

HOLIDAY IN HAGUE RECAP

The 2012 Holiday in Hague event was held on December 8th under mostly cloudy skies with a somewhat reduced attendance. However, those who participated enjoyed the tree decorating contest, the shopping, the hospitality, the parade and the holiday spirit.

The Hague Chamber of Commerce created two categories this year for the tree decorating contest – artistic expression and traditional. Each tree was judged on both categories by Matt Courtright and other representatives from the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce. The winners are indicated below.



*Silver Bay General Store
First Place*

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION



*Richard Stout
Second Place*



*Hague Sno-goers
First Place*

TRADITIONAL



*Silver Bay Association
Second Place*



*Alison Craig Realty
Third Place*



*Yada Yada Bible
Study Group
Third Place*

CHRISTMAS PARADE



Snow Queen



DOGGIE PARADE

The winners of the doggie parade were Susan Darrin with Maggie in first; Donna Wotton with Olive in second and Dave Kisselback with Gus was third.



Baptist Church Choir



*Maggie
First Place*



*Olive
Second Place*



Santa's Elves

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Club Christmas party was a grand success with the lively entertainment by Gert Newton, the fabulous meal served by the culinary team at the HVFD, and the announcement of the Senior of the Year award by Sal Santaniello of the Chamber.

Introduced by club President Pat Hintze, in addition to Sal Santaniello, were Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Chamber; Steve Ramant, Town Board member; Dan Belden, former Town Supervisor and Edna Frasier, current Town Supervisor.



Pat also had gifts for Madeline and Bill Pelkey, who were present, and Emily and Bill Cobb in recognition of all they have done for the Memorial Day Celebration.

The next Senior Club event will be a pasta dinner followed by a movie and snacks. It will be held at the Community Center on January 10, 2012 at 4:30 pm. The regular monthly meeting will be held on January 22, 2012 at the Community Center at 1:30 pm. Club members are asked to bring in old pictures of club events.

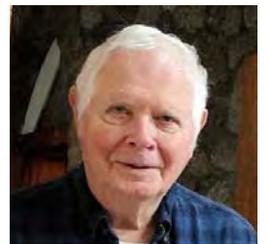
SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Linda and Ray Mury were announced as the 2012 Senior Citizens of the Year by Sal Santaniello for the Hague Chamber of Commerce. As Sal presented the Murys with a plaque at the Senior Citizens Christmas luncheon, he congratulated "Mr. and Mrs. Hague Volunteer Fire Department" and recognized them with appreciation for their many years of dedicated service.



Sal also acknowledged those in attendance who had previously received the Senior Citizen award. They were Dottie Henry, the first recipient; Bertha Dunsmore, Lynn and Bob Patchett, Dan Belden, Art Belden and Madeline Pelkey.

SEEN AROUND TOWN AT HOLIDAY IN HAGUE



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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

By Ginger Kuenzel

We're in full swing with the holiday season here in Hague. And, although this time of year can get hectic for many, I'm happy to say that the pace of life in Hague is keeping me relatively stress-free, allowing me time to reflect on Christmases past.

During the years that my kids were growing up, I lived in Germany, where many of the traditions are different from ours. Our tradition of Santa Claus and stockings likely stems from Germany's St. Nikolaus. It is said that St. Nikolaus was a sixth-century bishop who performed kind deeds and helped children in need. Nowadays, children put a boot outside their door on St. Nikolaus Day (December 6), and he fills it with candy, oranges, nuts and trinkets while the children sleep. Sometimes he actually shows up in the flesh.

My first real encounter with him was when several families gathered at a friend's house for the event. As we awaited the arrival of Nikolaus, the children raced about the room, on a total sugar high from cookies and candy, while the parents settled down for a long winter's night with mugs of hot mulled wine. Suddenly we heard three knocks on the door – who knows how long he had actually been knocking before we heard it – and in came Nikolaus in all his glory. My burgundy bathrobe looked perfect as his bishop's robe. His tall staff was a broom with a wooden rug beater affixed to the end. His golden book, in which he had recorded all the kids' antics throughout the year, was a large atlas covered in aluminum foil. And, if I do say so myself, we had done a magnificent job making his tall bishop's hat the night before – while sampling the hot wine being mulled for the next night's party.

