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PRIMARY RESULTS

In the hours between 12 and 9PM on Sept. 12, 26 ballots were cast in the primary in Hague. 25 of those votes were for Hillary Clinton and one for an independent.

REFERENDUM RESULTS

195 Hague residents/property owners voted in the permissive referendum held on Sept.8. Resolution #60 of 2000 was duly adopted at June 13 Town Board meeting. The following is quoted from the notice in the *Glens Falls Post Star*. "The resolution is subject to permissive referendum authorizing the Town Board to increase the monies to be appropriated for publicity and promotion of the Town of Hague, in the 2001 budget, and in successive budgets thereafter, to a total amount of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) pursuant to Section 64, Sub. 14 of the Town Law of the State of NY."

The referendum was defeated 57 for and 138 against.

The current budget only designates \$3,000 for publicity and promotion. It was not made clear to the voters what the extra monies were to be used for and many voters had misconceived ideas about it.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 30

The Northern Lake George Resort will play host to the annual Oktoberfest 2000 on Saturday, September 30. Bar opens at 5PM with dinner to follow at 6:30PM. There will be a German food buffet for \$12.00 each. This is a Republican fund raiser open to everyone (including Democrats and all other parties!) Republican candidates, including Betty Little will be on hand. Come on down and join the fun! Tickets are available at the door.

EERIE -E-E-E-E-E

Follow the route of Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold into Fort Ticonderoga, and be prepared to find some spirits from their visit 225 years ago lingering on to haunt the Fort on Oct. 20, 21, 27, and 28. Haunting trips on both weekends will begin at 6:30PM.

Each trip through the Haunted Fort begins at the bon-

fire, takes about twenty minutes, and is followed by donuts and cider. About fifty volunteers each evening help make the tour exciting and eventful, after Mike Edson creates the route and stories.

This event is a fund raiser for the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and Fort Ticonderoga. Tickets are now on sale at the fort. For information, call (518)585-2821. All tickets are \$5 and are not refundable; the event takes place rain or shine.

FLU SHOTS for all senior citizens and those with respiratory problems will be given within the next month, probably before the next issue of The Hague Chronicle. Please call town office (543-6161) for date.

FUEL ASSISTANCE information date has not been set either. Please call town hall for information.

NOTE: If you suspect that a dead bird may have the West Nile Virus, call Warren County Health Services at 761-6580, or Dan Belden who is the local contact, at 543-6161.

EVENINGS A LITTLE CHILLY?

Cozy little fire in the fireplace or woodstove? BEWARE. Is your chimney clean and ready for this heating season? Aug. 18, Vermont had its first chimney fire of the season and it resulted in \$10,000 damage to the home. . . Lu Megow

SUMMER BESTE DONATIONS

Many thanks to Tom James, Silver Bay Guideboat and Canoe Co., and those who donated to the Beste Scholarship Fund when picking up copies of The Lake George Mirror during the summer. Tom collected over \$50 in donations. He especially wants to thank an anonymous "lady from Connecticut" who made a special trip down to his shop to make a \$10 donation.

**DON'T FORGET THE HVFD HAM DINNER
AT SILVER BAY ON SAT. OCT. 7.**

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

TICONDEROGA HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Heritage Museum is planning a fund raiser for Oct. 28-29, "October Crafters Festival." The museum will open its doors from 10AM-3PM for two days of craft shopping. The plans include space for many crafters as well as the museum Gift Shop with special Christmas items. Cider pressing, apple sales, and cider and donuts for all are part of this fun weekend. Come join us and get an early start on your holiday shopping. Call 585-2696 or 585-6331 for table reservation and details.

HARMON GALLERY

The Harmon Gallery at the Hancock House will be hosting "WORKS ON PAPER" by artist Laura Von Rosk September 6 through Nov. 4, 2000.

Ms Von Rosk is currently the Gallery Director at the Lake George Art Project. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from SUNY at Purchase in 1986 and a Master of Fine Arts from the U. of PA in 1989. In 1996 she decided to settle in the Adirondacks. Living in the presence of the Natural/Wild world is reflected in her work.

Because Laura works from memory, many works take on a surreal quality. Images take the form of icons, reflecting the inner world of the psyche and often the feminine side of nature.

