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Town Topics

New and familiar faces vying for town boards

By Melissa Wood

YORK — Most voters should recognize the people seeking to fill the two open positions on the Board of Selectmen — though the candidates don't include either of the current members whose seats are up for election.

Neither Vice Chairman Dave Marshall nor Selectman Edward "Ted" Kennedy, whose terms on the Board of Selectmen end at the May town meeting, will be running for reelection. However, two of the candidates vying for their seats, Mary A. Andrews and Torbert H. MacDonald, Jr., have both previously held terms on the Board of Selectmen. They join Tracy L. Jackson-McCarty, a member of the York Beach Rezoning Subcommittee of the York Planning Board, in a three-way race for the two open seats on the board. Each seat has a three-year term.

The Town Clerk's office deadline for filing election nomination papers closed on April 14 for a long list of open positions on local oversight boards. Voters will choose the winners at the town-wide election in May.

Besides the two open seats on the Board of Selectmen, the only other position that will be contested is the one five-year seat open on the York Water District Board of Trustees currently held by Dana W. Moulton, III. In his bid for reelection, Moulton will face competition from both Andrew J. Belliveau and Dana C. Johnson.

One board in particular is having trouble finding enough members to fill its positions. Although the town budget has been a hot topic in town lately, volunteers have been scarce to sign up for the Budget Committee's open seats. Only one person, Domenic A. Tangle, has filed papers for the three open positions on the Budget Committee. Tangle seeks the seat of Chairman Michael Quinn, Vice Chairman Greg Filias and Recording Secretary Dave Lincoln, all three of whom have decided not to file papers for reelection to their three-year terms on the committee.

According to the Town Clerk's office, the lack of candidates for the Budget Committee doesn't necessarily mean that two seats will be empty after the May election. Though the deadline for filing nomination papers has passed, potential candidates may request voters write in their names on the ballot.

The rest of the town elections will likely have few or no surprises. The York School Department's Superintending School Committee should see little interruption to its membership as both incumbent members whose seats are up for election are choosing to renew their terms and are facing no

competition. Current Vice Chairman Tim Fitzgerald and John D'Aquila have filed nomination papers to continue serving on the school committee for another three years.

Also running unopposed are Town-Clerk/Tax Collector Mary Anne Szeniawski, who has filed for another three-year term, and

Rodney J. Lucas, who is seeking to continue his five-year term on the York Sewer District Board of Trustees.

Elections will be held at the May town meeting. See future issues of *The York Independent* for candidate profiles and election updates.

Area nonprofits benefit from Bangor Savings Bank program

YORK COUNTY — Several local organizations are among those that will receive a portion of the \$100,000 Bangor Savings Bank is giving to Maine nonprofits chosen by a community-wide vote.

Locally, York County Shelter Programs has been named as a \$5000 grant winner as a top vote-getter for the region.

The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation also will award \$1,000 to each of the remaining organizations on the ballot, as well as to 20 organizations earning the most write-in votes in each of the eight regions, including the Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick.

Bangor Savings Bank Senior Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer Yellow Light Breen said "the level of public participation in Community Matters More has been phenomenal. This was an astounding

outpouring of community participation. Both the number of votes cast and the number of non-profit organizations receiving support exceeded what we ever could have expected in our wildest imaginations. We know that folks in Maine are heavily committed to their communities, and that many small non-profits are critical to the fabric and quality of life of our communities. The public involvement in Community Matters More demonstrates that one more time. We are proud to have our company join in their commitment by supporting causes that matter most to the people of Maine."

The statewide Community Matters More program was a partnership of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, WLBZ-TV 2, WCSH-TV 6, WGAN 560 Newsradio and Blueberry Broadcasting.

York Art Association members' Spring Show May 8-31

The York Art Association, open year round, has had a very busy winter, with many interesting shows — craft, pottery, drawing, photography, Valentine's, and an open mixed media show. The association held watercolor and gilding classes, poetry readings, writer presentations, and sponsored a sold-out Jazz Brunch. Member Sue Wierzba held a one-woman show and taught a silk painting workshop and class.

The association's up coming members-only Spring Show opens May 8 and runs through May 31. It is chaired by Hara Harding and judged by Gloria Gustafson. Paintings, etchings, photography, fine arts craft, pottery, wood, metal, jewelry, and fiber arts will be represented. Chairman Hara Harding, a Kennebunkport resident and relatively new member to YAA, works in clay (raku) and is a painter and print maker. She has a passion for pastel and watercolor and finds being near the ocean a part of her creative process.

Gustafson, owner of the Village Gallery in York, specializes in watercolor and oil

paintings which appear in many galleries throughout New England and the rest of the country. The book jacket of her new book, Gloria Gustafson: Maine Artist, Sunrise to Sunset, written by Rose Safran, states that she is "well known in her home state for her detailed realistic interpretations of local landscapes and has found critical recognition for her expressionist paintings as well." Her prize-winning watercolors depict seascapes, landscapes, florals and marine art.

Member artists may submit three pieces, May 3-4, with only one being chosen for inclusion. Judging will take place May 5 followed by the opening wine and cheese reception on May 8 from 5-7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public and is a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists and view/purchase their work. The YAA is located at 394 York St. (Route 1A) in York Harbor, phone number 363-4049. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.



EARTH DAY SKUNK One of the Earth Day Skunk Signs at Harbor Beach is shown here. This sign had a riddle on the back of it asking, "How many enforcer skunks does it take to change a light bulb?" The answer was "Just a Phew." Another sign had an Enforcer Skunk holding the earth on its back and trying hard to reach for a plastic bottle that was thrown out by a card board raccoon that was apparently helping the enforcer skunk recycle. Both of the signs had a Zebra on the back and had "100% Recycled Cardboard" printed on the back. *Courtesy photo*

Home gardeners asked to 'Plant a Row for the Hungry'

York County Master Gardener volunteers for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension program are calling on home gardeners to join them in their effort to provide fresh produce to York County's food pantries and soup kitchens by participating in the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry program. The program is part of a nationwide effort to link gardeners with excess produce directly to the agencies serving those who have need for it.

The York County Plant a Row for the Hungry effort will kick-off the 2009 program at the Master Gardener Volunteers annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16 at the UMaine Extension office at 21 Bradeen St., Springvale (former Nasson College

campus). A special incentive program, designed to encourage home gardeners to participate in the program, will be unveiled at the kickoff.

Last year, York County Master Gardener Volunteers led the state-wide Plant a Row for the Hungry drive by gathering over 35,000 pounds of the 86,000 pounds of the state-wide total of fresh produce donated to local food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

For more information or to receive a Plant a Row for the Hungry brochure contact University of Maine Cooperative Extension's York Count office at 324-2814 or 1-800-287-1535.

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Author to discuss Holocaust at Old York’s memoir writing class

By Melissa Wood

YORK — Norman Abelson, a former Associated Press reporter, political press secretary, Washington lobbyist, and small-business consultant, will be teaching and presenting programs in York on several occasions in the next couple months.

On Saturday, April 25, Abelson will lead a discussion following the screening of a film about the Holocaust called Autumn Hearts: A New Beginning starring Susan Sarandon, Max von Sydow, Gabriel Byrne and Christopher Plummer. The program is sponsored by the York Diversity Forum and will be held at the York Public Library beginning at 7 p.m.

Abelson will also be teaching a memoir writing class on Saturdays at the Museums of Old York in May. Dates have not been set but those interested in signing up for the class should contact Old York at 363-4974.

“He’s just such a wealth of experience and information,” said Richard Bowen of Old York, who has personally seen Abelson teaching. Bowen recalled one student who told Abelson that she had no family stories to share, but eventually remembered stories about a great, great, great grandfather who was an American Indian.

“People don’t think they have these

stories to tell, and they really do,” said Bowen.

It is keeping these family stories from disappearing that partly inspires Abelson, who also teaches at the University of Southern Maine, to teach writing memoir writing classes.

“It occurred to me that the family stories were being lost,” said Abelson, who has written three memoirs. “Once one generation lets these go by the family stories are gone forever.”

Some of the students are also working on genealogy projects while others just want to get their stories down on paper. “Everyone has stories, and everyone has good stories,” said Abelson. “They don’t think they’re good because they’ve heard them their whole lives.”

He has several activities to help students’ memories come alive in class. For one, he asks everyone to bring in a family memento from home, such as an old ring or watch, hold it in their hands, close their eyes, and then talk to each other about them. He also helps students to recover memories by recalling tastes, smells, and the other five senses, and the seasons of the year. Often, as Bowen had witnessed, students remember stories they had not known they had.

“It just excites the devil out of me,” said Abelson. “I still get excited every time I teach these courses.

Both personal experience and the act of preserving stories has led him to his current book project, collecting stories from Holocaust survivors. His late wife had been a survivor of Auschwitz. During the 47 years they were married he met many other survivors, including Nobel Prize winner Elie Weisel. “I spent a lot of time talking to survivors,” said Abelson.

His own experience of writing memoirs includes a book about his late wife’s battle with an incurable disease, *Gita’s Final Journal*, and a chronicle of his many interesting years as a reporter and Washington press secretary, *Right Place, Right Time*.

Abelson said he had been a college dropout working as a manual laborer at an ice plant when his father stopped at a bar and bumped into a guy he knew who was an editor at the Associated Press. He told the editor that his son, “seemed to be able to write,” said Abelson, who began his career there as a copy boy, received his first writing assignment after about six months, and then stayed on for another 15 years.

His life changed again when a U.S. Senator from New Hampshire offered him a job

as his press secretary in Washington during the early 1960s. During his time in Washington, he also worked as a lobbyist for Sargent Shriver’s War on Poverty. Before retiring he returned to New Hampshire to work as a small-business consultant.

“By that time I was ready to retire,” said Abelson. “But I had always written stuff but I never got it published.”