St. Nikolaus quieted the kids down and then called them to him, one by one. From his book, he read a few important facts about each child – the things they had done well during the year, and the things where they could stand to improve. They were all wide-eyed with amazement that Nikolaus knew so much about them. After patting each child on the head and giving them a bag of treats, he told them the story of Christmas. "Who knows why Joseph and Mary had to sleep in the manger?" he asked, part way through. Four-year old Stefan knew: "Mary was going to have a baby that night and the innkeeper said that if he let her sleep in the hotel, the baby might cry and wake up the other guests." At that point, even Nikolaus had a hard time keeping a straight face.

The Christmas season in Germany officially begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, the first Advent. Each Sunday afternoon thereafter, friends and family gather for coffee (or hot wine), *stollen* and cookies, and to sing Christmas carols. And each Sunday, another candle is lit on the advent wreath until all four are lit on the last Sunday before Christmas.

At the outdoor *Christkindlmarkets* (Christmas markets), Christmas decorations as well as toys and other gift items are sold at wooden booths, as choral groups perform Christmas music. And since it can get pretty darn cold standing outside at this time of year, visitors can also enjoy a mug of steaming hot wine being sold there. Do we detect a pattern here?

On Christmas Eve afternoon, the children are sent to their rooms while the tree is brought inside and decorated. Just as it's growing dark, one hears the tinkling of a bell. This is the *Christkind* (Christ Child), signaling that he has completed his work and is ascending back to heaven. The children enter the living room, where the magical *Christkind* has left behind a fully decorated tree, adorned with real burning candles, and he's left presents under the tree.

I speak from experience when I say that, although the solemn beauty of the tree and candles on a dark December afternoon is truly something to behold, it is not for the faint of heart. Anyone who has ever worried about a toddler knocking over a tree full of ornaments will understand my concern as a mother of two very active little boys. I could only imagine the nightmare before Christmas if one of them happened to get too rambunctious around that tree.

Toby, who was just learning to recognize the letters in his name that year, saw the T-O on all the tags and was absolutely certain that all the presents were for him. He started grabbing them. Stefan freaked out and began snatching them away. And I decided that this would be a really good time to extinguish all the candles on the tree before we ended up with a Christmas that was not all that merry and a little too bright.

I hope that all of you enjoy reminiscing about your own Christmases past with friends and family. And I wish you many, many happy moments that become your own beautiful new memories.

MEMORY TREE

There is still time to add names to the Memory Tree which is in the Community Center. To include someone, make any checks payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce BUT mail to Community Center Memory Tree, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836. Donations are \$1 per name and may also be handed to Diane or Bertha at the Community Center.



WITH THE CHURCHES

The Hague Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24, 2012 at 6 pm. They invite everyone to "come and share this special time with us!"

The Hague Wesleyan Church is now the Hague campus of the Lakeside Regional Church. This name change more closely reflects the wide range of parishioners who attend their services. On Sunday, December 23, 2012 they will have a service followed by a children's play at 10 am. On Christmas Eve they will have a candlelight service at 6:30 pm.



SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 11/20/2012

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Fitzgerald and Ramant were present while Councilmen Martucci and Meola were absent.

Supervisor Frasier reported receiving a letter from District Administrative Judge Caruso encouraging the Town to appoint a Town Justice. In a reversal of a previous decision, the Board decided to appoint the Justice at the meeting rather than waiting until January so that the individual can attend the November certification course. The members present voted to appoint Leslie Midgley who was determined to be the best of the two candidates previously interviewed.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 12/11/2012

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Fitzgerald, Martucci, Meola and Ramant were all present.

A Moment of Silence was held for Jack Carney, Dennis Bartlett, Carol Warren and Edward Frasier.

Supervisor Frasier thanked Tim Fiallo, Cathy Clark, Debbie Manning, Bertha Dunsmore and those from the Highway Department for decorating the Community Center and public areas around Town. She also thanked the Hague Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in putting together the Holiday in Hague event. She noted that she would like to see some additional advertising to encourage more children to participate.

