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### AIS TALKS HALT

The LGPC committee on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) has cancelled further meetings after talks with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have been unfruitful. Spokespeople from the DEC have indicated that the boat washing plans would be costly and that other methods are available. Among these other methods is self-certification which the LGPC has deemed inadequate. Support from the State both for legislation and funding is needed for the mandatory boat washings plan to be inaugurated.

### NEW TOWN JUSTICE

The Hague Town Board has appointed Leslie Midgley as the new Town Justice after former Justice Heather Knott resigned. The remaining term in the office is through December 2013 and an election will be held in November. Upon her appointment, Justice Midgley immediately took the necessary courses to be able to work in the position.

Justice Midgley is active in many local organizations including the Kiwanis Club as well as Treasurer and founder of Gender Free – a spay and neuter program. After spending all her summers in Ticonderoga in her youth, she retired to Hague and lives on Trout Brook Road with her husband, Fred Shaw.

### SUPERVISOR REPORTS ON DAN STEC

Queensbury Supervisor Dan Stec has been elected to be the next NYS Assemblyman in the new 114th district which includes all of Warren County. Supervisor Frasier reported on a recent meeting at the County Board of Supervisors where the popular Stec was honored. She writes:

*Throughout the meeting many supervisors thanked Dan Stec for the job he had done, wished him well in his new job as assemblyman, chided him about his lengthiness, commented on his sense of humor, his work ethic, and expressed the feeling that he will represent us all well in Albany. Supervisor Stec has always told stories that county leaders were basically hiking up a mountain wearing a backpack in the form of increasing state mandates. So a departing gift for him was a backpack with rocks labeled mandates, tax rate, retirement, home rule. Mr. Stec was informed that he could not take a rock out of the backpack until something had been done in Albany about it.*

### HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND 2013

Winter Weekend will be held February 15 - 17, 2013.

Please see page 9 for the schedule of events.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JULIA!



Julia Scott Middleton, the oldest living resident in the Town of Hague, turned 95 on January 15, 2013. Pat Hintze and the Senior Club organized a surprise birthday party for her at the Community Center on the prior Thursday.

Julia was completely surprised to find not only her many Hague friends in attendance but also some of her family members who traveled here for the occasion. Her son David with his wife, Thelma; granddaughter Julie Kiley with her son Michael; sister-in-law and good friend Edna Middleton Butler with her daughter Susan and husband Larry Wolcott; and nephew Tim Ursell, all helped make the party a family affair for Julia.



In addition to the delicious buffet, decorative balloons and beautiful cake, many people reminisced about Julia including Dan Belden, Art Belden, Pat Hintze, Judy Stock, Barbara Patchett and Chris Ianson. Edna Butler's recount of escapades with Julia when they were growing up in Hague was a highlight of the presentations.



Julia was cited by many for her caring, independence and loving spirit. The more than 60 guests wished her a most Happy Birthday!  
(See more pictures on page 5)

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our Pasta night turned out to be a big event as we celebrated the 95th birthday of Julia Middleton. Members of the Senior Club as well as many other people in the Town came out to wish a special lady Happy Birthday. Thank you to all who helped make this evening such a success.



*Pat Hintze welcomes Julia Middleton and Edna Middleton Butler*

The next regular meeting will be on January 22, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. In addition to a guest speaker about your taxes, we will have a photo sharing. Please bring in any old pictures you may have from the club's trips, parties, parades, picnics or other activity you may have from around Town to share with other members to look at.

Tentatively we may try to have a horse sleigh ride at noon, weather permitting, on February 14, 2013. Then at 4:30 pm there will be a Soup and Sandwich night at the Community Center with games (Trivial Pursuit, etc.) for anyone who would like to play.

All Seniors are welcome to join the Club (dues are only \$5 per year) and take advantage of our many activities. For additional information call President Pat Hintze at 543-6502.



