



WINTER WEEKEND WINNERS

There were several winners at the various events during the Hague Winter Weekend. On Saturday, February 13, 2010 the HVFD hosted the traditional Fireman's Breakfast and the winner of the 50/50 raffle which benefitted the department was Janet Hanna of Silver Bay.



Start of the Fred LaPann Memorial Run

Starting at the Firehouse the annual Fred LaPann Memorial Run had winners in four categories. Brendan Carberry, son of Lorraine Carberry of Hague, was home from Clarkson University for the weekend and had the best overall time for the 5 mile run. Other results, provided by organizer Sal Santaniello, (with hometown and time in minutes) follow:

Juniors: 1 - Brendan Carberry, Hague, 34.40; 2 - Kevin Connory, Hague, 36.07; 3 - Rich Kohler, Hazlet, NJ, 47.24



Brendan Carberry

Co -Ed Open: 1 - Marge Hussman, Ticonderoga, 44.39; 2 - Chelsea De Savater, Howe, NY, 52.45; 3 - Leo Lopes James, Howe, NY, 54.57

Masters: 1 - Rick Spann, Cranbery, NJ, 36.03; 2 - John Fisher, Medford, MD, 37.27; 3 - Hal Connory, Hague, 41.39

Seniors: 1 - Lee Kaufmann, 36.94; 2 - Fred Herbst, Ticonderoga, 41.40; 3 - Jeff Kelly, Port Henry, 47.09

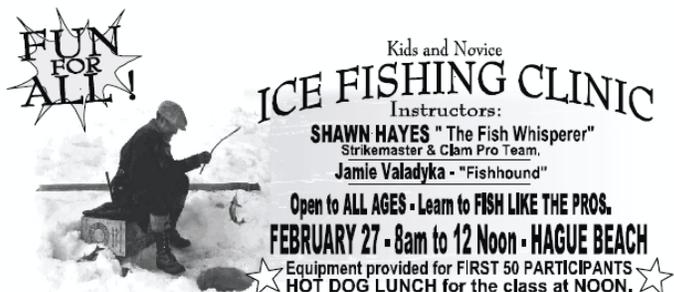
On Saturday evening, Sal Santaniello, presented the Beste Scholarships to 2009 Ticonderoga High School graduates Jared Best, Brendan Carberry, Molly Ginn, Mara Haskell and Frank Lafferty. The 50/50 raffle for the benefit of the Beste Fund was won for the second year in a row by Michael Cherubini who again donated his winning proceeds back to the Fund.

ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT



The Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Hague Fish & Game Club and co-sponsored by the Hague and Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce, will take place on February 27 and 28, 2010. The Tournament will feature prizes for 1st place in each of four categories: Lake Trout, Perch, Salmon and Northern Pike. The awards ceremony will be at the Fish & Game Club at 4 pm on Sunday. As an added feature, the registration fee of \$15 for the two days is waived for Juniors (16 and younger) and Seniors (65 and older). Registration takes place at 6 am on both dates at the Hague Beach.

A new feature to the event will be a "kids and novice" ice fishing clinic on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 8 am at the Hague Beach. Strikemaster and Clam Ice Fishing Pro, Shawn Hayes, will be the instructor and the clinic is open to all ages.



The Hague Fish & Game Club is celebrating their 51st anniversary this year. The Clubhouse is located off West Hague Road and the entrance is marked.

For more information, tournament rules and registration form, see <www.haguefishandgame.com/eventschedule.htm>.



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The January meeting began with a moment of silence for Blanche Hanna.

In Madeline Pelkey's absence, outgoing Vice-President Emily Cobb presided over the election of officers. Unanimously elected officers are President Pat Hintze, First Vice-President Kathi Ramant, Second Vice-President Ray Snyder, Treasurer Gladys Graser, Secretary Catherine Christiansen and Trustees Bill Pelkey and Ron Hintze. Gladys Graser, our treasurer, received high commendation from the Town Supervisor for the end-of-the-year financial report, cited as "a model report" as noted by Judy Stock. Congratulations to all!

New president Pat Hintze presented gift certificates to past President Madeline Pelkey and past Vice-President Emily Cobb in appreciation for their many years in office and heading up Hague's Memorial Day Parade.