He said his first book, a volume of love poetry, won a distinction of best romantic book of the year from New Hampshire Magazine. He continues writing, including a couple of uncompleted novels, and hopes to motivate other people to write too, which, he explains, is all part of the plan.

“My hidden agenda is that I want to get everyone in the world writing,” said Abelson, who says he concerned that with the internet and popular sites such as Twitter that the whole experience of writing is getting lost. “I still write letters to people and I put a stamp on the envelope,” he said.

According to Abelson, everyone can and should write. He compared developing the skill of writing to that of an athlete or jazz musician.

“You can be as good of a writer as you can be,” he said, “you just have to practice.”

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The bank is working with authorities to determine the source. In proactive efforts to shut down the scamming attack, the bank has blocked phone and web access

to select countries where such attacks are known to originate.

The bank is urging its customers to be aware of scamming attempts, and is reminding residents that legitimate source will never ask for a personal identification number, or PIN, as this information is for personal use only. The prerecorded scamming messages vary slightly by call, but all messages will ask the consumer to enter their entire account, social security or ATM PIN number. Never give out this information in entirety. When you receive a telephone call from a legitimate bank representative, they will ask you for only the last 4 digits of those numbers — they will never ask for the entire number. If

contacted by an unsolicited phone call it is wise to contact your bank directly to protect your accounts and to assist in stopping these scamming attacks.

If you have any questions about the security of your accounts or about phishing in general, please contact the Electronic Banking Department at 608-4388 or visit www.banksis.com.

The FDIC has warned of prior phishing scams and offers a number of articles addressing the issue at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/theft/index.html>.

Sanford Institution for Savings is headquartered in downtown Sanford with area branches in both Wells and York.

World renowned pianists come to Ogunquit Performing Arts

Ogunquit Performing Arts once again brings an outstanding collection of world-renowned pianists to Ogunquit for an exciting series of concerts in April at the Dunaway Center

for the third annual Elizabeth Dunaway
Burnham Memorial Piano Festival

Leading off the Festival on Thursday evening April 23 at 8 p.m. was New England pianist Donald Alfano in an exotic program of music that includes works by Scarlatti, Grieg, Nin-Culmell, Lecuona, and R. Schumann.

The second evening of the Festival, Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m., marks the return by popular demand of the sensational Russian

pianist Irina Nuzova in a unique and moving program of music by Frederick Chopin including Preludes Op. 28 Nos.1 to 12, Ballade Op. 38 in F minor, and concluding with Fantasie Op. 49 in F minor.

On the third evening of the Festival, Saturday April 15 at 8 p.m., Ogunquit Performing Arts is proud to present the Israeli prodigy and sensation Victor Goldberg in a program that includes compositions by Brahms, Haydn, and Debussy.

Concluding the 3rd annual Elizabeth Dunaway Burnham Memorial Piano Festival Ogunquit Performing Arts will, as it has done in the past, present an afternoon (Sunday April 26 at 3 pm) of performanc-

es by a variety of Southern Maine young performers who will be the stars of the future.

Ogunquit Performing Arts invites you to join them at this Festival and be treated to performances by both top-notch world-class artists and the stars of tomorrow on April 23, 24, and 25 at 8 pm and April 26 at 3 pm in the Great Hall of the Dunaway Center, 23 School Street in Ogunquit. Tickets for the first 3 concerts: \$12 each and \$30 for the series. There is free admission for students (18 and under). The Sunday concert: free admission for all. There is plenty of free parking and the Dunaway Center is handicapped accessible.

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tomers lives easier, and this is a convenient, secure way to be able to bank with us, anytime, anywhere."

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Items needed by York County Shelter Programs

YORK - Vinton Hall is a brand new solar and wood-heated state-of-the-art building which is home to eight formerly homeless men and women. It is located on the grounds of the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Alfred and it is operated by the York County Shelter Programs.

The residents of Vinton Hall are in need of microwave ovens in good condition. They would also appreciate the donation of a picnic table, a book shelf, a cabinet to store craft items, and heavy metal or wooden patio furniture. In addition, the donation of two square dining room tables (approximately 48 inches) and eight chairs would be appreciated. Other items requested include craft activities such as new puzzles, model kits, board games, and a kit to make a doll house.

The eight residents and staff members

are also looking to be guests for some recreational and cultural opportunities such as movies, plays, concerts, amusement parks, fairs, bean dinners, special events, etc.

The donation of 1 inch by 8 inch ledger board or other boards suitable for building shelving for the storage area is critically

needed by the shelter now that the Jagger's Mill storage facility has been sold.

Contact Mary Doyle at the Shelter at 324-1137 or at maryd@ycspi.org if you can donate any of the items or help to arrange for free cultural events for the residents.

Hayes to join YCCC staff

WELLS — York County Community College has announced that Brandy Hayes has joined the student affairs staff as the coordinator of Student Disabilities Services.

Hayes earned her bachelor of arts degree in sociology from St. Joseph's College and is in the final stages of completing her master's degree in counseling at the University of Southern Maine.

Hayes's experience includes seven years

as a caseworker with the state Department of Health and Human Services.

York County Community College, established in 1994, is one of seven community colleges in the Maine Community College System and enrolls over 1,000 students in associate degrees and transfer programs and over 1,600 individuals in noncredit continuing education and professional development areas. For more about the college, call 646-9282.

School Notes

Invest in the future; support the school budget

An open letter from the York Teachers Association

The York Teachers Association (YTA) knows times are tough. As members of this community, we see the recession impacting our families, our neighbors and our friends. We know it is hard to ask voters to approve a new school budget, even one that increases spending by less than one percent.

However, like you, we believe in our schools, take pride in our programs, and want the best for our students. With a proud educational tradition at stake, York citizens' votes and voices in support of the school budget will help to invest precious resources in the future of the town. And, we believe that we all have a stake in that future.

The York Teachers Association is asking you to support the proposed school budget.

Over the next few weeks we will share budget information to provide you with a better understanding of the issues being voted on at the upcoming Town Meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. in the York High School gymnasium, and on the referendum ballot scheduled for Friday, May 29 at York High School.

The YTA is offering free child-care services in the York High School Commons, starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 18, in the interest of encouraging participation in the Town Meeting and consideration of the school budget.

We know the School Committee worked hard to make budget cuts that will minimize the impact on students, especially in their efforts to retain teaching and other staff positions. Despite these challenges, the budget that they passed is only a fraction of the size of any budget increase that was approved by the Budget Committee and the voters in at least the last five years.

In their deliberations over the last three months, the School Committee removed almost \$1.5 million from the budget. Ultimately, the proposed budget maintains needed programs and services with only a 0.6 percent increase in spending, striking a fair balance between student needs and taxpayers' interests.

What does a 0.6 percent increase mean? It is, for a family with a \$400,000 home, an additional \$20 in annual taxes. It is, for our schools, the ability to continue to provide the programming and services that contribute to our students' successes.

York educators are committed to providing the best education possible for our students; to that end we endorse the School Committee's budget because it preserves the high quality education that our community has rightly taken great pride in over the years.

Because York receives an excellent return on its investment, we hope you will vote for this budget and support our schools as you have in the past.

Sincerely,
YTA Executive Committee

York High grad honored with scholarship

XA Advisors, LLC, a leading provider of financial services for consumers and businesses, has announced that Alexandra Hayford, a high school senior attending York High School in Cape Neddick is the Maine winner of the 2009 AXA Achievementsm Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report. Under the AXA Achievementsm Scholarship program, Hayford is one of 52 students - one from each state, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico - that have been awarded scholarships of \$10,000.

All scholarship recipients - known as AXA Achievers - will be highlighted on the U.S. News & World Report website, www.usnews.com, through May 28, 2009, and featured in the magazine's May 2009 Career/Education Guide issue. The scholarship program is administered by Scholarship



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Hayford created awareness and educational programs about the threats of ocean pollution and hosted community events and cleanups. Her work has saved animals from entrapment and has protected humans and wildlife from the contam-

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Science fair delivers messy, educational fun



Coastal Ridge Elementary School students experiment with science projects at the school's annual Science Fair on April 17.

By Melissa Wood

YORK—It was a Friday night of fun that included volcanoes, LASERs, and even a live sheep when Coastal Ridge Elementary School held its annual science fair on April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Although the event was held on the brink of the school's one-week spring vacation, many families showed up to see the variety of student experiments.

"We had a great turnout," said Sean Murphy, principal of Coastal Ridge Elementary School, who said that forty student scientists ranging from grades one through four exhibited their science projects in both the gym and cafeteria. "There were a lot of hands-on messy projects," he said.

One student actually brought in a live sheep to demonstrate its different stomachs. While the sheep entertained the crowd by regurgitating and chewing its cud, the student presented a backdrop display explaining the mechanics of the animal's digestive system.

Other projects at the science fair included demonstrations on how to make an egg bounce, a volcanic eruption, different types of LASERs, static electric, and how glass is made. One student built her own radio.

"Students delved into their passions for science," said Murphy. "It was a nice family educational event that produced out-of-the box thinking."

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Arts and Leisure

Artist Raye on display at The Clown

The Clown in York is pleased to announce an exhibit of paintings by Rebekah Raye. An artist and private art instructor in East Blue Hill Maine, Raye is also the author and illustrator of the children's book *The Very Best Bed*, winner of a 2007 Maine Literary Award from the Maine Publishers Alliance, and illustrated the children's book *Thanks to the Animals*, one of the top 10 children's picks for the Chickadee Award in April 2007. The book's illustrations were honored with recognition in the Society of Illustrators 25th Anniversary Show of Original Art in New York City in 2005.

Animals are her subjects. "I love animals and their relationship to us and each other. The images I paint and sculpt come from experiences I've had right here in our backyard and in East Blue Hill," said Raye.

