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T PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It's time to start listening

I get the feeling that the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce would just wish the whole controversy surrounding their decision to move Harvestfest from the Village to the beach would just go away. Trouble is, the more they ignore it, the more the anger seems to grow. At last check, there were about 700 folks signed on to an anti-move Facebook page.

And now, a group of Village business owners and organizations have begun plans to hold their own Harvestfest, separate and distinct from the chamber's beach location. First Parish Church, the York Art Association and the Museums of Old York are among those organizations looking to keep some kind of Harvestfest in the village. Without chamber funding or organization, that seems like an uphill battle, but enough people appear energized and upset enough that something is likely to happen.

Think about it: competing Harvestfests? I suppose one could argue that this would be good for York—the chance to highlight both the village and the beach. On the other hand, driving a wedge between two sides of the same community rarely results in a positive outcome.

And what's the chamber's reaction to the turmoil? Well, president Cathy Goodwin



Dan Szczesny

has suggested that there are just as many people who approve of the move and that it's just a case of people not liking change. In a town this size, with traditions this ingrained, that seems like a disingenuous response to a real controversy.

The church, art association and museums are not just some crazy locals who don't like change—more weight should be given to the concerns of the village organizations, if for no other reason than because they are chamber members, too.

The real issue here, I guess, is not the move itself. If safety and cost is really a concern, then the chamber has every right and all the incentive in the world to improve this festival for all of York. They are not obliged, after all, to get approval from any person or business, even members.

The real problem is that the chamber doesn't seem to care that all residents and businesses want is to feel like they matter. They made the decision. Fine. But what would the harm be of holding a public meeting? Give their members and residents a chance to have their say. Maybe they might even learn something.

But so far, nothing. Goodwin has said that the chamber's actions will speak louder than words. Well, that's certainly true so far. And those actions have split the town in half. I think it's time for some words.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AS THE TURNPIKE TURNS

MTA to hold public session on Thursday, Jan. 21

By TARYN PLUMB

The York Independent

With the holidays quickly receding into memory, town officials are tackling a gamut of issues addressing all facets of life in York—from buildings to roads to the outlying seashore.

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The saga continues

Residents and officials are gearing up for a long-anticipated public meeting on the contentious York toll plaza project.

Organized by the Maine Turnpike Authority, the meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 at the York Middle School.

“We haven't met with the general public on this issue in a while,” MTA spokesman Dan Paradee said. “We wanted to present where we are now to the citizens of York, and get their comments and questions.”

So far, neither side has backed down in the years-long fight over whether the York toll plaza should be rebuilt and/or relocated.

The fires were kindled again after a meeting in early November at the MTA Portland headquarters, during which representatives of the engineering firm HNTB, Inc., released a new list of locations for the plaza.

They proposed a handful of options, ranging in cost from \$34 to \$56 million, and affecting anywhere from 4 to 28 acres of wetlands. They also offered up a “no build” option.

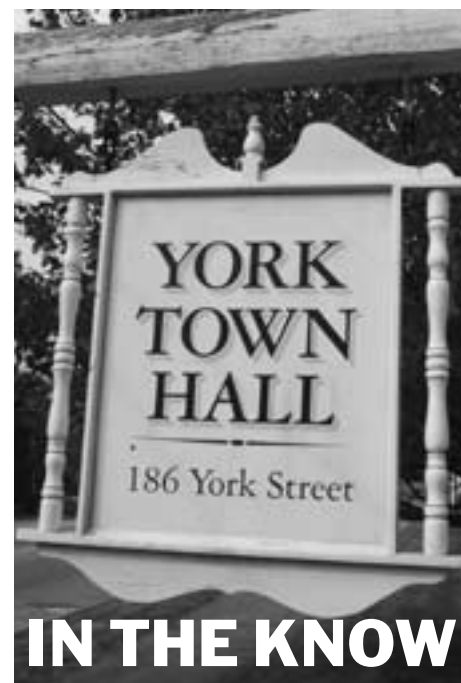
If they were to renovate the plaza where it is, they estimated renovations at \$56 million, with an impact on 28 acres of wetlands.

Some of the other potential courses, as lamented by residents and town officials,

could include taking land by eminent domain.

MTA officials held a meeting in December with landowners and abutters who could be affected by such land taking.

According to Paradee, the next step would be approval of the options by the



IN THE KNOW

A BI-WEEKLY ROUND UP OF GOVERNMENT IN YORK

authority; they would then be passed along to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Pending Corps approval, Phase 2 could then begin, he said. “That's when we really put boots on the ground,” he said, and “get a much more detailed look.”

After that, engineers will recommend a single preferred option, which will again be put to public input, approved by the authority and sent off the Corps, which will judge whether it is the “least environmentally damaging practicable alternative.”

MTA officials hold their stance that the current site does not meet basic engineering and safety regulations. They count against it its location near an interchange with merging traffic, as well as the fact that it is situated at a curve, at the bottom of a hill and in wetlands.

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"I think that the Turnpike Authority has done everything that they possibly can to accommodate the concerns of local leaders," Paradee said.

But, he noted, "we have different issues to deal with than they do. Our primary concern has to be the safety of the toll plaza for the 16 million people that use it every year."

Meanwhile, resident concerns center on land-taking, environmental impacts and the effect to the tax base.

Also, asserted Joan Jarvis, who helped start the grassroots group Think Again, the authority's plan is incomplete. For example, they don't have employee access or construction roads factored into any of the potential sites. Similarly, she said that a project of this magnitude seems fiscally irresponsible in such a tumultuous economic climate.

Selectmen agree, having recently released a position paper on their stance. According to that document, the MTA has "failed to adequately justify their need for this project." Selectmen would not support further taking of land or increased toll rates, but would instead back infrastructure improvements to the existing toll plaza and development of a plan to institute what's

“The current station, an old schoolhouse, is ‘not in very good shape.’”

known as "all electronic tolling" within 10 years to eliminate the need for the plaza altogether.

New police station close

Meanwhile, in another ongoing infrastructure issue, the town may soon close on a 42-acre parcel on Ridge Road that would be used for a new police station.

Providing certain contingencies are met, the closing would occur on Friday, Jan. 29, according to town manager Rob Yandow.

Contingencies in the purchase and sale agreement allow the town to back out for environmental impact reasons or if the site can't be accessed the way it would need to be for public safety purposes, Yandow explained. The town would be looking to have access to both Route 1 and the beach

from the site.

Analysis has been done of adjacent wetlands and vernal pools, and Yandow was scheduled to meet with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection this week.

The cost for the land would be \$1.5 million; voters approved the use of \$2 million for such a purpose in May 2009.

If the closing goes forward, next year's capital plan will include roughly \$200,000 for engineering analysis and architectural designs. The cost for the building itself would then be a separate stand-alone article put forward for approval by voters; the earliest that could be done would be Fiscal year 2012, Yandow said.

Officials say that a new police station is detrimental.

The current station, an old schoolhouse, is "not in very good shape," Yandow said. "It certainly doesn't meet the needs of the police department."

