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Christine Caprio, a member of York High School's Alternative Education Department, is one of more than 20 area residents who recently gathered at Harbor Beach for training to become volunteers to help monitor the Cape Neddick River as part of a new water quality initiative in town. Photo by Tori Rasche

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# Town Topics

## Town unites to protect river

By Jennifer L. Saunders

CAPE NEDDICK — Pollution is a problem in the picturesque Cape Neddick River, and the time is now to find out the causes and protect this important natural resource.

That was the shared sentiment of nearly 25 local volunteers who gathered at York Harbor Beach recently to receive their training from the Maine Healthy Beaches program as they prepare to begin monitoring sites along the Cape Neddick River. The volunteers will help York Shoreland Resource Officer Ben McDougal and the Conservation Commission determine what must be done to ensure the future water quality of the river.

“We’re very focused on the Cape Neddick River right now because we have evidence there is a problem,” McDougal explained.

McDougal worked with Chuck Ott of the York Conversation Commission to get the program going and to recruit the volunteers, who are now certified to collect samples for Nelson Analytical in Springvale.

“We know that in some instances it is really threatened,” Ott said of the river, adding the testing will help isolate those portions of the waterway as well as “confirm those areas that are in good shape.”

McDougal added that the town and the conservation commission recognize there are concerns about other water bodies in town and the hope is to branch the program out in the future to address those as well.

“We really want to build toward a complete study of water quality resources,” Ott said of the program, adding he and McDougal were very happy to see so many volunteers “willing to do their part to assist the town.”

Braving chilly breezes and frigid water temperatures, the first wave of Cape Neddick River water quality volunteers gathered at Harbor Beach in the early evening hours of April 29 to learn how to calibrate their equipment and collect appropriate samples.

Donna Hayford and her children, Allie and Andrew, are among those who have signed on to volunteer to help monitor the waters of the river for the next four months.

“They’re pretty polluted,” Hayford said of the river and its tributaries, explaining that her

family lives in the area and has seen firsthand the need to protect the resource.

Regina Godfrey said she decided to volunteer because York’s waterways and ocean beaches are an essential part of the community, and pollution of those resources affects everyone.

“I want to do anything I can do to help that problem,” she said.

Barbara Matthews said she, too, hopes to help the town find out what is causing the pollution so it can be stopped.

“The goal is to begin bracketing the problem,” McDougal said, calibrating equipment as the volunteers joined Ott and representatives of Maine Healthy Beaches to don waders and make their way into the surf.

He explained that monitoring sites along the river and its tributaries will be changed

based on the result of each test until the area or areas where pollution sources exist can be identified.

Causes for pollution can range from faulty septic systems to animal waste or lawn and garden fertilizer leeching into the river, he added, and once the sources are identified, the next step will be for the town to work with property owners to resolve the issues.

The goal, McDougal said, is to solve the problem within the town’s current budget for water quality protection, but the reality is that the outcome of the testing is not yet known so what will need to be done remains to be seen.

Area residents who are interested in volunteer opportunities may contact McDougal at 362-1002 or Ott at 363-2033 or cottl@maine.rr.com.

## Fresh Air Fund makes York connection

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK — Bill and Marty Dignan’s extended family began to grow even before the birth of their first grandchild, beginning on the day they opened their home and hearts to two young boys from New York City.

The Dignans are now getting ready for their fourth year as a host family for the Fresh Air Fund, which makes it possible for children from low-income families in the New York City metropolitan area to spend between one and two weeks of each summer in suburban or rural areas.

Sitting at the table in their York home, surrounded by photographs and cards from the boys, Marty described the summer weeks she and Bill have shared with Jacesuan and Diomar, doing everything from swimming at the Stage Neck pool to spending a day at Water Country, from bowling to fishing, and from visiting Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire to playing whiffle ball on Harbor Beach.

“We just drop into bed exhausted,” she said, smiling at the memories of all the activities their summer family does together.

However, she stressed, there is no need for host families to plan special out-of-the-way

excursions, as just getting outside and enjoying all the area has to offer has proved to be a favorite pastime for the boys.

And while Diomar and Jacesuan, who had never met before becoming part of the Dignans’ extended family, spend only between eight and 14 days with them each summer, they stay in touch with their Fresh Air family through cards and letters all year, and get along very well during their time together, Marty explained.

The boys have been wonderful, the Dignans said, adding they would be happy to answer questions of other area residents who would like to host Fresh Air Fund children.

“Participating in the Fresh Air Fund has been an extremely rewarding experience for our entire family,” Bill said. “Our two boys, Diomar and Jacesuan, have added a special dimension to our lives. It would be wonderful to enlist more York families to serve as hosts. The Seacoast area is such a perfect place to share with kids from New York City.”

To learn more about becoming a Fresh Air Fund host visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org) or, to get answers to questions from a firsthand local perspective, contact the Dignans at [wdignan@maine.rr.com](mailto:wdignan@maine.rr.com).

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# Memorial Bridge, Swine Flu top selectmen talks

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK — Although the busy budget review process for the fiscal year ahead is now over, the past weeks have been anything but quiet for the town's leaders.

## TO SAVE A BRIDGE

Although the Piscataqua River does not run through York, local residents and officials want York to have a voice on the Maine/New Hampshire Connections Steering Committee, which is looking at the future of the Memorial Bridge between Kittery and Portsmouth, N.H.

Selectman Kinley Gregg brought the request to the board, explaining that "any local government can request a seat at the table and I thought that York should get a seat at the table."

At the end of April, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the Memorial Bridge to its 2009 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, which highlights important examples of the nation's architectural, cultural and natural heritage that are at risk of destruction or irreparable damage.

In recent months, the possibility of removing the bridge rather than repairing it have come to light, causing concerns that have radiated well beyond the communities of Kittery and Portsmouth.

Selectman Cathy Goodwin explained

that at one meeting she attended many area residents were incensed by the idea that option of eliminating the bridge was being discussed so freely because it is, in fact, a memorial.

According to the National Trust of Historic Places, the Memorial Bridge is the first major "vertical lift" bridge in the eastern U.S., has been a "sturdy and dramatic landmark" since its 1923 dedication as the official state memorial to World War I servicemen.

In 2007, the Maine and New Hampshire officials agreed that the bridge should be fully rehabilitated; however, when estimates came back \$15 million over budget, the two states disagreed on how to pay for proposed repairs and are now studying their options, including the bridge's removal, according to the trust.

