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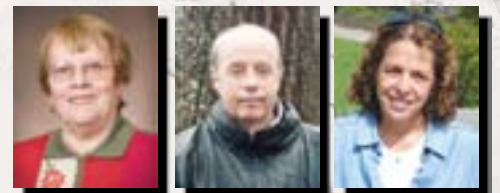
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York Election Preview

Voters to decide budgets and zoning requests

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK – Local residents will head to the polls on a new day this year, with the town-wide election now on Friday, May 29, instead of the customary Saturday, to address state-mandated changes to how school budgets are approved.

In addition to voting on the school budget as moved forward at the public town meeting on May 18, voters will decide a wealth of municipal warrant articles and several zoning questions while also choosing who will serve on various town boards and commissions in the term ahead.

The polls will be open at York High School from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the Town Clerk's Office will be closed due to the new referendum schedule.

The municipal budget is proposed at \$14,092,844, which marks an increase of just \$50,412 or 0.36 percent over the fiscal 2009 budget for \$14,042,432, in spite of significant projected revenue cuts in the current economic downturn.

To achieve the minimal increase, many departments received significant cuts and important purchases were postponed, Town Manager Rob Yandow explained.

The York Public Library, for example, removed its request for an additional employee from the budget, despite increased demand for library services, due to the current economic concerns throughout town.

"Although library use has grown exponentially in the last three years, and we need additional staff now more than ever, the Board of Trustees also recognizes the troubled economic climate and our duty to show prudence," explained Library Director Robert Waldman. "Therefore, we felt it inappropriate to ask York taxpayers to fund the position at this time. We have withdrawn the proposal and will work within our regular budget to find innovative ways to deliver library services."

In addition, the town manager and several department heads agreed to forgo cost of living adjustments for the fiscal year ahead to reduce costs for the taxpayers.

This small wind turbine located in Eliot provides an example of the type of residential windmills that would be allowed in York if voters propose a new ordinance to allow the construction of windmills in town. (Photo courtesy of Christine Grimando.)

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Where? **York High School**, 1 Robert Stevens Drive

Among the individual budget items voters will be asked to support is a \$2 million request to purchase land for a public safety facility, a need which has been discussed for years in town. The funds would be held in abeyance until a suitable site can be found, with no bonds issued until such a site is selected, reviewed and presented to the public by the Board of Selectmen.

Other larger funding requests include \$400,000 to address drainage concerns in the Long Sands area; \$426,000 to replace a fire truck for the York Fire Department; \$800,000 for drainage enhancement in

Short Sands, and \$950,000 to rehabilitate Town Dock #1.

Article 50, meanwhile, seeks \$100,000 to help fund alternative energy solutions for the town, in conjunction with the work of York's newly appointed Town Energy Steering Committee, for energy efficiency upgrades of the town's buildings.

Outside of the 50-plus budget-related requests, voters will also decide on 10 ordinance and zoning requests, including Article 10, which will allow for changes to the Residential Growth Ordinance and the way permits are granted in difficult economic times, and Article 4, which will allow the installation of small windmills for generating renewable energy. Both requests have the full support of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board.

To read the full text of each budget and zoning request prior to the May 29 vote, visit www.yorkmaine.org.

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Voters to choose two of three candidates for selectman

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK – When voters head to the polls for the secret ballot vote on the proposed fiscal 2010 budget on Friday, May 29, they will also decide who will serve the town on its governing boards in the term ahead.

Three new candidates, Mary Black Andrews, Torbert Macdonald Jr. and Tracy Jackson McCarty, are seeking election to the two seats on the Board of Selectmen as Vice Chairman David Marshall and Selectman Ted Little decided not to seek a return to the board.

Here’s a look at the candidates.

Mary Black Andrews

Mary Black Andrews of Old Post Road in York, who has a combined 15 years of serving the town as a former Maine legislator and past member and chair of the Board of Selectmen, is hoping to bring her accessibility and dedication to the community to the current board.

When asked what prompted her to run for the board, Andrews explained, “I had people ask me and, frankly, I’ve always enjoyed the public service, so I just decided I should run. I’ve got some good years left in me to serve the town. I will be a conduit for the people.”

And, she added, being able to serve on a board in town, as opposed to traveling to Augusta when she was a representative and



senator, allows her to remain close to her family.

Looking to the term ahead, “I think we really need to work at getting a town hall and a police station. Both are woefully inadequate and I think we should concentrate on that,” she said, adding, “We need to make sure that all our ordinances are up to date in all three communities that became York, specifically York Beach.”

If she is elected, Andrews said she will also work toward better communication between town officials, departments and citizens in the three-year term ahead.

“I’d like to see a more cooperative effort with the School Department. I think we can work together better to prioritize and line up capital improvement budgets,” she explained.

Andrews said she would also support taking a close look at the town’s governing charter to make sure it satisfies all the town’s needs and is up to date for the community as it is today.

Andrews also wants to encourage more involvement from local residents, whether as volunteers or elected officials.

“We didn’t even get a full Budget Committee slate of candidates,” she said of this year’s Budget Committee race, which includes only one candidate for three open seats on the board and will rely on write-in candidates to fill the other two posts. “I’m not sure the citizens are completely invested and I think we need to involve them more.”

The Budget Committee is too important

a board, she said, not to have a full slate of candidates.

In addition to a combined eight years in the Maine House and Senate, as well as seven years on the Board of Selectmen with four as its chair, Andrews’ community service has also included the York Housing Authority, York Land Trust, York Community Service Association, Table of Plenty and the York Ambulance Association, where she is currently the president. Andrews is also well known as an active member of St. Christopher Church and is the culinary expert behind two of the favorite chocolate pie desserts served at Mimmo’s Restaurant at Long Sands Beach.

Andrews, a retired nurse, holds not only her nursing degree but also a Bachelor of Science in sociology/psychology, which she attained at the age of 44. She and her husband Allan have several children and grandchildren.

“I’m just excited and anxious to get back working for the citizens of the town of York,” she said. “I want to be accessible for the people.”