## HVFD WINTER ACTIVITIES

The HVFD (Hague Volunteer Fire Department), as usual, will be deeply involved in the activities of the annual Hague Winter Weekend taking place on February 15 – 17, 2013. They will be serving at the Firemen's Breakfast, providing emergency support for the Polar Bear Plunge (which supports the VT Children's Hospital) and hosting the venue for the Rotary auction and Chili Cook-Off. Be sure to come out and enjoy all that Winter in Hague has to offer.

Our Firemen are currently training with and testing Scott air packs along with regular monthly fire training, radio and siren testing, EMT training and skills learning is on-going.

In December there were 14 fire calls and drills using 206 man hrs., and 7 EMS calls using 194.5 man hrs.

Thanks to one and all in Hague and our surrounding communities for your continuing support.

If you expect to be out in the cold for long periods of time, be sure to insulate your extremities. Wool, felt, down and thin-sulate are still the materials of choice. ... Joe McCranel

## PLANT BLACK-EYED SUSANS



The Bicentennial Citizens Advisory Committee of the County of Warren has announced the designation of the Black-Eyed Susan, a/k/a Rudbeckia Hirta, as the official flower of the 2013 Bicentennial year.

The Black-Eyed Susan has had a long-standing botanical history in Warren County dating back to 1856, according to the New York Flora Association. County Historian, Ann McCann, encourages local garden shops and landscapers to add a Bicentennial logo to the Black-Eyed Susan plants they sell.

In preparation for the Bicentennial, Warren County has planted Black-Eyed Susans at the Municipal Center this season, Edna Frasier has planted them at the Hague Community Center and DeFranco Landscaping has added them to the downtown triangle. Hague property owners are also encouraged to plant the popular perennial this year.

This is just one of many programs and events being planned by the Warren County Bicentennial Citizens Advisory Committee. Look for further announcements including parades and hometown programs, open houses, postal cancellations, proclamations and a souvenir booklet commemorating this 200-year celebration.

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

## TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board held their end-of-the-year meeting on December 28, 2012. Supervisor Frasier was authorized to make necessary transfers to balance out the accounts for 2012.

On January 3, 2013 the Board held the organization meeting for the new year. Several resolutions that are passed yearly were approved including making TD Bank in Bolton Landing the official bank and the Glens Falls Post Star the official newspaper. Several financial authorizations and appointments for various positions, most of which are continuing from 2012, were also made. Resolutions were passed to allot \$2,500 for the Senior Citizens, \$1000 for the Sno-goers and \$7,000 for the Chamber of Commerce.

One resolution specifies the salaries of each Town position. Among these are Supervisor \$18,031, Town Justice \$8,000, Highway Superintendent \$40,181, Town Clerk \$16,394 and Attorney for the Town \$26,000. The complete list is contained in the Board minutes.

Also included is the Procurement Policy for 2013 which spells out all the steps necessary in obtaining outside products and services for the Town, including an annual review of the policy. Also adopted this year was a policy for conducting meetings including having agendas prepared by the Friday before the Board meets.

## TOWN BOARD MEETING – 1/8/2013

Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Mark Martucci and other Board members Martin Fitzgerald, II, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present at the first regular meeting of 2013.

A moment of silence was held for Laurie Smith, Douglas Laundree and George Welkey.

### Town Board Committee Reports:

**Assessor & Justice (Meola/Ramant):**

The Town Justice will be holding Court on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

**Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement (Fitzgerald & Martucci):**

Work continues on the kitchen projects.

**Finance & Insurance (Meola/Martucci):**

Administrative secretary Diane Trudeau is working on the end of the year budget.

**Fire Department (Martucci/Fitzgerald):**

Trucks have the new radio frequency.

**Highway (Martucci/Fitzgerald):**

Have met with the Highway superintendent on budget items.

**Personnel (Fitzgerald/Meola):**

There is still a vacancy on the Planning Board.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Fitzgerald/Ramant):**

Received a memo from ZEO on Hacker Boats.

**Recreation & Promotion & Youth (Ramant/Meola):**

Music has been set up for the summer.