For additional info. contact Steve Blanchard at the Hancock House, 585-7868. The Society may also be contacted via e-mail at ths@capital.net. Laura's work will also be displayed on the new Web Page of the Ticonderoga Historical Society beginning September 12. The address is WWW.Capital.net/~ths2/index.htm.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The HVFD answered four calls in August, one being a false alarm.

We wish to thank everyone who stopped and dropped a contribution in the coin containers on Sep. 3. The support of our residents and "visiting firemen" is deeply appreciated, as is the help of the volunteers.

The ambulance made ten runs in August, for a total of 60 1/2 hours and 215 miles.

Another fund raiser is coming up - the Columbus Day HAM DINNER at Silver Bay Association on Saturday, Oct 7. Serving will begin at 5PM. Prices will be \$8.95 for adults, \$6.50 for children under 12. Please come to Silver Bay for a good dinner and to support the volunteer firemen and rescue squad who do so much for the people of Hague. . . ewa

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS

The Hague Senior Citizens will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 26 at 1:30PM at the Hague Community Center. ALL seniors, members and non-members, are urged to attend this meeting at which the

speakers will be from the Queensbury office of the Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co. It's all about scams - mainly against the elderly. It's a real eye opener, and if it's at all possible for you to attend, you should. Remember that's 1:30PM on Sep. 26.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

The 2001 Entertainment Books are now here and the members of the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George are ready to be of service to you. Books are \$40.00 each and include new restaurants and services. If you would like a book, and we hope you will, please call Stan Burdick, chairman of sales, at 543-8824 or any member of the Rotary Club.

DIP DINNER AT CHURCH OF THE CROSS

The Church of the Cross (Episcopal) on Champlain Ave. in Ticonderoga will hold a dip supper on Saturday, September 23 beginning at 4:30PM.

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION

A large group of volunteers, with a large amount of donated materials, will converge on a very small island in Harris Bay on Sept. 30. Their purpose is to undo the serious damage done to the island over the years by wind, waves, and boat traffic. Without this restoration, the island could very well join the list of islands of the lake that were but are not more.

Inspired by the reading of Frank Leonbruno's book, *Lake George Reflections: Island History and Lore*, the island restoration was an idea of Kattskill Bay resident John Lefner to honor the life work of Leonbruno.

The LGA encouraged him to carry out his plan and, to collect monies to assist, established their Island Restoration Account. The account's first contributor was Mr. Leonbruno, who donated a large portion of the royalties from his book. "All the cooperation I received, right from the beginning and all along the way, from the volunteers, the DEC, and the LGA," says Lefner, "has been most gratifying."

Originally scheduled for Sept. a year ago, it was delayed by Hurricane Floyd. The island Mr. Leonbruno selected for restoration is the smallest one of the four in the Happy Family Group, a state-owned island not designated for public use.

Understandably pleased to see this island repaired and restored, Mr. Leonbruno is already thinking of the next project. "After this I hope they'll do the same for Rush Island. They did some work a couple of years ago when the tree came down in a storm, but it needs more. And the fall is a good time for it."

Follow the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others and Responsibility for all your actions.

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 9/5/00

A special meeting was held by the Hague Planning Board on Sep. 7 at 9AM with C. Fillare acting chairman. The board met to discuss a proposed application received from Robert Pedlow (Island Harbor, to subdivide an existing lot into two lots. (This property is now in bankruptcy court and approval is needed for proposed bid for purchase of property).

Decision was made to approve at the next board meeting.

R. C. Williams Assoc.. for Cohen (45-2-8), Arcady Bay Estates . Building within 100 ft. of lake. Planning Board approved. . . . gl

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - 9/12/00

A public hearing was held at 6PM on the proposed change in the zoning ordinance dealing with boathouse decks and blight. If board approves the changes they will be added to the ordinance within 30 days.. Councilman Fitzgerald stated his opposition to the blight section, since it was hard to determine just what deterioration consisted of and there were people in Hague that would have problems keeping up with improvements on property. Rudy Meola stated that the Revision committee had agreed unanimously to the changes. Actually it simply states that the town of Hague would encourage people to keep their properties fixed up. The language does not provide for enforcement. After much discussion the hearing was closed at 6:20PM and the regular meeting of the town board was called to order at 6:30PM.