Al Rider was thanked for his expertise in setting up new audio equipment. The Board members used desk microphones and there was a standing microphone set up for public comments. Those in attendance agreed that it was much easier to hear the Board members.

Tom Haskell, representing the Hague Sno-goers, asked for permission to use a part of the Transfer Station property for a trail connecting to the main route. The Board agreed provided that they were careful to stay clear of the landfill reclamation area. Tom noted that a snow fence can be put up around it.

The end of the year Board meeting will be held on December 28, 2012 at 4 pm.

The Board approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Warren County for snow and ice removal for which the Town will be paid \$51,411. They also provided for new Town Justice Leslie Midgley to set up a bank account and for the vaccination and immunization agreement of Wastewater Treatment Plant workers to be renewed with HHHN.

Ray Mury was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire on 9/30/2017.

The Board (4-1) passed a resolution requesting that the Governor and Legislature for New York State take special consideration for financial aid for schools and municipalities located within the Adirondack Park. The schools in the Adirondack Park lose economic growth due to the regulatory requirements of the Adirondack Park and because of continued purchase of lands by the State which reduces tax income to the localities. Councilman Meola did not support the resolution citing the need for school districts to curb their spending.

The Board unanimously approved a resolution calling upon the Lake George Park Commission “to institute a program for Mandatory Boat Inspection and potential Decontamination to ensure that all boats launched into Lake George are free of aquatic invasive species.”

With speedy deliberation, the meeting was adjourned after 45 minutes.

PLANNING BOARD – 12/6/12

Chairman Richard Frasier and Board members Bruce Clark, Mike Cherubini, Pam Peterson, Bob Whitaker and Martin Fitzgerald were all in attendance. There is one vacancy.

ROCKWELL (42-1-4.1) 6 Sno Pappy (OCII)

The owner is applying for a two lot subdivision of a 10.65 acre parcel. If approved one lot would contain 8 acres and an existing single family dwelling while the other would contain approximately 2.65 acres and an existing double wide dwelling.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-44) 9 Overlook Lane (Hamlet)

The Planning Board agreed to send a letter to the Patchetts to clarify their position about the conditional approval given for installation of a well and merger of property and to ask for information from the Patchetts on their course of action.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 11/15/12

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Ray Snyder, Christopher Navitsky and Maureen Cherubini were present. Lindsay Mydlarz was absent.

BOSI (93.12-1-30) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The Board gave a conditional approval for a variance for rear and sideline setback for construction of a one and half story garage with a carport. The relief granted was for a 6' rear line setback.

BAMBACH (43.13-1-21) 32 Bayberry lane (TR1) VAR 10-12

The Board approved the variance request for more than 25% increase to an existing nonconforming house. The foot print of the structure will slightly decrease in size, due to the removal of part of an existing deck. The house is located in Sewer District #1.

The next ZBA meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2012, due to the holidays.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

There continues to be an opportunity for a civic minded permanent resident to serve on the Hague Planning Board. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm as well as perform some site visits. Please indicate your interest by contacting the Community Center at 543-6161.

FRIENDS POINT ANNUAL ROAD CLOSING

The Friends Point Roads will be closed for the 24-hour period from 12:01 am Tuesday, January 1, 2013 to 12:01 am Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

UPDATE ON AIS

Several actions have been taken recently on the issue of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) in Lake George. At its December meeting, the Town Board of Hague passed a resolution by a vote of 5-0 asking the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to institute mandatory boat inspection.

The resolution reads: "Now therefore be it resolved, to proactively prevent the introduction of new aquatic invasive species and conserve the water quality and public enjoyment of Lake George, The Hague Town Board calls upon the Lake George Park Commission to institute a program for mandatory boat inspection and potential decontamination to ensure that all boats launched into Lake George are free of aquatic invasive species."

Local officials in Bolton and Lake George Village have also expressed their support for mandatory inspections and decontamination as needed. Warren County is also considering passing a county law that would require mandatory inspections.

