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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT SPONSORED BY **THE HAGUE CHRONICLE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2003 7-9PM

HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER

MODERATOR - JOHN BARBER

The following candidates have been asked to attend and address the audience:

Dan Belden, Republican, for Supervisor
Debbie Manning, Republican, for Town Clerk
Bill Bothe, Republican, for Councilman
Dick Gladu, Republican, for Councilman
Cathy Clark, Democrat, for Councilman
Dick Dykstra, Republican, for Highway Supervisor
Don Smith, Democrat, for Highway Supervisor

Each candidate will have a chance to speak and respond to questions from a panel and the audience.

Listen to the candidates and make a more intelligent decision in the voting process.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RESULTS IN HAGUE

The Republican Primaries were held at the Community Center on September 9, 2003. The results were as follows:

For councilman: Dick Gladu - 107; Bill Bothe - 85; Art Steitz - 75; Sal Santaniello - 67

For Highway Supervisor: Dick Dykstra - 121; Chris Swinton - 62.

Dan Belden, Supervisor and Debbie Manning, Town Clerk are running unopposed and did not appear on the ballot but will appear on the November ballot.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS CORRECTION

We apologize for the error in the posting of the hours for the Transfer Station last month. The corrected hours are: Until September 30, the station will be open on Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sun. from 9AM to 5PM. **From October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 the hours will be Wednesday and Saturday from 8AM to 4PM and on Sunday from 12 Noon to 4PM.**

CROP WALK IN TICONDEROGA

On Saturday, October 18, 2003 at 1:30PM the Ticonderoga region will hold a Church World Service CROP walk to benefit hungry people around the world, beginning at the Elks Club, on the corner of Montcalm St. and Tower Ave., depending upon the weather.

The walk will be a 4-mile walk through Ti, with a 1 or 2-mile shorter route for the very young or the elderly. Light refreshments will be available at First United Methodist Church, 38 Wicker St., following the Walk. Walkers may ask sponsors ahead of time to pledge a donation, and/or the walkers may sponsor themselves.

For sponsorship forms or information, call Bev Sann at 543-6299.



HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our senior picnic was wonderful, as usual. Thanks everyone for your work, your time, your support, and your good cooking. Speaking of cooking - do we have all of your favorite recipes for the cookbooks we Seniors are aiming to publish soon? The deadline is September 23, which is the day of our luncheon cruise on the Lac du Saint Sacrement.

On Tuesday, September 23 we will assemble at 10:15AM at the Community Center parking lot. At 10:30AM we will carpool to the steamship dock at Lake George Village. Please check your name off with us in the parking lot or tell us if your group leaves from home.

There is still time to sign up for the trip to Blue Mountain Lake to the Adirondack Museum on Wednesday, Oct. 8. We'll carpool at 9AM at the Community Center parking lot. Please feel free to invite family friends. Admission is free. Just bring your license or another proof of address. Pack a bag lunch or buy lunch in the cafeteria.

On Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10AM to 4PM we Seniors plan to have a White Elephant Collector's Sale along with baked goods and other fall fare - apples, cider, donuts, pumpkins, hot dogs and more, at the Community Center parking lot. This will be a fund raiser to benefit the 2004 Memorial Day Celebration. We need everybody to pitch in at workshops - we'll let you know when and where. It'll be fun! . . . ci

FOR WOMEN ONLY!!

An invitation to step out of the rushed pace of your day into a peaceful, beautiful space where you can feel at ease and relax for an hour or so.

WHO: The Ecumenical Women's Spiritual Group for women of all faiths.

WHERE: Brookside, Silver Bay Association

WHEN: Thursday, October 2, 10 - 11:30AM

WHAT: Monthly workshops and dialogues over coffee

WHY: Discussions of women's perspectives on faith

HOW: With Sr. Fran Husselback, through guided reading, discussion and prayerful reflection.

We'd like your input about the best day and time to meet. Please call Sr. Fran at 543-8828 ext. 10 or let her know at the October 2nd meeting. See you there!

HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group holds a monthly meeting the third Sunday of each month at 6PM at the Blessed Sacrament Church Rectory. Everyone is welcome. The next two meetings are September 21 and October 19th.