A moment of silence was observed for Richard Hunter, the son of Katie Hunter, New Hague Road.

Art Hatfield, representing the Kiwanis Club, presented a check in the amount of \$750 for the Hague Brook Nature Trail off Rt. 8 at the fish weir. The highway crew helped with the work on the trail and Frank Koenig constructed the benches overlooking the waterfall. There are no picnic tables - it is strictly a take-in, take-out facility. The rail fence is very attractive and it is an easy hike in and out. It will certainly be an added tourist attraction to the town. Art noted that the two pillars at the entrance to the trail are made from grindstones from the old grist mill that used to be there. The bottoms of the stones are very smooth. Dan Belden presented a plaque to the Kiwanis thanking them for their generous contribution.

Rudy Meola brought up several issues that he had brought up before and has seen no action on them. He said he does this because he believes in responsible government. He does not want his requests ignored. Either act favorably or take no action, but do not ignore them. First concern was the waste of electricity at the park. He feels that a timer could be used or lower wattage. Second was his concern for the plan about junk yards. Third, the policy of hiring new personnel.. Only town

board can hire and fire. Fourth, The water color workshop should be addressed. (See letter to editor). Fifth, Tourism Promotion Committee gave a report to town board at last meeting. Would like to hear from board about it.

Sal Santaniello, president of Chamber of Commerce, presented a check in the amount of \$300 for use of the boat ramp for the BASS tournament.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assessor and Justice - Steitz - A clerk had been appointed for the court, but quit after two weeks. A motion was made to dismiss her since no resignation was received. A new clerk is now on duty, Carlie Patch, of New Hague Rd. She comes with a good resumé. Motion passed to hire her. The judge had asked for an increase in the clerk's pay, but it will be postponed until budget time.

Buildings and Grounds - Megow - Working on getting a durable coat on the outside of town hall. The roof will be stripped and resingled next week. The steps in front of building have been braced. The boiler needed repair. and roof repairs are needed at town garage. He reported vandalism at visitors' center

Finance - Nothing

Fire Department - Fitzgerald - New building is going well. A fund raising dinner will be held at Silver Bay Association Columbus Day weekend. See related article on page 2

Highway - Fitzgerald - The crew has been working on culverts in Wardsboro. The plows have been painted and are ready to go and the sand has been put up. Forest Bay Road is being paved.

Insurance - Nothing

Personnel - Hourigan - A part time secretary is needed for Comprehensive Master Plan Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals. We are still one person (operator) short at the Transfer Station. This is a 40-hr week and must have CDL license.

Planning, Zoning & Stormwater - Steitz - There have been no meetings of the Zoning Board in Jan, Feb, March, June, July or Aug. The Planning Board met at an early morning meeting this month. See Planning Board above. Dredging for the Hague Brook delta has to be done between Sep.1 and Nov. 1.. The sand has to be moved off sight. The transfer station property and the town garage are the two sites that have been approved. It will be dredged from the delta to the Hague dock and north as far as the Trout House Village. It will take three years to complete.

Recreation - Nothing

Sewer District - Belden - Will meet with Bill Lamy, DPW, Warren County. Expect to go to bid by December and start work in the spring.

Town Park and Beautification - Fitzgerald - An ice skating rink will be built in the park this winter. He suggested that an attendant be hired for four hours each Sat. through Columbus Day weekend.

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Transfer Station - Megow - Receipts for the month were \$5,472.75. One student worker is still working part time until Columbus Day. It was noted that there may be a change in the hours at the landfill when the budget is worked out.

Youth - Hourigan - Basketball program a success, thanks to Mike Manning, who did a great job. On the last day the kids were treated to a pizza party. In a letter from the Silver Bay Assoc. Mark Rutkowski stated that the swimming program had cost \$517. For the 25 kids who participated, it was deemed successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An informational meeting will be held on Sep. 27 at 6PM re the bridge over Sucker Creek (Hague Brook).

Warren County Health Services needs a contact in Hague for the West Nile virus problem. Dan Belden agreed to be that contact.

HVFD thanked the town for the use of the baseball field for drills.

NEW BUSINESS

The after school bus will continue to operate this year beginning Sep.15.