"An engineering marvel and a landmark of transportation history, Memorial Bridge, the oldest operational lift bridge in the eastern United States, represents a key link in the great Eastern coastal route," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Because federal and state-funded infrastructure projects across the nation have been identified as a priority by the Obama administration, we now have an opportunity to reshape bridge preservation practices in the United States. Memorial Bridge is the poster child for all we stand to lose by erasing these cultural

and engineering landmarks."

Time, Goodwin said, is a real concern, because the bridge is in jeopardy of being shut down within two years if repairs are not made.

"The town of York should have a voice in this study," Gregg said.

Her fellow selectmen agreed, voting unanimously to have Gregg serve as a representative on the committee.

To learn more about the historic importance of the Memorial Bridge, visit [www.PreservationNation.org/11Most](http://www.PreservationNation.org/11Most).

## SWINE FLU

At recent meetings in April and May, the Board of Selectmen tackled such issues as how the town should respond to the ongoing H1N1 or "Swine Flu" threat.

Toward those ends, Town Manager Rob Yandow updated the board on the status of Swine Flu in the region, which includes a total of seven suspected cases in York County, one of which had been confirmed by the Center for Disease Control as of press time.

None of those cases had been in the town of York, but several were reported just a few towns away in Kennebunk, resulting in the closure of an elementary school in that community for several days.

Additional information about H1N1 flu is available at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), with local

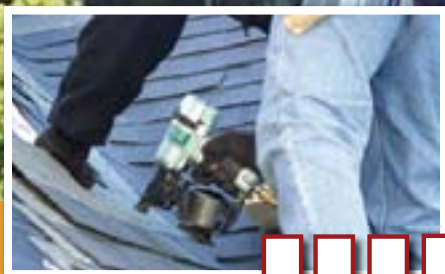
## RAISING FOOD FOR FAMILIES



York's own Coastal Clovers 4-H Club has kicked off its 2009 Foods for Families Project, growing fresh vegetables and fruits for local food pantries. The club met at Coastal Landscaping and Garden Center in April and transplanted hundreds of seedlings donated by the local business to grow in a greenhouse built by these young gardeners until, in about a month's time, they will be transplanted to Zach's Farm in York. The project is in its second year. Last year the club grew more than 2,700 pounds of produce with a value of more than \$6,000 for Good Shepherd Food Bank and the York Food Pantry. Those wishing to support this initiative may send donations to Coastal Clovers 4-H Club, 38 Vineyard Lane, Cape Neddick, ME 03902. *Courtesy photo*

resources listed on the town website at [www.yorkmaine.org](http://www.yorkmaine.org) and school website at [www.yorkschoools.org](http://www.yorkschoools.org).

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# School Notes

## Speak your mind on 2010 school budget

By Dr. Henry R. Scipione  
Superintendent of Schools

YORK — The development of the 2009-2010 school budget has been an arduous task and the School Committee has spent many hours in review, analysis and decision-making.

The School Committee has arrived at a budget that they believe retains the quality of education for York students while responding to difficult economic times that challenge the ability of the community to support our schools. York remains one of the top-achieving school districts in Maine and the commitment within this budget is to maintain the integrity of our educational programs. The School Committee recognizes that we are currently in one of the worst economic periods in our lifetime, and that we all face the struggles of dealing with a faltering economy. The School Committee recognizes the impact that this economic crisis has on our ability to fund education; thus, they are proposing a budget that is close to level-funded.

The highlights of the 2009-2010 budget proposal are as follows.

The budget being proposed to the taxpayers on May 18 will represent an operating cost increase of 0.6 percent.

This change reflects a reduction of \$1.5 million made during the process of administration and School Committee revisions.

If approved, the school budget will impact taxes by 0.88 percent. This means that a home valued at \$400,000 will have an estimated increase in taxes of \$20 per year.

The School Committee has reduced spending from last year's dollar amount in nearly all categories with the goal of minimizing the impact on taxpayers while retaining quality in our schools. As a result, there are no new programs and no capital requests in this budget.

Staffing for the York Schools has been

reduced by 3.2 positions in the budget for next year. Our student enrollment is expected to remain at the same level for the 2009-2010 school year.

Health benefit costs will remain the same as the current year actual cost because the cost for health insurance has not increased.

The top administrators in the School Department will receive no salary increase, with other administrators receiving a 1.5 percent adjustment.

The federal stimulus program has allowed us to reduce our budget by using stimulus funding for specific energy-related maintenance projects. This will result in reduced energy costs in the future.

The Budget Committee, with their 6-0 preference vote, unanimously supports all school warrant articles.

Due to new legislation, there will be a significant change this year in the procedure for approving the York School Department budget. It is important that everyone in the community understands this change and is prepared to respond to the new process.

The new procedure requires two separate steps.

**FIRST STEP:** May 18, 6 p.m., at the York High School Gym, a town-wide meeting will be held at this time to approve the school budget. Only those present will have the option to approve or change the proposed school budget.

**SECOND STEP:** May 29, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., York High School Gym, this step is called the budget validation vote. The referendum requires that the voters of York vote on only one question related to the school budget. This question will ask the voters to approve the amount of the school budget approved at the May 18 School Budget meeting.

Please mark your calendars for May 18 and May 29. Both dates are critical for the future of the York Schools.

## Student helps friend fight cancer

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK — Although she is only a freshman in high school, Makayla Carpenter is showing that you can give back at any age.

This York High School student who has been raising and showing her miniature horses for five years, has found that her love of these gentle animals has led to more than her awards in shows and connections with these stunning equines; it has led her to her dear friend Linda Best, along with her husband Paul and children Kim, Matt and Courtney. Linda and Paul Best are farriers, Makayla explained, which means they are specialists in caring for horses' hoofs.

It is through that connection that Makayla has been inspired to take her love of miniature horses to a new level, sponsoring a nonprofit organization to help raise funds for Linda Best, who was recently

diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

"She and her husband, like most farriers, are self-employed with no health insurance. Her job is physically demanding. Due to her failing health, she is in extreme pain, tires easily and can no longer work," Makayla explained, announcing an upcoming fundraising event. "This has resulted in a financial hardship for her family."

Makayla has the nonprofit organization "Ribbons for Linda" and will be hosting a miniature horse show on May 31 to raise funds for the cause. The event will be held at 9 a.m. at the Cumberland Fairgrounds in Cumberland, which boasts both an outdoor and indoor arena in case of rain.