Torbert H. Macdonald Jr.

Torbert H. Macdonald Jr. of Fernald Avenue, who has 25 years in public service, decided to seek a return to the board to bring his experience and abilities to serve his community.

“I believe my capabilities match the town’s



needs. By that I mean the ability to thoroughly research an issue and clarify it in discussion, thereby leading to clarified choices for the voters,” Macdonald said.

In recent months, he said, residents have asked him the meaning of different ballot requests coming before the voters, and he believes a more transparent public process is needed.

“I’m pretty sure that my record of creating that sort of debate would be very useful,” he said.

Macdonald’s past experience includes three years on the Planning Board, many years on the Conservation Commission, including time as that board’s chairman, membership on the 1990 Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee, which created the basis of the current Comprehensive Plan, and election to the Board of Selectmen in 2003 and 2006.

Looking to the term ahead, Macdonald said he believes the most important task will be to “communicate clearly to the public so that the public has a better understanding of what the processes of government are and what they should be. Acting as a clear policy voice in an accurate civic context, a lot of the confusion that has existed around issues will go away.”

Macdonald cited some of the town’s key infrastructure needs, including a new police station and improvements to York Beach, as key needs in the term ahead and, with Massachusetts-based developer Oscar Plotkin no longer holding an option on the York’s Wild

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Kingdom property, Macdonald said, the town could find opportunities there.

"The beach has parking and traffic issues really only for extended weekends a year, and now that it's been announced that Oscar Plotkin isn't in the picture, those that insist that everything must come from the private sector must back off," he said. "Everything in the last number of years has had to come from the private sector in order for the Board of Selectmen to embrace it. Identify what you see as a public issue and then use public process to achieve them. ... If nobody responds with a bid that meets your needs, then you modify. You certainly don't take the first offer that walks in the door and anoint them with special privileges."

Macdonald suggested the town negotiate with the York's Wild Kingdom owners to create a parking lot with crushed stone and planting on Route 1, and then provide shuttle service to York Beach.

"The beach can be the true pedestrian place that it ought to be," he said.

Macdonald said protection of the York River will also be a primary concern in the years ahead.

Macdonald pointed to such issues as the economy, funding education and providing affordable housing as the greatest challenges for the town in the next three years.

"We need to be able to match our expectations with available resources, and that's not something that's going to be done behind closed doors," he said.

A graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Harvard College, Macdonald is a self-employed natural resource policy consultant. He and his wife, Caroline, have three grown children.

If elected, Macdonald said his primary goal will be to "restore public process so that the people will actually be able to ascertain for themselves what they want. I do believe that the legislative body is the people themselves in our system, and it all depends on informed consent."

Tracy L. Jackson McCarty

Tracy L. Jackson McCarty of Greene Lane in York Beach is running for the Board of Selectmen because of her love for the community.



"I don't remember a time, growing up, where service and community were not a part of our lifestyle — it was second nature, and it is what you did," she said. "I enjoy making contributions and being part of the process — I have a lot of interests, and find balance in giving a piece of my energy to the areas that impact my family the most."

McCarty has served the town in other ways, volunteering as an alternate member on the Conservation Commission in the 1990s and currently serving on the Planning Board's York Beach Subcommittee.

Her approach, she said, is to look at both sides objectively and review what kind of impact long- and short-term decisions have.

"I know my history, experience and thoughtful, objective approach can contribute to the ever-changing issues in York," she said.

If elected, McCarty said she hopes to bring improved communication to the board and

work toward ensuring the community is better informed about what is happening in town.

"Before we can bring everyone together to work through some of our greatest challenges, we should increase communication within and among the different generations, and promote participation at all levels," she said, adding "When people make decisions together, the social commitment to one another is greater and increases everyone's dedication to the decision."

Looking to the greatest challenges of the term ahead, McCarty cited the town's infrastructure needs, protecting York's environment and the ongoing impact of the economic downturn.

"I can't stress enough how sensitive I am to the current fiscal/economic challenges that face our community and the world — it has already impacted family members, neighbors and friends," she said.

McCarty, who works as a consultant in strategic and operations management, holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Harvard University and has received continuing education units from the University of Maryland. She is the mother of two sons, ages 8 and 11.

When asked if she would like to share any other thoughts prior to the election, McCarty said she wished to offer a statement on an issue that has been raised during her candidacy.

"I was always told, and I am constantly reminding my children — be a person of your word, mean what you say and say what you mean, and remember that every time you walk out that door, you have your family's name... I have seen no reason to not get involved. But, with that, there will always be parts of our 'flawless' lives that become very public ... what is completely personal and private may be all the vulnerability one needs to expose the raw underbelly of another," she said, explaining that on May 4 the IRS placed a lien on her property in York Beach. "My accountant has been working through the details and documentation for the amended form for my 2007 filing," she explained. "Once the filing is amended and processed, the 2007 tax return would actually reflect a refund, not a payment owed. I would like to note that the tax lien is not for non-payment of my property taxes and is reflective of child support payments, which are not taxable, recorded as alimony, which is taxable. This personal matter has no bearing on my performance in my professional, civic and volunteer work — governing within the Town Charter, providing direction and leadership for the Town Manager and involving the community in the important issues that face us, is not impacted or defined by this personal matter, today or in the future. In closing, this is a common error; we actually contacted the IRS, and began the steps to amend the return, which is actively being addressed."

If neighbors and voters need additional information on the subject, McCarty urged them to call her directly at 361-4454.



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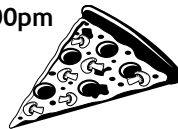
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The ayes have it: Town Meeting passes school budget on to secret ballot vote

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK – It wasn't where local residents wanted to be, but about 600 registered voters turned out on Monday night, May 18, for the first part in a two-pronged school budget approval process now mandated by the state.

While the public comments at the start of the meeting made it clear there may be differences of opinion on specific funding requests, there was overwhelming unity in the sentiment of those present that the budget should not be changed by a fraction of those who will decide whether or not to approve the requested \$25.7 million in school funding by secret ballot on Friday, May 29.