All departments should submit their budgets by Sep. 25. The town clerk will submit them to the town board by Oct. 5. Budget workshops will start soon thereafter. Call town offices for dates.

Blackie Fitzgerald brought up the matter of removing the fire siren from the firehouse and placing it somewhere on the town hall property. The old firehouse is up for sale for \$79,900.

Art Steitz brought up the matter of the permissive referendum which went down to defeat on Sep 8. It was felt that the referendum was badly misunderstood and the board should have had an informational public meeting on it before the vote.

Resolution #69 2000 to amend the Hague Zoning Ordinance was moved and seconded. (See 1st paragraph of town board news., p3) The board felt that the resolution should be divided in two - one for blight and one for boat house decks. A roll call vote was unanimous to defeat the resolution. The public hearing will be kept open until next month when two resolutions will be proposed. . . djh

HAGUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
September 7, 2000

Committee members: Chairman David Darrin, Dan Belden, Paul Barone, Tom LaPointe, Rudy Meola Bob Patchett, Art Steitz, David Swanson, Nelson Waters

Copies of the (14 page) Issues Summary, were distributed to all present. Jane Marshall, of The Chazen Company spoke about the various likes and dislikes expressed by those present at the public meetings on Aug. 15 and 16. One major issue was the makeup of the committee. Many people thought it was unbalanced. It was suggested that names of residents that would be interested in serving and would represent other fac

tions in the town be submitted to Dan Belden or David Darrin. These would be considered by the Town Board and acted upon.

Where are we in the Comprehensive Plan process?

The Comprehensive Plan process is made up of eight steps. The first step was the project startup. We are in the second step which is Issue Identification. Two public meetings (Aug.15 and 16) were very well attended. Phone interviews were held with residents, agencies, businesses, etc. The Chazen Co. tried to put together the ideas and came up with issues which will guide the process. The following is a brief review of what was learned in phone interviews and the meetings. (The full 14 page report is available at the town hall.)

1. **Assets:** natural settings, beauty of Lake George, good water, clean air, climate, landscape, wildlife, Adirondack character, intact hillsides, recycling, environmental quality. community services (MLHospital, FireDept., Transfer Station, Silver Bay Assoc. Recreation facilities, Town Park and beach, Hague Chronicle, School system, civic pride, roads, Cartoon Museum, West Historical Museum, churches, trails, Hague Market, post office, Senior Citizens Club, plantings/flowers, commercial center, X-mas party, service clubs, arts and festivals, motels and lodging, road crew, local businesses, summer people (tax base), fiscal self-sufficiency, low taxes. quality of life, variety of people, sense of community, level of volunteerism, historical roots.

Problems - **DIVISIONS:** between winter/summer communities, need to accept diversity of opinion, communication between Town and everyone else needs to be improved, division between natives and newcomers. **ENVIRONMENTAL:** Hague delta, lack of water quality, uncontrolled septic systems, lack of cooperation between municipalities along the lake, character of shoreline being lost, removal of vegetation in town - tree cutting. **ECONOMIC:** high school taxes, lack of economic diversity, lack of opportunities for young people, labor shortage, lack of restaurants, lack of bars, unfair valuation of seasonal vs. year round homes, ineffectiveness of Chamber of Commerce, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support the Chamber of Commerce, lack of encouragement for business growth and therefore lack of jobs, lack of affordable housing. **APPEARANCE:** Junk cars/dumps, unsightly properties and buildings, wildflowers should be encouraged to grow along roadways. **TRANSPORTATION:** parking, pedestrian/bike-way, speeding on routes 9N/8, lack of senior transportation, truck traffic, highway maintenance. **SERVICES:** no cell phone service, poor electric service, deteriorated community water system, poor fire dept. radio communication, no sewers, youth/teen - lack of recreational activities, poor medical resources. **TOWN:** Planning Board, lack of zoning enforcement, no building inspector. **OTHER:** personal watercraft, unplanned growth, apathy, isolation.

What should Hague be like in 20 years? Some would like to see it the same as it is now, preserve lot size in downtown. Others would like to see density consistent throughout hamlet, continued financial stability without tax increase, controlled economic growth. Hague should not lose its personal touch. Light industry, more services (restaurants, gas stations), no chain retail, quaint shops, pedestrian shopping area, small scale growth that is attractive and encourage tourism. Maintain environmental quality. Would like to see more services coming from the town. Appearances are important.