Budgeting underway

The town is now in the preliminary stages of the annual budgeting process. Yandow will present a draft to the budget committee on Monday, Jan. 25.

There are no surprises expected, he said—but as with most area towns, things will be tight.

"We're trying to keep expenditures down, revenues up," Yandow said. "We're certainly coming in with a lean budget."

The rising tide

Southern Maine is expected to see a two-foot rise in ocean levels over the next century—after experiencing a half-foot rise over the last 100 years.

But how can York respond to this environmental change?

Officials will hold a meeting on this very topic on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Village Elementary School gym.

They will explain scientific measurements of the sea level rise, as well as flooding pattern changes, and will assess recent storms and predict the impacts of future storms. Other topics of discussion will include the overall effects on properties, salt marshes, roads and utilities, and methods of mitigation, which could include a regional action plan and regulatory approaches.

Taryn Plumb covers York for the York Independent. Comments? Story ideas? Send them to editor@yorkindependent.net.



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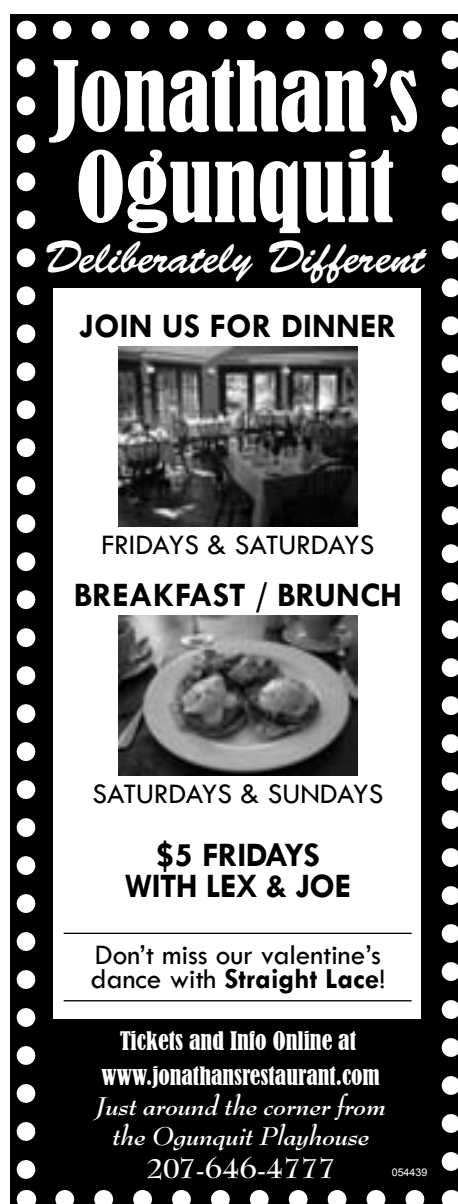
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ROBIN RUBIN

Q & A

THE DOG TRAINER/TRANSLATOR

By TARYN PLUMB

The York Independent

They might not be able to talk—but your dogs are trying to communicate with you.

So you could call Robin Rubin their translator.

A certified dog trainer who lives on York Beach, she helps bridge the communication gap between canines and their human companions.

It's no small task. In this quest, Rubin has been bit, scratched, overwhelmed by Goliaths of dogs and barked and growled at too many times to count.

But in her line of work, it's all about patience—and being able to out-stubborn the four-legged creatures that are her clients.

Name: Robin Rubin

Age: 43

Profession: Certified dog trainer; owner of Mannerly Mutts Dog Training

Lives in: York Beach; transplanted from Worcester, Mass.

How long have you worked with animals?

Going on seven years now. Before that I volunteered, starting with the Worcester Animal Rescue League, walking dogs and socializing them. (My husband and I) hadn't ever had a dog before, we only had cats, so before I got my own dog, I wanted to understand what they were all about. I had seen other people get them and it not working out. There are a lot of different temperaments in dogs—they can be super happy to see you, but they might also be really bossy. I wanted to understand that before going into a shelter to pick my own dog.

What made you want to get a dog?

We got our first house in Worcester. It seemed like an opportune time to get a dog. I grew up with a dog named Major. He was an awesome dog: Great with kids, people, just so much fun. We would have adventures around the neighborhood, he was my constant companion. With cats, while they're lovely, it's not really as much of a team event.

What kind of dogs have you had?

All dobermans. (Jazzabelle, Neptune, Jack, and, now, Leon.) They've all added something unique to our lives. They've all been our favorite.

What do you like about dobermans?

They're up for an adventure any time you are. As long as you give them enough exercise, they're also up for sitting on the couch with you and being a lap dog. When you're ready to go, they're ready to go, and when you're ready to sack out and watch a movie, they're ready to, too.

What kind of training do you do?

I do a basic obedience plan. There's a basic structure to the lessons—everything builds on everything else. A lot of people think that if they just treat the dog, they'll do what they want them to do. But it's about working with the things (the dogs) like to do. If you can get them focused on a task, and if that works into what you want them to do, they're more likely to perform that task with gusto.

How long does the training take?

With basic training, it's typically 12 weeks, if the owner does the homework. If you're trying to change a phobia, you have to take success when you can get it. You're not going to change a dog with a snap of your fingers. You have to give the dogs time to re-acclimate themselves to a new way of being.

Why do some dogs act out?

It's usually a dog that doesn't understand how to communicate with their owner correctly, and the owner doesn't understand how to communicate with their dog correctly. Dogs don't understand what's being asked of them, and owners think they'll just come or sit when they say "sit." It's a breakdown in communication because (the owner) really has to teach their dogs what the commands are and then use them. It's about gaining that dog's trust so they feel safe with their owner, get them to start having a more structured life, understand the humans are in charge. And problems can be avoided, if you do the training, instead of them catching you by surprise later on.

What are some issues you've deal with in your training?

Often, dogs are aggressive—but not always towards humans. It can be a dog has trouble walking down the street because he's so frightened of other dogs. And a really frightened dog might try to lash out first. I had the worst one last year, Hoobie. He was biting his owners every week or so. He was a normal puppy when they got him, but he



TARYN PLUMB PHOTO

York Beach resident Robin Rubin and one of her four-legged friends.

had severe medical issues, which caused him to be mistrustful of hands, which were always grabbing him to poke or prod him or give him a shot, put him on IV fluids. It was difficult, because I really had to think outside the box. Every time he had a positive interaction with my hands, I would take him outside for a play session (as a reward). He really started to get the message. I did get bitten by him; one day he just decided he was going to go after my arm when I was giving him medicine. Eventually we came to the point where the petting was no longer an issue. He was here for about four months in that extreme situation. He went home in September, and he hasn't bitten (his owners) since. He's never going to be a dog like Lassie, but he's getting along much better in his surroundings now.

What are the ideal traits in a dog trainer?

You have to be really, really patient—with people and with the dogs. The way you need to change things, it's not going to be on your time table so much as it is on their time table. It's also about persistence—you have to be more stubborn than the dog is. And you have to be a really good teacher, be able to explain things well to people.

Why do you like about this work?

I think it's the change in the relationships between the owner and the dog. When the communication's flowing, they become more of a partner. It's like putting a family back together.