**Sewer District #1 & #2 (Frasier/Meola):**

Paul Belden is working on a confined space policy. Work continues on an issue with a Streeter Hill grinder pump.

**Town Park & Beautification (Ramant/Martucci):**

None

**Transfer Station/Recycling Center (Meola/Fitzgerald):**

None

Resolutions were passed for agreements for \$2,000 to the Hague Fish & Game Club, \$8,000 to the Senior Club for Memorial Day promotion and \$6,000 to the HITS North Country Triathlon.

Supervisor Frasier noted some of the accomplishments of 2012 including installation of solar panels, putting out a bi-monthly newsletter, work completed on the parking lot and boat dock projects, support for the LGPC position on Aquatic Invasive Species and a strip of land was deeded to the Town by the Catholic Church.

## PLANNING BOARD – 1/3/2013

Chairman Richard Frasier and Board members Martin Fitzgerald, Sr., Mike Cherubini and Bruce Clark were present. Bob Whitaker and Pam Peterson were absent. There is one vacancy.

UMBRELLA HOUSE, LLC (76.8-1-7) 8382 Lakeshore Drive (HSR/OCIR)

The Board approved a minor subdivision of a 2.36 acre lot. The building being used as an accessory structure will continue to be used that way and in no case shall be living quarters.

LANDERS (11-1-3) 824 New Hague Road (OCI)

Conceptual approval was given for a two lot subdivision. If the final application is approved, Lot 1 would be approximately 4 acres and Lot 2 would be approximately 5.5 acres.

## SILVER BAY COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Silver Bay YMCA's is offering FREE Community Memberships that are valid now through Friday, March 1, 2013. The community membership includes use of the Fitness Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am - 9:30 am, Dinner and a Movie on the second Friday of each month, use of hiking trails, access to the Lake for ice fishing, access to the Library and Spiritual Life Programs. Community Membership may be applied for in-person at the Silver Bay YMCA front desk, located in the Inn, from 9 am – 5 pm daily during the week.

For more information or to view the Silver Bay schedule of events, The Breeze, visit <[www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org)>. Other membership types are available that include more available hours in the Fitness Center. Call 518-543-8833 for more information.



Silver Bay YMCA is a charitable, non-profit organization.

### FREE TAX PREPARATION



FREE income tax preparation is available to local taxpayers through the AARP Tax-Aide program from early February through April 15, 2013. The local Tax-Aide program prepares and electronically files individual 2012 tax returns.

Volunteer counselors, trained and certified by the IRS, assist low and middle income taxpayers. You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP for this service.

FREE tax help is available in Hague, Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 5 through April 15; appointments will also be available in Ticonderoga on three Friday afternoons on dates to be announced.

All locations are by appointment only. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment in Hague or Ticonderoga. ... Jan Whitaker

### JULIA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



Christine Ianson presents Julia with a book of memorabilia



Art Belden reminisces about Julia

### BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Beste Scholarship Fund began in the 1970s with monetary donations from Mary C. Beste and Ethel Hendrickson, long-time Hague summer residents. These two ladies designated these monies for Hague students graduating from high school and aspiring to further their education.

Several students received monetary awards before the original fund's resources were exhausted in the early 1980s. In 1988, the Hague Winter Carnival Committee was asked to assume administration of the fund through a steering committee drawn from representatives from the Hague community with input from the Ticonderoga High School guidance office. The newly-formed committee drafted new guidelines to establish eligibility criteria for students, promote fundraising activities and administer the scholarship program. Today the fund is financially sound, and to date over 100 Hague students have received scholarships totaling nearly \$37,000 in awards.

Any Hague student who graduates from high school and is immediately pursuing further education, including vocational, is eligible for a scholarship. Students must show proof of successful first semester completion and registration for second semester to receive their scholarship award. The awards, now \$300 for full-time students, are presented at an awards ceremony during the Snow Queen Pageant intermission at the February Presidents' Weekend. These scholarships essentially represent a "vote of confidence" from the Hague community and all those who have helped support this program throughout the years.

