out and the room reconfigured.

Other areas of consideration included the Vault, Main Room - especially the acoustics and the offices on the back side of the building. The Basement has been cleaned up but records cannot be kept there because of the humidity. Plans need to be made for better ventilation.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee [Frasier and Martucci] plan to go to other towns [possibly Bolton, Horicon, Chester, Thurman, Stony Creek] to see how they keep their records and use their buildings.

Several other items or reports were given including a discussion of the bill from the Attorney for the Town and a sewer easement in Forest Bay. It was noted that after a sewer district has been formed a property may be added to the district but not deleted.

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING - 4/13/10**

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 Paul Babson, Sharon Butler and Nancy Butler.

With rumors abounding around Town, more than 50 people turned out for this meeting.

Madeline Pelkey, chair for the Memorial Day celebration, asked the Board to clarify rumors that have been circulating considering hiring a professional event planner. She specifically wanted to know if groups that already do Town events, such as the Senior Club's sponsorship of the activities for Memorial Day, would continue to receive funding, be able to be in charge of the events and be able to publicize them.

Board members felt that the Town events worked on by the many volunteers groups are successful. The Board has not made any decisions, nor even discussed the hiring of a planner for these events. They have discussed, but not made a decision on the need for an effective promotion that, as Councilman Gladu noted, "ties together all the wonderful things you do."

Tom Haskell said that the Chamber of Commerce would like to do the promotion by advertising through their website and papers.

Supervisor Belden said that he will set up a meeting with all the organizations.

The Board approved the use of Town facilities for the John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse on July 23, 2010 from 6 - 9 pm.

John Brown asked the Board to clarify a rumor that the

main room of the Community Center building will be broken up into smaller sections. The Board assured him that was not the case. They are looking at the utilization of the rooms in the back and of the kitchen. In the main room they are going to get information on a better sound system.

Scott Patchett appeared with plans to increase the size of the pump house of the Hague Homeowners Water Association as required by the NYS Department of Health. The Town owns the property and the association would then own the building. Due to deadlines, Patchett hoped to have approval soon. Councilman Gladu noted that while it is a legitimate request, there is a process to go through. George Ianson spoke from the audience and said that any plan of that type should go through the site plan process of the Planning and Zoning Boards. No decision was made and it will be brought up again next month.

Chris Navitsky said that the towns in the county do not accept hazardous waste for disposal, and the DEC doesn't want to deal with it, so he is reaching out to the towns to get something going on a county wide basis. Supervisor Belden said he would bring it up with the county.

Marty Fitzgerald, of the HVFD, asked about a rumor that the Town might not let the department use the boat slip for the Fire and Rescue Boat. Councilman Meola said that he had suggested that possibly the boat could be moved to the big boat dock to allow for more space at the boat launch area. Marty noted that would involve much more security.

Marty also reported that the County is switching systems and they will need to change their radios out as well as new pagers. It will be a large expense which is not in their budget. Supervisor Belden had not heard about it and will investigate further.

Lara Smith presented a petition from most of the residents on the northern end of New Hague Road asking the Board to have Time Warner start at their end of Town when installing new cable for internet service.

Councilman Meola noted that, as previously discussed, there should be a meeting on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Gladu will set up a workshop before the next Town Board meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

Assessor & Justice (Gladu/Meola):

Assessor Martucci asked for a clarification on the process for communicating with the Town Board. It was his understanding that he should report directly to the Committee Chairman who is Councilman Gladu which is correct.

Finance & Insurance (Frasier/Martucci):

Councilwoman Frasier said the insurance is due May 1st. Supervisor Belden has talked with a person who does insurance for Lake George and Bolton and has his card.

Fire Department (Gladu/Martucci):

Councilman Martucci reported that the Fire Boat is ready to go in and noted the issue of the required change of radios had already been discussed.

Highway (Martucci/Gladu):

Highway Superintendent Smith reported that they have picked up “93 yards of sand - which won’t get into the Lake.”

Sewer Districts #1 and #2 (Belden/Frasier):

The sewer bills will be out by May 1, 2010.

Town Park (Meola/Martucci):

Councilwoman Frasier noted that Bob Rafferty will have time to work in the Town Park to mow and rake and that Councilman Meola just needs to let Bertha know what needs to be done.