What are the challenges?

Safety is always a challenge. I don't want to be bitten, but it's more that I don't want the dogs to make a mistake. You have to not look afraid, even when you are afraid. That can definitely be a challenge, especially when you don't know the dog. You have to seem like you're totally sure. If they sense that you're not, they'll try to get their way.

How can a person find their perfect fit in a dog?

Try not to go on looks. So many people go with the visual first. It's best to list out what you're looking for. You really need to think about what your lifestyle is and what dog is going to fit into that.

For more about Rubin, visit www.mannerlymutts.com.

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By **SUSAN KING**
The York Independent

Summer crowds may be gone from the York area, that doesn’t mean the fun departs with them. Take advantage of the quiet atmosphere and discover some of the hidden gems that can be found in York and nearby. From outdoor animal tracking to a trip to the library, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the winter.

And do it now—because the seasons will change and summer, complete with tourists and traffic, will be back before you know it.

OUTDOORS

Wilderness adventures

• Looking for an outdoor adventure for the whole family? The White Pine Program,330 Mountain Road, Cape Neddick, is holding “Winter Family Fun! A Day of Nature” on Sunday, Jan. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Parents and children of all ages can spend an afternoon learning about wilderness skills, wildlife tracking and building a snow shelter. The afternoon will be capped off with a campfire where everyone will gather to tell stories and share wild, edible tea.

The cost is \$15 for each parent/child pair with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. For info, call 361-1911 or visit www.whitepineprogram.org.

• On Saturday, Jan. 30, “Winter Wildlife Tracking and Trailing” will take adventurers deep into the woods to study the area’s ecology and spend the day tracking and trailing in the snow. Grey and red fox, fisher, otter, mink, moose, owl, bear, bobcat, coyote and beaver are some of the animals that may be spotted during the excursion.

The program involves moderate physical activity and teens and adults of all skill levels are invited to attend. Participants will meet at the base of Mount Agamenticus in Cape Neddick and it’s led by certified wildlife tracker and registered Maine guide Dan Hansche. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person.

• White Pine will also be holding a February vacation camp for kids who are out of school from Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Kids will have the opportunity to get out into the woods and track wildlife, make snow forts, learn fire-making skills and have storytelling time. There will be an optional overnight at the end of the week. The program is for eight to 14-year-olds and costs \$250 per camper.

Visit White Pine’s Web site at www.whitepineprogram.org or call 361-1911 for more information about any of these programs.

Strap on those skis

What better way to enjoy the snow than by cross-country skiing? With seven miles of hiking and skiing trails, the National Estaurine Research Reserve in Wells provides access to woodlands, fields, wetlands, beach, and dunes with spectacular views.

The trails are open daily from 7 a.m. to sunset.

The reserve will also have daily camps for kids during February vacation. On Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, kids ages six to nine can take part in “Winter Feathered Friends” and look at adaptations of Maine’s winter birds. “Winter Arts Adventure” will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 for 6- to 9-year-olds from 9 a.m. to noon, the day will focus on art activities.

From noon to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, winter survival strategies of people, plants and animals will be taught to nine to 12-year-olds. Animal tracking will round out the week on Friday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon for 9- to 12-year-olds. The cost for the camp is \$18 for members per day and \$24 for non-members per day.

The visitor’s center is open year-round Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 342 Laudholm Farms Road, Wells. Call 646-4521 or visit www.wellsreserve.org for trail maps and other important information.

And then there’s ice fishing

Not ready to give up fresh fish just yet? You don’t have to! Grab a pole and head ice fishing.

Passaconway and Scituate ponds—both in York—are open for ice fishing for all fish from when ice forms until March 31, according to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Web site at www.maine.gov, where you can find additional lakes and ponds throughout Maine where ice fishing is open. Remember that on lakes and ponds in York County, the daily bag limit on brook trout is two fish.

Open water fishing is still available throughout the winter at several rivers throughout the region. Stocked tidal rivers offer open water trout fishing opportunities at the Mousam River in Kennebunk, the Ogunquit in Wells, and the Salmon Falls River in South Berwick.

Winter hiking safety tips

If you’re hitting the trails this winter it’s important to be serious about safety said Dan Gardoqui, executive director and trainer of White Pine Program.

Gardoqui advises that you:

- Always tell someone where you’re going. It’s critical.
- Don’t rely on a cell phone to save yourself, that often doesn’t work out so well.
- If you don’t know an area, you should stick to trails and have a map and compass. If you’re a GPS person, always carry extra batteries.
- Carry a knife, fire making material, an extra layer or two of clothes and extra socks.
- If you really do believe you’re lost, sit tight by a tree for a minute. Catch your breath and get your bearings. Even in the snow, you can keep walking through your own tracks a couple of times.
- Take a minute and really think about what you’re going to do. Don’t panic—that’s how a lot of people end up getting hurt or lost.

Gardoqui said to be sure to take extra precautions to wear proper clothing and that carrying “hand and foot warmers” that release heat when you crack them open can be handy. Matches or a lighter should always be standard in your pack so you can make a fire. Not only will building a fire help warm you up, but Gardoqui said that it can improve your mood if you’re lost.

“You owe it to yourself to find someone who can teach you how to go out safely,” Gardoqui said. “When you’re in trouble, you’re going to want to know how to do it.”

Sleigh rides

Rocking Horse Stables in Kennebunkport offers horse drawn sleigh rides throughout the winter on their farm.

Groups meet at the farm, where there is a loft with a fireplace, and they grab some blankets and head out for a 30-minute ride. When they get back, there is hot chocolate waiting and an opportunity to sit by the fire.

Vincent Phelin, who owns the farm with his wife Susan, said that the rides can be scheduled for anytime during the day, or after dark. Rides are based on reservations.

Group rides, with a maximum of 18 people, are available for \$10 for each adult and \$5 for each child. Private rides have a \$100 minimum.

If there isn’t enough snow for sleigh rides, the farm offers horse drawn carriage rides.

“It’s been a great winter, so far,” Phelin said. “We’ve been giving rides for a couple of weeks now.”

Sleigh rides will be available as long as there is snow on the ground.

Rocking Horse Stables is located at 245 Arundel Road, Kennebunkport. For more information or to make a reserva-

tion, call 967-4288.

INDOORS

Women’s over 30 hoop league

This successful league is starting up again for the year. Registration is through Friday, Feb. 19 with games starting Thursday, Feb. 25 and will run through Thursday, April 22 at the York Middle School gym. From beginners to competitive players, the league invites all to sign-up, either individually or by the team.

The league features full-court play, uniform shirts, officials and times. Games are held on Thursday evenings between 6 and 8 p.m., depending on the number of teams that sign up, at York Middle School. The cost is \$55 for a resident and \$65 for a non-resident.

Call the parks and recreation department at 363-1040 for more information.

York Sports Center

The York Sports Center has teams for all skill levels and age groups. Indoor soccer and lacrosse teams are now forming for the January/February season for both men and women over 18 years old. Team fees are \$759 with practices and games during the evening throughout the week. The winter leagues are competitive.