Almost unanimously, each state-mandated cost center of the budget was approved, as presented by the School Committee after several months of revision and review, to go forward to the May 29 validation vote.

And, residents agreed that the state's mandate for an open town meeting to make the budget process more participatory is having the opposite result in York, where the secret ballot vote draws far more citizens to the polls.

As Rick Boardman put it, "Nobody in town wants to be here. The state forced it on us."

Based on those registered voters who signed in with the election clerks to take part in the town meeting budget discussion and vote, 598 of the approximately 5,000 voters who usually cast ballots at the town-wide referendum came out to pack the York High School gymnasium for the meeting on the fiscal 2010 budget, which is proposed at \$25,714,621, an increase of 0.6 percent over the fiscal 2009 approved budget of \$25,559,327. Due to cuts in revenue from the state, the budget will mean an increase of 0.88 percent on the property tax rate if it is approved by the voters on May 29.

Among those who addressed the crowd after Moderator David Ott was elected without objection to oversee the meeting were former School Committee officials, selectmen and local residents.

Patty Hymanson, who served many years on the School Committee and as its chair, was the first member of the public to ask her fellow voters to move the budget forward as presented rather than to attempt to amend specific dollar amounts without the full information that had been presented through the budget review process of January, February, March and April. The full electorate, through secret ballot, should decide the budget, she said, and only then, if it fails to win support of the majority of the town's voters, should the School Committee be forced to look at revising it.

Local resident Edward Little, who is completing his term on the Board of Selectmen, agreed with Hymanson, but did raise the issue of faculty salaries and benefits given the current downturn in the economy. With contractual cost of living and step increases meaning raises of 3.1 percent to 7 percent at a time of a negative cost of living, he said, "that kind of files in the face of the economy in the way that it is."

Little urged the teachers' union to consider reopening its contract if the budget as presented does not win voter support at the polls.

Former Selectman and School Committee Chairman Dwight Bardwell disagreed.

The contract, he said, was negotiated in good faith and should be honored.

"I think it is really, really, really unfair to turn around and see that as a place to save," he said, adding that if residents want to cut negotiated salary increases when

times are tough they should also be willing to increase those amounts for the unions in good times – something that has never happened.

Now that the budget as presented has been approved in the town meeting, it will

be up to voters to ratify the school budget by answering yes or no to a single question via absentee ballot or at the polls. If voters approve the budget as presented, the process ends for the current fiscal year; however, should the vote be in the negative, the School Committee must then review the budget again, choose whether to make additional cuts and present its revised budget to another public meeting vote followed by a secret ballot vote. The process would have to be repeated until such time as a budget is adopted.

In explaining the current budget as presented, School Committee Chairwoman Marilyn Zotos noted that any additional cuts will have a direct impact on class sizes and students, as cuts have been made in every area where the committee has ability to cut to address the loss of state revenue and increases in costs.

"A million and a half dollars was already cut from this budget," she said, adding, "Further cuts down the line are really going to impact what's going on in our schools."

The May 29 meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the York High School gym. Registered York voters may cast secret ballots during the meeting itself or in advance by visiting the Town Clerk's Office to obtain an absentee ballot prior to May 29, as the office will be closed due to the election.

For full details on the proposed school budget, visit www.yorkschoools.org and for information on the town election and voter registration, visit www.yorkmaine.org.



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Obituaries

Gloria Raleigh Layman

Once doubled for Doris Day

Gloria Raleigh Layman, 77, of 4 Harbour Hill Road, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2009 with her family by her side, in her home after a courageous battle with cancer.



She was born on Oct. 2, 1931 in Harmony, Maine, a daughter of the late Alonzo and Emma (Starbird) Raleigh.

Her legacy will live on for her work in politics. Starting at a young age, she played a vital role in the local Democratic Party Headquarters. Throughout the years she worked endlessly beside her husband, William Layman. Her behind-the-scenes support helped fuel the fight to make sure the Town of York had a charter.

When her husband died in 2005, she finished out his term as County Commissioner and when his term ended, she ran again, winning by a landslide.

She leaves a son, Keith C. Bishop and his wife, Diane C. Bishop of York; a grandson, Keith C. Bishop Jr. and his wife Shelly of Berwick; a granddaughter, Tami Greco and her husband Adam of Sanford; three great-grandchildren, Brittney Bishop, Jacob Greco and Emily Greco. Her husband William H. Layman died in July of 2005. She was also predeceased by 4 brothers, Harry Raleigh, Walter Raleigh, Roland Raleigh and Alonzo "Lonnie" Raleigh Jr.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 21 in the First Parish Congregational Church, 180 York St., York. Burial was in the First Parish Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Wildlife, P.O. Box 620, Cape Neddick, ME 03902 or to Seacoast Hospice, 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH 03833. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

Violet Mitchell Egge

Descended from sea captains

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Violet Corinne Mitchell Egge, 92, died following an accidental fall, severely injuring her forehead.

She passed away peacefully in a Hospice Inpatient Care facility in San Antonio, Texas, on March 30, 2009, with her son, William, and daughter, Patricia, at her bedside.

She was born March 22, 1917, daughter of Hazel Pruett Mitchell of Kittery Point and Sherman Haven Mitchell of York. She grew up in Kittery Point, a descendant of the Seaward Family, celebrated for their involvement and heroism in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and a descendant of the Pruett family, many of whom were sea captains.

After graduating in the Class of 1935 from Traip Academy, she attended the New England Baptist Nursing School of Boston, Mass.

She married William H. Egge Jr. of Massachusetts and together they raised a family of three: Patricia Cramer of San Gabriel, Calif.; Isanna Erlenbach of Hawaii, and William H. Egge III of Hemet, Calif. Her many friends, family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and caregivers remember her for her love and kindnesses to them. She was fun to associate with because of her wit and interests in New Eng-

land history, traveling, golfing, oil painting and home decor.

She was interred on May 16 following graveside services in the Orchard Grove Cemetery of Kittery.