Jan and Bob Whitaker are volunteering again this year for the free AARP Tax Aide program to help senior citizens prepare their income tax returns. They discussed the program at the meeting and reminded participants to bring last year's tax return, driver's license as ID, and any other paperwork. The process takes about 1 1/4 hours, and returns are filed for you online. Bob and Jan assured us that it's all very confidential. They will be at the Hague Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays until April 15, 2010. Call the Community Center at 543-6161 for an appointment.

With great enthusiasm, President Pat introduced a new fund-raising idea for the purpose of earning enough money so that our Club can take a bus trip this year. She's reserving the details for the February meeting. Pat and Ron Hintze and Debbie Schouten volunteered to represent Hague at the monthly Washington-Warren County Senior Council meetings in Lake George.

The fun part of the meeting was an historic trivia game with questions about some of Hague's citizens. Some of the toughest questions were answered by our honorable longest-term members Marguerite West and Julia Middleton. We ended with refreshments and a birthday cake celebrating Julia's birthday.

Our next meeting will be on February 23, 2010 at NOON. It's our annual Covered Dish Luncheon—so bring a dish to share, please.
... Chris Ianson



FREE TAX HELP STILL AVAILABLE

The FREE tax preparation for Tax Year 2009 is still available to local taxpayers thanks to the AARP and the Hague Chamber of Commerce. The AARP Tax-Aide Program, now in its fifth year locally, prepares and electronically files federal and state tax returns for low and moderate-income folks, with a preference to those over 60.

Taxpayers can call 543-6161 to schedule an appointment at the Hague Community Center on Mondays or Wednesdays, now through April 15; appointments can also be scheduled on two Thursdays, February 25 and March 11, in Ticonderoga. There is no charge for this service, and you do not have to be a member of AARP to use it.
... Jan Whitaker

MEMORIAL DAY 2010

On Saturday, May 29, 2010 the Hague Senior Citizens Club will sponsor Hague's Memorial Day Celebration, our eighth year! We ask that you all mark your calendars and start planning now. For the all day FUNFEST at the beach, we will be seeking food concessions, crafters, demonstrations of interest, etc. For the PARADE, anyone can enter - family groups, youth friends, clubs, organizations, businesses, single individuals, clowns, classic/antique vehicles, etc. The more the merrier! Prizes will be offered in several categories and this year's list will include some new themes. Check next month to see what they will be.

The Parade Committee will commence weekly meetings starting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 9 am at the Community Center. Anyone interested in planning this event is welcome to join us. Club Membership is not a requirement. For further information please call Madeline Pelkey at 543-6130.

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REMINDER TO OUR READERS

The date in the upper left hand corner of your label is when we hope to hear from you. If it is in red – you are way overdue in letting us know you want to continue to receive *The Hague Chronicle*.

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EXEMPTION DEADLINES MARCH 1, 2010

Primary residence homeowners should contact the Assessor's Office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following partial property tax exemptions:

Senior Citizens' exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following new household income ceilings:

County & Town \$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)

School \$30,399 (Includes sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year.

Basic STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners, regardless of age or income. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year once the first application is approved.

Enhanced STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 (during year 2010) with household income less than \$74,700. This exemption must be renewed each year, unless the owner participates in the Optional Income Verification Program.

Veterans' exemption: military service during wartime periods.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The filing deadline is March 1, 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* held their annual business meeting on January 26, 2010 at the Community Center. Board members Judy Stock (Publisher/Editor), George Ianson (Treasurer), Nancy Young (Secretary), Christine Ianson, Michele Gautreau, Pat McDonough and Dorothy Henry (Publisher/Editor Emerita) were all reelected.

George reported a sound fiscal picture with funds beyond monthly operating expense needs being deposited in CDs. The Board approved \$300, most of which comes from interest on the CDs, to be given in June to the Ticonderoga High School student selected to receive the Dorothy Henry/Hague Chronicle Scholarship.

Judy outlined three main goals for 2010; to continue to recruit volunteers to help with the publication of the paper, to continue to work on organization of the archives and to continue to update the website.

WEBSITE UPDATED



The website of *The Hague Chronicle* has been updated and soon past issues will be available online. More information has been included in the About Us section and a section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been added. We welcome suggestions from our readers for additional web content.