Players can either join individually or find a team. Call 363-6065 to find teams with spots available.

Visit www.yorksportscenter.net for more information.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Library

For some warm indoor activities, head to the York Public Library. With afternoon concerts and evening films, there is something happening nearly every weekend (and all the days in between!) that promises family-friendly fun.

The library is featuring programs for both adults and children this winter, said Assistant Director Kim Meyers.

The Beatles’ Tribute Band “All Together Now” will a new batch of unplugged renditions of favorite Beatles songs. The new Fab Four delivers interactive performances that provide a “magical mystery tour of memories.” Kicking-off the afternoon will be Kathleen Soldati, who is known for her powerful renditions of the blues from Patsy Cline to Nina Simone and Janis Joplin. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m.

The library teamed up with the York Diversity Forum, York schools and the York Art Association, to hold “The Art, Culture and Politics of India and Pakistan.” The series includes Bollywood films and documentaries looking at the lives of those who live in India and Pakistan.

The films are held on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. Check the library Web site at www.york.lib.me.us or call the library at 363-2818 for more info.

Star gazing

It may seem like it’s too cold in the winter to lay outside star-gazing. But you can still enjoy the stars at Southworth Planetarium at the University of Southern Maine’s Science Building up in Portland.

There are shows for children and adults Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for just \$6 for adults and \$5 for children.

The Southworth Planetarium offers guided “tours” of the stars and planets.

“Eight Planets and Counting: A New Solar Systems Show” is an updated tour of the solar system for kids in second grade and older. Star gazers can see the recently discovered ice worlds beyond the dwarf planet Pluto. The next showing is Friday, Jan. 22 at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m., “Dinosaurs” will be showing. This family show is all about dinosaurs and the wide array of creatures that ruled Earth millions of years ago.

Admission is free on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Private group shows are also available for \$50 for 12 people or fewer or \$4 per person for 13 or more people. The theater accommodates 63 people and any show may be chosen, including the night sky tour. All shows are one hour long.

The planetarium is located at 96 Falmouth St., Portland. Call 780-4249 for more details.

Pottery

Need a new idea for arts and crafts activities? At Naked Plates Pottery, you can paint your own piece of potter for \$4 per painter, plus the cost of the piece you choose. If you have a little one at home that needs some entertaining one Monday a month, the “Mommy and Me” class might be perfect! From 10 to 11 a.m., a parent can bring their two to six-year-old child for \$5 for a project, story and snack.

They also offer a Ladies’ Night every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. where you can have a fun “girls night out” and paint for \$1 per painter, plus the cost of the piece you choose.

Naked Plates is open Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 351-1002. Look for more pottery and painting classes and events to be scheduled soon at www.nakedplatespottery.com.

And for the grown-ups...

The York Harbor Inn offers several events throughout the season.

Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 p.m., test your knowledge at trivia night in the Ship’s Cellar Pub. Teams of four to six compete to win the top prize: a gift certificate to the restaurant. There is a \$5 charge per person to play.

On Saturday, Jan. 23 the inn is offering a wine tasting dinner with a gourmet dinner paired with California wines that feature a selection of Steele Wines.

Reservations are required for this event. The cost is \$49.95 per person.

Try brews from Maine’s own D.L. Geary Brewing Company on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the inn’s beer tasting dinner featuring a pub-style menu.

The dinner and beer tasting costs \$49.95 and reservations are required.

Call 363-5119 to make reservations. Jim Weider’s Project Percolator will return on Friday, Jan. 29.

Weider’s music is a blend of rock and blues with funk and jazz and is gathered from worldwide touring from the Berlin Wall concert to Woodstock ’94.

Tickets are \$20 and the performance will be in the York-shire Ballroom with a casual menu available.

For more information about events at the York Harbor Inn, visit www.yorkharborinn.com.

Take a class

Beat the winter blues by taking a class this winter through York Adult and Community Education.

Classes are offered throughout the winter and for generally less than a \$100, you can learn a skill that you’ve always been interested in...like Beekeeping 101 that starts on Tuesday, Jan. 26 or Conversational Italian on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Both classes are held at York High School and many more are available. Visit www.york.maineadulted.org for a class schedule and more details.

SENIORS

There are many activities at the Senior Center, 36 Main St., this winter.

Free movies are held twice a month, with the next one up on Thursday, Jan. 21. Seniors will have the chance to watch “The Proposal” at 10 a.m.

Hot meals are offered daily Monday through Friday and the end of the month can be a busy time, said Activities Director Janis Marshall.

“A lot of people come in at the end of the month to watch a movie and socialize,” she said.

Several programs are on the schedule for the next month, Marshall said. On Tuesday, Jan. 19 the center will be hosting a Wii bowling program from 1 to 2 p.m. and on Thursday, Jan. 28 singer and entertainer Bill Foley will be performing at the center at 10:30 a.m.

The next trip is an excursion to Boston to see the Lion King on Thursday, March 18. Also slated to happen in the future are trips to see Stars on Ice and Grease.

Membership is open to any senior over 50 years old. There is a \$15 yearly membership fee and membership years run between July 1 and June 30. Hot meals are offered daily at noon and seniors are asked to call a day in advance to reserve a spot. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, priority on trips, access to hairdresser services, foot care clinic, blood pressure, transportation, computers, games, movies and other services.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 363-1036.

Health & safety

It’s only winter fun until someone gets hurt. Stay safe with these winter safety tips from the York Beach Fire Department.

- Always use a portable generator in an open area with proper ventilation. Never use it inside a building like your garage or basement.
- Have a qualified professional connect your generator properly to your house system.
- Have your wood stove and chimney checked by a qualified professional.
- Burn seasoned wood to eliminate creosote buildup in your chimney.
- Keep all combustible material at least three feet away from your wood stove.
- Have your furnace or boiler cleaned yearly. This not only will assure you safe burning, but will also save you money in your heating fuel consumption.
- Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure you have fresh batteries installed.
- If you use electric space heaters, make sure it has a safety switch to turn it off should it get tipped over. Make sure all combustible material such as curtains and bedspreads, are at least three feet away from the heater.
- Make sure candles are extinguished if you are not going to be in the room while they are burning. Never leave a candle unattended.
- Clean off all the windows in your car before you start driving. Windows covered with frost or snow can create blind spots, especially at intersections.

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PLENTY TO DO OFF SEASON

No shortage of local happenings in weeks ahead

By JENNIFER L. SAUNDERS

The York Independent

It may not cure cabin fever the way a trip to a tropical destination would, but if you're already bored with winter and looking for something to do, you need look no further than Town Hall, the York Public Library and the York Schools for an array of happenings to suit any interest. From creative arts, to budget building, to making a difference in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., to long-range planning, there is no shortage of local happenings across town in the weeks ahead.

• For starters, the Live at the Library series, which includes music, theatre, creative writing and other art forms, will once again be bringing music back to the village with its always-popular "Concerts for a Winter's Afternoon," beginning on Sunday, Jan. 17, when Kathleen Soldati and Curt Bessette take the stage at 3 p.m. at the York Public Library. Sunday's event will also feature the Beatle's Tribute Band "All Together Now" and their acoustic covers of Beatles songs. The concerts are free of charge. To find out more, call the library at 363-2818 or visit www.york.lib.me.us.