For more information on the May 31 show, to make a donation or to learn more about Ribbons for Linda, email ribbonsforlinda@dsnmnc.com or visit www.maineacoastminiatures.com.



Students in Phil Roy's fifth-grade class show off the more than \$1,300 they collected in a coin drive to support U.S. troops. *Courtesy photo*

## Every penny counts: Fifth-grade students raise funds for the troops

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK — Students at York Middle School have learned the value of a dollar, and the value of a penny, nickel, dime and quarter, when it comes to helping others.

Students in Phil Roy's fifth-grade class recently organized a coin drive to raise funds to purchase phone cards for those members of the military serving in harm's way.

Roy, who is one of the area's volunteers who greet troops returning to and departing from Pease International Tradeport for missions overseas, explained that his students worked together to organize the fundraising effort back in April in the hopes of helping those who are serving their country stay in touch with family and friends back home.

What they did not realize, his students were quick to point out, is just how much support their fellow York Middle School students would support the effort, bringing in donations totaling more than \$1,330.

Evan Hultstrom, one of Roy's students, explained that the plan was to purchase international phone cards to be delivered to

servicemen and women.

To encourage more students to participate, the class created a contest so that the homeroom in each grade that brought in the most money would win a pizza party, explained Jordan Gallant, another of Roy's students who took some time away from their recess to describe the project and what they learned.

"I like raising money for a cause like this," Jordan said.

Erika Knox said she wanted to help in the effort because members of the military who are far away from home cannot see or talk to their family and friends all the time, so the phone cards will help them keep in touch.

Her classmates Madison Borgel and Charlotte Reilly agreed.

Madison pointed out that small amounts do add up and every donation helped. And, she said, it felt good to be a part of a project to make a difference.

As Charlotte put it, "I think it's really important to help others."

## York High School Band to perform May 13

YORK — As the school year winds down, the York High School concert and jazz bands are stepping up their practice schedules to prepare for their annual rite of spring.

This year's concert will be presented on May 13 at 7 p.m. in the York High School Auditorium.

According to band director Dan Sovetsky, the program for the concert will be a lively one to celebrate the onset of spring and these final weeks before the seniors graduate as eight seniors will be making their final concert performance at the May 13 event.

Songs will include a Gaelic jig, a combination of sailing songs, an energetic jazz piece, a ballad from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and a funky version of the American gospel classic "Amazing Grace."

The jazz band, featuring 19 students, has been receiving high marks at recent com-

petitions. In January, the band earned the second highest rating at the Berklee Jazz Festival in Boston, Mass.

The students' performance at the Maine District I Festival in February then earned them a place at the State Jazz Festival in March.

Sovetsky said his students "delivered the strongest performance I've seen since I began teaching in York. This is a gifted group of student musicians."

Sovetsky, who recently earned his Master of Science in Education degree in Curriculum and Instructional Strategies from the University of New England, will be joined on the stage by the band's first student teacher, Valerie Ayer, a music education student from the University of New Hampshire, who has spent the semester working with Sovetsky and the band members.

Admission to the concert is free. For more information, call the York High School at 363-3621.

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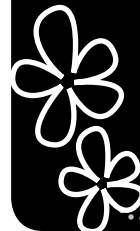
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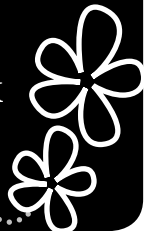
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# Politics And Other Mistakes Do it like we used to do

By Al Diamon

There's a lot to be said for what opponents of same-sex nuptials call "traditional marriage."

According to York historian Neil Rolde, testifying about Maine's matrimonial heritage before a legislative committee last month, the state passed a law in 1883 making it illegal for "idiots" to marry.

That probably took care of most first marriages. And all third marriages.

Rolde also noted that at various times in Maine history, statutes prohibited wedded bliss for Catholics, Quakers and people of differing races. At one point, Maine abruptly announced it wouldn't recognize civil divorce proceedings, thereby turning many remarried folks into bigamists.

These sorts of traditions could have inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation: "Is not marriage an open question, when it is alleged, from the beginning of the world, that such as are in the institution wish to get out; and such as are out wish to get in."

Of course, opponents of gay wedlock aren't relying on state law or the musings of a transcendentalist when they talk about traditional marriage. They're basing their convictions on the Bible.

At least, the parts they agree with.

They're comfortable quoting the chapters where God comes down hard on incest, adultery and homosexuality, but less likely to mention the verses where He gives a pass to polygamy, wife-beating and the summary execution of people who marry outside their tribes.

This sort of theological selectivity is so ... uh, traditional with those opposed to same-sex marriage that it doesn't seem to trigger any cognitive dissonance.

At the public hearing on April 22 on the bill to legalize such unions, Pastor Danny

Campbell of Augusta's Church of Christ told legislators, "It's a question of whether we're going to follow Biblical truth or our own desires."

Which category covers polygamy?

According to a letter to the editor of the *Bangor Daily News* from Stephen J. Martin of Amity, a member of the Republican State Committee, "Nationally, God believes in absolutes."

Nationally? Are there different rules in Australia? Can the Aussies marry koalas?

In an op-ed piece in the *Portland Press Herald* last December, the Rev. Neil Farrar of the Church of the Rock in Topsham rejected all secular tampering with holy matrimony. "For God is not bound to man's democracy," Farrar wrote, "rather we will be ultimately bound to His theocracy in eternity."

That theocracy thing might not be your most effective political argument.

Some opponents of same-sex marriage seem to have recognized that. They're trying to shift the debate away from religious doctrine to avoid alienating secular voters.

Bob Emrich, pastor of the Emmanuel Bible Baptist Church in Plymouth, went to great lengths in a recent *Bangor Daily* op-ed to avoid mentioning the Bible. "[M]arriage is a fundamental social institution," Emrich wrote. "Social institutions are the web of core values, understandings and meanings shared by all members of a society." He then adds, "There is no social institution of 'religious marriage' and another of 'civil marriage' in Maine or anywhere else. There is only the social institution of marriage."

In an April 30 *Press Herald* op-ed, the Maine Marriage Alliance's Tim Russell of Sidney claimed gay coupling conflicted with secularists' most basic beliefs: Darwin's theories. "[I]f reproduction and

efficiency of reproduction are at the heart of natural selection," Russell wrote, "then homosexual couples cannot fulfill this core Darwinian tenet."