Theresa M. McKenna

Born in Ireland

YORK — Theresa M. McKenna, 101, of 3 McKenna Court, died Sunday, May 17, 2009, in Durgin Pines in Kittery.

She was born Oct. 15, 1907, in Limerick, Ireland, a daughter of the late Patrick and Hannah (Harrington) Scully. Her husband of 44 years, Arthur A. McKenna, died in 1976.

She leaves a daughter, Veronica M. Bragdon and her husband Kingsbury of Kittery; three sons, Joseph M. McKenna of Crookston, Minn., Robert E. McKenna and his wife Ann of San Diego, Calif., and Lawrence C. McKenna of York; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A son, James P. McKenna; three brothers, Joseph, Edmund and Timothy Scully, and two sisters, Sr. Christine Scully and Bridget McKenna, all predeceased her. She was a member of St. Christopher's Church and a member of the Women's Council.

Calling hours for Mrs. McKenna were held May 21 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22, in St. Christopher's Church, 4 Barrell Lane, York. Burial will be in the First Parish Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Christopher's Church, 1 Lilac Lane, York, ME 03909.

Roger R. Norton Jr.

Lifelong Red Sox fan

YORK BEACH — Roger R. Norton Jr., 78, of 445 Ridge Road, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at home. He was born May 13, 1930, in York Beach, a son of Roger R. and Loretta May (Seymour) Norton Sr., and was a lifelong resident of York Beach.



He was a delivery man for Norton Oil Co. for many years and also dealt in real estate. He was a member of the Union Congregational Church and enjoyed Western movies, long drives and especially his grandchildren. He was a lifelong Red Sox fan.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Mary T. (Barus) Norton; two sons, Harry H. Norton and his wife Jill, and Roger "Rusty" Norton III and his wife Melody, all of York Beach; two daughters, Christine A. Herpst and her husband Paul of North Pole, Alaska, and Heidi L. Byers and her husband Robert of York Beach; a sister, Lillier Langille of North Berwick; eight grandchildren, Harry Jr., Loretta, Justin, Jessica, Carmen, Felicia, Marcus and Hannah, and two great-grandchildren, Rowen and Brady.

Calling hours for Roger were held May 15 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, York, with a funeral service on May 16 in the Union Congregational Church, York Beach, followed by burial in the Norton Cemetery behind the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seacoast Dialysis Center, 155 Borthwick Ave., Number 100, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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Vote for Article 43

To the Editor,

I am writing to enthusiastically support Article 43 in the upcoming May ballot. This article is for the purchase of a fire truck for the York Village Fire Department to replace a 23 year old rescue pumper purchased second hand in 1999. It has been used to attack fires and also for rescue, carrying EMS and haz-mat equipment. This is an entirely different truck then

was recently received, without local taxpayer money, through a FEMA grant and is designed to be used as a complement to that truck.

Now it is time to replace this old truck for safety reasons. Quick response to fires and accidents is critical to successful outcomes and, although the department has worked as diligently as possible to keep it on the road, it has simply been worn out through extended use and age. This truck can barely make it up hills, and cannot achieve the needed speed on roads and highways necessary to ensure proper safety when fires and accidents occur.

In both the Village and the Beach Fire Departments we have, arguably, the best bang for the buck in York. Our well trained volunteer firefighters need our support, not only for our safety as a community, but also for the their safety when working so hard under the most extreme circumstances. Well-trained people, quick response, and up-to-date equipment result in lives and property saved.

Please join me in supporting Article 43.
Ted Little
York

Support school funding requests

To the Editor,

On behalf of the York Adult Education Advisory Council, we would like to show our support for the York School Department 2009-2010 budget.

The School Committee, superintendent and administrators have spent countless hours developing a fiscally conservative budget that is nearly level-funded. \$1.5 million in cuts were made during the process. This budget reduces spending in nearly all categories with the goal of minimizing the impact to taxpayers while retaining quality education in our schools.

“Please show your support at the May 29 referendum vote.”

There are no new programs and no capital requests. Staffing has been reduced by 3.2 positions. The budget committee voted 6-0 unanimously to support all school warrant articles.

Lastly, as advocates for the adult learners in York we also support the York Adult and Community Education budget, which is requesting the exact same amount as the previous four years – level funded!

Please show your support at the May 29 referendum vote.

Chair Lou Hargan and Council members Wayne Boardman, Patricia Burke, Carol Davis, Carrie Eisner, Deb Erikson-Irons, Jean Lincoln, Mary Jane Merrill, Zoe Keefer-Norris and Michael Sullivan

York Adult Education Advisory Council

Support request for York Fire Department pumper

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at York Hospital, I'd like to express our gratitude for the York Fire Department and offer our support to their effort to acquire a new rescue pumper.

We feel fortunate indeed to be supported by the responsiveness and dedication of the York Village Fire Service. The expeditious response to our calls, the cooperation in supporting medical helicopter transports and the general availability for consultation and advice has served our hospital and patients beautifully. The Fire Department's first responder role in the community is important and the vehicle requested in Article 43 is critical to the community's safety and well-being.

Please join us in supporting the funding for the Fire Department's rescue pumper addressed in Article 43 in the Town Warrant.

Jud Knox
Board of Trustees
York Hospital

Vote for Tramuto

To the Editor,

As an Ogunquit resident, property owner and voter I am writing to express my support for the reelection of Donato Tramuto to the town of Ogunquit Select Board. Mr. Tramuto's dedication and generosity to the town of Ogunquit combined with his executive experience have made him an exceptional selectman and force on the current board, his concern for board transparency, meeting process and direct approach have benefited Ogunquit greatly. I ask all of Ogunquit's voters to review Mr. Tramuto's performance as chairman of the select

Politics And Other Mistakes Bigger is better

By Al Diamon

You've seen those obnoxious TV ads for phony products promising "natural male enhancement." Now, here's something that does exactly the opposite.