GLENS FALLS SYMPHONY

Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra is coming back home, after a year of concerts in various venues due to the refurbishing of the Glens Falls High School. The first concert of the new season is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2003 at 4PM in the Performing Arts Center of the Glens Falls High School. The theme of the concert is "Moor and Heather" with the sounds of pipes and horns, the beautiful tones of Concert Master Michael Emery's violin and the exciting, dance-like strains of a Scottish Symphony.

Tickets are \$20 for all adults and \$10 for students.

MEETING AT THE HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 5, 2003.

For many years the Hague Baptist Church parking lot has been made available to the residents of Hague on an unrestricted basis. Because of its central location and proximity to the Post Office it has been used as a parking area and a convenient turnaround.

Some time ago the Board of Trustees decided to improve the appearance of the parking area by paving it. Concurrently the Board of Trustees decided to invite the Hague community to a meeting to seek input, elicit suggestions and open a dialog as to the appropriate use of the parking lot. Rev. Buchanan chaired the meeting and stated that the Hague Baptist Church has always been and wishes to continue to be a friendly member of the community and would like to continue the relationship which reflects harmony, peace and understanding. The Hague Baptist Church is part of the community and would like to share its resources with the town. At the same time this is private property and the need of the church comes first.

The Baptist Church has never denied the use of its parking lot for any reasonable request and will continue to do so. While attendance at the meeting was less than expected several suggestions were offered to those present and it was agreed that the meeting was a productive one. Rev. Buchanan stated that the Board of Trustees will review the suggestions and will issue a policy statement at an appropriate time. . . R. Meola

HAGUE CARTOON MUSEUM

Saturday, September 27 has been designated a Voluntary Work Day at the Hague Cartoon Museum. Hours are 10AM to 4PM for anyone who wishes to help pack up the many framed cartoons to be shipped elsewhere. Those interested in helping with the project for an hour or longer should contact Stan and Cathie Burdick at 543-8824. Help will be greatly appreciated.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/21/03

The Hague ZBA met with Chairman Robert Joetsch absent and Mary Lou Doulin absent. There being no business to conduct, ZEO Tim Costello led a discussion on SEQRA (NYS Environmental Quality Assessment). Tina King asked, "Is it our (the ZBA's) responsibility, or the Zoning Enforcement Officer's, to see that SEQRA is done?" Mr. Costello replied that the ZEO would request a SEQRA when necessary but the ZBA has the responsibility to see that it is done. Mr. Costello made the "SEQRA Cookbook" and related brochures available to the members present....js

HAGUE PLANNING BOARD - 9/4/03

The Planning Board met with Nancy Harrigan and John Brown absent. Both were out of town.

Under sub-division/lot line change, two proposals were presented and Public Hearings were scheduled for October 2 at 7 pm. The applicants were Woodruff/Lucier (76.08-1-23), 205 Silver Bay Rd and Close/Woodruff (76.08-1-21), Paine Rd, Silver Bay.

Art Belden (24-1-34), 9064 Graphite Mt. Rd, requested a sub-division to create 4 new lots between 3 acres and 5.3 acres.

Mattison (42-1-14.1), Decker Hill Rd, submitted a sketch plan to create a 2 lot sub-division.

A site-plan review will be held for Whisher (12.18-1-15.2), Lake Shore Drive, who would like to construct a single family dwelling on a site where an existing dwelling was removed. The house will have its own septic system and the restaurant (The View) will use a holding tank.

Ragot (42.20-1-6), Lake Shore Drive, across from Cape Cod Village, would like to build a single family dwelling within 50' of a brook and a site review is needed.

The Board approved the Christmas Tree farm on the Costello property (10-1-35), Summit Drive.

The Board is now using a new site plan application form. ...js

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/9/03

The Board met with all members present and after the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for George McKeon.

Dave Decker, Lake George Watershed Conference, brought greetings from Randy Daniels, Secretary of State. Mr. Decker is going to the local municipalities to give an overview of the Watershed conference. He was impressed by the high public attendance at the Board meeting in Hague. Mr. Decker explained that the Lake George Watershed Conference is not a level of government but towns and organizations around the lake belong to it in order to bring all parties together for a water quality management plan and to attract grant dollars. He noted that they have a web site

(www.lakegeorge2000.org) and a TV show. Video tapes are available of previous shows which will be aired on the Ticonderoga cable access station. The shows look at issues that affect water quality. Among them are zebra mussels, milfoil, and wastewater treatment. A written synopsis of the work was given to Town Board members. The Watershed Conference staff has created databases and maps which are available. Mr. Decker recognized the participation of Supervisor Belden who chairs the Project Review Committee and said that Hague has been an active and supportive member of the Conference. Their meetings are open and the public is encouraged to come.