More specific discussions of issues. 1. Economic development. Division in community. Some say there should be no economic development. (Cont. on page 5 - Committee) 9/00

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Others feel it is important to promote the tourism industry and extend its length. Some felt that it is important to develop light industry. Development should be on a small scale. Should not duplicate Bolton or Lake George. Try to encourage light businesses and jobs for youth.

Other issues discussed were Environmental, Services, Transportation, Housing, Appearance, Recreation. Also discussed were land use and development, tourism, light industry, need for local amenities, land use and hamlet, zoning ordinance, environmental quality and natural resources, historic and cultural, housing, public transit, Route 9N, pedestrian amenities, parking, stormwater management, septic systems, facilities and services, school system, fire and rescue, transfer station, community appearance, town staffing.

Rudy Meola stated that what people say does not necessarily reflect what is right or wrong. The committee with the help of the Chazen Co. will go through each item and come up with recommendations. He said that we should stop talking about industry and focus on tourism. We are just spinning our wheels. Hague will never become a Lake George Village. We do not have the infrastructure, population, major roads, or young people and we have a major mountain on two sides. Nelson Waters disagreed that we should not be open to industry but should focus on recreation and tourism. Home offices are becoming a thing of the present and could work well in Hague.

Mary Lou Doulin spoke on the subject of economic development. She fears for the loss of character of the town and the natural settings. More roads and more development will have a negative impact on the lake. The hillside is the worst place for development. We have our character and identity and we should hold on to what is good. We should have additional regulations for steep slopes and vegetation.

Paul Amara suggested that the economic development for community should be focused on quality of life for people living in the community and should benefit those people.

A list of Hague retailers (excluding hotels, motels & resorts) was given to the chairman before the meeting. These retailers felt that they should be represented on the committee. A discussion ensued when it was suggested that senior citizens, retirees, second homeowners, environmentalists, women, youth and representatives from the original plan which was done 20-25 years ago should also be included. John Barber suggested that rather than enlarge the committee, it would be a good idea to form ad hoc committees drawing the members from various segments of the community, with expertise and experience and would give a more complete picture of the town.

David Darrin, chairman of the committee, thanked the residents at the meeting for their cooperation. He stated that "there is certainly no apathy in this town."

Ed. Since this meeting Dan Belden has resigned from the committee. A meeting will be held on September 19 to appoint new members to the committee.

NATURE NEWS by Laura Meade

Do you know the difference between a moth and a butterfly? And, if you realize that you see a moth, could you identify a specific species?

In mid-August I was intrigued when I noticed (over a period of 4 or 5 days) eight to ten very active moths that were

brown and tan with a wingspan of approximately 1-3/4 inches. They fluttered in a frenzy as I sat on a porch near a woodland. Sometimes for a moment one would sit on my arm, or on a chair near me. Truly, I did not know what kind of moths these were. So I turned to the section on insects in the Readers' Digest Book "North American Wildlife." Because I was able to closely observe these flying "flutterers", and refer to the book, I could tell they were gypsy moths! Seldom does one see a gypsy moth in an adult phase - usually they are noticed in the egg, larvae (caterpillar) or pupa (cocoon) stage. The invasion of these extremely active adult moths lasted about four or five days and then they disappeared as quickly as they had appeared. Where did they go?

Amy Ivy, of the Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Westport, confirmed that, indeed, gypsy moths have been seen near Lake George this August, on schedule with a ten-year cycle which Amy said has been documented in recent years as '70, '80, '90 and now 2000! After the adult flying stage they lay eggs in yellow cases on the bark of trees. In the 1930's members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) walked Adirondack trails scraping these egg cases from tree trunks (which were most often popples). In Hague those men blazed trees with certain marks to show they had checked that trail.