<www.thehaguechronicle.org>

HVFD KICKS OFF NEW YEAR ICE RESCUE



Ice Rescue Drill at North Pond

Chief Ray Mury, Jocelyn Fischer and Tom Haskell, Jr. recently participated in an Ice Water Rescue Drill with the Bolton Fire Department. Ray attended the Chiefs and Officers meeting and reports as follows: all new Fire Police must complete the new 21 hour certification course. Currently certified Fire Police do not need to re-certify. Recently, we did a snowmobile accident drill at the Hague Fish & Game Club and thank them for use of their facilities.

Jon Hanna, Bob Rafferty and Scott Siwek recently completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, and Jon has been appointed Department Safety Officer.

In equipment and technology, a new marine band radio frequency is forthcoming for our Fire & Rescue Boat and our Emergency Truck is now equipped with an automatic external defibrillator (AED).

Jocelyn Fischer and Tom Haskell, Jr. have recently updated our website, and they have done a great job. It is both informative and entertaining. Check it out at <www.haguefireems.org>.

In January there were five Fire calls using a total of 15 man hours, and three EMS calls using 149.5 man hours, of which much was training off-site.

Diane Trudeau presented an annual gift of funds raised from the Memory Tree, which her mother, Imogene Frasier had established many years ago after the loss of her son Dale. We commend Diane and Bertha Dunsmore for carrying on this very thoughtful tradition.

A lot of folks have expressed worry about the lack of snow cover and the possibility of pipes freezing, plant damage, etc., so at the risk of getting hung in effigy at the park: Think Snow!
... Joe McCrannels

MEMORY TREE

Additional donations were made in memory of Roy Bennett, Sr. and Leatha Bennett.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 2/8/10

Supervisor Dan Belden and Town Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Blanche Hanna and Barbara Bennett.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

John S. Mucha, Director, Government Relations for Time Warner Cable, appeared before the Board to answer any questions from the audience of about 15 people.

Steve Ramant, Bruce Clark and Art Steitz all spoke to make the case for better channel representation from Time Warner for Hague. Specifically, a request was made to get Channel 5/WPTZ - a Plattsburgh/Burlington station. According to Mr. Mucha, Hague is in the Albany market designated by FCC standards and Essex County is in the Burlington/Plattsburgh market. He claimed that Time Warner was "just following the market."

In response to arguments relating to the Hague and Ticonderoga locations and the need for school news and local weather, Mucha countered, "We have done it correctly and as far as we are concerned it is a done deal."

Cathy Clark suggested some alternatives and questioned whether or not Time Warner would be allowed to make a change. With again no direct response, she asked who could be contacted and Mucha mentioned VP of Operations John Quigley. The Supervisor indicated he would follow through on this suggestion.

When asked on the status of cable on the New Hague Road, Mucha said that they have to get permission from Niagara Mohawk to use poles and needed a letter from the Town indicating the funding arrangement. They hope to start in the spring.

Councilman Meola asked that the Town get clarification on the legality of the Town paying for any particular section. It was indicated in discussion that any money the Town expended would be recouped later from the franchise fees.

Some of the committee reports were:

Assessor & Justice (Gladu/Meola):

Councilman Gladu noted that Hague had made a decision to move any revaluations out at least a year for lack of sales data and now Bolton and Lake George have decided to do the same. Ticonderoga, however, is planning to go ahead with a revaluation process under pressure from Essex County to bring all the communities up to 100%.

Assessor Dave Martucci stated that his office is continuing to accept exemption applications.

The Town had approved expenditures for updates to reference material for the Town Justice. Since those materials had not been used, Councilman Meola was able to get a rebate for sending back unused updates. If any information is needed by the Town Justice, it is available online. Not only will the Town save money but the laws are updated automatically and space is not used for books.

Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement (Martucci/Frasier):

David Fitzgerald had appeared earlier in the meeting to clarify his proposal for work since he had not heard from the Board. The Board has made other arrangements and Councilman Martucci admitted to an oversight on his part so he will write a letter to David.

Finance & Insurance (Frasier/Martucci):

Councilwoman Frasier said that they are closely monitoring CD rates and terms for investment of Town monies. They may split up the funds into several CDs which would come due at different times.

Highway (Martucci/Gladu):

Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported they still had \$32,000 in funds from CHIPS. He also reported that he and Deputy Superintendent Rick Myers attended a meeting on procedures for alcohol testing of drivers of highway equipment. If they feel there might be a problem, they would have to bring it to the attention of trained testers who would come up from Glens Falls.