Raye uses a variety of media to bring the animals to life on paper and canvas, often working with pastels, watercolor, ink, acrylic, oil wash and silver dust. Her illustrative work is rich in color, texture and detail, which bring forth her subjects' personalities as though we have had the chance to observe them alongside her. Her work invites us into the animals' world. Raye feels a special connection to her winged two-legged and furred four-legged muses. "We are surrounded by woods and live beside an old granite quarry, a sheltered cove and the head of Blue Hill Bay at our doorstep. We are visited regularly by deer, fox, crows, raccoons and occasionally a bobcat, bear, hawk and owls. All manner of creatures come to see what our chickens and geese have left from their supper."

Raye has been an art instructor at the Seamark Workshops in Deer Isle and continues to privately teach in Deer Isle and Blue Hill. She has often incorporated some of her own backyard menagerie as teaching tools. "Some of the animals," she explains, "have also been wonderful models for my workshops with children and adults. They seem to be the best motivators for teach-



ing techniques in drawing and paintings. A Rhode Island Red rooster named RooRoo was the best of all. Having started a modeling career as a chick, he didn't mind being placed on a stool for an hour and a half. As he relaxed he would begin to crow and preen himself not caring about the activity in the room."

Rebekah Raye has a bachelor of arts in education from the University of Maine at Orono and has studied at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle. Her work has been included in numerous exhibitions, books and publications, most recently in her award-winning children's book, *The Very Best Bed*. An original painting from the book is part of the show at The Clown.

"It doesn't seem to matter where I am," she says, "the sight of an animal, near or far, calls my attention. They are constantly in my dreams and daily thoughts. It is a celebration of their lives with us that I wish to share. I am compelled to paint them, sculpt



them and love them."

The artwork of Rebekah Raye will be on exhibit at The Clown through the month of May. Also available for purchase are several of her silver-plated brass pins and copies of her two children's books.

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Politics And Other Mistakes

One foot in the grave

By Al Diamon

Here's who the Maine Republican Party should nominate for governor in 2010:

A zombie.

It doesn't matter if it's the monster-movie kind or the tiki-bar-cocktail kind. One is brain-dead. The other makes you brain-dead. Either would be an improvement over the array of allegedly living GOP contenders for the nomination.

For that matter, so would a mummy. Or a mai tai.

In fact, the perfect Republican gubernatorial candidate would be a member of the undead who's also a bartender. At worst, such a nominee would liven up the post-election celebration ("Look, there's a finger in my drink"). At best, he or she would frighten the faithful into doing some serious thinking about what they stand for, what they hope to accomplish and how to effectively communicate that message to voters ("Look, there are brains all over our platform").

It's not as if having a standard-bearer who's more-or-less deceased would require a major policy shift. Republicans already act as if their preferred mode of travel is in the back of a hearse, their favorite campaign location is a cemetery, and their most successful fundraiser is GOP Goth night ("I told you, Sen. Collins, black is the new red"). A vampire as the nominee would fit right in. And a candidate from beyond the grave might be just the thing to enliven (so to speak) the proceedings, shocking Republicans into shedding their rigor mortis and becoming competitive again.

The reason the GOP could go from dead to ahead in the polls in a hurry is because their competition is ... well, let me phrase this as delicately as possible.

Maine Democrats appear to be full-throttle, Texas-Chainsaw-Massacre wacko.

Just take a look at a representative sampling of the Dems' legislative agenda. It includes:

A bill to make it illegal to reveal what a specific state employee is paid.

A bill to make it all but impossible to build any large-scale commercial projects anywhere in rural Maine.

A bill to make creating jobs during a recession less of a priority than fighting global warming.

A bill to reduce lighting after sundown, so we can see the stars. But not the things that go bump in the night.

In contrast, here's a selection from the Republicans' agenda, as spelled out by the party's legislative leadership at a little-noticed news conference on April 9 (the lack of interest on the part of the media may have had something to do with the clever idea of announcing a legislative agenda after two-thirds of the current session was already over).

The GOP wants to give us:

A "Caring" government. Like I care.

A requirement that before graduating from high school, students should have a basic knowledge of "consumer science." Will they get to dissect a consumer?

A plan to lower the income tax — just as soon as the economy improves, state revenues rebound and pigs fly.

What isn't mentioned is:

Much of anything about putting people back to work or keeping the people who are working from being laid off. House Minority Leader Joshua Tardy, one of the aforementioned, semi-comatose gubernatorial candidates, did say he was in favor of "a strong employment base and better jobs, greater prosperity for our citizens," but never explained how the GOP intended to accomplish that.

Subsidies for flying-pig farms, maybe?

This lack of initiative, innovation and intelligence on the part of the pachyderm party leaves voters with a choice between the mad (Democrats) and the mummified (Republicans). Since nutty candidates are way more entertaining than politicians hooked up to life support even though all brain function has ceased, it's no wonder the Dems prevail. Not only does the GOP need to look alive, it also needs proposals that can score against the competition's on the insanity scale. Here are some psychiatrically questionable possibilities:

Eliminate the state Department of Education. Admit it, you have no idea what those bureaucrats do all day, except make life miserable for local schools that don't want to consolidate.

Eliminate the state Department of Economic and Community Development. You see any development going on? Me neither.

Fire any state employee who, during working hours, uses one or more of the following meaningless phrases: "creative economy," "sustainable growth," "safety net," "governmental transparency," "public-private partnership," "an open process that welcomes input from all stakeholders" and "Senate President Libby Mitchell has some great ideas." Make sensible English the official state language.

Endorse the TABOR II referendum to cap state spending that's on the November ballot. Promise that if it passes, the GOP will immediately cut the income tax by more than the Democrats ever dared and expand the sales tax by similar proportions.

Lower the retail price of liquor. Take a few million bucks back from New Hampshire. With every purchase, you get a free recipe for zombies.

Also, a new party slogan:

Better the living dead than living in the red.

Grave concerns may be e-mailed to me at aldiamon@herniahill.net.

First impressions of York, and making the donuts



By Jeff Rapsis

You'll find the three of us in the results of the Joshua's Book of Dreams 5K race - kinda back in the pack, but we're there:

• No. 85, 32:12, Jody Reese, 35, Manchester, N.H.

• No. 86, 32:37, Dan Szczesny (pronounced sez-knee), 43, Manchester, N.H.

• No. 93, 35:24, Jeff Rapsis, 45, Bedford, New Hampshire.

Who are these guys, and why were they running through the streets of York on Saturday, April 18?

Speaking for all three of us, we're partners in a company that recently took on the challenge of publishing this terrific community newspaper. We're new to York and there's a lot to learn, but we're excited to be involved with a paper that clearly serves its community so well and so completely.

And though York is new to us, we're fortunate that it's not new to the paper's staff. We're pleased that the team that's brought you the York Independent for lo these many years will continue to cover the town, take photos, sell advertising, and keep making the donuts, as we say.

These are people you know: former owners Steve and Tori Rasche, who put so much into building the paper into the best that it could be, will continue to contribute on many levels, including opinion pieces and photos.

I want to say that it's been a pleasure to get to know all of the people involved with the paper, and that includes Paco, the office dog. He's what sealed the deal, actually - anytime a newspaper office is second home to a dog, that's a good sign in my book.

So why York, and why us? I think the best way to answer those questions is to tell you a little bit about ourselves and how we came to get tangled up in this picturesque and interesting community. So here goes.

The three of us are partners in a business called "Quality of Life Publications." We're based in Manchester, N.H. (hence our home addresses), but it's not a big company. Our entire annual budget would cover the cost of maybe a couple of hours of flight time in Rupert Murdoch's private jet.

But the three of us all have backgrounds in small newspapers and community journalism. After doing time in the newsroom of small dailies in New Hampshire and elsewhere, each of us felt there was an opportunity for a new kind of newspaper to succeed. The Internet was changing news habits even then, and daily newspapers were declining in readership. It was time for something new.

So in 2001, we launched HippoPress, a Manchester-based free weekly newspaper that focuses on art, entertainment, food, and family activities.

And we also got into the business of distributing other newspapers, which led us to Steve and Tori Rasche and the York Independent. After the York paper changed from direct mail to bulk distribution, we got the job of delivering the paper all around York and its environs. And everywhere we went, people simply devoured the paper, eager to scour the pages of each issue.

That's a testament to the efforts of the Rasches and their staff to put out the best community newspaper possible. So when we learned they might be interested in having a like-minded company partner with them to help the paper continue to cover York but also grow and prosper as a business. And we got talking, and things went from there.

How are we like-minded? Well, in many ways, which for myself I base solely on a shared appreciation of dogs. I have two, and I bring them in the office during week-ends. So that was all I needed. We also have some business systems in place that can

help the York Independent publish more cost-efficiently, and without sacrificing the local focus of the content. We weren't out looking to buy newspapers willy-nilly, like so many big chains sometimes do, and which gets them into trouble.

So the next thing I knew, I'm meeting Miss Julie in the children's room of York's magnificent library, and eating dinner at the Union Bluff Hotel restaurant (try the picked ramp!) and huffing and puffing along Woodbridge Road during the Joshua's Book of Dreams 5K last Saturday.

First impressions of York: It's a beautiful community with friendly people and a vibrant local economy. And it's exactly the kind of community that understands the value of a good community newspaper, which we intend to publish to the full extent that the community is willing to support it.

I want to thank everyone who so far has made us feel welcome in York, and I look forward to meeting as many people as possible in the weeks and months to come. Thanks for allowing us the privilege of being stewards of this fine and worthy newspaper. We purchased it because we believe good community newspapers have a strong future no matter what technological changes occur, and the York Independent is just about the best example of a must-read vital paper that I know of.

Jeff Rapsis is Associate Publisher of Quality of Life Publications.