In 2012, two scholarships were awarded to the following candidates: Kaley Manning, daughter of Debbie Manning and the late Mike Manning. Kaley attends The College of St. Rose, and is majoring in early childhood education. Dillon Lafferty, son of Karen Lafferty, attends Tompkins Cortland Community College, and is majoring in business administration. We sincerely wish our scholarship recipients all the best in their future endeavors.

We also sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this program over the years, and hope you will consider continuing your support. ... The Beste Scholarship Steering Committee.

✂ ----- Clip and Send ----- ✂

Donation checks may be made out to the "Beste Scholarship Fund" and mailed to the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, N.Y. 12836-0509.

Yes, I would like to help support the Beste Scholarship Fund with a donation of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 15      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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## STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

It's a new year, and I decided it can't hurt to get more exercise. Wrong! Not only *can* it hurt, it *does* hurt – in places I didn't even know I had. I remember when I joined a fitness club some years ago and signed up for an exercise class. The woman at the front desk told me that I should plan to arrive a few minutes early, bring a bottle of water and wear something loose-fitting and comfortable. Yeah, right! If I had something loose-fitting and comfortable to wear, I wouldn't need to take the exercise class.

But why sweat it out in a gym when there are so many other ways to get exercise at this time of year in Hague. Take cross-country skiing, for instance. Last year, I bought all the gear and waited for the snow to fall. And waited, and waited. It never came. This year, we're in luck. As I write this article, the landscape is covered in the fluffy white stuff. And today was one of those days when the leafless black branches of the trees were silhouetted against a sky so intensely blue that it takes your breath away. That color only appears in winter in the North Country, when the air is dry and crisp and the light reflects off the snow and back up into the sky. I don't know if that's actually true, but I've learned over time that if you make a statement with some semblance of authority, people believe it. So that's my theory about the sky and I'm stickin' to it.

But back to the cross-country skiing adventure. A few adventurous friends, whose names I will not mention, decided that today would be the perfect day for a trip to a Nordic ski center near Middlebury. We loaded our skis, poles and boots into the car and off we went.

Most of our group looked like a photo shoot for *Nordic Ski* magazine. I, on the other hand, did not. After borrowing larger ski boots from the nice man at the lodge, hoping to avoid the pain of the blister from a ski excursion in Graphite yesterday, I was ready to go. It quickly became apparent that remaining upright on cross-country skis while wearing men's size 13 boots is a physical impossibility. At least for me.

And here's another thing. For the life of me, I don't understand why these Nordic centers insist on planting their trees so close to the trails and routing the brooks right alongside them. They're scenic alright, but couldn't we admire them from a distance? Whenever a tree or brook seemed to be getting uncomfortably close, I relied upon my expert technique for avoiding all harm – to them or me. It involves throwing myself, quite literally, upon the mercy of the trail. And anyway, wasn't the point of this excursion to get some exercise? I firmly believe that the contortions I went through while picking myself up from a prone position – with skis and those clown shoes – definitely qualified as exercise. And of course I did lots of repetitions, just like they taught me in that exercise class so long ago. Maybe next week I should try downhill.



## LGLC EVENTS



Winter Trek at Amy's Park, Bolton Landing, on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Take an easy hike or snowshoe (weather depending) along Amy's Park's 1.5-mile orange trail; look for signs of wildlife on the trails and frozen pond and enjoy the peace and quiet of this beautiful setting. Registration is required by January 24th.

Walk on Water to Dome Island, Bolton Landing, on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 10 am and 2 pm. Snowshoe, walk or ski over a mile of frozen Lake George to explore protected Dome Island. Weather/ice dependent. Registration is required by February 14th. \$10 donation requested.

To register, call Sarah at 644-9673 or email <events@lglc.org>.

## PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

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

Senior Citizens' exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions: County - \$32,399; Town - \$23,700; School \$30,399.

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

Enhanced STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$79,050. This exemption must be renewed each year unless an Optional Verification form is submitted. Renewal forms will be sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

Basic STAR exemption: all primary residence homeowners with income below \$500,000. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year, once the first application is approved.