The invasive species are becoming a mounting problem, one that many fear could become insurmountable if immediate action is not taken. In light of this, the LGPC had hoped to have an inspection program in place by spring of 2013.

After many months of investigations, public meetings, open houses and a comprehensive plan put forth with careful, nationwide study and review by the LA Group, the LGPC has recommended mandatory boat inspections as the core of their plan for the Lake. After all of this work, the DEC now wants further study on how to combat AIS in Lake George.

Some at DEC feel that a dual program of Lake Steward inspections and self inspection may be the way to proceed. With this plan, they believe that approximately 80 to 85% of AIS about to enter the Lake will be caught. Since the Lake is always open, there are many days and hours when the Stewards won't be on duty.

However, Hague Town Councilman Steve Ramant asks, "Do we really want to expose the Lake to the 15 or 20% that will never be caught. One must remember that the LGPC plan is mainly directed to transient boats. One salient fact is that since Lake Tahoe started its mandatory boat inspection program two years ago, NO new AIS have entered that Lake. Isn't that what we all want for Lake George? It's now time for DEC to join LGPC and call for mandatory boat inspections."

Ramant added, "It's urgent that people contact the DEC as well as our elected officials to ask them to support the LGPC's proposal for mandatory boat washing. We all need to help save our Lake before it's too late."

The email addresses for these officials are:

<Basil.Seggos@exec.ny.gov>
(Governors' Assistant Secretary for the Environment)

<KathyMoser@gw.dec.state.ny.us>
(DEC Assistant Commissioner, Natural Resources)

<RobertStegemann@gw.dec.state.ny.us>
(DEC Region 5 Director)

<Little@nysenate.gov>
(State Assemblywoman Betty Little)

FIGHTING THE ASIAN CLAMS LOCALLY

In July 2011, there were two known areas of infestation of Asian clams in Lake George – Lake George Village and Boon Bay. More areas were found at the southern end of the Lake and by August there were four sites. By September 2012 there were 8 known locations with only one of them in the north end – in Hague at Lake Forest Acres. It is suspected that the clams must have been introduced here from a boat coming up from the southern end.

Thanks to the quick organizational work of the Lake George Asian Clam Rapid Response Task Force these sites are already part of an eradication project under permits obtained by the Fund for Lake George. Recently the energy in the clam fight was directed to the Lake Forest Acres waterfront.

The method used to eradicate the clams is to suffocate the colonies using benthic mats. Six to eight people worked for five days at Lake Forest Acres to put down the mats. The divers put down 320 feet of matting along the shoreline with a buffer of 30 feet on each side beyond the last clam found. The mats extended out into the Lake past the docks and were held down by steel rebar and sand bags.

For additional information on the Asian Clam response see <<http://www.stoptheasianclam.info>>.



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.



FREE WINTER CLOTHING

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has reported a very successful clothing swap and many items are still available. There are women's and men's coats and a small assortment of children's wear. Everyone is welcome to stop by and take something for yourself or someone in need.

This FREE winter clothing distribution will continue on December 22, 2012 from noon to 3 pm at 117 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga – next to the Downtown Gallery.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

In honor of the season of giving and to benefit those affected by Super Storm Sandy, Warren County 4-H will be hosting a coat drive. If you have a gently used, recently washed, warm coat that you are no longer using, please stop by the Warren County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg or Crandall Public Library, 251 Glen Street, Glens Falls to drop it off. Coats of all sizes will be accepted. Coats will be collected until December 31, 2012. Warren County 4-H is looking for help to reach its goal of one hundred coats.

ROTARY NEWS

Recently several business and professional men were chosen to speak at the Northern Lake George Rotary Club meetings at the Silver Bay YMCA.

Fred Carvin of the Glens Falls Rotary Club spoke about his newly published book about the life of Paul Harris, a founder of Rotary. He offered an amusing discussion of this little-known man and a five-member club, which now numbers 1,230,551 members internationally.

Greg Sagris, manager of the Dunkin Donuts in Ticonderoga, traced the growth and success of the popular establishment, now open again for business.

Ken Rawley of Hacker Boat Company gave an update on expansion plans for Hacker, the area producer of the "best boats afloat," nationally and internationally, according to experts in the field.