Richard Malone, the Roman Catholic bishop of Maine, took a less wacky approach in the April 23 *Press Herald*, saying his opposition to same-sex marriage "comes not more from theology but from the effect on society. It's more of an anthropological, philosophical thing than anything else."

Based on past musings of the bishop and his allies, it's possible to guess what sort of "anthropological, philosophical thing" marriage could become for those people who meet the qualifications to get hitched, which is to say nice, moral, straight people.

There'd be almost no divorce. Both the Catholic Church and Michael Heath of the Maine Family Policy Council (who's keeping a low profile in this fight because he continues to stress religious arguments against gay wedlock and because his abrasive style has rendered him the political equivalent of swine flu) are on record in favor of making the marriage contract all but unbreakable.

Birth control? Forget it. Abortion? Are you kidding? Sex? Only for procreation. Heath favors making "sodomy" and homosexuality crimes. Malone doesn't go that far. He just thinks being gay is a sin.

What's weird is that if these religious types got their way, marriage in Maine would require such strict government regulation that it really would become a secular institution.

How traditional.

Thanks to Mike Tipping and his blog ([mainepolitics.net](http://mainepolitics.net)) for tipping me off to Rolde's testimony. You can e-mail me at [aldiamon@herniahill.net](mailto:aldiamon@herniahill.net). No marriage proposals, please. I'm non-polygamous.

## Letters to the Editor

### Selectmen Little saying farewell

To the Editor,

I have decided not to seek reelection to the Board of Selectmen, knowing that we have very well qualified candidates seeking the two open positions. These past two years of serving on the board have been very rewarding. Overall, I feel that this board has been a "do something" board, taking action on important issues facing our citizens and allowing the voters decide at the polls.

I was particularly pleased with the overwhelming support given by the voters to

the Workforce Affordable Housing Ordinance. More than seven years went into this effort, led by several groups and individuals, finally culminating in a proposal based on the work done by the Workforce Housing Committee and fine-tuned by York citizen at-large Jim Gambrill, Mike Estes and me.

Other efforts also stand out. The Beach Ordinance, although barely getting past our board, was overwhelmingly supported by the voters. Positive changes to the Residential Growth Ordinance were realized, without compromising the integrity of the ordinance itself. Our board unanimously supported green awareness and the Think Again group. A wind ordinance will now get to the voters. Our board also responded to the economic crisis by showing strong leadership in fiscal restraint initiatives, with the guidance of our town manager.

I commend our town manager, department heads and staff, for not only stepping forward to take no cost of living increase for the coming year but also for their overall professionalism in performing their duties. I have enjoyed working with them all.

My only regrets are that a new town hall, by a slim margin, failed to become a reality, and that, during my first year in office, by a three-to-two vote, workforce housing was derailed for personal reasons.

I look forward to the new board continuing to be an action board, accomplishing many of the priorities presently on the table. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful community.

**Ted Little**  
York Selectman

# Obituaries

**Louise M. Dunlap**

YORK BEACH – Louise M. Dunlap, 79, of 24 Sunnyside Drive in Greenland, N.H., and a summer resident of York Beach, died Friday, May 1, 2009, in York Hospital.

She was born Aug. 1, 1929, in South Boston, Mass., a daughter of Charles E. and Anna J. (Mulkern) Wagner. She had worked as a telephone operator for many years at the former New England Telephone Co.

Her husband Thomas E. Dunlap Sr. died in 1989.

She leaves two sons, James J. Dunlap of Greenland, N.H., and Thomas E. Dunlap Jr. of Sandwich, Mass.; a daughter, Janice Romano of Plymouth, Mass.; two sisters, Barbara W. Callahan of Centreville, Va., and Ruth Frasso of Milford, N.H.; two grandchildren, Christine Romano and Michael Romano, and a great-granddaughter Kiera Willis.

Calling hours for Louise were held May 6 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, York, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Christopher’s Church on May 7, followed by burial in St. Xavier Cemetery in Weymouth, Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to York Hospital Friendraising, 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909.

**Iola M. Emery**

YORK – Iola “Polly” M. Emery, 87, of

47 Long Sands Road, died Monday, May 4, 2009, in York Hospital.

She was born May 6, 1921, in Stanwood, Wash., a daughter of James and Edna (Gaffney) Parrish, and lived in Rye, N.H., for many years before moving to York.

She was the owner and operator of the Villager Motel in Hampton, N.H. She enjoyed painting, sketching and music. She volunteered with the American Red Cross and York Hospice for many years. She served on the Board of Directors for the YMCA. She had traveled all over the world and spoke Japanese.

She leaves a son and his wife, David R. and Marian Emery of North Hampton, N.H.; a sister, Annabelle Sutter of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren, Whitney Carlberg, Reid Carlberg and Randa Emery Blair and her husband Erin; three great-grandchildren, Phineas Carlberg, William Rand Blair and Davis Ireland Blair, and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Walter A. Emery, died in 1975, and a son, Matthew C. Emery, a daughter, Mary Catherine Ireland, and a brother, Thomas Parrish, all predeceased her.

A memorial service for Polly will be held at a later date with Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home directing arrangements. Burial will take place in the First Parish Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to York Hospice, 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909.

**Beatrice J. Hanson**

YORK – Beatrice “Winky” J. Hanson, 71, of 184 Scituate Road, died Tuesday, April 8, 2009.

She was born Aug. 10, 1937, in Wells, a daughter of Wilmont and Edith (Roberge) Cray.

Her husband of 51 years, Robert E. Hanson, died in 2007.

She leaves three daughters, Debra L. Morris and her husband David of York, Diane L. Barbour and her husband Richard of Lebanon and Brenda S. Buckley and her husband Rick of York; a sister, Emmy Johnson of Wells; a brother, Gary Cray of Ogunquit; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert E. Hanson Jr., a brother, Donald Cray, and two grandsons predeceased her.

She will be best remembered for spending time with family and enjoying her grandchildren.

A graveside service was held April 14 in the First Parish Cemetery, York.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Visit [www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com](http://www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com)

**John W. Verbicky**

YORK – John W. Verbicky Sr., 81, of 16 Bluestone Lane and formerly of Lawrence, Mass., died Tuesday, April 21,

2009, at home.

He was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Lawrence, Mass., a son of John J. and Emily (Suda) Verbicky. He was a Marine veteran of World War II. He was a firefighter for the Lawrence Fire Department for 30 years and worked on Engines 2, 3 and 9 before retiring.