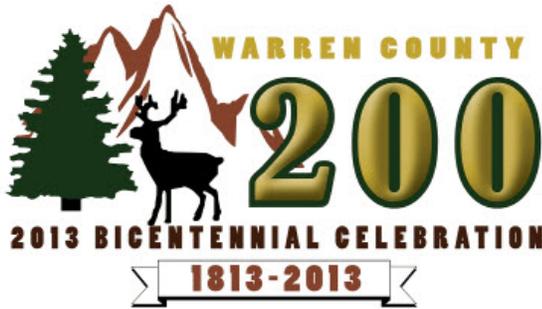
Veterans' exemption: primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The filing deadline is March 1, 2013.



enjoyed and all went home in the evening with the feeling of good will toward all and malice for none.”

The centennial marker once stood in front of the Locust Inn (see picture), but years later was moved to its present location in the Town Park.

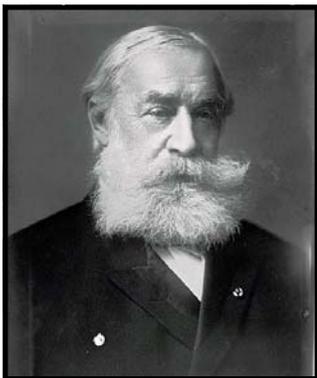


As Warren County is proudly celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2013, we look back to Hague’s celebration of the County’s 100th anniversary, as reported in the August 7, 1913 issue of the *Ticonderoga Sentinel*.

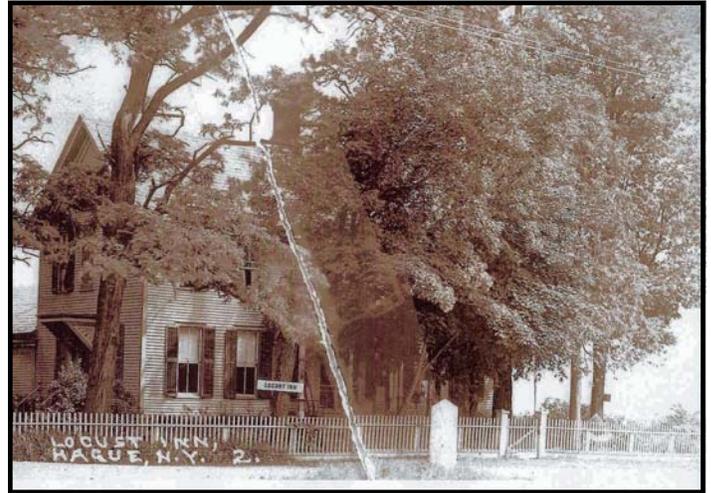
“Hague is at present in all its glory and splendor, and today was one long to be remembered by the residents and summer visitors in the beautiful village by the lake. The unveiling of the Centennial marker erected at the intersection of the roads in front of the Burgess store took place, about one in the afternoon, and directly afterwards appropriate exercises were held on the veranda of the Phoenix hotel.



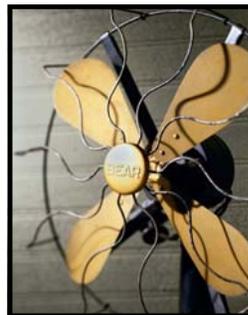
“Supervisor O’Connell made a good choice when he selected Colonel Mann of Town Topics fame as master of ceremonies, as was attested by the masterful way in which the Colonel officiated. It was with great interest that the crowd watched and listened to this man with flowing white locks and beard. A pupil of the Glens Falls high school delivered a fine oration on Warren County, the early days of. After the opening, Senator Emerson was next introduced and delivered quite an address touching on the wonderful development of Warren County during the last century, giving points of much interest, but when he reached the matter of endeavoring to secure a fine road from Hague to Brant Lake he could get no further. Great applause plainly told the Senator how the people appreciated his efforts to secure good roads.