Introducing Legis-Limp, the wonder drug that gives your state House of Representatives a good excuse for its "failure to perform" by making it "too small" to "satisfy" its constituents. If you want to make it "harder" for legislators to deal with issues, if you want legislative sessions to "last longer," you'll love Legis-Limp.

Warning: Side effects may include a tendency to put quotation marks around "suggestive" comments. In extreme cases, such punctuation has even been known to appear around "non-suggestive" words and "phrases," thereby creating the "impression" that whatever is being discussed is a lot "sexier" then it actually "is."

But enough salaciousness. For at least one paragraph.

The Maine Legislature is considering a constitutional amendment to shrink the size of the House from 151 "members" (sorry) to 131. At first glance, this looks like a good idea. At first glance, so did the "special offer" from Enzyte.

The whole smaller-government shtick has a nice ring to it. Fewer legislators. Sweet. Like fewer idiots.

Clearing out the "deadwood" (help, I can't "stop") would save a little money. Twenty fewer legislators would result in some staff cuts, some paperwork reductions and less wear and tear on the carpet in the House chamber. In all, the budget reduction could total about \$800,000 per year.

It also would make it appear the Legislature had taken a stand in favor of reducing future

spending. As if. Should that \$800,000 in savings ever materialize (no sure "thing"), it's going to be spent somewhere else. Bet on it.

A smaller House might reduce the number of stupid bills introduced every session. Unless the remaining representatives pick up the "slack." Which they would. Asked by the Lewiston Sun Journal what effect the "shrinkage" would have on normal legislative business, state Rep. John Martin, a supporter of the reduced House, said, "None."

Now, here's the downside. A smaller House is a less responsive House. Under this amendment, each district would grow from about 8,400 people to 10,000. If you think the Legislature is out of touch with ordinary citizens now, just wait until every representative has an extra 1,600 disgruntled constituents to put up with. That additional workload would automatically make him or her 19 percent less efficient. It would take him or her 19 percent longer to respond to your letter, e-mail or phone call, in order to tell you there's less than a 19 percent chance he or she can do anything about whatever your problem is.

Unless, of course, each legislator had more staff. Except then, the downsizing wouldn't save nearly as much money. And all those extra staffers would mean you'd be dealing with an indifferent bureaucrat, instead of a incompetent politician.

Then, there's the problem of "bigger" districts. My House district is already over 50 miles wide and stretches across three counties. I've never met the guy who allegedly represents me, and I'm not even sure he can correctly pronounce the name of my town. A "shriveled-up" House would do nothing to improve his diction. All it would mean is that visiting him to help with his speech therapy would involve an "overnight stay."

board and sincerely recommend that they vote for his continued membership.

Jerry Peppe
Ogunquit

Tramuto is good for Ogunquit

To the Editor,

As two of many concerned citizens of Ogunquit, we are pleased that Donato J. Tramuto, the board's current chairman, has decided to run for reelection to the Ogunquit Board of Selectmen on June 9. We congratulate Donato on a job well done and want to encourage the voters of Ogunquit to vote to continue his excellent leadership.

We are most pleased with the superb quality of leadership he has provided as select board member and most recently as chairman. Donato has provided substantial and untold hours serving the needs of Ogunquit's citizens to keep our taxes low, leading the way in cutting costs in these troubled times, all the while insisting on a transparency at all levels of Ogunquit's municipal services.

Donato needs our continued support if want to maintain his focus on honesty, transparency and integrity in this town.

Pam and Earle Rugg
Ogunquit

Vote for Tramuto and Score in Ogunquit

To the Editor,

People keep asking me what I think about the candidates for the two open positions on the Select Board. I guess they ask because I attend most of the Select Board meetings and frequently speak out about various issues, so they figure I must know what's really going on.

So, to avoid the questions, I figure I'll answer them right here, all at once, and be done with it!

I have worked on the Charter Review Commission, Ordinance Review Committee and Recycling Committee, and I know all of the (5) candidates. They are all good citizens of the town, so this is not easy, but here are my choices and my reasons, in no particular order.

I will vote for Donato Tramuto, currently chairman of the Select Board. Donato works extremely hard for this town. As a corporate CEO, he understands the importance of transparency, has an excellent business sense and understands that running a successful town is in many respects similar to running a successful business. He runs meetings in a very open manner, gives all an opportunity to speak (when appropriate) and listens carefully to the concerns of the public. His accomplishments include working toward resolution of the problem caused by how Ogunquit is assessed for the school budget (close to success until the state intervened with its consolidation agenda), involving the Select Board on the town's committees and opening more meet-

ings to public input. I want these initiatives to continue.

I will also vote for Michael Score. Michael was a member of the Charter Review Commission, chair of the Ordinance Review Committee and serves on the Planning board. Michael is extremely organized and orderly, studies and abides by Robert's Rules of Order and learns everything he can about the subject being discussed. His degree in Organizational Development and years of experience in business (project management, finance, etc.) helps him understand the intricacies of running a town.

Both of these candidates have something in common: They are not native Mainers (Mainiacs?). Each moved to Ogunquit after visiting and falling in love with our town. Neither has an agenda or an ulterior motive for running, other than to help to improve our town.

Lesley Mathews
Ogunquit

Still waiting, MTA

To the Editor,

Residents of York along the Maine Turnpike are still waiting to hear from the Maine Turnpike Authority the results of the study they claim is being done on keeping the toll plaza at the present site. This has been a year now. The only updates we have received from them are that the study is ongoing. No specific details on the progress are given.

"...the traffic capacity/safety issues have been grossly exaggerated by the MTA."

This study should have been one of the first things they did thoroughly when they came up with the idea of a new toll plaza. The MTA and HNTB spent all their time selecting new and bigger sites as if no one would notice or protest. One of the reasons that they want to move the plaza is because it was built on wetlands and is sinking. If they build a new plaza on any of the sites identified they will be moving the plaza again in a few years because there are plenty of wetlands in the area.

Fortunately, with the help of the town of York, an engineering firm has been hired to prove that the plaza can be safely rebuilt at the present site and the traffic capacity/safety issues have been grossly exaggerated by the MTA.