Judy Stock, reporter for The Hague Chronicle, expressed surprise at the article in the August 29, 2003 Lake George Mirror headlined "Hague Taking Action Against Illegal Residence." She quoted the Mirror as stating, "Last June, the couple (from Scarsdale) received permits to construct a 24' high, 597 sq. ft building. Instead they build (sic) a 28' ft high building with 1,358 sq ft of living space, a full basement, a wrap around porch and a bathroom." Further that, "An attorney retained by the town, Robert McNally...has informed the couple that they must 'correct the deficiencies in the building...' ." Ms. Stock asked the Board if these facts are correct. They responded that the dimensions of the permit are correct but would not comment about the actual building since it is "in the hands of the lawyer". Ms. Stock also questioned the larger issue of the use of executive session and these details not being made available to The Hague Chronicle.

The Board approved the minutes and the paying of the General & Highway Claims.

Committee Reports:

Highway - Bill Bothe discussed the Hague Brook Stream Bank Stabilization done under the auspices of the Warren County Soil and Water Department. Hague has been helping them by providing in kind services and will get back to the work on Decker Hill. The highway department is starting to stock pile sand for winter work. They have done some work on the steps at the public dock and fixed the fence on the waterfall trail. The grinder pump has been put in at the beach but they are waiting for the well to be dug before putting in the pump at the Community Center. Regarding the issue on Yaw Rd, they have met with the Town attorney and a proposal will be given to Board before work is done. In response to a question from Bruce Clark about road work still to be done from the sewer construction, it was stated that the work is "still on the punch list."

Museum & Historian - Councilman Meola read the report from Mrs. Andrus who noted that she had received an inquiry about the Patchen family.

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Personnel - Councilman Meola reminded Department Heads that evaluation of all personnel is due by the end of September. The Personnel committee is having a meeting on training for the wastewater treatment plant operator.

Recreation/Promotion - Lisa Nagle is continuing on the downtown improvement plan and is working with the American Legion officers to show them what the property might look like if it were turned into a park.

Transfer and Recycling - The monthly income was \$7088.50. There were 14 loads taken to the burn plant and recycling center.

Unfinished business

The Board members discussed their 3-2 decision last month to tear down the old town hall. Councilman

Hourigan felt that the decision was not based on knowing the numbers. Councilman Steitz noted that the building is not original, doesn't go with area now and needs a roof, underpinnings, foundation, and a well and "the mold in the building is atrocious." There was disagreement as to the number of parking spaces that would be generated. Councilman Meola stated that in the survey requesting input about the building there were 352 responses which indicated some degree to tear down the building. Letters were received by the Board on both sides of the issue but were not read at the meeting. The Board agreed to send out proposals to see how much it would cost to tear down the building including hauling away debris.

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Old Town Hall Survey Results

The following are the results of the survey sent out to residents last spring on their choices for the use of the old Town Hall (west of the Hague Baptist Church on Rt 8). The survey was rather involved and it is difficult to get a real direction in the results but many people have asked, "What were the results, anyway?" Well, we have obtained the complete results and here they are.

One (1) is the highest preference, six (6) is the lowest preference.

For each option the number of choices for that preference is given.

Subtotals for 1-3 options and 4-6 options are given as well as totals.

The next line indicates % of people choosing that preference for that option.

Section A - Rank in preference order

preferences:	1	2	3	<1-3>	4	5	6	<4-6>	Total
Option 1- combined museum, computer center, library	142	61	36	239	22	26	97	145	384
	37.0	15.9	9.4	62.2%	5.7	6.8	25.3	37.8%	100%
Option 2 - computer center, library only	68	73	57	198	38	30	84	152	350
	19.4	20.9	16.3	56.6%	10.9	8.6	24.0	43.4%	100%
Option 3 - Town museum only	25	26	50	101	57	53	126	236	337
	7.4	7.7	14.8	30.0%	16.9	15.7	37.4	70.0%	100%
Option 4 - Sell the building	101	25	28	154	41	52	129	222	376
	26.9	6.6	7.4	41.0%	10.9	13.8	34.3	59.0%	100%
Option 5 - Tear building down/use for parking lot	51	35	31	117	22	45	168	235	352
	14.5	9.9	8.8	33.2%	6.2	12.8	47.7	66.8%	100%
Option 6 - Continue lease to C of C for Cartoon Museum	86	39	59	184	38	31	115	184	368
	23.4	10.6	16.0	50.0%	10.3	8.4	31.2	50.0%	100%

Section B - Would you approve using public funds for the options below?