The views expressed on the editorial and op-ed pages are meant to reflect a variety of views and opinions and are not necessarily those of the publisher or staff. The York Independent welcomes guest editorials on this page. Submissions can be e-mailed to editor@yorkindependent.net.

Our firefighters deserve praise and assistance

By Senator Susan Collins

Our career and volunteer firefighters are among our bravest public servants. It is difficult to imagine the courage it takes to enter a burning building or approach a blazing truck or railroad car that may be about to explode—especially when others are running in the opposite direction. We can only dimly grasp the skill and discipline it takes to rescue and tend to a fire or an accident victim in the midst of confusion and danger. At any time, any of us could easily find our lives dependent on the firefighting and rescue skills of these heroic and dedicated men and women.

The impact of firefighters extends well beyond their home towns. Not only do they routinely offer mutual assistance among towns, but as highly trained first responders, they also are a key component in state and federal preparedness plans for

responding to natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Carrying out these responsibilities requires enormous effort, not to mention ample resources for recruiting and training personnel and for securing and maintaining modern equipment.

To assist with the vital mission of our nations' fire departments, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security administers the FIRE Act grants program, which includes the Assistance to Firefighters, Fire Prevention and Safety, and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants. These programs have been invaluable to fire departments throughout the nation and right here in Maine. They help fire departments purchase new, used, or refurbished vehicles, and to obtain equipment for firefighting, interoperable communications, chemical detection, and other purposes that are essential to first responders.

Since January of this year, 22 Maine fire and rescue departments have received funds from these grant programs, totaling nearly \$2 million. This year, fire departments in Arrowsic, Bangor, Bath, Canton, Gouldsboro, Greenbush, Hampden, Mapleton, Richmond, Springfield, Strong, Wiscasset, York, and other Maine towns have joined the ranks of those whose life-saving capabilities have been improved through these federal grants.

Since the creation of this program, Maine fire departments have been awarded more than \$50 million. To qualify for these funds, every grant requires a local effort to meet a certain percent of the need. In many cases, these federal dollars enable a community's department to obtain equipment it simply couldn't afford on its own. And in every case, the federal grants ease local financial burdens while advancing the national interest in having first responders

as prepared as possible for all disasters, whether natural or man-made.

In recognition of my advocacy on behalf of our nation's firefighters, the National Volunteer Fire Council recently awarded me its Legislator of the Year award. To be recognized by an organization representing those who risk their lives to serve their local communities is deeply gratifying.

Our firefighters put their lives on the line at every call to save others and protect property, whether in a single house fire or in a widespread disaster. Like the members of our armed forces, they need good equipment, adequate staffing, intensive training, and public support to do their job. We owe them all a debt of gratitude and we must continue to work to help ensure that they are kept as safe as possible as they protect each of us.

Letters to the Editor

Send your Letters to the Editor via email to editor@yorkindependent.net. *The York Independent* welcomes letters and opinions on any subject. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters should be 200 words or less. We reserve the rights to edit submissions for length, accuracy and/or legal reasons and to reject any material considered unsuitable for publication. The view expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper or its staff.

Thanks for the evening

To the Editor:

It was a whirlwind evening ... On Friday, April 3rd, hundreds of guests braved a blustery, rainy night to come out and show their support for the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine!

The bidding was competitive, and we hope everyone went home feeling like a winner! Among the evening's highlights was the exciting debut of our brand new logo, the eagerly anticipated face of our newly merged organization.

To those who donated, sponsored, attended, volunteered, purchased raffle tickets, told their friends, wished us well, and offered your support... THANK YOU! Your contribution, whether large or small, makes the programs, productions and exhibits we provide possible, and your

community thanks you.

We'll see you next Spring for Auction 2010!

**Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine
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Voting woes

To the Editor,

On May 18th, a Monday night, at 6 PM, by State law, any York voter can meet at the town meeting to review then accept or change the school budget by show of hands. On May 29th, a Friday, we can all vote by secret ballot to accept or reject the school budget as decided on that Monday town meeting. This is a democratic process? I say it is not. A small group of unelected voters coming out on a Monday night should not be able to alter the hard work of our School Committee and Budget Committee who have toiled over

this budget over 5 months. My crystal ball says the 0.6% higher budget (\$155,000) over last year which translates to a 1.8% increase in taxes will be voted down on May 29th because there is all kinds of economic hurt and uncertainty out there, even though the budget has been cut more than 1 million dollars. My point is that a town-wide secret ballot vote with as full a turn-out as we can muster on Friday May 29th should decide our school budget, not a small group, however well-intentioned, who shows up on a Monday night to raise their hands. Should the budget fail in the secret ballot vote on May 29th, the result will go back to our hard-working School Committee where it should go for revision. I will make this point each of the 3 years we have to endure this Town Hall meeting until we can, by State law, go back to our Home Rule Charter secret ballot referendum that is much more democratic and fair.

Sincerely,
Patty Hymanson

Spring is sprung

To The Editor,

Today the sky looks so new and clean as though it had just come back from the laundry. On a village lawn a gardener turns earth with a spade. Coats of fresh paint are being worn and roofs are being renewed.

All of York is sparkling in the sun.

Praise God we have survived the darkest and dreariest winter in a decade. Praise God we can welcome Spring by walking, running, cheerfully greeting our neighbors with real enthusiasm, and such shenanigans!

Soon our Summer stimulus visitors will arrive with purses and wallets crammed with stimulus cash. Let's spend April and May in delicious seclusion until the annual most-welcome onslaught commences.

**Warren J. Lemon
York**

Obituaries

Wilna Gerry Peterson loved music

Wilna Gerry Peterson, 81, of 117 Long Sands Road died peacefully at York Hospital on April 10, 2009. She was born in York, Oct. 29, 1927, the daughter of Elmer and Eva (Sondberg) Gerry. She was a graduate of York High School Class of 1945. She was employed several years at General Electric before going to work at Davidson Rubber from which she retired.



Wilna was a great lover of country western music, attending many Bluegrass Festivals and the musical gatherings in

Eliot. She took great pride in her children and grandchildren and was lover of pretty things. She attended the York/Ogunquit United Methodist Church being active in many of their functions.

She was predeceased by a daughter Veeda Peterson Irving. She is survived by two sons John Peterson and his wife Lisa of York, Edwin Peterson of Florida, three daughters Judy Larrabee and husband Glen of South Berwick, Caroline DelaRosa and husband Joe of Portland, Ore., Sherri Woodward and husband Thurston of York, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Barbara Lytle of Florida, and Katherine Moulton and husband Robert of York, Karen Sanborn of Rollinsford,

N.H. She was predeceased by a brother Gordon Gerry of York.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11am on Saturday, May 9 in the First Parish Cemetery, 180 York Street, York. Followed by a gathering of family and friends at the Baldwin Center, 117 Long Sands Road, York. Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York, Maine is directing arrangements. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com

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The site also includes a directory of Maine's local public libraries which often have additional, more localized information available. Public libraries are supplying Mainers with resources on resumes and job hunting, small business start-up, personal finance, stretching grocery dollars, do-it-yourself home and auto repairs, and improving job skills or learning new ones. The site is: <http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/toughtimes.shtml> and can be accessed directly or from the "Resources for Tough Times" link on the Library's web site.

POETRY PROGRAM

On Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. the library's celebration of National Poetry Month continues with poets Tanya Contos and York resident Roger Finch. They will be reading from their newly published poetry collections, inspired by their world travels as well as their connections to the local seashore. They will also answer general questions about poetry.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m., Autumn Hearts: A New Beginning (PG-13, 99 mins.) will be shown. Susan Sarandon, Max von Sydow, Gabriel Byrne and Christopher Plummer give powerful performances in this lyrical, moving drama about the consequences of war. Old feelings and long-suppressed memories are stirred up and revealed at a climactic, life-changing feast. This film will be followed by a discussion led by Norman Abelson. This program is sponsored by the York Diversity Forum.

NATURE FILM

On Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m., Winged Migration will be featured, an awe-inspiring, critically

acclaimed documentary of migrating birds through 40 countries and every continent was captured using planes, gliders, helicopters and balloons, allowing the filmmakers a spectacularly intimate look at their subjects. 2002 Academy Award® Nominee for Best Documentary. Sponsored by York Land Trust.

AUTHOR TALK-CREATE AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT LIFE

On Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m., Mike Bonacorsi, CFP and author of "Retirement Readiness: Creating Your Vision, Knowing Your Position, & Preparing for Your Future" will speak about preparing for an active retirement.

OUTWIT MEMORY LOSS AND REDUCE THE RISK OF RISK OF DEVELOPING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

On Friday, May 1 at 12 noon, there will be a Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series. Lucie Arbuthnot, Ph.D., is a leading authority and national speaker on lifestyle and medical strategies for reducing the risk of memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., join with Rotary International and its high school counterpart - Interact to spruce up the Library grounds after the long winter. Wear gloves and bring a rake, shovel, edger, pruners, or other tools.

CONCERTS FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

(Rescheduled from Jan. 18) On Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m., Singer and songwriter Cormac McCarthy will entertain audiences with his fine guitar playing, strong baritone voice, and good humor. Also performing will be The Nerve — A Rock Quartet: Original rock and roll. Inspiration comes from the Beatles, Elvis, Bob Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, The Band, and the Berlin Philharmonic.

AUTHOR TALK - LUCIE THERRIEN

On Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Lucie Therrien will read prose and poetry from her new book, "DUAL CITIZEN - Deux Citoyennetés" which includes a CD of 17 songs and poems. She shares growing up in the province of Québec, her career and traditions, and the struggles and challenges experienced while touring the world as a single female entertainer.