Barbara Matthews
York

Thank You DPW

To the Editor,

On behalf of all the members of Trinity Church, York Harbor, we would like to thank York's DPW crew who so expertly and conscientiously cleared away the large amount of storm-damaged branches on our grounds. We very much appreciate your help and professionalism.

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Student of the Month

**Marina Swietek**

Marina Swietek has been nominated for the Student Spotlight for her achievement in Independent Psychology and her initiative as she organized the Relay for Life event for the second consecutive year. After losing both grandfathers to cancer, Marina organized teams to participate in the overnight event, which earns money for cancer research and awareness. As a student, Marina has taken her interest in psychology to the next level as she has pursued in-depth study and research in this advanced independent course.

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In support of the community's teachers

To The Editor,

I attended Monday's meeting on the school budget, thinking that I might speak. But after Dwight Bardwell's remarks, I thought better of it. There wasn't anything I could add to his eloquence and focus, not to say his redeeming sense of humor. And, in truth, I had no basis, compared to the many years he has given to this town as a caretaker, for comment. Or Patty Hymanson's, who has worked so long in behalf of this town's young. And the meeting promised to be long. People wanted to get on with the business at hand. So I kept my seat.

But there are some things I wanted to say, and so, this:

I am a person in retirement whose assets are, like those of many others in this town, diminished. I hope for a better future for this economy, for town and our country and that hope resides in the youngsters now in our schools. They are our future. I want them to be the best they can be. I want them to have the best education they can have.

Children need affirmation, encouragement and good teaching. Several years ago I visited classes in York's schools kindergarten through 12th grade and wrote a series of articles for one of our local papers. I observed a remarkable group of loving and talented human beings who knew their students and taught each of them according to their needs. I have observed teachers for over 40 years, here and abroad, many of them gifted and dedicated. York's teachers are among the best I have seen.

Is there any one of us who doesn't do our best when we are supported and encouraged, embraced and affirmed? I don't think so.

Our teachers haven't felt that way lately. That's very shortsighted of us. Oh, it won't affect the work they do. It won't diminish the love and nurture that they bring to our young. It's not in their nature to give anything but their best. It's not in the nature of their profession.

This is what I want to say: On May 29th, our vote should be, as it was in this town meeting, overwhelmingly an endorsement, an affirmation of the respect and appreciation we feel for them and the work they do. Our vote should be the vote of a community that cares about the future, about its young who will shape that future and about those who prepare

them for that challenge.

Frank Wallace
Cape Neddick

Be sure to vote on May 29

To the Editor,

York's Budget and Referendum is May 29. We have two excellent candidates for selectmen. Torbert McDonald is a wellspring of knowledge about York; its history, environment and town charter and has 15 years of experience serving our community on the conservation commission, planning and select boards. He is a passionate and outspoken advocate for open spaces, clean water, and has been a leader in the "green movement."

Tracy Jackson McCarty is new to town politics. As a novice she comes with an open heart and mind. Her strengths are in problem solving and communication. These two candidates compliment each other; combining experience and passion with fresh vision and strategic planning. Together they will be a force for sustainability and practical problem solving.

I also urge you to vote "yes" on the general referendum Article 4 to allow installation of windmills for renewable energy generation and budget referendum Item 50 a plan to develop alternative energy solutions for the town.

Victoria Simon
Democratic Town Chair

Thanks from YORKWISE

To the Editor,

The YORKWISE organization would like to thank the Seacoast Business Community, the York High School parents, teachers, staff and students and all the members of our community who contributed to our highly successful benefit auction. As a result of the generous donations and the bidding of those in attendance, we were able to raise almost \$20,000 to help support alcohol and substance abuse programs and senior class graduation events.

It is truly remarkable the amount of giving that goes on in this area and a simple thank you doesn't do justice to the support of our program. We are looking forward to next year when we can bring the whole community together for another great auction!

Auction Committee
YORKWISE

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School Notes

Students 'DARE' to speak out against drugs

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK — Their message is clear: "Be Smart — Don't Start."

That is what six young students from Coastal Ridge Elementary School and York Middle School want their peers to know



York DARE Officer Scott Cogger joins Coastal Ridge Elementary School third-graders Michael Lannon and Emma Ruland, fourth-graders Rebekah Handley and Wil Donnell, York Elks Lodge 2788 Drug Awareness Chair Kathy Kastberg and Coastal Ridge Principal Sean Murphy after the four students learned they had each won first place in their categories for the York Elks Drug Awareness Contest for 2009. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

about drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse. And, to get that message out, they wrote papers, colored pictures and made posters as part of the annual York Elks Lodge 2788 Drug Awareness Program.

Fifth-grade students had the option of writing an essay on the theme "Be Smart — Don't Start," while fourth-graders created posters with that message and third-grade students colored pictures of the "Be Smart" mascot standing up for a drug-free lifestyle.

A winning boy and girl was selected from each grade, and one of those students, fourth-grader Rebekah Handley, had her poster selected as a state winner from entries from 22 Elks lodges across Maine.

In addition to Rebekah, Coastal Ridge fourth-grader Wil Donnell also one first place in town for his poster, while third-grade students Emma Ruland and Michael Lannon each won for their coloring contest entries.

At York Middle School, fifth-graders Derek Murphy and Elizabeth Spiller took the top honors in town for their essays.

Each local winner received a savings bond from the York Elks in honor of their efforts.

York School Resource and DARE Offi-

cer Scott Cogger joined York Elks Lodge 2788 Drug Awareness Chair Kathy Kastberg in congratulating each of the students on their success with visits to both Coastal Ridge and York Middle School.

Kastberg explained that the goal of the contest has been to help students think about drug-related issues — and the reason to avoid using drugs — beginning at an early age.

Cogger thanked the students for taking the time to work on these projects in addition to their regular schoolwork, and also thanked Kastberg and the York Elks for their years of sponsoring this program for local students.

And the students' messages were loud and clear, whether in color, on posters or in written form.