	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
Option 1 Enlarge/refurbish	167	223	390	42.8%	57.2%
Option 2 Tear down/parking lot	104	273	377	27.6%	72.4%
Option 3 Buy adjacent property	91	269	360	25.3%	74.7%
Option 4 Enlarge West Museum	194	186	380	51.1%	48.9%

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Communications & Petitions: The Costello family sent a card of thanks to the Board. A letter from State Senator Betty Little was cited indicating a meeting on September 22 at 10 am in the Warren County Municipal Center on the Property Tax.

New Business:

The Board approved a motion to solicit proposals to deal with the moisture problem at the Community Center.

Supervisor Belden reported he had met with Arcady Bay property owners about people using the bay and "throwing stuff and using bad language." He indicated getting in touch with the Lake George Park Commission and attorney Dominick Viscardi.

The Board approved a request by the Hague Seniors for use of the Community Center on Sat. Oct. 11.

Five candidates were interviewed for the position of Wastewater Plant Trainee. The Board approved the appointment of Tim Costello starting on Oct 15th. They will advertise for a new Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Sewer Coordinator Tim Costello presented a written recommendation on changes in EDU's for certain properties. Much discussion ensued about the definitions and the sewer law, including statements by Bob Patchett who disagreed with the assessments applied to the Patchett properties. The Board approved the recommendations 3-2 with Hourigan, Megow and Meola voting in favor and Steitz and Belden opposed.

The Board approved the use of the Community Center by The Hague Chronicle for a Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, October 9th from 7 - 9 pm.

The Board then voted to go into executive session. When they reconvened at 8:55 pm, they voted to "take the recommendations of the attorney" - presumably Mr. McNally. They also made a personnel decision on an employee leaving work early. They voted 4-1 (Megow opposed) to have only one full-time employee at the landfill. The operator will be full-time and the laborer will be part-time.

The meeting then adjourned as the results of the Republican primary were being tallied. ...js

LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION

The Helen V. Froehlich Foundation has awarded the LGA a grant of \$406,000 to continue progressive lake-saving initiatives. This is the tenth consecutive award from the Froehlich Foundation, which commended the LGA for its leadership and dedication. The LGA appreciates the consistent and generous support of the Froehlich Foundation.

The majority of the grant award will go to support LGA's Lake Saving Projects. Advancement of stormwater management and erosion control projects along Lake Avenue in the Village of Lake George and Hague Brook in Hague are two such examples of Lake-Saving projects.

With the aid of the Froehlich Foundation, LGA, a Lake-Saving Projects program was launched successfully

in 1994. The program was initiated with four remediation projects, and has since expanded to over 40 projects and is growing daily. Projects attempt to minimize or eliminate the negative impacts to Lake George, a water quality through stormwater management, stream corridor restoration and land-use management. The Foundation gave the LGA the capability to expand project work and to involve other organizations and agencies.

The LGA has produced a project map, which is available as a jpeg file, that details the location of projects around the lake. For a copy, please contact the LGA at 668-3558.

The LGA is a not-for-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. Contact the LGA at (518)668-3558 or on the web at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

INTER-LAKES HEALTH EXPO

Inter-Lakes Health will be sponsoring a community Health Expo on Saturday, September 27 from 10AM-4PM. Located on the greens at Inter-Lake Health in Ticonderoga, it will include free health education and fun for all. Please join in this day of fun and education. There will be food and a bouncy-bounce for children.

WEATHER NOTES
by Mary Lou Doulin

The last half of August was exceedingly pleasant with temperatures in the 70s and 80s. We had a couple of showers but most days were classic late summer. The first five days of September became abruptly cooler and made a convincing statement that fall weather was about to actualize.

Then, beginning on the 6th of September we had, in my subjective opinion, nine continuous days with the most perfect conditions of the year. The exhilarating days and nights were spectacular in their clarity and depths of color although humidity returned on the 12th and made it feel like a sticky summer heat wave. As of September 15 it is still possible to enjoy swimming in Lake George. The water temperature is comfortable after the initial shock of entering. Actually conditions are more than delightful.