• On Monday, Jan. 18, the York Schools and other local organizations, with the support of the Savings Bank of Maine, the 2010 Martin Luther King Day of Service Project Award, the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine Arts Commission, the York Diversity Forum and Century 21/Atlantic Realty, are urging local residents to celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by taking part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service at York High School, beginning with refreshments in the common at 9:30 p.m. The day's events are scheduled to include a Celebration of Diversity in the auditorium at 10 a.m., followed by visits with local nonprofits and a chance to be a part of a local project. Participants are asked to preregister by visiting <http://osrs.york-schools.org> or e-mailing yorkmlkservice@gmail.com.

• The busy winter happenings in town continue on Tuesday, Jan. 19, when the town will host a Coastal Hazard Resiliency Tools Project meeting at 7 p.m., and then, on Thursday, Jan. 21, as the Maine



Turnpike Authority (MTA) returns to York for a meeting at 6 p.m. at York Middle School to discuss the latest push in the York Toll Plaza relocation project. If past is precedent, we're sure to see

many local residents coming out in force for this meeting as York's Think Again and town officials continue their effort to protect local homes and lands from being taken or destroyed to make way for a larger toll plaza at a new location. For the latest information on the local effort, visit www.thinkagain2008.com.

• Meanwhile, "Budget Season" is well underway, as town and school officials are preparing and examining the proposed fiscal 2011 budgets. With losses in revenue and cuts in state funding having a significant on both the municipal and educational side of the budgeting equation in recent years, this winter's budget review process is sure to be of interest to local residents of all ages. To keep up to date with the times and locations of budget review meetings and scheduled public hearings, visit the town's Web site at www.yorkmaine.org.

• On Thursday, Jan. 28, the Planning Board will host a public forum on its York Beach Project, featuring a look at the history of York Beach, discussion of the town's current Comprehensive Plan and Zoning policies, information from town department heads and plans for the future of York Beach. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the York Public Library.

• And if you've always thought about getting involved but wondered how, Town Hall can help you with that as well. Currently the town of York has openings on several of its boards and committees, including the Conservation Commission, Appeals Board, Historic District Commission, Tax Task Force, Senior Citizen Advisory Board, York Housing Authority and Shellfish Commission, just to name a few. To see all the positions available, stop by Town Hall, check out the town's Web site, or call Kathryn Danylik at 363-1000 for more information.

Even if you aren't in the mood to go sledding, skiing or walking in this winter wonderland, there's plenty to do in town during these not-so-sleepy winter weeks!



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chorus to perform Jan. 24

Seacoast Community Chorus is proud to present "The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace," by the contemporary Welch composer Karl Jenkins. A performance at First Parish Church, York Street, in York will be held Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (requested donation) and are available from chorus members or may be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Barbara Kautz at 363-5833 or visit www.SCCSings.com.

Lose weight at York Hospital

To help with those new year's resolutions, York Hospital's Heart Health Institute is kicking off three programs in 2010.

"Don't Weight to be Healthy" begins Thursday, Jan. 14 and meets every Thursday for 10 weeks from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Though the program is based on group meetings, it focuses on each individual's nutrition needs, stress management, and fitness requirements. The \$199 fee also grants access to the institute's fitness center for 10 weeks.

For more information about any of these programs, call 351-3700.

York Library kicks-off concert series

The Beatles Tribute Band "All Together Now" brings a new batch of "unplugged" renditions of favorite Beatles songs. Focusing on the lyrics, melodies, and harmonies of the Fab Four, "All Together Now" delivers an interactive performance that provides a "Magical Mystery Tour of Memories."

Kathleen Soldati, known for her powerful renditions of the blues from Patsy Cline to Nina Simone and Janis Joplin, will open the show accompanied on

guitar by Seacoast singer/songwriter Curt Bessette.

The performance will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 at York Public Library. The next concert in the series is on Sunday, Feb. 21: "A Few Seconds with our Fathers... Song and Stories of World War II."

The York Public Library is located at 15 Long Sands Road in York. For more information, please call the library at 363-2818 or visit the library's Web site at www.york.lib.me.us.

Pre-school fair at the library

Are you aware of the many opportunities, both educational and recreational, that are available in York and other Seacoast communities for pre-school children? Are you new to York and need a guide? Or are you looking for something different or special for your pre-schooler?

The answers are easy to find at the York Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fifth Annual Pre-school Fair, when program representatives of area pre-schools, enrichment classes, and childcare programs will be on hand to personally discuss educational and recreation options with parents.

Children visiting the fair with their parents will be able to enjoy hands-on activities provided by each of the fair organizations. As the youngsters play, parents will have time to talk with participating staff.

The York Public Library is located at 15 Long Sands Road in York. For more information, contact Kathleen Whalin, children's librarian, at 363-2818 or visit the library's Web site at www.york.lib.me.us.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Southern Toll Plaza Replacement Study

The Maine Turnpike Authority will host a public meeting to present and solicit comments and questions regarding the findings and recommendations of its General Engineering Consultant with respect to Phase I of the Southern Toll Plaza Replacement Study. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: York Middle School Gymnasium
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GETTING BACK TO YOUR ROOTS

Winter doesn't mean going without fresh local veggies

By SARAH GRANT

The York Independent

If you go to the Winter Farmers' Market in Rollinsford, N.H. next Saturday, Jan. 23, you might be tempted to stock up on local vegetables. This is the opportunity to buy local, fresh and often organically grown produce at as reasonable a price as it gets.

Root vegetables will be prominent, while salad greens and fresh herbs will be making their seasonal debut. Greens and herbs will last in the hydrator drawer for about a week, but you can store root vegetable for a month—until the next Rollinsford Winter Farmers' Market on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Long term storage

In general, root vegetables store well in a cool, dark location. A basement room that does not drop much below 50 degrees works well. You can bury rutabagas, carrots and beets (with fresh greens) in sand or loose dirt in a cellar and last for more than a month. Inedible wooden texture may develop in beets that are buried more than six weeks.

Radishes keep better without their greens in the refrigerator. Parsnips and turnips are best kept wrapped in a pa-

per towel and a perforated plastic bag in the fridge. They will keep about a month, but watch out for dehydration.

Store onions, shallots and garlic in cool, dark places, but keep leeks in the refrigerator. The bulb cousins will last two weeks to a month when they are happy.

Winter vegetables are very low in fat and calories, are good source of dietary fiber and generally contain Vitamins A and C as well as potassium, magnesium and folic acid. Raw carrots are 66 percent lower in carbs than cooked carrots and are a great source of B6 along with all the other nutrients attributed to root veggies.

What's for supper?

Root veggies roast easily. They make a fine side dish for any meat or fish, or stand well on their own as a main vegetarian dish.

Just wash them well, chunk roots to about a half inch. Toss to coat in olive oil, salt, and Herbs de Provence. Spread in a baking dish, one layer deep. Bake at 350°F for about an hour, until roots are tender, turning once to caramelize.