Personnel (Frasier/Gladu):

There were two applicants for the position of Animal Control Officer and the Committee recommended Daniel Steitz who had held the position previously. The Board approved the hiring effective immediately with a decrease in salary for the one month that has already gone by.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Gladu/Meola):

Cathy Clark presented her written report including the work of the Code Revision Committee. She created an excellent flow chart to indicate the many steps needed for approval of any code changes - including hearings, County approval and APA approval.

ZEO Clark presented information on the local government day in March. The Board gave permission for anyone from the Boards to attend providing it is within the budget for Planning and Zoning.

Recreation, Promotion & Youth (Meola/Martucci):

Councilman Meola noted that March 17 was the date for the Warren County Youth Bureau Leadership Workshop at ACC. He has taken students in the past and will do so again this year if there are any who indicate interest.

Councilman Meola had recommended the formation of a Citizens committee to look at the Comprehensive Plan which he frequently refers to during Board meetings. He has already found interested citizens willing to serve on such a committee. Supervisor Belden and Councilman Gladu, however, indicated wanting the Planning Board to look at the Plan. Councilwoman Frasier said that in reading over the Comprehensive Plan she found most of the suggestions have been done. Councilman Gladu has also spent time looking it over and had created a list of the recommendations and outcomes to date and thought Meola's suggestion of a survey of the Town would be useful.

Councilman Meola has also requested a committee to look into the status and need for the current Town owned lands. [Ed.

note: According to the Warren County GIS data they are: Quarry at Sabbath Day Point - 37 acres; Sewage Treatment Plant - 42 acres; Landfill/Transfer Station - 118 acres; Town Hall property - 5 acres; Parks/Boat Dock - 2.6 acres; Parking lots - .75 acres.]

There also has been discussion about the possible purchase of the Darrin property across from the Town Park. The Town Board needs to talk with Mr. Darrin about terms and qualifications of any sale of the property.

Councilman Meola lamented the lack of inclusion of Hague in an area marketing magazine. Councilman Martucci mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce has made a video guide for Hague which can be viewed in the vestibule of the Community Center. It will be shown in the Visitor Center during the summer months.

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

Supervisor Belden said they don't have the final figures yet from the County. They are waiting for the figures for the final word on how to proceed for those sewer users in District #2 who would like to pay their capital fees up front.

In other business the Board,

Approved a proposal from Thermal Associates to provide annual maintenance for the HVAC system for \$1,100.

Approved the Ticonderoga Youth contract for \$1,000.

Approved requests from the Senior Citizens to use Town facilities for the Memorial Day parade and during Americade week.

Received a letter from Alice Patchett with concern that there is no Hague representation on the Ticonderoga School Board. Since the members are elected from the combined total votes from the two Towns by law, the School Board has no control over it. However, Councilman Meola did note that if the School Board could be convinced to create election districts, there is a possibility to have Hague considered an election district with a representative. The Hague Town Board cannot be directly involved in this process but individuals can work on these issues. They could also possibly find a single candidate to run for a position in the upcoming elections. Petitions are due on Monday, April 19, 2010 and the election and vote on the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Councilman Gladu has talked to Superintendent of Schools John McDonald and he has agreed to present one of the budget workshops in Hague.

Approved \$8,500 for the Alonzo Fireworks Display, Inc. for the Fourth of July Celebration which will take place on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 9:30 pm.

In his report, Supervision Belden remarked that he had been to Albany for a meeting of the NYS Association of Counties. He discussed the financial difficulties of the State and said that in Albany they are going to have to work together to decrease the shortfall.

PLANNING BOARD - 2/4/10

Meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/28/10

Acting Chairman Martin Fitzgerald, II, Bill Pittman, Lindsay Mydlarz, George Ianson and Jon Hanna were present. Robert Goetsch and Glenn McKee were absent.

(43.13-1-20) 34 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

The application for a deck was approved with the condition that it will not be enclosed or covered without first going back to the ZBA for their approval.

JANKOSKI (42.12-1-20) 2 Lake Forest Lane (TR-1)

The application for an after-the-fact approval for a multi-family dwelling with a basement apartment was deemed complete and a hearing is scheduled for the February meeting.

DIXIE SHOT IN HAGUE

On January 28, 2010, Mae Pagan realized that her dog, Dixie, was missing from her back porch in the Graphite area of Hague. She and several others searched for her 2 1/2 year old golden retriever/black lab mix that she had adopted from a rescue center for abused dogs in Tennessee.