He was a member of the Retired Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts. He enjoyed carpentry, fishing and playing cards.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Annie M. (Carabello) Verbicky; two sons, William J. Verbicky of Saugus, Mass., and John W. Verbicky Jr. and his wife Pamela Verbicky of York Beach; a daughter, Kathleen M. Lippe and her husband Robert Lippe of York Beach; two sisters, Joan Berry of Lawrence and Sr. Mary Jeane Verbicky, SND, of Lowell, Mass.; seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held April 24 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial on April 25 in St. Christopher’s Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association or to the Firefighters’ Benevolent Association.



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## Arts and Leisure

### YAA and York Diversity Forum unite to present 'Heather' author and poet

YORK HARBOR — Acclaimed author and poet Lesléa Newman will be in town on May 14 for a special presentation.

Newman wrote "Heather Has Two Mom-mies," the first children's book to portray lesbian families in a positive way, and has followed up this pioneering work with several more children's books on lesbian and gay families.

Newman will give a public reading from her long body of work at the York Art Association in York Harbor in an "Art of the Word" event cosponsored by York Diversity Forum. The event is set for May 14 at 7 p.m.

Newman, who is Poet Laureate of the community of Northampton, Mass., is the author of over 50 works including "A Letter To Harvey Milk," "Writing From The Heart," "In Every Laugh a Tear," "The Femme Mystique," "Still Life with Buddy," "Fat Chance" and "Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear." She has received many literary awards including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Highlights for Children Fiction Writing Award and two Pushcart Prize Nominations.

Her award-winning short story, "A Letter To Harvey Milk," has been made into a film and adapted for the stage.

In addition to being an author, she is a popular guest lecturer and has spoken on

college campuses across the country including Harvard University, Yale University, the University of Oregon, Bryn Mawr College, Smith College and the University of Judaism.

Admission is free to the May 14 event is free and wine and refreshments will be served.

For York Art Association gallery information, call 363-4049.



Award-winning author Lesléa Newman will offer a special presentation with the York Art Association and York Diversity Forum on May 14. *Courtesy photo*

### 'Creek Man' comes to the Reading Room

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK HARBOR — If you've ever longed to step inside the historic Reading Room overlooking Harbor Beach, or if you're a fan of the accordion-playing artistry and story-telling mastery of Gary Sredzienski, you will not want to miss the latest offering from Harbor Light Stage.

"Creek Man: The Unbelievable True Story of the Accordion-Playing Merman" is being presented at the York Harbor Reading Room through May 17.

Harbor Light Stage is presenting the world premiere of this one-man show, written by American accordion master Gary Sredzienski and based on his own life.

In "Creek Man," Sredzienski weaves comic storytelling with his original music to bring theatre-goers on a journey of discovery. A former Grammy nominee and an acclaimed accordion virtuoso, his nickname, "Creek Man," comes from his four-season swims through the tidal creeks of the Piscataqua River, which he took to a new height as he swam the seven-mile distance to the Isles of Shoals in the middle of the winter to raise \$15,000 for the Krempels Brain Injury Foundation.

"Creek Man" is being presented as a dinner theatre production at the York Harbor Reading Room, which has opened its

doors to the public for this month's performances, offering its panoramic ocean views as the backdrop for Sredzienski's performance.

Directed by Kent Stephens, who is the founding artistic director of the not-for-profit Harbor Light Stage, and with script development by Patricia Lynch, the event is sure to offer an unforgettable experience for area residents, complete with the culinary delights of the Reading Room and the performances by Sredzienski.

Support for script development and mounting of the full stage production at the York Harbor Reading Room comes from a \$17,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Don't miss the remaining performances at the York Harbor Reading Room. Performances continue on Thursdays and Fridays, with dinner at 6 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday matinees with cocktails at 3 p.m. and the show at 4 p.m.; Saturday evenings with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees with cocktails at noon and the show at 1 p.m., and evenings with the show at 5 p.m. and the post-show dinner at 6:30 p.m. For online reservations, directions and details, visit [www.harborlightstage.org](http://www.harborlightstage.org), email [harborlight@bitstream.net](mailto:harborlight@bitstream.net) or call 439-5769.



## See 'The Full Angel' on May 11

YORK VILLAGE — Don't miss a special performance of "The Full Angel" presented by Hospice of York and Beacon Hospice.

"The Full Angel," written and performed by award-winning writer and performer Susan Poulin, will be performed on May 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Moody Hall at the First Parish Church in York Village.

In "The Full Angel," Poulin creates a series of concise, arresting vignettes that chronicle the death of her mother, her family's struggle and courage and the healing power of love. In a surprising combination of humor, guilt, despair and acceptance,

she creates a portrait of a family reshaped by circumstances beyond their control.

Poulin is donating her time and talent for this performance, which is being presented by Hospice of York and Beacon Hospice as part of their continuing education program. "The Full Angel" is free and open to the public and a discussion will follow the performance.

For more information or to attend this special event, please contact Dee Bickmore of Hospice of York at 363-7000 or Caroline MacDonald at Beacon Hospice at 351-3020.

## See the Radio Gang in Ogunquit on May 16

OGUNKUIT — Get ready to tap your toes to vintage country music as Ogunquit Performing Arts brings the Radio Gang back for another performance.

Ogunquit Performing Arts brings the Radio Gang to Ogunquit every May to enthusiastic audiences that fill the Great Hall of the Dunaway Center to hear this outstanding group of veteran musicians performing American country music classics from the 1930s and 1940s.

The band's selections are richly varied, including spirited instrumentals and train songs, gospel music, hand-clapping and toe-tapping tunes and ballads of love and heartbreak. Simple, honest and in many ways innocent, country music of the '30s and '40s, which is more often classified as bluegrass music today, was purely acoustic with six-string guitar, mandolin, banjo and stand-up bass. Country music had its start, in many cases, as live broadcasts over the radio or was performed in grange halls and churches.

The group includes Mac McHale on guitar and mandolin, John Roc on mandolin, dobro and guitar, Sally Roc on stand-up bass and Herman McGee on guitar and five-string banjo.

As a special treat, the program will feature a demonstration and recital by the internationally renowned fiddler, Roland E. "Smokey" Valliere, also known as

Smokey Val, who is coming out of retirement for this event.

Born of French-Canadian parents, Smokey's interest in country music started at an early age while listening to country music artists on the radio. In 1945, while in the service, he learned to play the fiddle and has never stopped. He has been actively playing country music for 47 years throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. He also designs and builds custom dobros.