Transfer Station (Gladu/Meola):

The “Free Day” will be on June 18 - 19, 2010. The rules and regulations will be published [and summarized in the May issue of *The Hague Chronicle*]. The committee is working on a contract with Casella.

**In other business the Board:**

Approved the low bid for installation of an additional vacuum air unit in the Community Center.

Approved \$300 per lot as the fee in lieu of recreation area for a Major Subdivision.

Approved \$700 for High Peaks proposal to cut 2 large dead pine trees in the Heritage Cemetery on Pine Orchard Rd.

Approved a request from the Hague Senior Citizens Club for permission to store items at the Visitor Center for their White Elephant sale in May.

Approved a proclamation on underage drinking from the county “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most Month April 2010”

Approved Resolution #44 “authorizing the Town Assessor to apportion the capital costs of construction of Sewer District No. 2 upon the benefitted properties and permitting prepayment of capital expenses.” [Schedule A attached to the resolution lists the affected properties. The capital fee is \$14,373.19 per property.]

Approved Resolution #45 establishing an Investment Policy for the Town.

Approved Resolutions #46 and #47 for collection of sewer user fees [\$450 per EDU in District #1 and \$400 per EDU in District #2]. Councilman Meola voted against the first resolution believing that the two districts should pay equal fees.

Authorized Supervisor Belden to sign a letter of intent to pursue cell tower infrastructure.

Approved \$2,170 to subsidize the Hague part of the Lake George Steward Program since the LGA may not get the funding this year.

**PLANNING BOARD – 4/1/10**

Note to our readers: For each agenda, ZEO Cathy Clark indicates the corresponding code regulation section. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website and the complete Town Code, which is searchable, is available online at <<http://ecode360.com/?custid=HA1590>>. Zoning is section 160.

Chairman EJ Siwek and all other Planning Board members, John Brown, Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, Dick Frasier, Mike Cherubini and Martin Fitzgerald, Sr were in attendance.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-41.1 & 26.17-2-42.11) 9117 Lake Shore Drive (Hamlet)

An application was granted for a lot line change that involved 3 lots. The approval contained a condition that any further subdividing of these lots which would create two additional lots, would bring that subdivision under the regulations for a major subdivision.

At the March meeting, the Board had approved a motion, made by Chairman Siwek, to waive a public hearing on this application since a public hearing may be held on a lot line change but is not required. Siwek said the reasoning behind waiving the hearing was “that it was a merger of a non-conforming lot into a conforming lot.”

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

The application, discussed last month, was taken off the agenda.

JOHNSTON (60.5-1-5) 8746 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The Board approved a modification to a 2008 Site Plan approval for an addition to an existing house. The 2008 addition was for a 2367 sq. ft. (footprint) addition 52’ from the Lake. The new proposal is for a 1868 sq. ft. (footprint) addition which when completed would sit 56’ 3” from the Lake.

The Planning Board learned that the Town Board will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

**ZONING BOARD – 3/25/10**

Meeting was cancelled.

**ZEO ATTENDS LGA WORKSHOP**

On March 30, 2010, Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark (one of the few women) and Walt Waters of Hague were among the 90 people who attended a workshop on alternative septic system design. Clark noted, “The timing and the importance of the session was due to the passing of the new Department of Health Regulations for On-Site Waste Water Installations. It made it possible for local contractors (Waters and Sarg Condit) to attend the valuable session. They are the ones who install systems that engineers design.”

Engineers, CEOs, municipal authorities and health professionals went to the Lake George conference to learn state-of-the-art alternative design solutions for septic systems. The workshop was sponsored by the Lake George Association (LGA) and the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York (CWICNY).

“We were overwhelmed by the attendance and positive feedback this year, our first year of offering this workshop,” said Emily DeBolt, LGA’s director of education. “The Lake George Watershed is challenging for homeowners and contractors because lot sizes can be too small, hilly and rocky for traditional septic systems. Proper wastewater design is of great concern for us at the LGA, and teaching and consulting with the public on effective practices is one of our highest priorities.”

## VENDORS STILL NEEDED FOR ARTS FAIR

Hague's 39th Annual Arts Fair will be held on August 7 - 8, 2010 at the Hague Community Center on Route 8 in Hague. All vendors of handcrafted items, jewelry, photography, produce and flowers are invited. The cost for the two days is \$50 and \$40 for one day.