One neighbor had heard a gunshot at 9:17 am and finally at 10 am they found Dixie lying in the snow in the back yard of another nearby resident. Dixie was bleeding from the throat and Mae took her to Veterinarian Dr. Mack, then to a 24 hour care hospital in Williston, VT, followed by a trip to Albany and finally to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals where needed specialized treatment was available. She had been shot through the throat and the bullet lodged near her spinal cord.

After an investigation by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lonnie F. Swinton Jr., age 40 of Hague, was arrested and arraigned in Horicon Town Court and on February 11, 2010, Swinton appeared before Hague Town Justice Heather Knott.

Several other animals have been shot in the Graphite area by more than one individual. An animal rights group was at the Swinton appearance protesting the abuse and killing of animals.

After several days at Cornell, Dixie is back home at the Pagan home where she is slowly recovering and her pain is being managed. Mae appreciates all the support she and Dixie have received. "I just want people to pray for Dixie and stop being mean to animals," she said. ... Judy Stock

ICE FISHING NEAR OPEN WATER



Lonely ice fisherman tries his luck in Hague Bay on February 14, 2010.

PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

After a serious substance abuse incident last fall in Queensbury, a group of parents and law enforcement officers were brought together to discuss the consequences of students' alcohol and drug abuses. Reading about this meeting in the Post Star, Nancy Harrigan of Hague noted, "It is unfortunate that at the Queensbury gathering the discussion did not go beyond Consequences and consider Prevention. We must have education of adults as well as students and we need the community to pull together and strategize ways to address the problem."

Nancy contacted Ticonderoga Policeman, Randy Bevins, for information on work in our local area. Bevins, CMCA Director (Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol), provided us with an overview of the history and projects of the group.

A group of community leaders, other interested adults and youth was formed to analyze data that had been collected and to establish some action priorities based upon that analysis. The group became the "Ticonderoga-Hague-Putnam Connecting Youth and Communities Coalition (CYC) in 2004. The process led to the identification of several behaviors and Risk Factors as priorities that the Coalition chose to address.

The CMCA is one of several strategies within the CYC coalition meant primarily to affect laws and norms within the community that tend to be favorable to underage drinking. Bevins indicated several examples of the many other projects that the group has worked on.

Alcohol Awareness Training helps retailers with many issues including recognition of underage patrons, liability concerns and strategies to intervene when alcohol related problems arise.

Project Sticker Shock is a semi annual campaign where youth volunteers are given brightly colored tee-shirts and stickers that read "Providing Alcohol to Minors is punishable by up to 1 year in jail and up to a \$1000.00 fine." They also apply the stickers to all large capacity beer cartons.

Awareness Project is currently underway to gather years of data regarding the numerous "near miss" events that take place that are not highlighted in the media.

A prime function of the CMCA is to advocate for the enactment of community laws that further prohibit youth access to alcohol. Through CMCA advocacy to the Local Police and State Police, a "Zero Tolerance" initiative was established in Ticonderoga. Under this initiative no breaks are given to youth in possession of alcohol or drugs.

Party Dispersal Task Force is a shining example of community-police cooperation. The task force consists of four civilian volunteers that work closely with law enforcement officers to contain underage drinking parties and to assist with logistics and paperwork.

Compliance Checks have been used to ensure that alcohol retailers in our community are complying with State law by checking ID's and taking every precaution to keep alcohol away from minors.

In 2007 the CMCA kicked off a Safe Homes program in the

community where parents pledge that their home will be adult-supervised and alcohol free to maintain a safe environment for visiting youth. Along with Safe Homes, the Safe Stores program came into existence as a way to maintain positive communication with our off-premises alcohol retailers (grocery and convenience stores). All off-premises grocery and convenience stores in our community have taken the pledge and remain active in our effort to keep alcohol away from minors.

Physical Design Projects are changing the physical environment. In 2008 an area of upper Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga was cleared of brush and bushes in an effort to eliminate hiding places for youth to gather and drink alcohol.

In 2009 Operation Smash and Crash included a program where drug pipes and bongs were run over and crushed by a steam roller driven by youth who then swept them into the trash.

The CMCA and CYC coalition have also used a campaign which sends a clear message that adults who supply alcohol to minors are committing a crime and can be arrested and jailed for their behavior.