PARANORMAL LECTURE AND DISCUSSION - GHOSTS AND SPIRITS

On Saturday, May 9 at 7 p.m. What is a Ghost? Is it somehow different from a Spirit? And can either manifest itself onto our earthly plane of existence? Join A. J. Kitt, founder and lead investigator of the Seacoast Paranormal Research Group, and Isabeau Esby, internationally known psychic medium, as they discuss the realities of hauntings and what possibilities may lurk in any home, business, or graveyard!

PSYCHIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH

On Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m.,

Join us as Isabeau Esby and Dr. Joel Glenn Wixson discuss how death is viewed, managed and emotionally processed in our Western culture.

FOR CHILDREN: INFANT LAPSITS

For infants to age 2 on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Come for a program of stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS

On Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts, and science. Thursday programs with Miss Julie are designed for three and four year olds. Science Story Time will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month. Friday story hours with Miss Kathleen are designed for two and three year olds.

MUSIC IN MOTION

On the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. This music and movement program led by music teacher Lori Gundlah, will have your toddler up and moving to music.

TACTILE TODDLER TIME

On the second Tuesday of each month from 10:15-10:45 a.m., Kimberly Whelan, preschool educator, brings the power of hands-on experiences to a monthly program designed to offer very young children a range of tactile experiences.

ART BY THE POND

On the Third Tuesday of each month from 10:15-10:45 a.m., join graphic designer Jill Burke as she shares her love and knowledge of art through projects designed for children ages 3-6 and their caregivers.

ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

The artwork of York School students will be on display through the month of April.

York Neurologist Dr. Douglas Brown's photographs, taken on a 2006 trip where he worked at a clinic in the hillside barrios of Guatemala City and in the jungles and mountains of Guatemala where he worked with the Maya Indians will be on display in the Kennebunk Room through April.



Brownie Troop 3241 stand with the baby formula they shopped for and donated to the York Community Food Pantry. Left to right; Maya Edwards, Abby Gerbino, Kala Fryling, Julia Carr, Shavonne Farrell, Chloe Britton, Lucy Rickerich, Barrett Jackson, Laura Hoy, Samantha Corbett. Troop leaders are Sandy Corbett and Nina Edwardst.

Ogunquit Performing Arts concludes the 8th season of The Classic Film Series

The successful Classic Film Series sponsored by Ogunquit Performing Arts, concludes the 8th season with the showing of *The Band Wagon* at the Great Hall of the Dunaway Center, 23 School St. in Ogunquit at 7 p.m. on Wednesday May 13. Admission is free and the Dunaway Center is handicapped accessible. There will be discussion about the film before the showing by OPA Chairman, Stuart Nudelman.

In *The Bandwagon*, a classical musical comedy directed by Vincente Minnelli, Fred Astaire dazzles in numbers set in a train station, penny arcade, a backlot Central Park, and a smoky café – the latter two with the incomparable Cyd Charisse. Astaire plays the part of a washed-up movie star, Tony Hunter, who tries to revive his career on Broadway. Hunter and his talented cohorts (Oscar Levant, Nanette Fabray, Jack Buchanan, and James Mitchell) encounter all kinds of problems as they try to bring “Faust” to the stage.

Included in the fourteen Musical numbers: That’s Entertainment, Dancing in the Dark, You and the Night and the Music, and Something to Remember You By. Extras include commentary by Liza Minnelli and Michael Feinstein.

The film was nominated for Academy Awards for: Best Costume Design, Best Music, Best Scoring of a Musical Picture, and Best Writing—Story and Screenplay. In 2006, this film ranked #17 on the American Film Institute’s list of best musicals.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday May 13 for the showing of *The Band Wagon* at the Dunaway Center at 7 pm. Admission is free, there is plenty of free parking, and the Dunaway Center is handicapped accessible. The film will be shown on a full wall-size screen with



The 8th season of the Classic Film Series concludes on May 13 at 7 pm at the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit with the showing of the delightful song-and-dance spectacular, *The Band Wagon*, starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking.

quality projection equipment provided to Ogunquit Performing Arts by Kennebunk Savings Bank. The Classical Film Series returns on Sept. 9 with the showing of *The Adventures of Robin Hood* starring Errol Flynn.

Let not your heart be discouraged for May is not the end of free films sponsored by Ogunquit Performing Arts! The eighth season of “Art Videos at the Gallery” (co-sponsored with Ogunquit Art Association) begins on July 1, 7:30 pm at the Barn Gallery, Shore Road and Bourne Lane and continues every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm until September 2 with the showing of films about artists and their art.

New at Old York

Spring Events from the Museums of Old York

YORK VILLAGE – Here are the coming events for all ages at the Museums of Old York.

George Marshall Store Gallery On Saturday, April 25, the main level gallery will host Momentum VII, a group show featuring the winner of the 2008 New Hampshire Charitable Foundation’s Piscataqua Region Artist Advancement Grant, Ross Cisneros, along with several finalists, including Lauren Gillette, Celeste Lambert, Jill Poyourow and Lynn Szymanski. In the dock level gallery, Sense and Sensibility combines rich colors, full brush

strokes and Amy Brnger’s keen observation to create small paintings of interiors, landscapes and flower arrangements. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, April 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the George Marshall Store Gallery, 140 Lindsay Road in York. The show runs through May 31.

May Day Celebration

Join the Museums of Old York for a free community May Day Celebration of fun and frivolity dancing around the maypole

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New at Old York

May Day celebration at Old York

By Richard Bowen
Program Specialist,
Museums of Old York

The tradition of May Day celebrations, with their customary maypoles, goes far back in history. The Druids of ancient Britain observed May 1 as the festival of Beltane, which celebrated the burgeoning spring sun. Later, the Romans incorporated their traditional feast time, Floralia, a celebration of the goddess of flowers, with the earlier customs of the Druids. By the middle ages, cities and villages in England and other European countries observed May Day celebrations as a matter of course with much merrymaking and frivolity.

A typical May Day celebration began with young men going into the woods to cut down a tree. The selected tree would then be dragged into town accompanied by much rejoicing, flute playing, and singing. The tree would be stripped of its branches, stuck in the ground and decorated with garlands of flowers and ribbons. The young men and women as well as the young-at-heart would frolic around the tree, decorating the maypole with the ribbons and garland. The day was not merely child's play – with bawdy singing and drinking of spirits, the original May Day festivals celebrated pagan mating and fertility rites.

By the early 17th Century, May Day celebrations were discouraged and even banned by the Puritans in both England and in the New England settlements. In the New England colonies, Thomas Morton shocked the Puritan fathers of Plymouth with his revival of the rather famous Maypole of Merry-Mount at present day Quincy, Massachusetts. For his trouble, he was sent to jail and eventually came to the York area to live out the rest of his days on earth.

With our many years of Puritan influence, May Day celebrations of the type described above may have been scarce in York. But, after a long winter of snow and ice, we have decided that a little bit



The Elizabeth Bishop Perkins House is the site of the museum's 2009 May Day Celebration.

of frivolity might be in order. So, with due respect to the memory of Rev. Samuel Moody and our other staunch Puritan forefathers, the Museums of Old York is sponsoring a free community May Day celebration on Friday, May 1, starting at

5 p.m. at the Elizabeth Bishop Perkins House, 394 Southside Road, York, Maine. Parking is available onsite, with additional parking at the John Hancock Warehouse, located at 140 Lindsay Road.

Weather permitting, we invite you to join

us for fun and frivolity dancing around the Maypole. Please feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert, or other light fare to share. There will also be some games, activities and crafts for kids. For more information, please call the museum at (207) 363-4974.

Spring Events *continued from page 15* on May 1. Please feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or other light fare to share. There will also be some games, activities and crafts for the kids. Friday, May 1 starting at 5 p.m. at the Elizabeth Bishop Perkins House, 394 Southside Road in York. Additional parking available at the John Hancock Warehouse, 140 Lindsay Road.

Decorator Show House: "Before Tour" Weekend

On May 2. McIntire Farm, the 2009 Decorator Show House, will be open for a "Before Tour" the first weekend of May. See the house before it is transformed and return once it is completed in July to truly appreciate our creative and talented designers! Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at McIntire Farm, 270 Cider Hill Road in York.

On-site parking is available and a donation of \$5 is requested.

Tuesday After School Program: Viking Valor

Leif Ericson's Viking crew discovered North America 500 years before Columbus. Come discover the courage it took to sail the North Atlantic and why these men ventured so far from home. Listen to Norse legends, emboss Viking pendants, build a shield to protect you in battle and carve a replica bone comb. Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 3:15-5 p.m. at the Remick Barn Visitor, 3 Lindsay Road in York Village. Ages 8-12. \$28 members; \$33 non-members. Reservations are required. Call (207) 363-4974 x12 or email education@oldyork.org.

Thursday After School Program: Breakfast Before Dinner

What did colonial people from New England eat for breakfast and how did they cook their meal? Join us as we prepare traditional morning fare over the open hearth. Enjoy cheese biscuitss, corn cakes, Hasty Pudding and Apple Tansey! Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 3:15-5 p.m. at the Remick Barn Visitor Center, 3 Lindsay Road in York Village. Ages 7-12. \$28 members; \$33 non-members. Reservations are required. Call 363-4974 x12 or email education@oldyork.org.

Song Swap

Join fellow musicians and singers on the second Friday of each month to share your favorite songs and acoustic music. All are welcome to play their own or others' work.

The variety in musical styles and instruments will add to the fun. While the emphasis is on players, everyone is invited to attend whether to play, provide backup or simply listen. Friday, May 8th from 7-9 p.m. at the Remick Barn Visitor Center, 3 Lindsay Road in York Village. The event is free for all, but donations are greatly appreciated!

Children's Volunteer Opportunity

Do you enjoy painting projects and the sea? Well come help the Museums of Old York spruce up for the summer by repainting the lobster buoys that hang on the shed at the John Hancock Wharf. Where clothes you don't mind getting painty! Wednesday, May 13 from 3:15-5 p.m. at the John Hancock Warehouse, 140 Lindsay Road in York. Everyone is welcome!