After spending the winter in the egg cases gypsy moth caterpillars hatch. These can be identified, with brown edges, yellow stripes, five blue upper "nubs" at the antenna end, with orange "nubs" on the other end. These caterpillars are the culprits which devour many leaves in our forests, sometimes causing serious defoliation which threatens life of the trees. In the early 1970's, to combat this, NYS D.E.C. sprayed the chemical DDT from low-flying bi-planes in the Lake George area, and other areas of the Adirondacks. Many residents were angry about this because the DDT also adversely affected fish, birds and mammals. Many dead perch, lake trout and salmon were found floating on the lake's surface after the spraying, some clogging the entrance to Hague Brook and some covering sandy swimming beaches.

After that disaster, thankfully, DDT was banned! In contrast, Monarch butterflies' larvae feed on milkweed leaves, then hatch into adults and miraculously migrate to Mexico where they congregate in huge carpet-like populations.

Due to the gypsy moth's life cycle, and the fact that quite a few have been seen in our area, we shall have to wait until late spring or early summer 2001 to see if defoliation occurs because of this summer's moths.

WEATHER NOTES by Mary Lou Doulin

We've been enjoying some of the most pleasant weather of the summer these past four weeks. Along about the middle of August the winds changed and the sun made regular appearances. The rains let up and temperatures were more seasonal. To sum up the summer, it was rainy, cloudy and cooler than normal. We had only two or three days when it actually felt like summer. Most of the time it was more like Sept. weather.

Now that it is September, the days have been sunny with temperatures in the mid 70's. Friday and Sat. the Sep. 1 and 2, were hot and muggy but things cooled to 65 degrees by Labor Day.

People who love the fall have had opportunities to indulge
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in these harvest days. Garden tomatoes are finally beginning to ripen, but many are still green. Squash and pumpkins are coming into their own. Many birds have left. Nights are starting to be consistently chilly and the last wild flower to make its appearance is the wonderfully complicated wild aster. Due to hybridization it's hard to tell how many kinds of asters there actually are but all are welcome. Some survive the first frost and beyond.

The autumnal equinox will be on Sept. 22 and the full moon was Wed. the 13th.

SILVER BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Silver Bay Property Owners held two summer meetings, a morning one in July and an evening one in August. Those who did not attend are reminded that dues are now due at \$7.00 for the year 2000-01

One topic of discussion was the Zebra Mussel Watch now being instituted by the Lake George Assoc. Karin Nausedat described at the August meeting what zebra mussels look like, what to do about them, and what the Zebra Watch program hopes to accomplish. If you find zebra mussels in your part of Lake George or on your boat, note the precise location, take the mussels with you and store in rubbing alcohol, call the LGA at 668-3558, the Park Commission at 668-9347, or the Darrin Fresh Water Institute at 644-3541. For more information, visit the LGA website at www.capital.net.com/lga

Several residents were concerned about the growing number of jet skis in this area of the lake. One asked where to call if an operator were seen to be "misbehaving". The answer is: Dial 911 or call the Sheriff's Dept. at 761-6477 and the lake patrol will be dispatched promptly.

Members who participated in the two summer trash pick-ups along Rt. 9N were: Mimi Behr, Bruno Brauner, Cathie & Stan Burdick, Michelle Chase, Jean and Jack Dreyer, Chuck Gosselink, Paula Hartz, Bobby & Jim Hitzrot, Charles Holiday, Mac MacDowell, the Shearer family, Camilla & Harold Smith, Jerry Van Heest and Dean Wikoff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the comments about the Hague Cartoon Museum (Aug. 2000) in which you set the record straight: That all monies received at the door, through gifts and memberships, are used (under guidance of the Hague Chamber of Commerce) to cover maintenance and staff wages only. No funds are used to supplement the collection of cartoons, which are entirely furnished for the public enjoyment by the director, who totally volunteers time and services.

At this time, the museum staff is indebted to the many contributors of cartoon books, old pages of cartoons, cartoon toys, and any financial gifts received this summer. We are also indebted to the volunteers for their many hours of service; namely, Tom James, Phil Mann, Dottie Henry, Carol Brown, and Georgina Lindquist. Staff consisted of Pete Hutchinson

and Shirley Smith.

By the season's end, Columbus Day weekend, we anticipate that 900 people from 25 states and Canada visited the museum in the summer of 2000. Another visitor came from The Hague, Netherlands, to see what Hague, NY was like.