For further information please contact Karen Laundree at <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com> or Judy Schultz at 518-543-6769.

## HAGUE ARTIST DEBUT PUBLICATION

Tavish Costello, son of Karen and Tim Costello of Hague, has created a book of his drawings and writings. This debut publication, entitled "some", features unique, colorful, figure drawings and written passages. It is available at Juniper Design and Gifts in downtown Hague. Copies can also be ordered at <www.lulu.com> [type "some" into the search box] and online coupons can be found with <www.retailmenot.com>.

According to the website, this book "offers an intimate rendezvous with the human form on paper. Color is used as a catalyst under-painting, reacting with bodies represented in graphite. The representation and abstraction can be seen as anthropomorphic, between the real and immaterial throughout. Images that grow like those that are seen differently at every glance."

## FORT TICONDEROGA GARDEN PROGRAM

On Tuesday, June 8, 2010, herbalist Nancy Wotton Scarzello will explore the Fort Ticonderoga gardens and grounds on a 90-minute walk and talk. Join her to learn about the traditional and folkloric uses of wild plants, trees and mushrooms found here and in our own yards! Nancy will share ways we can still use these plants for foods and homemade medicines. The fee is \$15 and pre-registration is required for this 1:30 pm program. The rain date will be June 9th. Call (518) 585-2821 to register or for more information.

## MULTIDIMENSIONAL ART EXHIBIT

*bjsartworks Gallery* at "The Shirt Factory", 71 Lawrence Street, Glens Falls, has announced the latest exhibition. From May 1 to June 12, 2010, "The Art of Dan Zollinger" will be featured. Dan is a multi-dimensional artist whose works include abstract as well as representational paintings. The opening reception will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 4 - 6 pm.

## CELL SERVICE CLOSE TO REALITY

According to Councilman Dick Gladu, AT&T has a plan to construct a cell tower in Huletts Landing which should include coverage from Sabbath Day Point along Lakeshore Drive (Rt 9N) to the hamlet. To fill the gap west along Graphite Mountain Road (Rt. 8), Dick has talked with a representative from Independent Towers who is interested in construction of a cell tower on the property currently occupied by the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Decker Hill Road. This location and the use of needed space would allow AT&T to provide the service.

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING EDUCATION

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County (CCE) will be offering a Hunter Education Class on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm. This class provides the necessary training needed to receive a Hunter Education Certificate for New York State. The program also fulfills the requirements for re-issuing a certificate for those who may have lost theirs and are not in the current system. Topics will include safe firearms handling, wildlife conservation, hunting ethics, outdoor safety/survival, and general laws of hunting in NYS. This class is provided free of charge thanks to the Pittman-Robertson tax paid by trappers and hunters.

Each student MUST complete the home study workbook, which takes between 2.5-5 hours, and present the completed workbook at the beginning of the classroom session. All materials must be picked up at the CCE office (Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm) no later than 4:30 pm on May 6, 2010. Youth must be at least 11 years old before the class and have written parental permission. Class is limited to 30 students; pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 668-4881 or 623-3291.

A Trapper Education Course will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8 am to 4 pm. A trapper education course is required by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in order to purchase a trapping license. The course will include an overview of current trapping laws, ethics, techniques, and the common species harvested during the trapping season. This course is provided free of charge thanks to the Pittman-Robertson tax which is paid by trappers and hunters. Master Training Instructor Charles Lashway will be the main presenter for this training session. Additionally, a DEC Officer will join the program to review current laws and the role of the conservation officer. Youth MUST be 10 years or older. Class is limited to 25 participants. To register, please call Charles Lashway at (518) 792-7873.

Both classes will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center on 377 Schroon River Road in Warrensburg.

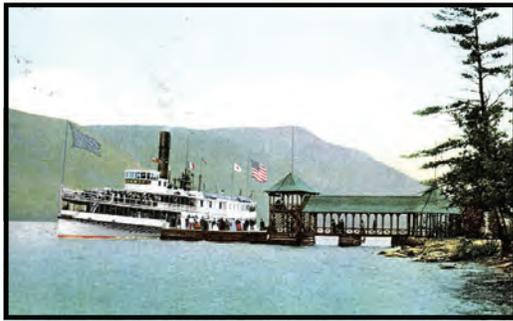
## DIXIE IS RECOVERING

Slowly but surely, Dixie is learning how to walk again. The black lab mix was shot near her home in January. Lonnie Swinton has been arraigned in the matter and a new Hague Town Court appearance date of June 17, 2010 was set.