The Pet Connection

THE DOGS

Douglass
Who could resist such a face! Douglass is a three-year-old Hound/Shepherd Mix. He came to us because of allergies in his previous home and is now looking for that perfect forever family. Douglass is an active and friendly dog who should do just fine living with other dogs and children over the age of 10. He is a very smart boy who knows the commands “sit” and “down”. Douglass is a perfect candidate for a basic obedience class. These classes are offered here at the shelter and at a discounted price for adoptees. If you are interested in adopting Douglass please fill out an adoption application and bring your family including dogs in to meet him.



Buddy
This little cutie pie is Buddy! He is a six-month-old Beagle that will be about forty pounds as an adult. Buddy is a friendly and playful dog that is all puppy. He is an active boy that will do fine sharing his new home with cats and dogs. If you are interested in adopting this little rascal please fill out an adoption application and bring your family including dogs in to meet Buddy.



Rouge
This sweet girl is Rouge! She is a one-year-old Pitbull that can't wait to find the forever home of her dreams. Rouge is an active and friendly dog that would love to go through a basic obedience class. These classes are offered here at the shelter and at a discounted price for adoptees. Rouge is a great girl that should do just fine sharing her new home with other dogs and children of all ages. If you are interested in adopting

Miss Rouge please fill out an adoption application and bring your family including dogs in to meet her.



Matilda
This sweet heart is Matilda! She is an eight-year-old Lab Mix that weighs 65 pounds. Matilda's owners fell on some hard times and could no longer care for her, so she is now searching for that special someone. She is a bubbly, sweet and super snuggly dog that will get along just fine with other dogs, cats, and children of all ages. If this gorgeous girl sounds like the perfect pet for your family please fill out an adoption application and bring your family including dogs in to meet Matilda. You will surely fall in love the minute you meet her.

THE CATS

Abydos
Friendly and ready for some love! Abydos is a two-year-old cat that has a beautiful short black coat. She is a friendly girl that would love to have a forever family to cuddle with. Abydos should do just fine sharing her new home with other cats. If you are interested in adopting her please fill out an adoption application and stop in to visit Abydos.



Smokey
This beautiful boy is Smokey! He is a four-year-old cat that has a velvety short black and white coat. Smokey is a bold and curious boy that would love to find a forever home. He is a friendly boy who should

do just fine sharing his new home with other cats that will let him have his space. If you are interested in adopting Smokey please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet him.



Mittens
Strikingly handsome and friendly! Mittens is an eight-year-old cat that has a gorgeous Grey and white long coat. He came to us because his owners could no longer care for him. Mittens would love to find a caring forever family to call his own. If you are interested in adopting Mittens please fill out an adoption application and stop by to meet him.



Kit Kitty
This cuddly girl is Kit Kitty! She is a two-year-old cat that has a gorgeous short black and white coat. Kit Kitty came to us because there were allergies in her previous house hold. She is a loving girl that will do just fine sharing her new home with children of all ages. If you are interested in adopting Kit Kitty please fill out an adoption application and stop by the Animal Welfare Society to meet her.

OTHER PETS

Tito, Gipetto and Feathers
These sweethearts were abandoned together and would like to stay together. They will require a large cage to house them comfortably. They are attractive, quiet, unobtrusive, have a calming, gentle voice, are fairly easy to tame, generally healthy and hardy, active but not demanding, and require little maintenance. If you are interested in making these birds a part of your family, please fill out an application and come visit them in the lobby of the shelter.

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The Sports Report

York players ready for baseball season



Senior pitcher tri-captain Jimmy Kennedy throws the first pitch of 2009 against Chevrus High School.

After more than four weeks of practices and scrimmages, the York High School Varsity baseball team is ready for the regular season opener Monday against rival Wells High School at York. On Wednesday York will play at Yarmouth and then home on Friday against Greely.

Leading the team again this year will be Senior Tri-Captain RHP/OF/3B/1B Jimmy Kennedy. York played six scrimmages against four Class A schools and two Class B schools from the eastern conference. Kennedy pitched 16 innings with an ERA of 1.313, throwing 64 percent strikes, with 23 strikeouts, allowing 12 hits, and only five walks. Kennedy has committed to attend Saint Joseph's College of Maine to play baseball next year. He was heavily recruited by schools from all three divisions but wanted to stay in Maine and play for a good baseball program at a school known primarily for academic excellence. Other schools where he was accepted included

USM, Endicott College, St. Anselms, and McDaniel College of Maryland, all with good baseball programs. Last year Kennedy had a 7-1 record, ERA of 1.09 and was First Team All-Conference.

Other team leaders from the pre-season were Junior 3B/RHP Sam Leal with a .462 batting average and a .533 on-base percentage. Junior catcher Paddy Murphy had a .765 slugging percentage, and also led the team in RBIs with 7. Senior Tri-Captain SS Pat Seaward led the team in hits (8), runs (9) and stolen-bases (3).

Seniors joining Kennedy and Seaward are Tri-Captain RHP/OF Jerry Ashley, and Senior RHP/OF Alex Blasik. Joining Juniors Leal and Murphy are 2B Tanner Chase, RHP/OF Jack Radke, and OF JP Lydston. Sophomores are C Devin Merritt, RHP/1B Ryan Schoff, and RHP/1B Chris Cole. Freshmen are C/OF Arran Maran and OF Dillon McShera. The team is coached by head coach Richard Sirois.

Sponsors and players invited to participate in Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

Kevin Brown was a devoted husband and father, community leader and well-known businessman and resident of York. He died suddenly at the age of 50 in November 2008. To honor his memory and to raise monies for his family, Kevin's friends and his uncle, Roger Brown, are organizing a golf tournament in his memory to be held Friday, June 5 at Cape Neddick Country Club, Ogunquit.

The cost is \$125 per player including the dinner/awards ceremony or \$500 per foursome. Available sponsorships range from \$200 for a Tee box or Green to \$1000 for a Golf Hole sponsorship, which includes a foursome. Spouses, friends and family are invited to golf or just to the dinner fol-

lowing the tournament at a cost of \$25. A Silent Auction will be held to raise additional monies with several great items including Red Sox tickets, sports memorabilia, local restaurant certificates, weekend hotel getaways and more.

You can help Kevin's friends raise monies for his family by playing golf, donating gift certificates or prize items for the raffle and auction, or becoming a sponsor. Checks should be sent to the 'Kevin Brown Memorial Golf Tournament' at P.O. Box 812, Ogunquit, ME 03907. For more information contact Madeline Mooney Brown at Madeline.mooney@gmail.com or 646-9974.

Calendar

EVENTS

The Beach & Bay 5K, Frannie Peabody Center's premiere community awareness and fundraising event, will be held on May 2. The event will take place in two locations - around Back Cove in Portland and on Ogunquit Beach. Both events will be professionally timed and the Portland race is USATF Certified.

The goal is to raise \$25,000 to support the center's HIV prevention and care services in Southern Maine. The event has already raised more than \$19,000 in less than a month. Members of the media are encouraged to attend.

In Ogunquit registration opens at 10 a.m. and the race begins at 11 a.m. In Portland the registration opens at 11 a.m., race begins

at noon.

For Registration or more information, go to www.peabodycenter.org or contact Jacob Roberson at 838-4490.

HEALTH, SUPPORT AND WELLNESS

The American Cancer Society's 31st Annual Living With Cancer Conference will take place on May 6 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center. Volunteers and staff from the American Cancer Society created the first Living With Cancer Conference in 1979. Each year cancer patients and survivors, family members, caregivers and health-care professionals come together to attend this event. This year's theme, "Teams and

Tools for Navigating Your Cancer Journey," is designed to provide information on personal and medical topics to help bring hope and care to cancer patients and their families. This free, daylong conference for cancer patients and survivors, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals is the longest running cancer survivors' conference of its kind. The Living With Cancer Conference is free for cancer patients, their families and caregivers, though there is a \$10 fee for lunch. A fee of \$30 will be asked of medical professionals and all others. This fee includes lunch. For more information call Bonnie Bickford at the American Cancer Society at 373-3729.

The Kevin Brown Fuel Assistance

Fund for emergency help with home heating costs is being implemented by the York Ecumenical Council. For information on receiving assistance contact any one of York's local churches or Kate Henderson at 363-8017. This fund is open to anyone in need. Church affiliation is not a requirement.

York Hospital Physical Therapy offers a service for community members in need of compression garments in partnership with Maine Orthotic and Prosthetic Rehab Services, Inc. The organizations will provide a bi-monthly clinic to address the fit and delivery of garments from 8 to 10 a.m. on the first and third Friday of every month at the hospital's Village Rehab, located at 16 Long Sands Road. There, they offer

their expertise and help to anyone who currently has compression garments or those who need to obtain them. For more information or to make an appointment, call 361-6190.

York Hospital's Yoga Center, located at the Heart Health Institute, offers yoga classes for persons of all abilities. For new participants, the first yoga class is free. Introductory Yoga on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Yoga Level 1 on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Intermediate on Tuesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Seated Yoga on Tuesdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m., and Slow Flow Yoga on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Yoga Center at the Heart Health Institute is located at 127 Long Sands Road in York. For more information: 351-3700.