According to Bevins, the task force has received widespread support from community leaders, citizens and the media.
... Judy Stock

LAKE CHAMPLAIN CROSSING UPDATE

The ferry service has begun near the site of the old Champlain Bridge with two ferries plying back and forth. The Lake Champlain Transportation Co. has closed the ferry between Essex, NY and Charlotte, VT to free up the extra ice-breaking ferry.

NEW CROWN POINT BRIDGE

The bridge replacement project continues to move forward at a fast pace. For updates check the NYDOT website shown below.



New Crown Point Bridge—Final Design Plan Preferred rendering—NYDOT
<www.nysdot.gov/regional-offices/region1/projects/lake-champlain-bridge>

ATTENTION STUDENTS

March 17, 2010 is the date for the Warren County Youth Bureau Leadership Workshop at ACC. Councilman Meola will take interested students to this event. If you would like to at-

Looking Back



Researched by the Hague Historical Society

The Historical Society's hotels research is taking us down many paths and introducing us to information and people from the past. In a compilation of Harper's New Magazine from 1853, we met up with T. Richard Addison who wrote a lengthy essay on his travels on Lake George and the roads that paralleled it in the 1850's. Turns out Mr. Addison (1820-1900) was a well known artist and writer. Born in England, he and his family immigrated to the United States when he was a young boy. He spent the greater part of his life travelling our magnificent country, writing about it, and doing wonderful landscape illustrations.

Addison's Lake George explorations took him from the southern basin to Ticonderoga, but he didn't merely take the steamer from south to north and return in a day. He stopped in many places along the way, spent a few days painting and partaking of the local hospitality and fare. Here's what he had to say about a stop-over in Hague: "From Sabbath Day Point we may re-embark on the steamer, or continue our journey by land, as the road now touches the Lake again. Three miles onward we make the little village of Hague, if village it can be styled. The visitor will remember the locality as Garfield's - one of the oldest and most esteemed summer camps. Judge Garfield would seem to have an intimate acquaintance with every deer on the hill-side, and with every trout in the waters, so habitually are these gentry found at his luxurious table. An excellent landing facilitates the approach to Garfield's, and the steamboat touches daily, up and down."

Garfield's was one of the earliest stopping places on Lake George and a precursor to the era of many hotels and resorts in our Town.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Our Sunday afternoon "Collections" program was very enjoyable to all those who attended. We had a number of exhibitors including old books (one signed by Ulysses S. Grant), postcards, a stamp collection, old photographs, a multi-sailed ship model, silver spoons, Russian nesting dolls and others - all of which piqued the interest of the audience.

Our hotels research team is progressing nicely after our first few meetings. Some history detectives have been busy on the internet, some poring over the albums and photographs in our collection, some visiting the Warren County offices to see maps and deeds, some scanning, copying and sharing materials we've uncovered - and that's only part of our efforts! If you haven't already reached into that drawer in your desk or file cabinet in the attic where you know you have something on one of the older hotels, do it today! There's still time to share it with us and have it be part of the information on file for future generations. Have a story to tell? Email it to us at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> or mail it to PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. ... Pat McDonough

FROM THE TOWN HISTORIAN

I have been working on the town records covering births, deaths and marriages. My project has been to computerize and collate the records for easier access for anyone that is searching for a relative who may have lived in Hague. In the process I have copied all the information on computer discs and put copies in the town safe and a back up copy in a small safe in a separate location.

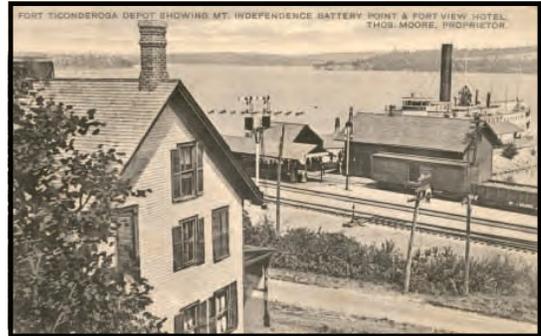
So far I have compiled the following records: Births 1887 - 1973, Deaths 1887 - 1990, Marriages 1887 - 1958. Although I do not do genealogy, I would be glad to advise you of any information that I have from the town records. You can contact me at 543-6673 or <historian@townofhague.org>.

... Gerald Crammond

REFLECTIONS OF TICONDEROGA'S PAST

On Friday, February 19, 2010 at 7 pm at the Ticonderoga Community Building, the Ticonderoga Historical Society presents "Reflections of Our Past."