With thousands of dollars worth of medical bills for Dixie, friends of Mae Pagan have set up a fund where tax deductible donations may be made to help with expenses. Any contribution can be sent to: The Dixie Fund, Glens Falls National Bank, 123 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, NY 12883.



*Animal Rights group, SAVIORS, based in Warrensburg, urges "Justice for Dixie."*



Str. "Sagamore" at Silver Bay on Lake George

Years ago, Ethel Andrus, a Hague Historical Society member and later Town Historian, wrote a series of historical sketches for the Silver Bay "Breeze". Here's some of what she had to say about "The Lake and Its Boats":

"Tell us, what do you think when you see the magnificence of Lake George? . . . I'm sure that you all see and feel the tremendous beauty of the scene, but might you not also see some of Robert Rogers Rangers maneuvering their boats and canoes toward Ticonderoga as they set forth to spy upon the French fortifications there? Can you see the boatloads of British and Colonial soldiers (15000 of them!) under General Abercrombie as he made his ill-fated sortie upon Ticonderoga in 1758? Or perhaps you can see the heavy bateaux, laden with Cannon from Ticonderoga, the oarsmen pushing hard against a December wind, as, under Henry Knox, the cannon move on the first leg of their incredible journey to George Washington's army for use in the siege of Boston.

"I mention these things, not only because they haunt this writer, but to point out that the Lake is not merely a beauty spot. It was useful - useful summer and winter. First and foremost it was transportation. Our ancestors found it a lot easier to fashion some kind of boat and launch it upon the lake than it was to whack a trail through this mountainous terrain, and it was a lot easier to move any given quantity of men, materials and supplies over the water than on land. It was not until the days of automobiles and good roads that the lake became almost entirely devoted to pleasure. . . . As industries developed, barges of lumber, graphite, coal and farm produce were propelled through the water by one force or another. As soon as the ice thickened in winter, teams of oxen and horses took over and performed the hauling tasks. And, in the days prior to electrical refrigeration, the ice itself was an important product. For, by the mid 1800's this whole area had become a tourist attraction, and there were all manner and type of hotel and boarding house to cater to the summer vacationer, and ice was as necessary to these establishments as a deep freeze locker would be today.

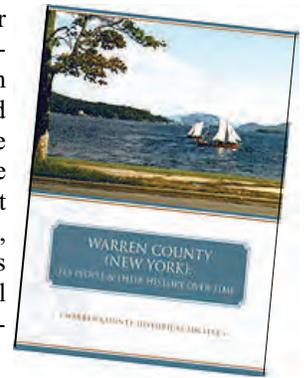
"We have stressed that the lake was always a means of transportation. For years it was the simplest and most convenient method of reaching any town located on or near the lake. People who grew up in this area 70 to 80 years ago remember that a traveler was nearly dependent on the lake steamers and

that the communities hereabout relied upon them for their mail and for freight haulage. One woman recalls, that, as a child, she was taken to the dentist in Glens Falls. She and her chaperone caught "the morning boat" at the Silver Bay dock and traveled up the Lake to Lake George (then Caldwell), took the electric cars to Glens Falls, performed their errands, and then reversed the process, arriving back in Silver Bay on 'the night boat'. (There was also a 'noon boat' during the steamers' heyday). People arriving at the Association for the summer brought their huge trunks along on the same boat that delivered them to the Association dock. And the conferences came and went by the same conveyance. 'Going to meet the boat' was a lark for anyone with a few spare moments at just the right time."

We are indebted to Ethel for her writings and for her dedication to the preservation of Hague's history.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Here's your chance to get your own copy of the Warren County Historical Society's new "Warren County (New York): Its People and their History Over Time". The Hague Historical Society will be raffling off a copy of this \$40 book at our Annual Meeting on June 22, 2010. You can buy the raffle tickets (3/\$5) at our table at the Memorial Day Fun Fest or at the Annual Meeting.