One hears much conversation about the planet Mars. August 27 at 4:51AM Mars was closer to the earth than it has been in at least 20 centuries. Because it was only about 35 million miles away, it appeared exceptionally radiant in the southeastern sky.



LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF 2002 ACTIVITIES

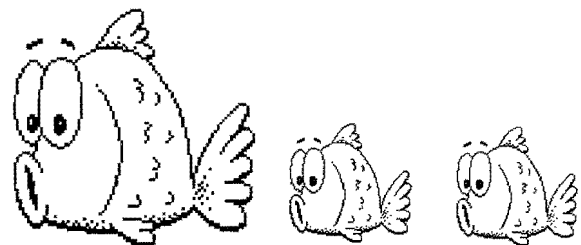
• Milfoil plants removed	41,000+
• Assistance to boaters	1,600
• Boat sanitary inspections	530
• Pollution investigation	22
• Boats and docks registered	22,600
• Zebra Mussel voluntary boats inspections . .	4,500
• Regulatory permits	192
• Revenue collected	\$893,000

UPDATE ON EAGLE IN HAGUE (1893)

Last month we quoted from the Lake George Mirror of July 18 2003, which had a column excerpted from the Mirror of July 15, 1893. It dealt with an eagle which had landed on the bow of a boat of a Hague resident and taken to shore in Hague. Just so you won't be kept in suspense any longer as to what happened to the eagle, in the July 29, 1893 Mirror it stated: "The eagle in Hague was liberated Sunday. The great bird flew a short distance up the road and then departed for pastures new across the lake. Some say that the eagle carried a little bird on its back but they must have been looking through the heavy bottom of a glass tumbler." . . . Published in the August 1, 2003 edition of The Lake George Mirror.

ATTENTION POND OWNERS

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District has FISH for SALE! This is the eighth year of our expanded program, which includes species other than trout. The District now offers Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout; Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass; and Minnows! If you're interested in stocking your pond, contact the District at 51 Elm Street in Warrensburg (located behind the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce/Senior Citizen's Center in the former Sheriff's Substation) or call 623-3119 (Mon - Fri 8AM-4:30PM). You may also contact us at our E-mail address: john12@nycap.rr.com. Or get an order form on-line at: www.warrenswcd.org. The deadline for ordering is Friday, Oct. 3, 2003. Pickup will be Oct. 10, 2003.



As we enter into this season of abundance and harvest there is much activity in the natural world in preparation for the long winter ahead. Heralded by great waves of color displayed by the trees, we see the progression of the season slide down the mountain tops into the valleys below, with lakeside foliage the last to let go. Yellows, presented by beech, poplar, tamarack, birch & elm; orange and crimson in the maple; rosy brown in ash and oak are all enhanced by the deep green of pine and fir. Seeds from most plants fall to the earth or are carried by wind or animals in preparation for the seasons to come. Plants and trees develop plenty of fruits & seeds for both their own reproduction as well as providing the main food source for most of the birds that migrate through the area and the animals and birds that remain here throughout the winter. A chipmunk's cheeks will bulge with sugar maple seeds and ripe apples fill the bellies of the bear, fox, deer, porcupine, turkey and raccoon. Ash and birch seeds stay on the trees long into the winter providing vital food for the chickadees that stay. The fruits of hawthorn, roses and elderberry are ripe now too, signaling the peak of harvest time.

Most flowers have finished blooming by now except for a few like the bright yellow stars of witch hazel blossoms that are just now bursting open on the twigs. Asters and goldenrods persist too and are some of the last flowers to be visited by honeybees, hard at work now and vulnerable to bears who are especially active eating everything they can find to store enough fat to carry them through the next five months.

Now we hear the last songs of the white-throated sparrows and robins before they join the flocks of migratory birds heading south ~ some as far as Central and South America ~ for the winter. Most small migratory songbirds are on their way with juncos, woodcocks and finches. Canada geese and snow geese can be viewed for a couple of weeks when thousands land at Dead Creek in Addison, VT and the annual fall migration of hawks, with thousands passing through as well, can be seen from most good vantage points ~ Mt. Philo in Charlotte, VT being one of the best. Both places are accessible by car within a 45 minute ride and well worth the trip. You can also watch for the silhouettes of migrating birds as they pass in front of the full moon on October 10th! Use binoculars or a spotting scope during the first two hours after the moon rises for the best view.