“Other speakers were also introduced. Music, vocal and instrumental, was furnished and greatly appreciated; Mr. Aldrich of Rock and Rye cottage, with his pupils, taking part. After the benediction most of the people gathered on the ball grounds and watched an exciting game between Hague and Mohican Camp. The game went twelve innings with the score standing 9 to 9. Taken all together, the day was a beautiful one. The people were out for the event, the event was greatly



Starting to get the winter blues? Come out to the Community Center on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 7 pm and join us for a “Show and Share” program. We’ve had these before and folks who’ve been there always say it was fun. Bring something old (50 years+) that you can tell us a little about – sharing a bit of your personal history. It may be a funny story about the item or a tale about where you bought it. It may be a garage sale treasure or something that’s been passed down through your family over the years. It’s just a nice chance to visit with your neighbors and friends while sharing a bit of “history”. As always, there’ll be some light refreshments that will help to make it a pleasant evening.



Our next board meeting is on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 10 am, at the Community Center. If you’re interested in becoming active in the Historical Society, we’d love to have you sit in on our meeting. Our Research team for 2013 has had its kick-off meeting, but helping hands are always welcome as we research a number of interesting characters and artists to prepare our programs for the summer months. Have a question? You can email me at <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com> or call me at 543-6725. I’m waiting to hear from you!

... Pat McDonough

**Catch “Fort Fever”  
at Fort Ticonderoga this Winter!**

Information can be found at:  
<<www.Fort-Ticonderoga.org>> or phone (518) 585-2821

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**DIED:** Douglas Raymond Laundree, 57, of Hague, on December 19, 2012, at his residence.

Doug, a lifelong resident of Hague, was a 1973 graduate of Hague Central School, where he excelled in all sports. He was a self-employed mason and owner of Graphite Mountain Stone Works.

He was predeceased by his son, Jason R. Laundree and by his parents Raymond and Marjorie (Hanna) Laundree and a sister, Michele Laundree.

Survivors include one daughter, Aren Witherell and her husband, Hendrik, of Olympia, Wash.; one son, Nathan Laundree of Lima, Ohio; one brother, Michael Laundree of Ticonderoga; and two sisters, Meg Haskell and her husband, Thomas, of Hague, and Katy Wells and her husband, Bill, of Hague. He is also survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, Karen Laundree; one grandson, Carson Witherell; one niece, Mara Haskell; and one nephew, Tom Haskell.

**DIED:** Laurie C. Smith, 77, of Hague, on December 15, 2012 at home. Laurie, a resident of Hague for most of her life, was the daughter of the late Mason Carpenter and Madeline (Howard) Carpenter Leach of Hague.

She is survived by one son, Jack Rafferty, and his wife, Lorrie, of Crown Point; two sisters Helen Belden of Hague and Linda McGowan of Ocala, FL and one grandson, Andrew Rafferty. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all the Ticonderoga School fall sports teams who were recognized by Section VII and NYSPHAA with Scholar/Athlete Team Awards.

### 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)

## A BEARDED EVENT

Here is a new event we just learned about – the 2013 Adirondack Donegal Beard Contest! Participants grow a Donegal Beard (also called a Chin-curtain or Lincoln) which grows along the jaw line and covers the chin – no soul patch, no mustache. Contestants must be clean shaven on or after January 1, 2013.

There is no registration necessary. The contest will take place from 4 to 7 pm on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 2013, at Basil & Wicks restaurant on Route 28 in North Creek. Judging, based on length, fullness and style, will begin at 6 pm. Prizes will be awarded and there will be beer specials, live music and corned beef and cabbage.

For more information, contact John Warren <jnwarrenjr@gmail.com>.

## MASONS SERVE PUBLIC DINNER

A Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of the Masons and the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, January 25, 2013, from 4:30 – 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under. Take-outs will be also available. Parking is available at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

## CHORALE RESUMES REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of rehearsals for its upcoming Spring concerts. Weekly rehearsals will be held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, beginning January 29, 2013, and continuing to the concert presentations in late Spring.