Can the risk of Alzheimer's Disease be reduced? That will be among the topics at a free York Lecture by Lucie Arbuthnot, Ph.D., Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association

Are there ways to prevent memory loss as we age? Can the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease be reduced? Lucie Arbuthnot, Ph.D., will address these questions in a "Lunch & Learn" talk on Friday, May 1, at 12 p.m. at the York Public Library. Arbuthnot is a leading authority and national speaker on strategies for reducing the risk of memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. The talk, "Outwit Memory Loss & Reduce the Risk of Alzheimer's disease," is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter. It is free and open to the public. For more information and directions to the library, contact Beth Charest, Community Relations Director at Sentry Hill, 207-363-5116. For information about

Alzheimer's disease, call the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, at 800-272-3900 or <http://www.alz.org/maine>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Coats for Kids Seacoast, presented by WERZ together with Access Sports Medicine and Orthopedics, is seeking new and gently used coats, snowsuits, hats and mittens for children in need throughout southern Maine and N.H. through May 1. In Rockingham, Strafford and York County combined, there are over 12,000 children under 18 living in poverty. Over the last 13 years, over 15,000 coats have been donated by WERZ listeners and distributed through local nonprofit organizations including the Rockingham Community Action Center, the SHARE Fund Program in Rochester and CareLink of York. Coats for Kids can be dropped off at Access Sports Medicine and Orthopedics and Northeast Credit Union locations throughout the state. For more information: www.werz.com, keyword COATS.

Support York County Shelter Programs and your donations will be matched by The Feinstein Foundation. For the past 12 years, Alan Shawn Feinstein has been giving away one million dollars each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. Whatever anyone donates to the York County Shelter Programs through April 30 will garner funds from the foundation. For more information or to make a donation visit www.yorkcountysshelterprograms.org, call 324-1137 or write to York County Shelter Programs, Feinstein Foundation Challenge, P.O. Box 820, Alfred,

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- 5. Small residue amount
- 9. Reciprocal ohm
- 12. NBA player Bryant
- 13. Gold measure
- 15. Nourishment
- 16. Journalist Jacob 1849-1914
- 17. One Wise Man's gift
- 18. Freedom from difficulty
- 19. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 20. More colorless
- 22. A large vessel or vase
- 25. C C C
- 26. Subdivision of an act of a play
- 28. Characterized by unity
- 29. Adult male sheep
- 32. Tsetung or Zedong
- 33. Code for Information Interchange
- 35. Santa ____, 92701
- 36. Helps little firms

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Swedish krona
- 2. Coconut husk fiber
- 3. One baby apron
- 4. Save from danger
- 5. Dekametre
- 6. A sun beam
- 7. Make a mistake
- 8. Horticulture
- 9. Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
- 10. Socks, stockings and tights
- 11. River that flows into the Baltic
- 14. A cardinal number
- 15. 2nd month (abbr.)
- 21. Atomic #33
- 23. A nucleic acid
- 24. Crime fighter Eliot
- 25. Metal currency
- 26. Sword with a curved blade
- 27. Act together, as of organisms

- 37. Cher's singing partner
- 39. State in S.W. India
- 40. Old world, new
- 41. Heathen
- 43. Auricle
- 44. Cathode-ray tube
- 45. Myriagram
- 46. Pink wines
- 48. Be apathetic or dazed
- 49. Banned insecticide
- 50. Circular building with a dome
- 54. Swiss river
- 57. Currently fashionable
- 58. Keep up
- 62. Support or hold up
- 64. Tropical Asian starlings
- 65. Labrador tea genus
- 66. Wolf (Spanish)
- 67. Grantor's legal agent (abbr.)
- 68. A coral ridge
- 69. 73701 OK

- 29. Finger millet
- 30. Dwarf buffalos
- 31. Picasso's mistress
- 32. Millisecond
- 34. Printer material
- 38. Equals 3 feet
- 42. The land of sleep
- 45. Most frequent value
- 47. It houses horses
- 48. Manganese
- 50. Canadian law enforcers
- 51. A Mississippi tributary
- 52. ____ Turner, rock singer
- 53. Fiddler crabs
- 55. Longest division of geological time
- 56. Isidor ____, Am. Nobel physicist
- 59. Fruit drink
- 60. A billiard stick
- 61. Electromotive force
- 63. A long, thin implement

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Volunteers Needed for American Cancer Society Relay for Life of York County, a team event where participants walk around a track relay-style overnight, and teams of cancer-fighting enthusiasts gather to show their support and dedication. Volunteers from the area are needed to begin planning now for this event, scheduled for June 12-13. Committee members plan all aspects of the event, from logistics to entertainment. To volunteer for the planning committee or to learn more, call Dawn Emery at the American Cancer Society at 373-3727.

The York County Shelter Programs is looking for the donation of an electric golf cart that fits four to six people to transport residents who are in need of assistance from the shelter to the dining commons. It also will be used in aiding with the transportation of materials for the recycling program. Please call Tom at the York County Shelter Programs at 324-1137 if you can help out. The program is also in need of personal care products such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, razor blades and shaving cream. Items can be dropped off at the shelter. If you have a gently used laptop computer, three years old or newer, please consider donating it to York County Shelter Programs, a private nonprofit agency that serves the homeless and hungry. The Springvale Free Meals Kitchen, a program of York County Shelters, has need of a dolly. For more information: visit www.yorkcountyshelterprograms.org or call 324-1137.

WORKSHOPS AND ENRICHMENT

Integrative Holistic Pediatric Care will be the focus of the next meeting of the American Holistic Nurses Association on April 14 at the Candleshop Inn, 44 Freeman St., York Beach, from 7 to 9 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bruce Cote, a licensed massage therapist, certified polarity practitioner, yoga instructor, reiki master and certified K-8 teacher, who has studied and practiced various forms of holistic therapy since 2000, and has been working with children in various capacities for over 30 years. He has received specialized training in touch and massage for children with special needs, preterm massage, infant massage and therapeutic crisis intervention. Inspired by research conducted at the Touch Research Institute, he has developed a holistic practice that provides safe, effective therapy for children and adolescents struggling with emotionally disabling conditions. His integrative approach has aided healing and recovery for many children, adolescents and families engaged in traditional therapy. The association was founded in 1980 By Charlene Maguire and a group of nurses who shared a common vision of bringing the heart back into nursing. Through their foresight, the association's groups have been started elsewhere in the country with the primary intention of helping nurses care for themselves, so that they can better

serve their patients. One does not need to be a nurse to attend the meetings as everyone is welcome. For more information: contact Barbara Sheff, RN, HNC, at 363-4087 or bsheffrn@aol.com.

The Maine Association of Nonprofits "SkillBuilders" will be offered in York County this April. "Managing Conflict in the Workplace," a SkillBuilder presented by Judy Ringer, will be offered April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Laudholm Farm in Wells. "Introduction to Investment Management for Nonprofit Endowments," a SkillBuilder presented by Micah Roberge, CIMA, and John Boyne, CFM, will be held April 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at Saco City Hall. Registration is required for all MANP SkillBuilders and full course descriptions, dates, location and registration information are all available on the association's website at www.nonprofitmaine.org/skillbuilders.asp. Fees for half-day courses are \$50 for members and \$100 for nonmembers. The Maine Association of Nonprofits is a statewide membership organization offering professional development programs, affordable healthcare and benefits plans and advocacy services. Its mission is to strengthen the leadership, voice, and organizational effectiveness of our state's nonprofits so that they can better enrich the quality of community and personal life in Maine. For more information or to register, call 871-1885.

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics Summer Explorations Camp for boys and girls in grades 5 through 7 interested in math, science and technology is now taking applications for 2009. Once again, the school offers weeklong residential camps specifically designed to provide eager young students who are curious about math, science and technology with new and exciting opportunities to explore these fields. The goal of the camps is for every camper to become more confident and excited about pursuing further studies and, ultimately, careers related to these fields. Summer Camps 2009 will run throughout the month of July according to the following schedule: June 28 to July 4 for boys currently in grades 5 to 7; July 5 to 11 for boys currently in grades 7 to 9; July 12 to 18 for girls currently in grades 7 to 9 and July 19 to 25 for girls currently in grades 5 to 8. This summer's camps will offer a wide variety of hands-on courses relating to topics such as astronomy, computer programming, forensic science, mathematics and web design. Each camp is also packed with recreational activities such as swimming, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, arts and crafts and chess. Finally, evening programs bring more opportunities for campers to learn life lessons and team building skills. There is still time to apply, but spaces are filling fast. For more information or an application, call Danielle at 325-3322, ext. 1001, or visit www.mssm.org.

M-Power Hockey will be in Dover, N.H., for the weeks of Aug. 17 to 21 and 24 to 28. These will be full-day camps and will have specialized training for goalies

and players. There will be a coed group for ages 7 to 11; a House League group for ages 12 to 18 and an Elite level for ages 12 to 18. New for this summer, Mandy Cronin and M-Power we will also be offering two nights per week of Ladies' Night Hockey School. For more information or to register, visit www.M-PowerHockey.com.

ONGOING ART, DANCE, EXHIBITS, MUSIC, THEATRE

Children's Museum of Maine has a full calendar of special events. For more information: www.kitetails.com.

Dance Street Studio, York and Kittery's local dance and theater studio, offers an array of classes. For more information call 363-1222 or write wdancest@yahoo.com.

Doodlebugz is a paint-your-own pottery and glass fusing studio now open in Rollinsford, N.H., across from the mills and right next to Mayo's Restaurant. Doodlebugz is only one mile from downtown

South Berwick and is a local spot for fun for all ages. For more information: www.doodlebugzstudio.com or stop in and pick up a calendar of events and see all the wonderful selection of bisque.

Just Us Chickens Artist Co-op is located at 29 Government St. in downtown Kittery and is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information: 439-4209.

Kripalu DansKinetics at Spinnaker Point Recreation Center, Spinnaker Way, Portsmouth, N.H. DansKinetics is a unique blend of yoga and dance. For more information: (603) 436-2313.

Pontine Theatre in Portsmouth, N.H., offers an array of public events. For more information: (603) 436-6660 or e-mail info@pontine.org.

The Portland Museum of Art offers an extensive collection of fine and decorative arts dating from the 18th century to the present housed in three architecturally significant buildings. For more information: 775-6148 or www.portlandmuseum.org.