Don't forget to roast a head of garlic and some onions or leeks, too. They add so much flavor to the medley. Roast beets separately so they don't stain their pan fellows, and then toss them all together before service.

Next day stew

If you have a significant amount of leftovers, it's easy to make them into a stew. In large stockpot, sweat half a zesty onion in some olive oil. Add a quart or two of chicken or vegetable stock. Season with some rosemary,

salt, thyme, savory, garlic/garlic powder, and pepper.

Simmer for about 30 minutes, with 2/3

of the leftover roasted vegetables. Purée everything in the stockpot with an immersion blender. Make as chunky or creamy as you like.

Add the rest of the root veggies, and allow them to simmer for another 20 or so minutes before serving. Adjust seasonings.

If you are not a purist, you can make an extra hearty stew by adding some browned sausage or beef (lovely sausage and beef from pasture raised, heritage breed animals are available at the Winter Farmers' Market), and/or some soaked legumes such as lentils or beans, to the stock and vegetables after you have puréed the vegetable base. Cook beans and lentils in the puréed base for about an hour before adding any meat and the remaining vegetables.

As a garnish, add a dollop of sour cream, grated cheese, parsley, chives, or croutons to each bowl.

The next Seacoast Eat Local Farmers' Market will be held at Wentworth Greenhouses, 141 Rollins Road; Rollinsford, N.H. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23.



EAT HERE

A weekly column about local food

By SARAH GRANT

The York Independent

What's super at the market

It must be early summer somewhere, namely Peru, where the tender asparagus is growing. I found some in Market Basket in Portsmouth for \$2.99 a bunch. Very tasty.

Right next to the turgid asparagus was Tanimura and Antle Artisan Lettuce from Salinas, Calif. Standing as proud as a June day is bright were four different heads displayed in a clear, plastic box: one each of red and green young chicory (slightly bitter) called "Petite Tango," green, sweet "Gem"—similar to Boston Lettuce; and Red Oak leaf—also sweet. They are irresistibly beautiful and will make many wintertime salads for \$2.99 a box, which weighs well over a pound.

Special deals in Ogunquit

Bintliff's at 355 Main St., Ogunquit is offering an unadvertised deal. When you spend \$40 on weekend brunch (served Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) or dinner (served Thursday through Saturday from 5:30), you can claim a movie ticket good at the Regal Cinema in the Wells Hannaford Plaza on Route 1.

By the way, Bintliff's has one of the very best weekend brunches in the area. The palate pleasing brunch menu features no fewer than seven different "Benedicts" and six varieties of pancakes along with an international array of scrambled egg variations and uncommon house favorites such as vegetable hash browns and homemade corned beef hash. If your New Year diet hasn't kicked in yet, try the Crème Brûlée

French Toast, glazed with a French style vanilla bean custard and caramelized raw sugar. Oh la la! Check out details on



Bintliff's upcoming wine dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. It features seven wines and five food courses, including my favorite combo of Port and Chocolate for dessert, for only \$60 per.

Everything you need to know is at www.bintliffsogunquit.com or call for details 646-3111.

In York

The York Harbor Inn, 480 York St.; York Harbor; 363-5119 is offering luxury rooms for \$99 during January and early February. The rooms, as you might imagine, are resplendent with four-poster king size beds, blazing fireplaces, hooked rugs sprawled out on gleaming hardwood floors. Make it a romantic getaway without leaving town by pairing the stay special with the \$49.95 wine tasting dinner Chef Bonsey is putting on Saturday, Jan. 23. Indulge in five delicious courses and five international wines. Check www.york-harborinn.com/dining/winetasting.htm for menu and times.

If beer is more to your liking, consider the beer tasting dinner at the York Harbor Inn on Saturday, Jan. 30, featuring the micro brewed beers of Maine's own D. L. Geary Brewing Company. See the specially designed five course menu at www.yorkharborinn.com/dining/beer_dinner.htm.

Sarah Grant, a local chef and organic farmer who has taught culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu, writes about food for the

Legacy of a lobsterman's wife

Hankering for a little local seafood? Kent Kilgore will deliver

By SARAH GRANT

The York Independent

They make lobster bisque authentically at Maude Hutchins. It's rich and smooth with all the sweet, briny flavor of Maine lobster in a delicate bouquet of cream, Sherry and a hint of spice. The lingering aftertaste made me long for more after my generous cup of this liquid velvet was gone.

I will order more of this bisque from Maude Hutchins and Maude Hutchins will deliver it...to my door...without a delivery charge. You see, Maude Hutchins is a re-emerging catering company specializing in lobster products.

Owner Kent Kilgore is also owner of Skipper Bay Lobster Meat, Inc. of York.

"We can make prepared lobster products less expensively than restaurants can," Kilgore says. "We simply do not have their high overhead, and we buy lobsters directly from the wholesaler."

Truly, Maude Hutchins' lobster products are very reasonably priced. Lobster bisque, lobster stew, lobster pie, stuffed tails, lobster cakes or lobster Newberg range from a modest \$5.95 to \$19.95. Stew and Bisque come in quart size: enough for five to six first course "cups" or four gratifying bowls.

Kilgore has honored his great-grandmother, originally Maude Adams of Perkins Cove, by naming the business after her. Maude's father was George Adams, who owned land in Perkins Cove and deeded small tracts to fishermen and lobstermen who built shacks to store traps and other trade equipment.

Warren Hutchins, no doubt an Ogunquit boy, was one of these lobstermen who had a storage shack in the Cove. He married Maude, and they continued to live in the

Cove, in a house that still stands, where they raised two daughters.

In 2004, Kilgore opened the first incarnation of Maude Hutchins, a lobster takeout in York Village.

"It was the best kept secret in York," Kilgore jokes. In spite of lack of exposure in its obscure location behind Bragdon Real Estate and a dearth of parking, which is the bane of every business and storefront in York Village, Maude Hutchins Takeout was successful, selling well-stuffed lobster rolls and similar fare.

Eventually, it made sense to find a more suitable location. Kilgore closed the takeout and moved on to lease kitchen time and dining room space from Fosters Restaurant on York Street between the Village and the York Harbor. That went well for another couple of years until the restaurant took on a life of its own, as restaurants tend to do, and Kilgore felt the need to scale back.

Soon after that Maude Hutchins' food business was re-invented as a type of catering company for lobster products.

Kilgore delivers without charge from Kittery to Moody, or within a 20-minute drive from York. Just give 48 hours notice when you call him at 363-6192. Every item is made to order with only the very freshest, top quality ingredients. Maude Hutchins also delivers a three-course boiled lobster dinner, including homemade dessert, for between \$20 and \$25 (market price) per person.

Maude Hutchins' lobster stew is as delectable as the bisque, but it's generously populated with large pieces of succulent, freshly picked lobster meat. Whether you have guests "from away," or you just need your own lobster fix, give Maude Hutchins a call for an affordable feast.

Will the real Gary Phipps please stand up?

Is Cape Neddick resident an artist or a high school teacher? Or both?