This 496-page volume, written by 17 authors, develops the social history of the County and "is rich in accounts of the people who have lived and worked in Warren County." Don't miss the opportunity to support your Historical Society as well as get a bargain! It also makes a wonderful gift!

Our Hotels researchers are just about finished with their work and what a fine job they have done! Our programs this summer will focus on their work so be sure to put June 22nd on your calendar and watch for notices of other programs during the upcoming months.

Society dues (\$5) and any questions or information you may want to share can be mailed to PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836, or email us at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

### SHORTEST SAILING BATTLE

On Friday, April 23, 2010 at 7 pm, the Ticonderoga Historical Society will host Robert Lamb in a presentation "The Shortest Battle in the Age of Sail." Lamb's program centers on the swift and devastating battle, lasting just 15 minutes, between the USS Chesapeake and the HMS Shannon off the coast of Boston on June 1, 1813. It was one of the shortest encounters between wooden warships in history.

The presentation will take place at the Hancock House [by the monument] in Ticonderoga. Refreshments will be served and admission is free although donations will be accepted. For additional information, contact the Ticonderoga Historical Society at <tihistory@verizon.net> or 585-7868.

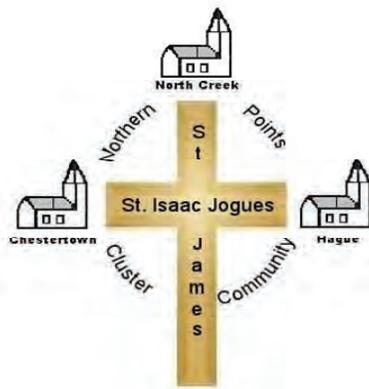
## ~SOUNDINGS~

**DIED:** William (Bo) O’Leary of Hague on April 14, 2010. Bo was the Assistant Manager of the Hague Wastewater Treatment Plant. A service was held at the Silver Bay Chapel as well as other “Celebrations of Life.”

### MEMORIAL FLOWER BASKETS

A reminder that the memorial donations are due for the hanging baskets which grace the hamlet area. Donations can be sent to the Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. The downtown flowers will be maintained by Town employee Bob Rafferty.

### SERVICES AGAIN AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



The Blessed Sacrament Church is now known as the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues/ Blessed Sacrament, Hague. This change reflects the merger of two churches, St. John the Baptist in Chestertown and Blessed Sacrament.

The Parish resumed Masses on Palm Sunday at 11:15 am. The Mass will continue at that time each Sunday until Memorial Day. On Sunday, May 30, 2010 the services will start at 9 am and continue at that time through the summer. The Celebrant is Rev. John O’Kane.

### ALL - STAR KEGLERS

Congratulations to Jordan McKee of Hague, a Ticonderoga Freshman on the Girl’s Bowling Team who had another exceptional year. In February, Jordan had a 508 and 525 series for a total of 1035, which was 51 pins higher than the next competitor, for the top girl’s individual honors in the Section VII State All-Star Team Qualifier in Plattsburgh. In March, she went to Poughkeepsie for the State Championships and finished 35th overall for girls where she was the lead scorer among the Section VII keglers. She had a total of 1032 including a game of 225.

Congratulations also to Nathan Laundree of Hague who was a member of the Ticonderoga Boy’s Bowling Team. Nate finished 6th in the Section VII qualifiers with a score of 1174 and was the first alternate for the State Championships.

### TICONDEROGA COUNTRY CLUB

PGA Professional George Mackey at the Ticonderoga Golf Club will again be giving free Golf Clinics. These sessions will be held on Friday evenings from 6 - 7 pm on May 14, May 21 and June 4, 2010. Everyone is welcome and for more information you can call 585-2801. As an added incentive for golfers, the TCC has rolled back its fees for 2010 golf permits.

## RENTAL LISTINGS

In March, as a service to our readers we listed local houses for rent in the Hague area this coming summer. We are repeating a summary of the contact information and including one new listing sent to us.



**Bryant - Pine Cove:** Contact Bobbi Taylor at 336-287-3567 or Doug Bryant at 804-323-1504 or Shirley Bryant at <sbryant@surfglobal.net>.