In addition to obtaining knowledgeable speakers weekly to provide information, area Rotarians are proud of their contributions to charitable projects throughout the world. Meetings are held each Tuesday morning at the Silver Bay YMCA campus in warm weather. For other locations and information, call Stan Burdick at 585-7015.



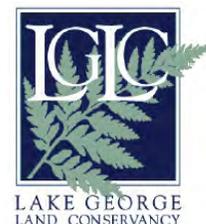
UPCOMING LGLC EVENTS

The following events are being offered by the Lake George Land Conservancy:

X-Country Skiing ~ Cat and Thomas Mts, Bolton, Saturday, January 12, 2012 from 9:30 am - 3 pm. This event is a challenging x-country skiing adventure to two summits overlooking Lake George. For advanced skiers only. Led by David Thomas-Train. Registration is required by January 10 - FREE.

Winter Trek ~ Amy's Park, Bolton, Saturday, January 26, 2012 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. This event is an easy hike or snowshoe (weather depending) along Amy's Park's 1.5-mile orange trail; looking for signs of wildlife on the trails and frozen pond and enjoying the peace and quiet of this beautiful setting. Registration is required by January 24 - FREE.

For further information or to register contact Sarah at 644-9673 or email <events@lglc.org>.





Since 1864 American soldiers have found their final resting place at the Arlington National Cemetery. History tells us that the land for this cemetery was actually confiscated from Robert E. Lee's family in 1861 for non-payment of taxes. When the numbers of mortally wounded Union soldiers became overwhelming, it was proposed that Lee's Arlington estate be used as a burial ground. After the Civil War, the Supreme Court ruled that the estate had been illegally confiscated and it was feared that some 17,000 graves would have to be relocated. Lee's son agreed to sell the land to the government for \$150,000 in 1883.

Today Arlington National Cemetery is considered hallowed ground and its rows of white marble headstones stand as a monument to those soldiers from every war our country has fought.

The Wreaths Around the World program seeks to insure that we never fail to remember those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It was begun by Morrill Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. In 1992 he went to the Arlington Cemetery with thousands of surplus wreaths and a group of volunteers who decorated the gravesites of the soldiers. Since then the laying of the wreaths has become an annual event and has mushroomed to national cemeteries and veterans' monuments across the United States.



A soldier wrote, "To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen . . . to be forgotten is the worst." (Pierre Claeysens 1909-2003). The Wreaths Across America program helps to insure that these men and women, having served their nation, will not be forgotten by those of us who continue to enjoy our freedom.

... Pat McDonough



2012 YEAR OF GROWTH AT FORT TI



Fort Ticonderoga reports growth for the 2012 season in both earned income and donations. Paid attendance increased nearly 6% and admissions revenue increased by 18% over 2011. The organization saw increases in program revenue up by 38% and field trip programs up by 8%. Donations have also risen including a 38% growth in Friends of Fort Ticonderoga memberships and 18% growth in annual giving.

"This has been a remarkable year," said Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO. "Fort Ticonderoga has been able to redefine what is possible and generate increased income and support to fulfill its mission. We still have a great deal of work to accomplish, but we are very pleased with 2012's successes."

For 2013, Fort Ticonderoga will be holding a series of Fort Fever Programs monthly. The first in the series will take place on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 2 pm. Curator of Collections Chris Fox will give a presentation on "The Realities of War." The programs cost \$10 each payable at the door and are free for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga.



The Hague Historical Society Board is looking ahead to another year of interesting programs and projects. We'll kick the year off on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, with an evening "Show and Share" program at 7 pm. The theme will be to bring something 50 years old or more (not including your spouse!). What might that be? Among the items you might dig out of the closet, garage, attic or basement could be an old Hague map, a deed, photographs, anything to do with the Mothers' Club, Hague Central School memorabilia, postcards, tools, old kitchen gadgets, etc. Please don't be limited by this list; bring a single piece or a collection and we'll have tables out for your display. Not raised in Hague? That's no problem - bring something "old" and interesting to share from your home. It should be a fun evening.