By **SUZIE GOODWIN**

The York Independent

Gary Phipps is a high school art teacher in York. I really didn't want to do a story about a high school art department. Okay, I'm probably supposed to be objective, but I hated art in High school. When I was in school; there were the kids that could draw and then there were kids like me.

But Gary's name had come up a few times in the last couple of weeks so I Googled him. I found him on Facebook. Some students had created a fan club for him, over 500 members. I was impressed, and my curiosity was piqued. Was Gary an artist who loved to teach or a teacher good at teaching art?

I won't keep you waiting for the answer; he's both.

Gary is a local boy who grew up in Dover, NH. He now lives in Cape Neddick with his dog, Shadow. He adopted Shadow about a year ago, and openly admits that the dog is his best friend.

They've already been through a few challenges together. Last year, not long after he got Shadow, the dog's back leg was severely damaged by a coyote and required major surgery.

This year it's Gary that's limping. Gary recently broke his foot by tripping over one of Shadow's bones. Gary was out of school and off his feet for two weeks; his students organized and scheduled dog walks to care for Shadow while Gary was unable to move about. His students are committed to him. Again, I'm impressed.

Gary's been teaching art pretty much since he gradu-

ated college and almost entirely in York. He must have said how much he loved his job at least 20 times. Okay, I may be exaggerating a bit; but I'm pretty sure I would have figured that out even if he hadn't told me.

Gary graduated from Plymouth State College. His parents had supported his decision to follow his heart, and his art, but it couldn't have been easy. Phipps majored in pottery. His father was a blue collar worker at a local tannery. Tough crowd. Phipps was sure his dad must have winced more that once at his son majoring in pottery.

He admits that he was never good at drawing or painting. That may be part of the reason why he encourages his students to explore different mediums, from traditional to digital. He makes it a point to challenge them with contests and unusual projects; helping them to discover their own strengths. "Art is about expression," he says. "When we're young everything we draw is beautiful. As we get older, we begin to compare our art to others, that's when we start to limit ourselves."

That's Gary the teacher. Gary the artist is busy creating. He loves photography, especially film. We talked briefly about all the local photo labs that no longer exist and shared a moment of silence at the passing of an era. Fortunately, the school has a fully equipped darkroom so he's still able to enjoy the excitement of seeing that image first appear on paper.

He also enjoys working with wood. His current project is a wardrobe mirror similar to the one he recently sold at a local gallery. He was pretty excited about his recent sale. He showed me the current piece he's been working on which is (where else?) in his classroom. What could inspire a student more than that? Back to Gary the teacher...

It's not often that you meet someone that truly loves

his or her job. For most of us, we follow the paycheck, hoping that we'll be lucky enough to find a job that we like. Gary admitted he looks forward to returning to work after his summer breaks; but still enjoys a challenge.

He's had a few small businesses over the years to supplement his teacher's salary, in addition to marketing his art on an on going basis. He once had a small studio called "the budding artist," which offered classes.



Gary Phipps

So if I was keeping track, was that Gary the artist or Gary the teacher?

I had hoped to do a story about Gary Phipps, the artist; not Gary Phipps the teacher. That turned out to be a little more difficult than I had thought it would be.

So who is Gary Phipps? A teacher who's an artist? Or an Artist who teaches? However you choose to answer that question, one thing remains true. I wish he had been my art teacher.

Suzie Goodwin, a local artist who works in photography and mixed media, writes about the visual arts for the York Independent. Send comments and story suggestions to editor@yorkindependent.net.

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This cutie pie is Bubbles! She is a 10-month-old mixed-breed dog that is searching for that special someone. Bubbles has spent some time in one of our loving foster homes and is now ready to find her forever home. She is a fun-loving girl that loves to explore so she must go to a home with a fenced-in yard so that she will be able to do all of her exploring safely. Bubbles loves to play and will do well with children and dogs that will want to play but that will also give her some space when she needs it. She would love to have a doggie friend in her new home. Dog-savvy cats will also be fine for her to live with. Some of Bubbles' favorite things are playing with other dogs, exploring, stuffed toys, kongs, rawhides and tennis balls. Bubbles has been being treated for Demodex Mange and will be able to finish up her treatment in her new home. It would also be best for her to stay on a grain-free diet. If you are interested in adopting Bubbles and would like more information please call The Animal Welfare Society at 985-3244 and ask for Jen.



Ralph

This little rascal is Ralph! He is a fun loving five-year-old beagle that is looking for a forever home to call his own. Ralph is a smart boy that knows the command "sit" and would love to learn more. He is an affectionate boy that loves to give kisses. Ralph should do just fine sharing his new home with other dogs, some cats and children of all ages. He will need a bit of help with his house training skills but a sound schedule and frequent bathroom breaks will help Ralph catch on in no time. If you think that this love bug sounds like the one for you, please fill out an adoption application



and stop in with your family, including dogs, to meet Ralph.

Junior

Meet Junior! He is a stunningly handsome five-year-old pitbull. Junior is a fun-loving guy that is looking for a forever family to go home with. He is an energetic boy that would love to find a home where he will get daily walks and plenty of play time. Junior would love to be someone's jogging partner. He also enjoys playing frisbee. Dog bones and rope toys are two of Juniors favorite things. Junior is a smart boy that knows the commands "sit", "drop it", "wait" and "stay." He is learning more and more each day and will need a home where people will be patient and understanding. Junior will do great with other dogs, cats and children of all ages. If you are interested in adopting Junior please fill out an adoption application and stop in with your family including dogs to meet him.



Coraline

Meet Coraline, a precious seven-year-old cat with a beautiful calico coat. Coraline is an affectionate girl anxiously awaiting a forever home, preferably one with lots of places to explore and others to curl up in when it's time to rest. She's an outgoing kitty who enjoys the company of other cats. If Coraline sounds like the cat for you, please fill out an adoption application and then stop in to meet her.



Jake

Jake is a four-year-old cat that has a medium-length grey tiger coat. Jake is a laid back type of guy that would love to find a forever home of his very own. He is a purr-fect boy that will do just fine sharing his new home with other cats and children of all ages. If Jake sounds like the man for you please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet him.



Horoscopes

By Rusty

The Southern Maine coast's leading astrologer and shoe repair expert.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Just think, tomorrow is another day. With your life, that's one more thing to worry about.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): One good deed deserves another. Unless you're a dishonest real estate broker.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A man's house is his castle. And from the way you're looking lately, your home just might be White Castle.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): No, a 'rumpus' room has nothing to do with neither rum nor pus.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have a new opportunity to get close to a relative in the near future. Unfortunately, it's your Uncle Irving, who's just been released.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Only 342 shopping days left until Christmas! (Really!)

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Never look a gift horse in the mouth. Come to think of it, it's really not worth looking ANY horse in the mouth.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A great opportunity will soon present itself. Unfortunately for you, it's an opportunity to look like a total ass.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mother was right: you should brush your teeth, you should wash behind your ears, and you'll never amount to anything.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find something so frightening, your hair will fall out. Luckily for you, this will include all your ear hair.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bank error in your favor! Collect \$200! (Hey, they can't all be original.)