"Have you ever thought of taking drugs or smoking? Well you shouldn't!" Derek's essay began.

The young author went on to tell his readers that smoking puts more than 200 toxins into the body, and warning readers to beware of drugs such as marijuana and heroin as well as the dangers of abusing alcohol.

Elizabeth's essay detailed the reasons to not only avoid illegal drugs but also the




York Elks Lodge 2788 Drug Awareness Chair Kathy Kastberg and York Middle School Resource Officer Scott Cogger join fifth-grade students Derek Murphy and Elizabeth Spiller, who won first-place honors in the Elks' Drug Awareness Essay Contest for 2009. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

dangers of misusing everyday items such as markers and glue.

"Think to yourself, why would you want to do any of these drugs... ever?" she asked in her essay, ending her writing with some words of advice for her readers. "So before you even try smoking, or taking any drugs, think about the decision that you're about to make. If you make the wrong choice you could really hurt yourself. Be smart. Don't start!"

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The Sports Report

York Varsity Baseball Results May 5-18

The York Wildcat baseball team played the second and third weeks of the season with three wins and four losses for the two-week period and a 6-5 record overall. However, two games were one run losses and one game was a two-run loss, so they were four runs from going 6-1 and being 9-2 overall. On a high note, the team gained confidence and proved they can play with any team and be in the game.

On Monday evening, York finished the period on a high note as they sought and achieved revenge for last year's defeat at home by Cape Elizabeth. This year York walked away with a 7-3 win and a four-hit complete game win by sophomore right-hander Chris Cole. Cole improved his record to 3-2 on the season. Paddy Murphy and Cole each had a homerun and three RBIs to lead the Wildcat offense. Murphy added a single, Jerry Ashley pounded a double, Jimmy Kennedy two singles, and Jack Radke, Sam Leal, Tanner Chase each contributed a single. York will play next at home against Old Orchard Beach, away at Wells and return home next Wednesday to play Yarmouth.

The Cats began the middle of the season with a very tough schedule, 7 games in two weeks, with a 3-0 shutout at Gray-New Gloucester. Jimmy Kennedy had a complete game, nine-K, five-hit game. Offensively, Paddy Murphy, Chris Cole and Arran Maran each had an RBI and Tanner Chase had a double and scored a run.

Next up was Lake Region which turned into a "trap" game for the boys in blue as Lake had only won two games. York was out-hit 12-7 and lost 12-6 with Chris Cole taking the loss. Alex Blasik, Jerry Ashley, and Tanner Chase also pitched. Offensively Tanner Chase jacked one over the fence for three runs, Jerry Ashley had a double, Pat Seaward, Sam Leal and Jimmy Kennedy each had a single.

Winning ways returned as York beat neighbor Traip Academy 13-2 with Jimmy Kennedy throwing a complete game four-hitter. The fourth inning was big as the Wildcats put 10 runs on the scoreboard. Tanner Chase and Alex Blasik were the batting heroes as Chase hit a single and a triple with two RBIs and Blasik hit a towering shot over the fence and had five RBIs. Chris Cole had a double.

The win streak did not last long as York traveled to Falmouth and after a classic eight-inning pitcher's duel Falmouth prevailed with a 2-1 win. Pat Seaward had three singles to lead the Wildcat bats. Chris Cole pitched very well with eight Ks.

Next up, Poland traveled the long ride to York and left with a 7-6 win, York's second one-run loss in a row. This time Jimmy Kennedy took the loss in spite of an excellent pitching performance with no walks



Jimmy Kennedy pitching at home against Traip Academy. (Courtesy Photo)

and 10 strikeouts. Pat Seaward continued to lead York bats as he had two singles and scored two runs. Sam Leal had two singles and three RBIs and Paddy Murphy had three singles and an RBI. Chris Cole had a two-bagger and a single, Jerry Ashley and Jimmy Kennedy each had a single.

Tired from three games in five days, York still had to play another and took a Saturday jaunt to Fryeburg. This is the team's longest commute and a lot of seat time in the yellow tube. Unfortunately, York pulled the short straw in another classic pitching duel and lost 4-2. Senior Alex Blasik, making his first start of the season, took the loss even with eight Ks, no walks and only five hits. This was the third loss in a row and only four runs separated the scrappy team from three wins in a row and a spot atop the conference. Pat Seaward continued to hit with two singles, one RBI and added three stolen bases.

The last game was Cape and the close-game streak was snapped. York now has a 6-5 record with five games left. Jimmy Kennedy and Chris Cole each have 3-2 records. Sophomore Cole has an outstanding ERA of 0.724. Pat Seaward is leading the team with a .500 batting average and a .523 On-Base Percentage. Paddy Murphy has a lofty .686 slugging percentage. Seaward leads the team with 21 hits, Murphy is the man with 15 RBIs, and Tanner Chase leads the way with 15 runs scored.

The Wildcats look ahead with confidence that they can win every game. Head Coach Richard Sirois stresses this is a very young team. They lost six starters to graduation and only seven of the 14 varsity players have any varsity experience and only three were starters last year.

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Arts and Leisure

Gala opening for Barn Gallery's 50th season on Saturday, May 23

OGUNQUIT — Celebrate a half century of local art with a gala reception and a series of exhibitions that showcase sculptures by William Fretz, paintings by Tom Ouellette and three group exhibitions, "Anything Goes," "OAA Expressions" and "Invited New England Sculptors" at the Barn Gallery.

The opening exhibitions run through June 20 with the Gala Reception on Saturday, May 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. All are invited to view the new exhibitions and meet with the artists.

The exhibits feature the finely-finished, elegantly-sculpted contemporary work of master craftsman William Fretz, who is also an accomplished jewelry designer and silversmith.

Complementing his sculptures in the Showcase Gallery will be the photo-realistic paintings of Tom Ouellette, who captures the everyday moments of existence with precise psychological and social insight. He uses the classic artistic techniques perfected by masters such as Rembrandt, Caravaggio and John Singer Sargent to provide a fresh and exciting perspective on contemporary subjects. He is also a portraitist in the classical style.