The Radio Gang and "Smokey" Val will perform at the Dunaway Center, located at 23 School St., on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the Dunaway Center, Ogunquit Camera Shop, the Ogunquit Welcome Center and at the door the evening of the performance.



The Radio Gang will be playing an evening of lively country music at the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit on May 16. *Courtesy photo*

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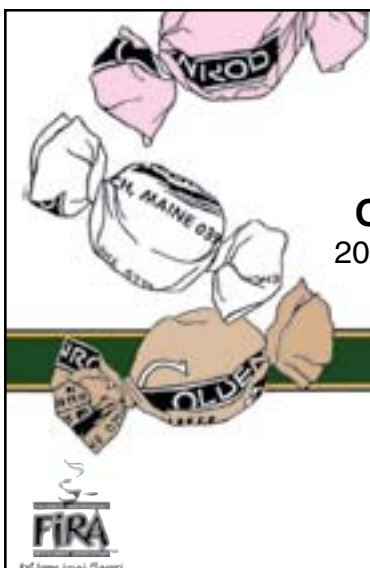
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## The Sports Report

### York woman earns recognition

YORK — York's own Casey Hoatson, a junior at the University of New Hampshire, recently joined her teammates of the UNH International Dressage Association in winning their first-ever national championship title.

The University of New Hampshire's Intercollegiate Dressage Association team defeated more than 20 teams at the national championship on April 18 at the University of Findlay in Ohio. Riders representing the team included Hoatson, a junior occupational therapy major from York, and Captain Kim Guyer of Northborough, Mass; Kaetryn Williams-Barnard of Lee, N.H., and Bridget Shea of Wilimington, Vt.

According to an announcement issued by the university, Hoatson's impressive ride at the lower training division was the winning test at her level and enough to earn her the reserve champion highpoint rider award for the competition and to pull UNH into the lead.

"This victory was particularly special after

last year's exceptionally close competition in which UNH finished in fourth place by less than one percent," noted Sarah Hamilton, director of the UNH Equine Program, who coaches the team. "To have every rider in the top four is an amazing accomplishment in such fierce and high-caliber competition. More than anything, the students were all determined not to let their teammates down."

Dressage is a sport that has been described as ballet for horse and rider; the famous Lipizzan stallions of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna are an example of dressage at its highest level. Riders strive to systematically develop and improve the horse's strength, flexibility, balance, gait and movement to create a harmonious partnership between horse and rider, with invisible communication.

For more information on the team visit [www.equine.unh.edu/ida](http://www.equine.unh.edu/ida); to learn more about the UNH Equine Program, go to [www.equine.unh.edu](http://www.equine.unh.edu).

### Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

YORK — A golf tournament will honor beloved local community leader, father, husband and friend Kevin Brown, who died suddenly in November at the age of 50.

To honor his memory and to raise funds for his family, Brown's friends and his uncle, Roger Brown, are organizing a golf tournament in his memory to be held June 5 at the Cape Neddick Country Club.

The cost is \$125 per player, including dinner and the awards ceremony, or \$500 per foursome. Available sponsorships range from \$200 for a Tee Box or Green to \$1,000 for a Golf Hole sponsorship, which includes a foursome.

Spouses, friends and family are invited to golf or just to the dinner following the tournament at a cost of \$25.

A silent auction will be held to raise additional monies with several items including Red Sox tickets, sports memorabilia, local restaurant certificates, weekend hotel get-aways and more.

Many individuals and local businesses have already stepped up, promising to make this a first-class event.

Help Brown's friends raise money 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, P.O. Box 812, Ogunquit, ME. 03907.

For more information contact Madeline Mooney Brown at [Madeline.mooney@gmail.com](mailto:Madeline.mooney@gmail.com) or 646-9974.

### Baseball opens on a homer

YORK — The York baseball team opened its season on a winning note against rival Wells.

Jimmy Kennedy was the opening day pitcher and got his first win of the season with a three-hit, seven-strikeout effort. Chris Cole closed out the in the seventh inning for a 7-2 win. Offensive power was provided by Pat Seaward with three singles and Jack Radke, Jerry Ashley and Kennedy, each with a double.

Next up for the Wildcats was Yarmouth, hungry for revenge from last year. However, Cole had a different idea and pitched a complete game 12-3 win. Cole only gave up six hits and had three strikeouts. Seaward again led the bats with three singles. Paddy Murphy had his first homerun of the season and had two RBIs. Doubles were hit by Ashley, Tanner Chase (2) and Cole, and Chase also had three RBIs.

Week 1 ended on a down note for the 'Cats as a strong wind, combined with the shorted outfield fence in the league, added up to a hit-

fest for the Greely Rangers. The Rangers won 18-8 in seven innings in a game closer than the score would indicate.

Kennedy, while throwing 62 percent strikes, gave up four homers and 11 hits in all, dropping his record to 1-1. Kennedy also recorded five strikeouts in his five innings.

Ryan Schoff came in for the sixth inning but was drilled also with eight hits, two home runs, and gave up nine runs.

Offensively York had 12 hits for eight runs and was led Seaward with two hits and Murphy with another home run and four RBIs. Other repeat hitters were Chase and Alex Blasik.

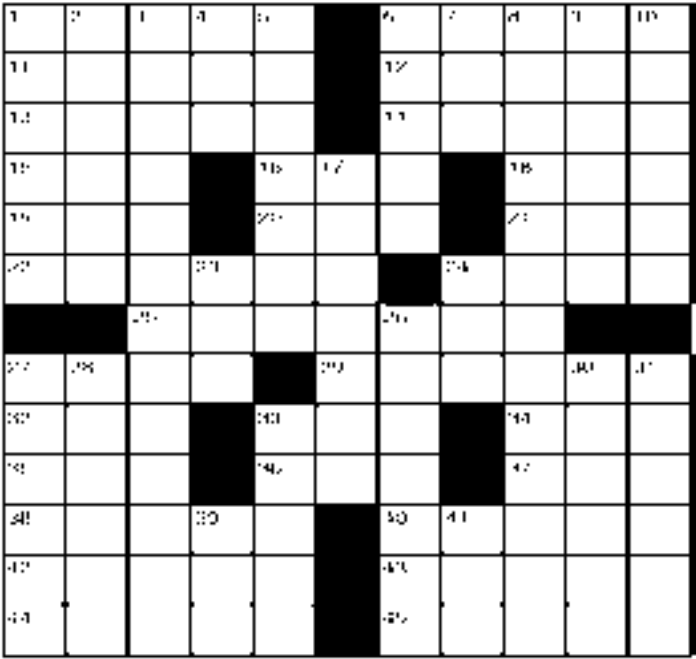
The second week again started well as Cole got his second win, 16-0, over winless Freeport (0-5). York's record improved to 3-1. Schoff pitched the fourth and fifth inning, registering six straight outs. Eight of the nine York starters had RBIs, led by Sam Leal with four off of three for four hitting. Seaward continued to be a hitter with four singles and two RBIs.