... /s/ Stan Burdick

At its regular meeting of 9/12/00 a resolution amending the Town of Hague Zoning Ordinance came up for action by the Town Board. The resolution included one part dealing with Section 160-3 Purpose and Objective of the Ordinance. The other dealt with Section 160-51 Boathouses and Covered Docks.

The Town Board tabled action on the resolution and voted to split it into two separate resolutions so that they could be voted upon separately at the October 10 meeting. The maneuvering is clearly intended to vote down Section 160.3 without taking down Section 150.51 with it. Section 160.3 was the work of a committee of the Town Board and reviewed by the Hague Planning Board, the Warren County Planning Board and the APA without objections of any kind. Section 160.3 as it is now written states: "The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community and protect...." At this point this language would be added: "...to encourage the prevention of the progressive deterioration of structures and properties and safeguarding against blight...."

The addition of these 17 words is the only change. The definition of "deterioration" is included in the appropriate section of the ordinance.

"Objective" as it appears in the heading to Section 160-3 is defined in the dictionary as "something aimed at or striven for." Isn't the prevention of deterioration of buildings a worthy goal for the Town of Hague? The community thinks so, because this concern appears four different times on the Comprehensive Plan Issue Summary generated at the public hearings. What's so threatening about such innocuous language? You may want to ask the Town Board.

At this same meeting I objected to the Town Board spending \$700 of taxpayers' money to subsidize a watercolor workshop conducted by John Gallucci on August 21 and 22. Ten participants paid \$30 each which together with a \$200 grant from LARAC brought revenues to \$500.00. Expenses were \$1200. The \$700 deficit was made up by the taxpayers. This is not appropriate use of public funds and the Town Board was wrong. The registration fee should have been set at a higher level. Similar workshops by Mr. Gallucci run in the \$90 range. There is no question in my mind that participants in this workshop would have paid more if asked. Somebody dropped the ball and once again taxpayers are left holding the bag.

... /s/Rudy Meola

A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT COMPLETED

Have you driven up Route 8 recently and seen the overnight change in the Dan King residence? It is located next to the new firehouse.

Dan and Tina King purchased their home a couple years ago, when it was in disrepair. They have worked very hard on the interior, and a couple weekends ago a large number of their friends spent the weekend painting the exterior of the house a beautiful shade of Sag Harbor Gray.

There were as many as 27 friends who lent a hand and voila - overnight a miracle occurred. If there were an award for beautification in the town of Hague the Kings would get my vote!

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A girl, Emily Caroline, to Colleen and Michael Benton in Schenectady on September 15, 2000. Proud grandparents are Carol (Clifton) and Tony Turner and great grandmother, Frances Clifton, a former long time resident of Hague.

MARRIED: Helen Barton, daughter of Mrs. Charles Barton, Sabbath Day Point, to Terrence Benedict, Ticonderoga, NY, son of Mr Timothy Benedict, Ticonderoga, NY and Dr. & Mrs. Gary Cooke on September 3 at Point of Pines Boathouse Chapel, Brant Lake. Reception was held immediately following service at Jimbo's Club, Point of Pines.

MARRIED: Happy McPartlin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McPartlin, Lake George and Hague, to Douglas Thoms, son of Mr & Mrs. Robert Thoms, Weymouth, MA on the lawn at Sentinel Pines, Hague. Reception followed the service under the tent on the lawn at Sentinel Pines.

DIED: Richard Joseph Hunter, 74, Evergreen, CO on Aug. 23. He is survived by his wife, Lura, mother, Katie, Hague, daughters Dolores Hunter and Darlene Fairfield, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Seth Towne and Shane Sayward, both of Ticonderoga were sponsored by the Carillon Garden Club for one week of outdoor education at the D.E.C.'s Camp Colby. This has been an ongoing project of the Carillon Garden Club.

COLLEGE FINANCING

"You almost need a college degree to figure out the best strategy to fund your child's future education." Parents eagerly want to give their children the skills necessary to succeed in this fast-paced employment environment of the future. However, with a public college degree today costing almost \$50,000 and a private school degree costing \$100,000 and up, parents worry how they will come up with the money. Cornell Cooperative Extension has made available a short newsletter that will give you some do's and don'ts for college financing. Becoming informed about savings and investment options is the best way to help make smart choices about your children's future. Call 668-4881 or 623-3291 or write Cornell Cooperative Extension, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885 for a free copy of this newsletter.

LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION

The LGPC will conduct a regular meeting which will include the Commission's **Project Review Committee** meeting on **Tuesday, Sep. 26, 2000** at

10AM at the HAGUE TOWN CENTER, Hague NY.

This meeting will be preceded by the LGPC's Law Enforcement Committee meeting at 9AM. Some of this committee's business will be conducted in executive session. Public should contact the commission office for an estimated schedule.(668-9347)

Interested parties are invited to attend.

From Cornell Cooperative Extension

Does living paycheck to paycheck keep you awake at night? Do you often count on winning the lottery to fix your financial problems? Then the Family Budget Counseling Program is for you. This free and confidential program is offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County. The program can help you with budget planning, managing credit and debit, as well as learn how to control spending, handle daily finances develop a savings plan and much more. A trained volunteer will work with your family one-on-one to help you set up and use a customized repayment plan.

You set goals for what you want to achieve and your Volunteer Family Budget Counselor will help you explore ways to achieve your goals.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Family Budget Counseling Program will help you to take control of your finances. Call 668-4881 or 623-3291 during business hours Monday through Friday.

NATIVE AMERICAN HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

On Sat. and Sun., Oct 7 and 8, 2000, Fort Ticonderoga will host its second annual Native American Harvest Moon Festival. This living history event grows out of increasing public interest in the people who lived in this region for thousands of years before European contact, and then fought as allies of the British and French during the 18th century wars for the empire.

More than 40 reenactors portraying Eastern Woodland peoples - including Abenaki, Iroquois, Delaware and Mahican (spelling correct!) - are expected to participate. The public is invited to visit the Native Camp, where they can talk to the reenactors and learn how Native peoples lived in peace and war. Throughout each day, craftspeople and traditional artisans will demonstrate their skill. Examples of these crafts and other reproductions of trade items will be available for purchase on Sutlers' Row. A skirmish will take place each afternoon at 2PM.

Fort Ti will be open to the public daily from 9-5 until Oct. 22. Regular admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for ages 7-12. Friends and children under 7 are free. Residents of the towns of Ticonderoga, Putnam, Hague, Crown Point, Orwell, and Shoreham also receive free admission.

UP YONDA FARM

Sat., 9/23 3, 1PM, Monarch Watch; Sun. 9/ 24, 1PM, Fall Tall tales; Sat. 9/30, 10AM Autumn Adventure Day, Sun.10/1, Changing Public nature programs scheduled for Up-Yonda Farm are Trees; Sat 10/14 1PM Dark Wings, 10/20 & 21 Haunted Halloween Nature Trail.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2000

September

- 19 Special Planning Board meeting - 7PM
- 20 Blood Pressure clinic - 1-2PM, Community Ctr.
- 21 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM, Community Ctr.
- 26 LGPC meeting in Hague (p7)
- 26 Senior Citizens Club - 1:30PM (See page 2)
- 27 Informational meeting on bridge - 7PM (p4)
- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 30 Republican Oktoberfest - see p1

October

- 2 HVFD meeting
- 4 Senior Bus to Glens Falls
- 5 Planning Board meeting - 7PM
- 7 HVFD Ham dinner at SBA (p 2)
- 7-8 Native American Harvest Moon Fest. (p7)
- 9 Columbus Day Observed - Town offices closed
- 10 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM

HELP WANTED

1. Clerk for Planning, Zoning Boards & Comprehensive Plan Comm.
2. An operator with CDL license for full time at Transfer Station.
Applications available at Town Hall
3. Someone with computer/typing skills to take notes at town meetings for *The Hague Chronicle*. Will make lap top computer available. We are desperatel! Please call Dottie Henry, 543-6633. Unfortunately all we can offer is the satisfaction of serving your community!

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

until October 31, 2000

**5 DAYS a week- Tues, Thurs, Fri,
Sat, Sun. - 12N-5PM**

WINNING

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally challenged, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash.

At the gun they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win. All, that is, except one little boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry.

The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. Then they all turned around and went back. Every one of them.

One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line.

Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down we know this one thing:

What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

Pass it on . . . we need to change our hearts.

. . . Thanks to Tom James

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