**Freud - Dark Bay, Putnam:** Contact Sally Freud at 856-755-1999 or <swfreud@verizon.net>.

**Radke - Hague:** Contact <ellen12000@gmail.com> or 518-543-6293.

**Sinkway - Silver Bay:** Contact Robin Emery at <Robine@optonline.net> or Connie Sinkway at <conniebob424@verizon.net>.

**Soliday - Silver Bay:** The house sleeps 6, has 1 full bath on second floor and powder room on first. Lakefront house on 5 acres. Contact Martha Soliday at 860-283-5559.

### CENTERING PRAYER AND MEDITATION SERIES

The Silver Bay Spiritual Life Center has announced a weekly program “Centering Prayer and Meditation” in the Center’s Quiet Room on Tuesday mornings at 9 am. The program is an “exploration and practice of mindfulness.” It is open to all who are interested and facilitated by Noelle Nielsen and Julie Cook.

### TFCU CHALLENGES YOUTH TO SAVE

The Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is holding a Youth Savings Week which will continue through April 24, 2010. This national credit union celebration is designed to teach young members the benefits of saving and goal setting as well as inviting young people to open savings accounts and make deposits this week and throughout the year.

The TFCU is inviting youth, as well as their parents/ grandparents or guardians, to visit the Ticonderoga, Port Henry or Elizabethtown branches. Members under age 18 may enter for a chance to win several prizes including one of three \$50 US Savings Bonds. Ten young members from credit unions nationwide will each win \$100. Although a deposit is encouraged, it is not required to enter.

Youth have the chance to sign-up to receive information on *Money & Me*, TFCU’s teen money management summer course as well as a coloring contest for members up to age 12. Further information on the event, as well as financial education materials, will be on hand in the lobbies and on the website <www.tfcunow.com/youth>.

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### Clues from the Past for a Healthy Future

At the very moment I am writing this article, I am looking at the same view up the Lake that Maj. Robert Rogers and his Rangers saw in 1755. Or maybe it was one of the French or Indian parties that camped here, chosen for the strategic position to the “carrying place” on this route to Ft. Carillon (later Ft. Ticonderoga), Ft. St. Frederic and Crown Point. I am engrossed in a new book Ken Engler recommended to me, *War on the Run*, by John F. Ross. “The Epic Story of Robert Rogers and the Conquest of America’s First Frontier” is packed with detailed narrative about this very place now called Forest Bay. Others mentioned are Friends Point, Hague Bay and a plethora of recognizable places from Lake George to Crown Point!

My normal habit of reading several unrelated books at any given time has thrown me a serendipitous bone. *Notes on a Lost Flute: A Field Guide to the Wabanaki* by Kerry Hardy has captured my heart with his eco-historical book on the people who lived here before us and *how* they lived. Lake George sits within the western border of the lands once occupied by the Wabanaki people, land extending eastward to the Maine coast. “Without realizing it, we still travel on routes where native people and the earliest European traders once walked. We still call some places by their traditional names, without knowing what the names mean. We speed past stands of nut trees and food crops still growing where generations of Wabanaki people once gathered in seasonal villages.” These people had a culture built around nature, it followed the seasons and the people hunted, planted and harvested their foods according to the prime times and abundance of what nature offered. They lived in partnership with nature and were well nurtured in return.

Robert Rogers spent his boyhood in close relationship with the native people in his homeland in New Hampshire. The Wabanaki people taught him their ways in scouting, hunting, reading the landscape and the “survival” techniques that later would serve him in war with these same people. To the Indians, these were not survival techniques; they were *living* techniques, in rhythm with nature and intimately connected to it. These were the ways that Rogers used to create his corps of Rangers, what today would be considered “Special Forces” using many of the same survival techniques.

What has become clear to me while reading both of these books is that nothing has changed. Nature is still offering these foods to us, they still grow here ~ right here under our noses ~ and we are still ignoring them like the Europeans did in 1755. We have our “Supermarkets” full of convenience foods that are killing us, while the “weeds” in our yards are packed with the vitamins and minerals our bodies are longing for! I’m making a determined effort to become entrained into the rhythm of the seasons, incorporating wild foods on a regular basis while making weekly forays and assessments of what is available. This week I dug groundnuts (they are like small potatoes) where the ice had taken out a section of the bank by the beach. I had sautéed dandelion greens (one of the most vitamin packed foods we can eat!), the nettles are up (for spanikopita and quiche) and the marsh marigolds are prime for the picking as are the fiddleheads. The wild parsnips that wintered over are sweet and delicious ~ now is the time to dig them (see my article from Nov 2009!) before they send up their stalks.