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will achieve neither fame nor fortune, but you'll find yourself content with life's simple pleasures, especially the horoscope.

NEWS OF RECORD

OBITUARIES

Robert H. Pentland



Robert H. Pentland, 83, died on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

He was born and raised in Worcester, Mass. where he met his wife of 61 years, Nancy Sheridan Pentland.

Bob was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Following his service duration, he graduated with honors from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. and began his career in social services working at a juvenile program at the Fernald School for troubled boys during college.

He continued his work in social services until his father's untimely death thrust him into managing the family business, Pentland Pontiac in Pepperell, Mass. He later became the director of welfare for the state office of Lawrence, Mass. He also served as the veteran's agent for the city of Methuen, Mass. from which he retired.

Bob was an advocate for the rights of the underprivileged and had a passion for fair and equal opportunities for all.

Bob loved the game of golf. Having had the opportunity to play a variety of many challenging courses, including St. Andrew's, he was happy just to be on any course.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 7 at St. Christopher's Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hearth Health Institute, 127 Long Sands Road, York, ME 03909.

Lucas Eaton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Events

The York Public Library presents "The Art, Culture and Politics of India and Pakistan," a community program sponsored by the York Diversity Forum in collaboration with the York Public Library, the York Schools, and the Museums of Old York. On Saturday, Jan. 16 an India/Pakistani lecture and discussion will be held at 10:30 a.m. and a diversity forum film festival featuring "Earth" at 6:30 p.m. The story is told through the eyes of a little girl in a leg brace. This is the story of the civil war that created Pakistan as the British left the sub-continent in 1947. Visit www.york.lib.me.us for more information or call the library at 363-2818.

The York-Ogunquit Church now offers a new worship opportunity for the area with "Praise on the Seacoast," beginning Sunday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. It will begin as a monthly celebration of word, music and dance and will feature a variety of contemporary music (from pop to jazz) led by Praise Team leader Artie Sandoli. For more information about this or other programs offered by York-Ogunquit United Methodist Church, you can call 363-2749 or visit www.youmc.org.

The York County Republican Committee will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., with a social hour at 6 p.m., at the Alfred Town Hall located on the Alfred Village Square in Alfred. Guest speakers will be Dean Scontras and Gubernatorial Candidate Less Otten.

The Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Icebreaker at the York Harbor Inn in York Harbor, Maine on Wed., Jan. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. This January Icebreaker is their annual New Member Reception and Business Expo. Any business that has joined the chamber within the last year is encouraged to take this opportunity to showcase its business to other chamber members. There is no charge for new members to participate. The purpose is to introduce your business to other members of the chamber. It is not too late for businesses that may be thinking of joining the chamber to do so and to take advantage of this once a year special networking opportunity. Contact Carrie

nual town caucus on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at York Middle School. All registered York Democrats and new voters who wish to register at the caucus are invited to attend. Business will include: elect municipal committee officers; adopt or re-affirm York Democratic party by-laws; elect county committee members; nominate election clerks; elect delegates to the state party convention in Lewiston on May 21 and 22, 2010. For more information, contact Victoria Simon at vsimon@maine.rr.com or call 363-6140.

The Kittery Art Association presents "Lighten Up" from Thursday, Jan. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 7. This all-member show includes many images of brightness and light done in a variety of media. The gallery is located at 8 Coleman Ave., Kittery. Hours are Thursdays 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays noon to 6 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 451-8384 or visit www.kitteryartassociation.org.

MOVE! for MS is happening Sunday, March 13 from noon to 5 p.m. in the York Middle School cafeteria. The event features a Zumba party with dancing, raffles, food, hula hoop and silent auctions to help stamp out Multiple Sclerosis. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door with PayPal accepted online. For tickets or more information, call Nina-Rosa at (603) 247-2115 or e-mail her at Neen.Nina@gmail.com.

The Humane Action League is an after-school kids club that meets at the Animal Welfare Society on Holland Road in West Kennebunk every Monday afternoon from 3 to 4:30pm. The club consists of students who love animals and want to be involved in animal welfare. Each week the club learns about issues related to animal welfare and humane animal care. They spend a great deal of the time with the shelter animals, learning about gentle handling, proper care and behavior. Two sessions are offered each year to coincide with the school year. For more information call the Humane Educator at the shelter at 985-3244 ext. 109.

Exhibits, music, theatre, books and more

Practicing What We Preach: Work by Maine Art Educators will open Saturday, Jan. 23 with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Saco Museum. Now's your chance to see the top-notch work being created by Maine's art teachers! This exhibition, which overlaps with National Youth Art Month in March 2010, brings together the creative work of art educators from around the state and celebrates the studio practice and exploration that takes

TUESDAY, JAN. 19



The York Public Library will feature "Simple Objects and Everyday Things," an exhibition of oil paintings by York artist Sean Beavers now through March 2. He will discuss his work at a public reception at the library on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 5:15 p.m. For more info, call 363-2818 or visit the library's Web site at www.york.lib.me.

place beyond the classroom. This show features a variety of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and fiber arts. Artists represented teach in Maine's public and private schools and universities and are members of the Maine Art Educators Association, an arts advocacy organization that promotes the artistic learning of children, encourages innovation and research in art education, and the exchange of ideas and practices among teachers.

Evolution: Five Decades of Printmaking by David C. Driskell is now at the Portland Museum of Art. This exhibition highlights for the first time the prints of Driskell, artist, art historian, collector, educator, and one of the most respected names in the world of African American art and culture. With 75 prints, Evolution provides insight into Driskell's artistic process and development, as well as the influence of African art on American modernism. He has been a practicing artist since the 1950s and his works are in major museums throughout the world, including the Portland Museum of Art. Since 1977 Driskell has also served as the cultural advisor to Camille and Bill Cosby and is the curator of their collection.

Collage is a work of art made by assembling different pieces, thus creating a new whole form. Drawn primarily from the museum's permanent collection and featuring approximately 25 works, this exhibition will explore the history of collage from its introduction in Europe in

the early 20th century by artists such as Kurt Schwitters and Jean Arp to present day works by Maine artists such as Tom Hall and Aaron Stephan. The exhibition will cover a wide range of collage techniques, including abstract works pieced together from newsprint and colored papers, collaged elements incorporated into drawings and prints, paintings that include collaged figurative elements, and photomontages. The exhibition will run through Sunday, Feb. 28. Visit www.portlandmuseum.org for more information, or call (207) 775-6148.

Making Her Way: Mill Girls of Saco and Biddeford is now open at the Saco Museum. Designed to evoke the interior of a factory girl boardinghouse bedroom from the 1840s, this exhibit provides a glimpse into the lives of the early 19th-century factory girls with artifacts ranging from period furniture, textiles, and loom shuttles to letters, photographs, and sensational fiction. The bedchamber also features a dress-up trunk, allowing visitors to experience the factory girl fashion of the 1840s and 1850s. Making Her Way is a preview of the Saco Museum's new, upcoming permanent exhibition, Making History: Art and Industry in the Saco River Valley, which opens May 29, 2010. Making History is funded by a Preserve America grant administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and by the Maine Humanities Council.

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