As in recent years, we will have a research team this winter to prepare materials for programs to be given in the summer months. This year's research will focus on people - both people in our history and people who have been or are presently artists in our community. We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 10 am at the Community Center. This should be enlightening research and we need volunteers to join us in our quest. Please call me at 543-6725 or email us at <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com> and get on the bandwagon. Thanks!

.... Pat McDonough

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: Noah Matthew Mydlarz, son of Lindsay and Mike Mydlarz of Hague, on November 14, 2012. Noah joins big sister Alyssa and big brother Brady. He is the grandson of Dick and Edna Frasier, Town of Hague Supervisor.

DIED: John K. Carney, Sr., 93, of Sabbath Day Point on November 21, 2012 at the Albany VA Medical Center.

Jack was a 1937 graduate of Hague Central School. He was a son of the late Bruce and Lillian Carney, proprietors of the Sabbath Day Point House. Jack was a master home builder who was well-respected in the area. He served in the US Army during WW II as a Combat Medic and was the recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Jack was pre-deceased by his wife, Florence Carney and his two brothers, Frank Carney and Bruce Carney and a daughter-in-law Elizabeth Carney. He is survived by his three sons, John K. Carney, Jr. and his wife, Carol of San Diego, CA, Peter G. Carney and his wife, Margaret of Brackney, PA and Robert B. Carney and his wife, Elizabeth of South Glens Falls, NY. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



DIED: Ret SFC. Edward M. Frasier, 59, on December 1, 2012 in Prescott, Arizona. He was born in Ticonderoga, NY, and graduated from Hague High School in 1971. He was a decorated Army soldier and veteran of Desert Storm.

Ed is survived by his loving family including his wife, Linda Frasier; daughters Tisha Peterson, Chrisette (Lucas) Prall and Joni (Michael) Cresong; siblings Aggie Bates, Carol Frasier, Tina (Tim) Tuttle, Jerry (Cindy) Frasier, Alvin (Vicki) Frasier and Betty (Steve) Thompson; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Ruth Frasier and brother Leonard Frasier of Hague.



DIED: Carolyn M. Warren, 92, of Rotterdam, NY on November 30, 2012. Carolyn was the owner operator of the Hague Motel, next to the Town Park, in Hague for 31 years.

Carolyn was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, John Warren and three siblings. She is survived by her children, Candyce J. Proper (Allen) of Rotterdam, Melanie J. Hagin (Gary) of Edinburgh, Robin J. Montgomery (Bruce Battease) of Ticonderoga, Dennis J. Warren (Bonnie) of Palmetto, FL, Michael J. Warren (Phuong) of Rotterdam and Marc J. Warren of Ticonderoga, 30 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

WALKING FOR SENIORS

The Ticonderoga Elementary/Middle School is open from 3:30 – 5:30 pm each afternoon on days when school is in session for senior citizens who wish to exercise by walking. Seniors are asked to sign in at the Elementary School entrance.

SCHOOL MERGER STUDY

The school boards of the Ticonderoga and Crown Point School Districts have approved the format of a study of the merger of the two districts. According to the consultants, the study will “paint a clear picture of each district so that its neighbor has a good understanding of the assets and liabilities it brings to the merger.” The outcome of the study will be “to develop a set of recommendations for the new board of education to consider regarding district organization, staffing, finances, transportation, and educational programming should a merger occur.”

A community committee will be appointed to meet with the consultants seven times by the end of next August. While the public may attend the meetings, it is for observation and limited comment only.

A copy of the merger study plan presented to the school boards, and the dates of the committee meetings, is on the Ticonderoga School District website. Go to <<http://www.ticonderogak12.org/>> and click on “Merger Study.”

THS AND TMS HONOR ROLLS

Congratulations to these students from Hague who were on the Honor Roll for the fall of 2012!