Free food, and healthier for me ~ a no-brainer, what are you waiting for?

### Note from Nancy regarding Cougars in Hague:

Thanks to everyone who called to relate their experiences and stories regarding sightings of cougars in Hague! There were many of you and the calls are still coming in, so those of you who thought no one would believe you ~ there are many that do, myself included! I am still getting together a package of info to send off to the DEC, so if there is anyone else who would like to contribute it is never too late. Please call me, 518-585-2106, thanks!

### HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOPS

If you have been reading the articles by our Nature editor, Nancy Wotton Scarzello, and wished that you could learn more about her work – you are in luck!

Nancy will be presenting a series of workshops focusing on the Mind, Body and Spirit connections through Nature that allow us to thrive in the modern world.

The first workshop called “Spring into Health” will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in Ticonderoga. Sessions in this workshop include: Spring Tonics - Herbs to cleanse and refresh; the Art of making Tea - Techniques and recipes; Wild Herbs & Foods - A walk in field & forest to ID and harvest; In the Garden ~What to plan and plant for three season’s harvest; plus Lifestyle Strategies for Healthy Living:

Resources, handouts, recipes, take-home items and Lunch are included in the day’s activities for a fee of \$95. The class size is limited so call Nancy at 518-585-2106 to register and for further information.

### Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

#### Hague, March 13 – April 16, 2010

Daylight savings began so sunrise is now at 6:09 am and sunset is at 7:39 pm. Although the weather was perfect for the Easter sunrise service held at the Hague Beach, the two key words for the period are mild and rainy. The old saying April showers bring May flowers is holding true for our weather. The tulips, daffodils, and crocuses are all blooming. The grass is growing and in need of cutting. The trees are budding out and the forsythia is blooming in full force after a mild winter. We are about three weeks ahead of schedule due to the warm temperatures into the 70’s for fifteen days of the month.

We had two Nor’easters during the period. The first on March 14 dropped 1/2 inch of rain and brought blustery winds. The northeast coastal areas received the brunt of this storm. We had more rain on March 23 - 25 and even a dusting of snow. Then on March 28 - 31, the second Nor’easter rolled in. We again escaped the worst of it with 1.4” rain while Rhode Island had their worst flooding in 200 years. On April 6 our first big thunderstorms of the season rolled thru. Total rainfall for the period was about 5”. Our usual pattern of roller coaster temperatures prevailed this period: one week warm and sunny, 70 degrees; the next week back to 40’s and 50’s.

Spring is here, winter is gone. Turn off the heat, open the windows to air out the house. Go outside and enjoy!

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### April

- 23 7 pm Ticonderoga Historical Society
- 24 Last day of TFCU Youth Week
- 26 6 pm TSD budget meeting at CC
- 27 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting

#### May

- 11 1 – 5 pm TSD voter registration at CC
- 14 News deadline for June issue
- 15 Brush burning can start
- 15 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Healthy Living Workshop
- 18 noon – 8 pm TSD vote on Budget/Board
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed

#### THE WIND CHILL FACTORY

See story on page 1



Bob Porter, owner



The Wind Chill Factory construction

#### RABIES CLINIC

On Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 10 am to noon at the HVFD there will be a rabies clinic for cats and dogs.

**Save the date—Thursday, June 17, 2010  
AARP 55 Alive Driving Workshop**

#### MANAGING RESIDENT CANADA GEESE

Representatives from the LGA, the DEC and the USDA presented a slide presentation about the problems with having resident Canada geese and outlined some of the solutions to those problems. What works to get rid of them? No feeding, egg oiling [corn oil only], harassment [dogs, noise, lights], population reduction, legal harvest and population stabilization. You can register online for federal authorization to destroy resident Canada goose nests and eggs on property under your jurisdiction <<https://permits.fws.gov/ERCGR>>. It was emphasized that it must be a community based solution [or they will just move from one area to another].

Several handouts are available in the Community Center with more information.

**Check your Address Label. Date in RED?  
We hope to hear from you.**



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