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- 13. Magna —
- 14. Puzzled
- 15. Candle count
- 16. Whole bunch
- 18. Print widths
- 19. Prevaricate
- 20. Snoop
- 21. Bemoan
- 22. Cut off
- 24. Made fun of
- 25. Magic Kingdom setting
- 27. Mississippi tributary
- 29. Thyroid need
- 32. Skater Jansen
- 33. What's more
- 34. Bolt connector
- 35. Id — (that is)



- 36. Naval initials
- 37. Greek letter
- 38. Paper unit
- 40. Without stop
- 42. Power relay
- 43. Compel

- 44. Cart pullers
- 45. Joins together

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bogart's "Key Largo" co-star
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- 4. All the rage
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- 7. Sulky state
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- 9. Wide street
- 10. Poked fun at
- 17. Predestines
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- 24. Tack on
- 26. Falls asleep
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By Dave Green

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## THE DOGS

### Blue

Meet Blue, a gorgeous 58-pound Labrador-pit-bull mix who can't wait to find a loving forever home. Blue is a goofy boy who is a perfect candidate for taking a basic obedience class. These classes are offered here at the shelter at a discounted price for adoptees. Blue is a friendly guy who should do just fine living with most other dogs and children over the age of six. If you are interested in adopting this fun-loving boy please fill out an adoption application and bring your family, including dogs, to the AWS to meet Blue.



### Brago

This gorgeous boy is Brago, a two-year-old pitbull who would love nothing more than to have a forever family to call his own. He is a fun-loving boy with lots of energy and would love a family that wants to play and keep up with his high activity level. He is a great boy who will do just fine sharing his new home with some other dogs, dog-savvy cats and children over the age of 12. If you are interested in adopting Brago please fill out an adoption application and bring your family including dogs in to meet him.



### Porter

How could you not fall in love with those big brown eyes? Porter is a seven-year-old pointer who came to the AWS as a stray and would love to find that forever home of his dreams. Porter is a smart boy who knows the commands "sit" and "come." He is a fun and active boy and will get along just fine with children over the age of 12. If you are interested in adopting this beautiful boy please fill out an adoption application and bring your family in to meet Porter.



### Star

Our fine young lady Star is a bouncing bundle of joy! At just a year old and 64 pounds she has plenty of energy and lots of goofy antics to go around. Currently going through obedience classes with staff here at the shelter, Star has shown that she is excited to learn and will need a confident and consistent leader. These classes are a great way for her to bond with her new owner and should be continued following her adoption. Hav-



ing shared her previous home with cats, Star will not be opposed to finding a new family with a feline friend who has lived with dogs before. Due to her excitability we are not going to be asking her to share her home with children under the age of six. Her goofy ways are sure to make you smile, so come by and check her out!

## THE CATS

### Dickey

This sweetheart is Dickey, a three-year-old kitty with a nice medium-length black-and-white coat. Dickey is a sweet and gentle boy who would love to have a family to call his own. He should do just fine sharing his new home with other cats. If you are interested in adopting this love bug please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet Dickey.



### JC

This big boy is JC, a seven-year-old cat with a nice short black-and-white coat. JC is a shy but sweet boy who can't wait to find a quieter forever home. He is a great guy and will do fine sharing his new home with other cats and older children. If you are interested in adopting JC please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet him.



### Lucky

Quite the king by nature, Lucky is beautifully socialized and more than happy to share his loving nature with all he meets! Having such a laid back personality, this cool cat gets along well with four-legged companions of any kind. He will be a wonderful cat for a home with children as he is very outgoing and gentle. He is a very fun cat to play with; his comical moves with his front legs are an absolute riot to watch. Lucky is currently being kept on a special diet to regulate his diabetes so be sure to ask the staff for more info. With the proper diet, some exercise and lots of love, this six-year-old kitty will have many years to offer. Don't miss out on meeting this guy; he is a real hoot!



## OTHER PETS

### Gwen, George and Greg

Pictured here is Gwen, a beautiful Cockatiel who came in with George and Greg. They are about four years old and had to come to the shelter because of allergies in their previous home. Gwen, George and Greg love each other very much, so they would love to go home together. If these sweeties sound like the perfect trio for you, please fill out an adoption application and stop by the Animal Welfare Society to meet them.





# New at Old York

## Popular museum myths that refuse to die

By **Richard Bowen**

I recently enjoyed reading a book titled *Lies my Teacher Told Me*, which debunks many of the common legends, myths, and outright distortions of history that schools and textbooks continue to perpetrate on America’s schoolchildren. Rather than elaborate on that book, I’ll borrow from the title, and write about “Lies my Tour Guide Told Me.”

**Myth 1: People Were Shorter**

I’ll start with one of the most common myths: “People were shorter in Colonial Days.” Most likely this comes from the lower ceilings and door frames and the short, steep staircases found in 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>-century houses in New England. While there are various likely explanations for these architectural features, the best may be that New England winters are longer than New England summers and that low ceilings kept rooms warmer. Economy of building material also played into this. This is especially evident in the Emerson-Wilcox House, where the 1710 wing has significantly lower ceilings than the circa 1740 part of the house. When confronted with the “people were shorter then” myth, one might question how much local people grew in 30 years. While actual heights of individuals were not recorded as carefully as they are now, it is well documented that the average height of a man enlisting in the Continental Army in the 1770s was 68 inches, or 5 foot 8 inches tall — still average height for a man in this country.

**Myth 2: Closets Were Taxed**

Here is another myth often used to explain why 18<sup>th</sup>-century houses have few bedroom closets. “Closets were taxed as extra rooms, so to save on taxes, people didn’t build closets.” There are no records in any of the 13 colonies of closets being taxed as rooms. Many dining rooms and kitchens had closets, called cupboards; some bedrooms had closets and some did not. Simply put, even the richest people did not have as many clothes as we do. Clothes were stored in chests or trunks.