We humans use this time to move into the next season as well with the harvest of fruits, seeds and vegetables, making cider & syrups, hunting and fishing for game, reaping the abundance of the year in growth. These days many of us mimic the migratory habits of the birds and head to warmer climates for the winter while the rest of us are busy like the bee and the bear doing everything we can to make ready for the winter months to come.

SOUNDINGS

BORN: A girl, Alexandra Marie, to Charlene Aimee (Fort) and David Ehmann on July 19, 2003 in Albany, NY. Char and Dave reside in Lake George. Alexandra's maternal grandmother is Hague Postmaster Jacqueline Lambert Fort, her maternal great grandfather is William Beach Lambert, Silver Bay. Her maternal grandfather is the late Charles Fort and her paternal grandparents are Christina and Kenneth Galarneau of Loudonville and David Ehmann of Albany.

BORN: A boy, Rodger David Martin Premo, to Eileen and David Premo, Ogdensburg, NY on August 1, 2003. He is the great grandson of Carol and Marty Brown, Pine Cove Road, Hague.

MARRIED: Brycen Garrison, son of George and Ronni Garrison, Hague to Johna Abby, Denver CO on August 22 in Denver.

MARRIED: Moriah Murdock Rottier, daughter of Steve and Pam Rottier, Pine Cove Rd., Hague, to Eric Michael Agovino in the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel at Silver Bay on September 13, 2003.

DIED: George A. McKeon, 66, North Granby, CT and Pine Cove Rd., Hague on September 5, 2003. Mr. McKeon is survived by two sons, John and Thomas and three daughters, Alice Simoniello, Lisa Rhinehart and Alicia Atik.

TICONDEROGA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Ticonderoga High School will hold it's annual open house on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The evening will begin with a presentation in the cafeteria and then proceed to scheduled "periods" for parents to experience their student's daily schedule. All members of the community are encouraged to attend this evening.

ROTARY CLUB KAYAK WINNER

The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George drew the name of the winner of it's kayak raffle on Labor Day in the Town Park. Much to her surprise and good luck, Joanne DeFranco was the big winner. The club took a picture of her in the kayak which appeared in the September 13 issue of the Times of Ti. Congratulations Joanne and thanks to all the many people who took part in the raffle. Better luck next time!

"HAGUE IS PANTING"

The following was excerpted from The Lake George Mirror, dated September, 1893. and published in the September 12, 2003 issue in the weekly column "W.

H. Tippetts' Lake George":

"A friend writing from Hague says that Hague is panting. It has had no breathing time for the past four or five weeks. "We have had hops or entertainments every evening for three weeks. Most of the people here who go out in society have not closed an eye until two or three in the morning. There is no change for next week. Teas, luncheons, dinners and suppers." Ed: Methinks we should get back in the groove again!

LOCAL MAN IN GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

Rick Belden, son of Dan and Janice Belden, Hague and a 1990 graduate of Ticonderoga High School, has been listed in the Guinness Book of Records for having ripped 19 phone directories in half, each with 1494 pages, in three minutes, to set a new world record. Guinness was so impressed with his tripling the world record that they did a feature article in the "Feats of Strength" section.

Hague residents will remember that two years ago he made a guest appearance at The Hague Hoax Fest in Hague and pulled a fire truck across the beach parking lot. He won the 2000 Mack Truck World's Strongest Man title in 2000 by pulling a 40,000 pound tractor trailer 20 feet up an incline in 15.6 seconds. Besides the tractor pull Belden also competed in seven other events - a seated tractor trailer, hand-over-hand pull; a sprint carrying a 225 pound beer keg; and obstacle course carrying 175 pounds in each hand; and three different wheel barrow races pushing weights of 300, 400, and 500 pounds.

Rick now lives in Charlotte, NC where he owns a consulting firm and works for Hammer Strength Corp. which manufactures fitness equipment for professional and Olympic athletes.

He hopes to visit Hague in February and work with the kids in the high school while he is here.