The Red Door Gallery Shop is open at 44 Government St. in Kittery, featuring pottery, handmade jewelry, weaving, used books, sports memorabilia and more on display Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of December. For more information: 439-5671.

RiverCurrent Studio/Art Gallery on the corner of Lindsay Road and Mill Dam in York Village features assemblage, collage and mixed-media sculpture and is open daily and by appointment. For more information contact Rosalind Fedeli at 351-3262 or visit www.rosalindfedeli.com.

Seacoast Undercurrent, a gallery devoted to contemporary art in downtown Portsmouth, N.H., showcases emerging artists working with all kinds of contemporary media and practices. For more information: www.ellogallery.com.

CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS

Catapult is the Seacoast's first networking group specifically dedicated to young

professionals. Catapult is a nonprofit organization, and membership is free. For more information: www.catapultseacoast.org.

Club A La Carte is the place where home-schooling and un-schooling families can meet, socialize, have fun and take field trips together! For more information about our current activities contact Janalee at janaleemoquin8@yahoo.com.

The Diverse Business Advantage Chapter of BNI meets every Thursday at Sentry Hill at 2 Victoria Court, York Harbor. Meetings are held from 8 until 9:30 a.m. and all visitors are welcome. For more information or reservations: call Catherine Bosbach at 363-2418.

The International Women's Club of New England meets for lunch on the fourth Saturday of every month with an international speaker. The club is non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, and its mission is to foster goodwill, friendship and understanding amongst members from different

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countries and to support charities which assist women and children. For more information: 985-7433.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1939 to assist the U.S. Coast Guard with all of its missions, excluding law enforcement. Members teach boating safety classes, provide free vessel safety checks, provide safety literature at boat shows, perform on the water safety patrols, and harbor watch patrols. The Saco Bay Flotilla meets the second Thursday of every month at the Saco Yacht Club at 7:30 p.m.

York Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Grant House on Route 1 in York, at 7 p.m. “We Serve.” For more information call 363-7382.

ENRICHMENT

The Family Resource Center on Route 1 offers many special programs, weekly and monthly events, classes and activities. For more information: 451-9291 or www.connectingfamilies.together.org.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging facilitates a monthly support group for people assisting older adult loved ones. Unpaid family and friends who are helping spouses, parents, siblings and friends are invited to come and talk about the challenges and rewards of care-giving with other people in similar situations. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rice Public Library in Kittery. For more information: 439-6989 or (800) 427-7411.

York Parks and Recreation Department offers an array of classes, activities and special events for every season. For more information: 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org>.

HEALTH

Aerobics, Yopalates and Weight Training classes are available at York Fitness Center, Route 1, in York. For more information: 363-4090.

Know Your Numbers is a cholesterol screening offered by Southern Maine Medical Center’s Visiting Nurses on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. An appointment is necessary and there is a \$15 fee for this service. For more information: 985-1000.

The Heart Health Institute offers classes including weight management. For more information: call 351-3700.

Visiting Nurses Monthly Diabetes Support Groups are held at two locations and are open to all those who live with diabetes as well as family, friends and caregivers. These free sessions offer support and updates on the latest treatment available in the management of diabetes. Groups are offered at the Richard Martin Community Center in Biddeford on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8 p.m. and at Southern Maine Medical Center Visiting Nurses in Kennebunk on the fourth Monday of each month from 7 to 8 or 8:30 p.m. For more information: 985-1000, 283-7680 or (800) 794-3546.

Yoga Classes at York Hospital’s Yoga Center, located at the Heart Health Institute, are offered for persons of all abilities. Seated yoga for those with limited mobility is offered as well. Instructor Sundie Gentry is one of only eight yoga instructors in the State of Maine to be credentialed and certified by the Iyengar Yoga National Association of the United States. For more information or to register, call 351-3700. For new participants, the first yoga class is free.

Yoga Core and Yopalates will once again be offered in the Kittery/York area. Call Yogarising at (603) 205-4073 for times and location. Yoga Core is a multi-level class that is an energizing total mind & body workout. It combines movements from palates with a yoga flow.

Yoga on York offers a variety of styles and levels of mind-body fitness classes including yoga classes ranging from Gentle Yoga up to Power Yoga, Prenatal Yoga, NIA — a dance fitness class, and Pilates-Yoga Fusion. For more information: www.yogaonyork.com or call 363-YOGA.

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TO: **KENNETH Stanley**, last known address of 9 Lawrence Lane, Framington, Strafford County, New Hampshire, and 135 Josiah Norton Road, Cape Neddick, York County, Maine.

GREETING:
WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by **Alan Aulson and Maureen Aulson** wherein it is seeking to service of process by publication in the **Manchester Union Leader**, its general circulation in New Hampshire and **The York Independent Newspaper**, York County, Maine on a Default Judgment on a Promissory Note.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on **06/11/2009** or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at **Newburyport** in the County of Essex, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is **ORDERED** that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the **Manchester Union Leader** a newspaper of general circulation in New Hampshire, and **The York Independent Newspaper**, York County, Maine. Once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day.

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Mama Mia’s All You Can Eat Pasta- Pizza Public Supper will be held every Friday night through Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the York County Shelter Programs Dining Commons on Shaker Hill Road in Alfred. The menu consists of three kinds of homemade spaghetti sauces, pizza, tossed salad, bakery bread and pies with drinks. Admission for adults is \$8 and for children ages 3 to 11, \$4. The suppers are free for ages 2 and under. Proceeds from the dinners help support shelter programs. For more information: call Joan Sylvester, 324-1137, ext. 105.

SUPPORT

A Safe Place, a nonprofit agency, has been providing support services and emergency shelter to victims of domestic abuse for over 28 years. A Safe Place has offices in Portsmouth, Rochester and Salem, N.H. For more information or to reach an advocate call 1-(800) 854-3552.

The Cancer Community Center is a nonprofit community center located in South Portland that provides support, information and activities at no charge for adults living with cancer, their families and friends. There is no referral needed and no official intake process to take part in the activities and programs we offer. The center is open to all Mainers. For more information: www.cancercommunitycenter.org.

Hospice of York’s Living with Loss is a bereavement support group offered free of charge, and one need not

have had a loved one serviced by Hospice. Hospice of York encourages pre-registration; however, you may attend any or all of the classes as you see fit. For more information: call 363-7000.

Melanoma Support Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Cancer Community Center, 778 Main St., South Portland. For more information: 774-2200 or www.CancerCommunityCenter.org.

The Special Needs Parent Network, a group of parents from the KEYS region dedicated to providing support, resources and information to families who are raising a child with Special Needs, meets the last Friday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Family Resource Center at Landmark Hill in Kittery. For more information: contact Marcia Flinkstrom at 384-5041 or mflinkstrom@comcast.net or Lisa Richard at 324-5501 or bugsnlola@msn.com.

The York Hospital Breast Cancer Survivor Group, which meets the third Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Ellis Conference Room at York Hospital, welcomes new members. Those who attend survivor groups are said to cope better, heal more quickly and live longer. New members, whether or not their treatment was at York Hospital, are invited to come to the meetings and be with women who share their story. Friends are welcome too. During these meetings the members share information, coping tips and strategies, explore complimentary therapies, hear guest speakers, support each other, experience sisterhood, plan the Annual Walk for Hope and celebrate living.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program is seeking volunteer drivers to offer cancer patients safe and friendly transportation to treatment appointments. For more information: (800) ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Caring Unlimited, York County's domestic violence program, is looking for the help of supportive volunteers, specifically in the Biddeford and Kittery areas. For more information: 490-3227, Ext. 126, or e-mail jarena@caring-unlimited.org.

Center for Cultural Interchange offers area residents an opportunity to participate in cultural exchange. Both American students and potential host families are provided this chance through the Cen-

ter for Cultural Interchange, a nonprofit organization. For more information: (866) 495-0342 or sluce@cci-exchange.com.

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women, a nationally known non-profit organization, is looking for volunteers to assist victims of intimate partner violence. For more information: www.dahmw.org, call (866) 786-0758 or e-mail communityresourcecoord@dahmw.org.

The Melanoma Education Foundation is seeking volunteers to help raise melanoma awareness. For more information: (800) 259-1633, e-mail MEF@skincheck.org or visit www.skincheck.org.

Operation Homefront of Maine needs the support of donors in order to help service families keep their homes, as a wounded soldier may go up to 18 months until their benefits kick in. For more information: call Donna Chapman at 321-1321 or maine@operationhomefront.net.

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine's Crisis/Support Hotline is in need of volunteers to train as advocates for the 24-hour crisis and support hotline. For more information or an application, call (800) 313-9900, e-mail infosars@sarsonline.org or visit www.sarsonline.org.

Support Victims of Domestic Violence by collecting old cell phones and ink jet cartridges and mailing them to the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women free of charge. For more information: (866) 786-0758 or dahmwdirector@gmail.com.

York Hospital's Bridges Program is currently seeking volunteers to help assist patients with the transition from the hospital to home. Volunteers have various duties and a flexible schedule, and help make a difference in a person's life. For more information: Call Greg Perchik in York Hospital's Volunteer Office at 351-2221.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Baha'i Faith holds Sunday morning devotional meetings and fellowship. For more information: 363-4591 or 361-1722.

Cape Neddick Baptist Church's Sunday School is at 9 a.m. for all ages; 10:15 a.m. for worship service and junior church, nursery for toddlers. Tuesday is Women's Home Bible Study from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service is at 7 p.m. For more information: 363-3566 or www.cape-neddick-baptist.org.

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Sudoku Solution
Puzzle on page 19

1	8	9	5	2	4	7	6	3
3	6	5	7	8	9	1	4	2
4	2	7	3	6	1	5	9	8
7	3	2	4	9	8	6	1	5
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