Join Bill Dolback for his pictorial journey from Ticonderoga, meandering north highlighting the old stores of Streetroad, passing the Champlain Valley Speedway, the spar mines and ore beds, then traveling along Main Street in Crown Point Village toward the picnic grounds of the old Crown Point Reservation. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For additional information, contact Historical Society at <tihistory@verizon.net> or call 585-7868.



Postcard view from the Fort View Inn shows Montcalm Landing in the early 1900s. The steamer Vermont is docked at the Landing. (postcard photo, M. Wright collection)

Source:<<http://www.tibranch.com/indexy.html>>

GLENS FALLS WRITING WORKSHOP

On March 18 and 25 and April 1 and 8, 2010 the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) will hold a Writing Workshop with Jon Katz from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls.

Jon Katz states, "Everybody has a story - at least one, usually more - worth telling from their own life and experience." Katz, a former journalist, television news producer, media critic and New York Times best-selling author, has written 20 books, including novels, memoirs, mysteries and five works of non-fiction.

Class size is limited and the fee for non-members is \$100. For further information call 798-1144.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHT - POLAR PLUNGE

On Sunday, February 14, 2010, several hundred people crowded the shoreline of Trout House Village to watch the annual Polar Bear Plunge. About 50 hearty souls of all ages jumped off the dock into the icy waters. The HVFD was on hand to assure the safety of all concerned and some members were even in the water in their new rescue suits.

One group of plungers all came dressed in pink T-shirts to support a friend recently diagnosed with cancer. Donations were accepted for the American Cancer Society.



HVFD members assist in Polar Plunge.



For the fourth consecutive year, Ken Parlin jumps for joy.



HVFD member Janet Hanna works traffic control..



Supporting a friend with cancer – the Polar Plungers.

SILVER BAY HOSTS KIDS ACTIVITIES

From kids crafts to the climbing wall, several families took advantage of the Winter Weekend invitation by the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. Kayla Navitsky took on the craft of stringing beads while the Strum sisters worked at creative art. The Braun Family from Yardley, PA spent the weekend at their Silver Bay home and took advantage of the climbing wall challenge. Lack of snow in the area discouraged any sledding or snowshoeing.



Kayla and Chris Navitsky



Martha, Kirsten and Eliza Strum



Katherine Braun



Robert Braun

~SOUNDINGS~

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

Hague, January 15 – February 12, 2010

DIED: Blanche Lois (Gourley) Hanna, 91, of Silver Bay, on January 17, 2010. She and her late husband, George, married in 1936 and raised their family in New Jersey. Upon retirement in 1975, they moved to Sabbath Day Point.

Blanche was always friendly and soon fit right into the community. She was a member of the Hague Senior Club, the Hague Historical Society and the Mohican Home Crafters.

In addition to her husband, Blanche was predeceased by her brother, Norman and sisters, Doris and Olive.

Survivors include three children; Suzanne Hanna of Harrisburg, OR, David Hanna and his wife, Barbara, of Elkins, WV, and Jon Hanna and his wife, Janet, of Silver Bay. She is also survived by five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kate Hunter on her 103rd birthday!

ONGOING EVENTS AT SILVER BAY

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, noon to 1:30 pm, Brookside
All women are invited to the monthly prayer lunch

Friday, March 12, 2010, 7:30 am, Brookside
All men are welcome to the monthly prayer breakfast

Every Monday, 11 am - noon, Spiritual Life Center
Bereavement group open to anyone who has lost a loved one

Every Wednesday, 9 - 10 am, Spiritual Life Center
Community opportunity to gather for prayer

Silver Bay is looking for volunteers to help serve lunch once a month at the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Glens Falls. Please call 543-8833, ext 293 to sign up.

MARCH MOVIE AT SILVER BAY

The March Dinner and a Movie at Silver Bay will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 6 pm in the Brookside Community House.

Featured then will be "The Soloist, based on a true story, which tells the poignant tale of Los Angeles newspaper reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.), who discovers brilliant street musician Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), and the unique friendship that transforms both their lives.

A donation of \$5 is suggested. Please RSVP with Chip Devenger at 543-8833, ext 215 or <cdevenger@silverbay.org> by the 11th.