New singers in all sections are welcomed, and no audition is necessary. For further information, please contact Bob Elling at 585-2173.

## KIWANIS COMMUNITY DINNER

A community dinner to benefit the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga and its many community service projects will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. Take-outs will be available starting at 4:30 pm and the dinner will be served from 5 pm until sold out. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The menu includes chicken and biscuits, stuffing, salad and vegetables and the Kiwanis' famous dessert table. In anticipation of Valentine's Day, this year's dessert table will include a chocolate fountain complete with many treats for your dipping pleasure. Save the date and plan to bring your sweetheart!

# HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND

## 2013

### Schedule of Events

Friday, February 15

7 PM	Snow Queen Pageant – Hague Community Center
Intermission	Beste Scholarship Awards Presentation



Saturday, February 16

7 AM – 11 AM	HVFD Firemen’s Breakfast Buffet – Fire Station
	Rotary Silent Auction



12 PM – 3 PM	Snowmobile Rides – Hague Fish & Game Club
	Winter Games – Location to be Announced
	Refreshments Available



Sunday, February 17

11 AM – 2 PM	Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock Campsite
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1 PM	Registration for Polar Bear Plunge – Trout House Village Dock
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2 PM	Polar Bear Plunge – Trout House Village Dock
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3 PM	HVFD Hosts the 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Bake-Off
	Sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce



Chili \* Salads \* Hot Dogs \* Refreshments \* Raffle \* Music and Fun

Admission: Adults \$8.00 – Children \$5.00 – Under 5 Free

Anyone Wishing to Enter a Chili Call Pat Hintze – 543-6502

For More Information: Hague Chamber of Commerce – (518) 543-6441

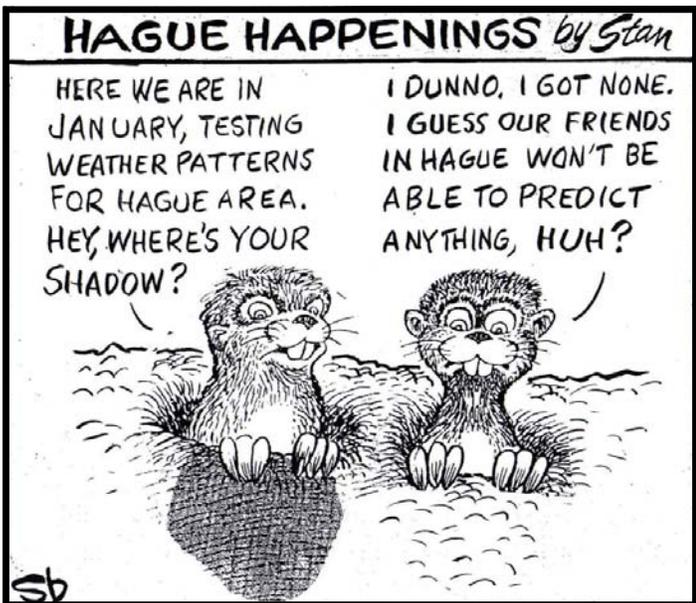
### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

- 21 MLK Day celebrated – Town offices closed 
- 22 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 24 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25 4:30 – 6 pm Masons Roast Beef Dinner
- 26 9:30 am LGLC Walk at Amy’s Park
- 29 7 pm Historical Society “Show and Share”
- 29 7 pm Champlain Chorale rehearsals begin

#### FEBRUARY

- 7 5 pm Kiwanis Community Dinner
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 12 6 pm Town Board
- 14 Valentine’s Day 
- 14 4:30 pm Senior Soup and Sandwich event
- 15 News deadline for the February Issue
- 15 – 17 Hague Winter Weekend Events (*see page 9*)
- 16 10 am/2 pm LGLC Walk to Dome Island
- 16 – 24 Ticonderoga Schools Winter Break
- 18 President’s Day – Town offices closed 
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out



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

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