For Ticonderoga High School:

GRADE 12

FIRST HONORS: Karney Manning

SECOND HONORS: Kenneth Deragon, Grace Ginn,
Chelsea Kearns, Jordan McKee

GRADE 11

FIRST HONORS: Ty Denno, Sean Lawrie

SECOND HONORS: David Busick

GRADE 10

FIRST HONORS: Ian Lawrie

GRADE 9

FIRST HONORS: Jamie Cox

SECOND HONORS: Cassandra Martucci

For Ticonderoga Middle School:

GRADE 8

FIRST HONORS: Kaylee Coon, Nicholas Fitzgerald,
Samantha Holmberg, Connor Lawrie

SECOND HONORS: Logan Jordon

GRADE 7

FIRST HONORS: Kacey Fish, Fallon Kennedy

SECOND HONORS: Gilbert Cox, Caiden Meehan

GRADE 6

FIRST HONORS: Michael Fitzgerald, Antonio Martucci,
Skye Mason

TOWN OF HAGUE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2013

The Hague Town Board has approved a budget for 2013 that estimates general fund expenses to be \$798,027. The estimated revenues to offset these expenses come principally from "payment in lieu of taxes" (\$25,000), county sales tax revenue (\$510,000), and mortgage tax (\$40,000). There also remains \$181,222 in the general fund that has not been used from previous budgets.

The Highway Department expenses are estimated to be \$638,766 which are offset mostly by sales tax income (\$270,000), income from state and county for snow and ice removal (\$290,000) and state highway aid (\$40,000). Combined with an unexpended balance of \$34,966, no property tax needs to be raised for this category either.

Funds kept in reserve (\$168,000) for future large highway expenses (equipment) as well as Town capital reserve and Streetscape budgeted funds will be rolled over.

The Town has budgeted \$337,305 for Fire and Ambulance service. Sales tax revenue of \$85,000 will partially offset it but property taxes will be needed for \$252,105.

	Appropriated	Less Estimated Revenues	Less Unexpended Balance	Amount to be Raised by Tax
Town Fund				
General Fund	\$798,027	\$616,805	\$181,222	\$0
Highway Fund	\$638,766	\$603,800	\$34,966	\$0
Highway Reserve	\$168,760	\$0	\$168,760	\$0
Capital Fund	\$144,000	\$0	\$144,000	\$0
Streetscape	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Occupancy Tax	\$32,025	\$32,000	\$25	\$0
subtotal	\$1,849,553	\$1,220,605	\$628,948	\$0

Special Dist.				
Street Lights	\$9,000	\$0	\$915	\$8,085
Fire/Ambulance	\$337,305	\$85,000	\$200	\$252,105
Sewer Dist #1	\$151,870	\$145,450	\$6,420	\$0
Sewer Dist #2	\$154,414	\$153,194	\$1,220	\$0
subtotal	\$652,589	\$383,644	\$8,755	\$260,190

Totals	\$4,383,720	\$2,856,854	\$1,266,676	\$260,190
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Tax Rate 2013	Assessed Value	Amount to be Raised by Tax	2013 Tax Rate	2012 Tax Rate	% change
Townwide	\$444,782,912	\$0	0	0	0
Street Light Dist	\$40,917,727	\$8,085	0.197591621	0.197437069	0.08%
Fire/Ambulance	\$451,259,557	\$252,105	0.558669608	0.560407197	-0.31%

STUDENTS BRIDGE BUILDING

The Kiwanis, under the direction of Graham Bailey, again sponsored a Bridge Building contest for Ticonderoga students. Also contributing were Peter Reale Construction, DeFranco Landscaping and the Ticonderoga Teachers Association. On Saturday, December 15, 2012, under the watchful eyes of some parents and teachers, the middle school students built their models with lots of glue and popsicle sticks. Then each student had to test the bridge construction by adding weights until it collapsed!



*John Donohue, School
Principal and Graham
Bailey*



Logan Jordan

HAGUE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

JANUARY

- 20 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 22 – Jan 1 Ticonderoga School closed
- 24 6 pm Baptist Church service
- 24 6:30 pm Wesleyan Church service
- 24 - 25 Town Offices Closed
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 28 4 pm Town Board Meeting

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
Town Offices Closed
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 6 pm Town Board
- 10 4:30 pm Senior Dinner and Movie
- 11 News deadline for the January issue
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out.

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



Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

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