(Con't from back page - page 8 - LIGHTS OUT)

The next day dawned sunny and hot. Bloomberg suggested that all non-essential employees take the day off. Since I wasn't eager to walk UP the 56 stories I had walked down the day before, I gladly admitted to myself that I was most definitely non-essential. And since the battery of my cell phone was empty by this point, nobody could call me to tell me anything different. It was a great day to explore the eerily quiet city. Nearly all stores were closed, the streets were relatively empty and busses were free of charge since the ticket machines weren't working.

Some people might view New Yorkers as surly and rude, but I have to hand it to them -- they know how to pull together in an emergency. And it's a good thing, since between the terrorist attacks, threatened transit strikes, blizzards and now power outages, they seem to have had more than their share of them lately. ..Ginger Henry-Kuenzel 9/03

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2003

September

- 21 Glens Falls Symphony - (see p. 2)
- 22 County Meeting on Property Tax - (see p. 5)
- 23 Senior Citizens boat trip- (see p. 2)
- 24 Elementary School Open House - 7P M
- 25 Middle School Open House - 7PM
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:00PM
- 26 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- 27 Cartoon Museum Volunteer Day - (see p. 2)
- 27 Inter-Lakes Health Expo (see p. 5)

October

- 2 Ecumenical Women's Group - (see p. 2)
- 2 Planning Board - 7PM

- 8 Senior Trip to Adirondack Mus. - (see p. 2)
- 9 Meet Your Candidates Night- 7- 9PM- (see p. 1)
- 11 Senior White Elephant Sale - (see p. 2)
- 12 HAGUE CHRONICLE Deadline
- 13 Offices closed for holiday.
- 13 & 14 - No School
- 14 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Blood Pressure Clinic - Comm Ctr. 1-2 PM
- 18 Crop Walk - (see p. 1)
- 19 HOPE Cancer Support Group - (see p. 2)
- 20 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM - Com. Ctr
- 20 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM - Firehall
- 21 Mohican Crafters - 10AM - Com. Ctr
- 21 Fish and Game Club meeting- 7:30PM - F&G C
- 23 Zoning Board - 7:00PM

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT?

The following is the story of one of our own who works in New York City and was in her office on the 56th floor when the lights went out in the city and elsewhere on Thursday, August 14, 2003.

Being told to evacuate a building is serious -- particularly for anyone who lived through the terror of 9/11. So when the power went out in our Manhattan office followed by a very nervous voice on the PA system telling us there had been an incident and we should leave immediately, I wasted no time. Nobody knew what the 'incident' was, but we did know that it would take us at least an hour to get down to the street from the 56th floor of our building in mid-town Manhattan. During that hour, rumors pulsed through the crowd, and we all knew it must be something very serious. It was the first time there had been an evacuation since 9/11, and it was clear that thoughts of a terrorist attack were at the top of everyone's mind. As I plodded downward with the thousands of others from the building in an orderly stop and go exodus, I was glad I had worn 'sensible' shoes. This is by no means the norm for many working women in Manhattan, all of whom ended up trodding down the stairs barefoot. When I finally reached the street, the sidewalks were mobbed and I quickly realized that all buildings were being evacuated. It was a scary sight. It was not until I heard a radio announcer - blaring from a car stuck in traffic -- talking about a massive power outage in the northeast, a natural occurrence unrelated to terrorists, that I finally felt safe.

Now the next problem for most was how to get home. The traffic lights were out, and traffic was at a standstill as pedestrians spilled from the sidewalks into the streets and intersections. The subways were shut down, leaving most people with the choice of walking home, waiting for an overcrowded bus or bunking down for the night on the streets of New York. In fact, some Manhattan hotel guests were even forced to sleep on the streets as their electronic room keys became useless without power.

Fortunately, I could walk home. I was glad that I had recently moved from a 19th floor apartment to one on the 2nd floor, since the elevator was not working. Furthermore, with no emergency lighting and no windows, the stairwell and hallways were pitch black. I stumbled up the stairs, felt my way along the wall to my door and groped for the keyhole. Once inside, I changed my clothes, grabbed a candle to light my way down the stairs and went out in search of a flashlight. What was I thinking? Of course the stores were all closed; even the people hawking wares on the sidewalk were sold out of flashlights. Crowds thronged to the bars, where tables and chairs had been moved outside, and everyone was dutifully following Mayor Boomborg's appeal to drink lots of fluids. People crowded around boom boxes to hear the latest news, strangers became friends and the streets turned into one big party scene.

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