SEMBRICH FREE WINTER FILM SERIES

The Sembrich Winter Film Series continues on Tuesday evenings with "Mother of Mine" on March 9, 2010. The film will be shown at the Bolton Free Library at 7 pm with free admission. For more information or to make a reservation, call The Sembrich at 644-2431.

It has been a mild winter for the North Country so far. There has not been much snow and temperatures have been relatively mild. It seems like the Mid-Atlantic States are getting OUR snow. However, we have a lot of winter left to deal with and the weather pattern may change for March. When you live in the North Country, you expect SNOW and I think many of us are a little disappointed that we have none to play in.

We started the reporting period with nuisance snow of 1" on 1/18, 2" on 1/19, another inch on 1/20. On 1/28 there was a quick burst of intense snow for 30 minutes that left 2" and near white-out conditions.

The coldest period was 1/29 thru 1/31. Wind chills were below zero. The lake almost froze over on 1/30 when the mercury dropped to -4. On 2/6 windy conditions broke up most of the ice in Hague Bay down to Arcady. It still is open water as of 2/12.



Furious Mother Nature by Judy Stock

A warming trend occurred from 1/25-1/28. On 1/25 we had 1" of pouring rain all day with above freezing temperatures for a 24 hour period (a high of 47). Then a cold front moved in freezing the runoff water to ice.

The full moon occurred on 1/28. It was a clear night and the moon was very bright. The Wolf Moon is the full moon that occurs in January. The Native Americans had names for each full moon in the year. The Wolf Moon name comes from the hungry wolf packs that would howl outside the villages of the Native Americans.

CHESTERTOWN WINTER EVENTS

Chestertown will be holding their annual winter events on Saturday, February 20, 2010. A Broomball Tournament begins at 9:30 am with registration at 9 am. At noon the annual Crazy Sled Downhill Derby will take place with registration at 11 am. This wacky winter event pits spirit and imagination against trepidation. Children and adults alike stand atop Dynamite Hill and cheer on their favorite homemade sleds as they make their way towards the bottom.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available in the ski hut. For more information see <www.northernwarren.com> or call 518-494-2272.

HAGUE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

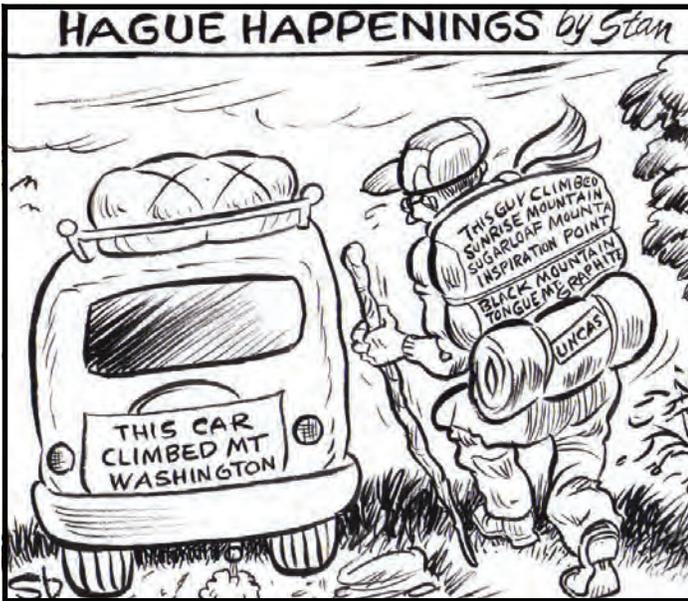
- 19 7 pm Ticonderoga Historical Society program
- 23 noon Senior Club Covered Dish Luncheon
- 23 7 pm Ticonderoga School Board meeting
- 25 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 27 8 am Ice Fishing CLINIC
- 27 – 28 Northern Lake George ICE-FISHING TOURNAMENT

MARCH

- 1 Deadline - property tax exemptions
- 1 9 am Memorial Day Parade Committee
- 4 7 pm Planning Board
- 9 6:30 pm Town Board
- 12 News deadline for March issue
- 12 6 pm Dinner and a Movie at Silver Bay
- 16 7 pm Ticonderoga School Board meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day 
- 17 WC Youth Bureau Leadership Workshop
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed out

Found in downtown Hague: A Ford car key.

Contact <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.



STOCK ICE "FISHING" PARTY



Replacement of water pump under the ice at the Publisher's home – February 4th

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