**Myth 3: Women Burned at the Hearth**

How many tour guides or printed literature tell us that: “The second leading cause of death of Colonial women was burning to death at the hearth.” It does have a dramatic flair to it doesn’t it? The pitiable story of a farmer coming in from the fields to find his wife’s charred body on the kitchen hearth is told by guides throughout our country with an expected horrified reaction from the group. Recent research done at Colonial Williamsburg, partly to keep tour guides from retelling this myth, indicates that these incidents were extremely rare, but memorable and horrific enough to be repeated. On a local level, the diary Joseph Moody kept from 1720 to 1724,

the June event is set for June 12. Song Swaps are held from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Remick Barn Visitor Center. The event is free for all, but donations are greatly appreciated.

**CHILDREN’S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Do you enjoy painting projects and the sea? 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 on May 13 from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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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 Promissary 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.

Dated at Newburyport this 15th day of April, 2009.

Elizabeth Fahey, *Justice*  
Thomas H. Driscoll Jr., *Clerk of Courts*  
By: Sheila Gaudette *Assistant Clerk*

gives some graphic and detailed examples of the deaths of York residents. Not once in four years does Moody mention a woman dying from burns sustained while at the hearth.

**Myth 4: Children Were Better Behaved**

While manners were more formal in the 18<sup>th</sup> century than they are these days, one might question whether children were any better behaved. Indeed the diaries of some of York’s earliest schoolmasters indicate frequent

disruptions from “rough boys” and occasional bedlam erupting when the young schoolmaster could not gain control of the schoolhouse. Schoolmasters Moody and Chandler expressed difficulties with bad boys and made mention of whippings and other forms of punishment for rowdy behavior. It seems likely to me that then, as now, children’s behavior varied from child to child and family to family.

# Much to do in May and June at the Museums of Old York

**YORK VILLAGE** — There will be events for all ages with the Museums of Old York in the weeks ahead.

**SONG SWAP**

Join fellow musicians and singers 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. This month’s event will be offered on May 8 and

**SEASON OPENER**

On June 6 the Elizabeth Perkins House, Emerson-Wilcox House, Old Schoolhouse, John Hancock Warehouse and Old Gaol will open for the Museums of Old York’s 109th season with events from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The day will also feature the George Marshall Store Gallery Exhibit Opening, with Tom Curry’s “Coming to Light” in the main level gallery and “Still Points” in the dock level gallery, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

Curry is a plein air painter committed to creating paintings that capture the sense of place, time and atmosphere of the Maine landscape while “Still Points” will pair the mysterious charcoal paintings by New York artist Charles Ramsburg with porcelain forms made collaboratively by ceramic artist Maureen Mills and print-maker Victoria Elbroch. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, June 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. The show runs through July 12. The event is free for all, but donations are greatly appreciated.



## MEMORABLE MUSIC FROM STAGE AND SCREEN



Music from more than 100 years of American stage and screen favorites will be featured when Seacoast Community Chorus presents its spring concert on May 15 and 17. Now in his 16th year as conductor of the chorus, Wendell S. Purrington has selected a concert repertoire that spans a century of American musical theater, from "Give My Regards to Broadway." The concerts are set for 8 p.m. on May 15 at Dover's First Parish Church and 3 p.m. on May 17 at York's First Parish Church. Tickets are available from a member of the chorus in advance or at the door prior to the performance for a requested donation of \$10. For more information about the concert or to learn about joining the chorus in the fall, email [SeacoastCommunityChorus@yahoo.com](mailto:SeacoastCommunityChorus@yahoo.com) or contact Barbara Kautz at 363-5833. *Courtesy photo*

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# Calendar

## EVENTS

**The American Holistic Nurses Association** will meet May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Candleshop Inn, 44 Freeman St., in York Beach, with a special commemorative ceremony celebrating the life of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) as the founder of modern nursing. After a brief ceremony, Beth Boynton RN, MS, a nurse trainer, consultant and speaker specializing in communication and conflict issues that impact nurses and other health care professionals, will facilitate a discussion about workplace dynamics in the nursing and other health professions. AHNA meetings are not limited to nurses, but are open to all those who share a similar interest. For more information contact Barbara Sheff at 363-4087 or bsheffrn@aol.com.

**The Old York Garden Club Annual Plant Sale** is May 23 and will feature hundreds of plants at bargain prices at the Grant House on Route 1 in York, from 9 a.m. to noon. Included at the site is the Silent Auction of Choice Plants. The sale is held rain or shine and there is plenty of free parking.

**Sanford Institution for Savings Second Annual Motorcycle Run for Parkinson's** will be held June 14 at 11 a.m. at Bentley's Saloon in Arundel, ending at the American Legion in York with a complimentary cookout. Registration forms can be found at [www.banksis.com](http://www.banksis.com) or by stopping in at any SIS branch. For more information or to make a donation, contact Stephanie Vallee at 608-4379.

**YEF Uncorked** is set for May 9 to help raise funds for YEF's program of providing grants for teachers throughout the York School Department to encourage creative and innovative ideas in the classroom. This fine wine and food festival will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Union Bluff Meeting House in York Beach and will feature a silent auction and entertainment by the Four Fathers of Rock. Tickets are \$55 per person. For more information: [www.yorkeducation-foundation.org](http://www.yorkeducation-foundation.org).

**York Flea Market at St Aspinquid Masonic Lodge** on Long Sands Road is now open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve a space call Bertha Rocray at 363-4803 or 363-4817.

**York High School Class of 1979's 30th**

**Reunion** will be held on Aug. 14. This memorable evening of dinner, dancing and reminiscing is scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Three Chimneys Inn in Durham, N.H. For more information contact Cindy Donnell at 363-6473 e-mail [cindydonnell@masiello.com](mailto:cindydonnell@masiello.com).

## HEALTH, SUPPORT AND WELLNESS

**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.

**Living with Loss**, Hospice of York's bereavement support group, will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning May 13, and will last for 10 weeks. Space is limited and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call Nikki at 475-7308.

**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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteers Needed for American Cancer Society Relay for Life of York County**, a team event on June 12 and 13 where participants walk around a track relay-style overnight, and teams of cancer-fighting enthusiasts gather to show their support and dedication. For more information call Dawn Emery at the American Cancer Society at 373-3727.

**The York County Shelter Programs** is in need of a variety of supplies and donations. For more information: visit [www.yorkcountysshelterprograms.org](http://www.yorkcountysshelterprograms.org) or call 324-1137.



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