Additionally, the Barn Gallery will present two exhibitions by Ogunquit Art Association artists including "Anything Goes," an exhibition that invites the artists to explore new directions, and the traditional "OAA Expressions," in which artists show their latest work. In the Sculpture Court there will once again be a display of three-dimensional work by sculptors from throughout the region in



The work of sculptor William Fretz will be on display at the Barn Gallery in Ogunquit through June 20. The jewel-like quality of his work is derived from the other hats he wears as a jewelry designer and silversmith. (Courtesy Photo)

"Invited New England Sculptors."

As part of the 50th anniversary season, special events in the weeks ahead will include the 15th Annual Chamber Music Festival on June 14 at 8 p.m. and June 15 at 5 p.m., and a Gallery Talk by Fretz and Ouellette, discussing making art in three and two dimensions on June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Barn Gallery is located at the intersection of Bourne Lane and Shore Road in Ogunquit. Daily hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

OPENING NIGHT!



The Beth Ellis Cove Gallery in Ogunquit's Perkins Cove will present a Gala Opening Celebration on Saturday, May 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Beth Ellis, renowned landscape artist, will unveil her newest original oil paintings at 7 p.m. and will give a brief talk about her latest pieces. Other evening festivities include music by local flutist Mary Kennedy and refreshments by Amore Café. In addition to Ellis, the gallery represents the work of other talented artisans including Melissa Meredith, Rick Meier, Scott Tubby and Bill Huston. Join the festivities and be part of the excitement as the gallery embarks on its eighth season during this free event. Call 646-7700 or visit www.bellisart.com. (Courtesy Photo)

SUMMER FUN IN THE YORKS AND OGUNQUIT

There's something for everyone beyond the beaches in our lovely seaside towns. Check out some of the many organizations, recreation opportunities and events coming up this summer season in our local communities.

Music & Theatre

- Skyler will perform a benefit concert, "Playing for a Cause" with opening act Sam Milinazzo at the York High School Auditorium on Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance at www.skylertunes.com or at the door prior to the performance. Donations of nonperishable food items and money will also be collected to benefit the York Food Pantry and York Habitat for Humanity.

- "A Chorus Line" is on stage now through Saturday, June 13 at the Ogunquit Playhouse. Winner of nine Tony® Awards, this "One Singular Sensation," starring Lorenzo Lamas, follows 17 would-be dancers in their quest to make the cut for a new Broadway musical. For showtimes and ticket prices, call 646-5511, e-mail boxoffice@ogunquitplayhouse.org or visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

- Hoot Night is every Thursday at the York Harbor Inn Ship's Cellar Pub from 8 to 11 p.m. This acoustic open microphone night is hosted by local musician Peter Black and all musicians are welcome. Come enjoy the music or sign up to perform by e-mailing hoot@yorkharborinn.com or calling 363-5119. Other entertainment is also offered throughout the week.

- Open Mic Night, hosted by Alan Taplin, is held every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Inn on the Blues on Ocean Avenue in York Beach. Come on down and enjoy some local talent. Other entertainment offered throughout the week. Go to www.innontheblues.com.

- The Leavitt Fine Arts Theatre on Main Street in Ogunquit offers movies on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the summer season. Call 646-3123 or visit www.leavitttheatre.com for up-to-date listings. Showing on Friday-Sunday, May 22 to 24, is "Angels and Demons," one screening each night at 8 p.m.

- Ogunquit Performing Arts is a not-for-profit municipal committee that provides programs for the Southern Maine area in the performing arts of all types, bringing musicians, dancers and performers to Ogunquit for the enjoyment of local residents, their guests and tourists to the area at reasonable prices. OPA presents quality classical music, ballet and theater performances throughout the year, including the Chamber Music Festival in June and CAPRICCIO, an annual festival of the arts featuring the Portland Ballet, in September. For announcements of this season's events as they become available, visit www.townofogunquit.org.

- "Shout" will take the main stage at the Ogun-



YORK DAYS! The annual York Days festival is always a hit, with plenty to do both on the beach and off. Here, children take a turn playing the drums during a concert on Long Sands Beach during a prior York Days festival. This year's celebration will include special events for all ages, scheduled from July 24 to Aug. 3. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

quit Playhouse from Wednesday, June 17 through Saturday, July 11. A musical journey from 1950 to 1970, packed full of songs, dance and nostalgia and fun, the musical features such hits as "Downtown" and "Son of a Preacher Man." For showtimes and ticket prices, call 646-5511, e-mail boxoffice@ogunquitplayhouse.org or visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

- Summer Entertainment at Jonathan's in Ogunquit includes Bob Marley on June 25 and Aug. 13, Jonathan Edwards on July 3, Livingston Taylor on July 10, Vienna Teng with Katie Herzig on July 11, Buckwheat Zydeco on July 15, Tom Rush on July 16, Duncan Sheik on July 18, Paula Cole on July 19, Paula Poundstone on July 24 and 25, Jimmy Keys on July 31 and Aug. 1, Judy Collins Concert on Aug. 9 with shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m., and Suzy Bogguss on Aug. 19. All shows are at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Get all the details by visiting www.jonathansrestaurant.com or call 646-4777.

- "Guys and Dolls," hailed as "Broadway's perfect musical," takes the Ogunquit Playhouse from July 15 through Aug. 8, complete with Tony Walton's Tony®-Award winning sets and William Ivy Long's Technicolor costumes. For showtimes and ticket prices, call 646-5511, e-mail boxoffice@ogunquitplayhouse.org or visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

- "Singin' in the Rain," the hit movie musical, will come to the stage at the Ogunquit Playhouse from Aug. 12 through Sept. 12, complete with real rain showers! Hear such favorite hits as Good

Morning," "Make 'Em Laugh" and, of course, the title tune in this not-to-be-missed theatrical treat. For showtimes and ticket prices, call 646-5511, e-mail boxoffice@ogunquitplayhouse.org or visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Fine Arts

- StoneCrop Gallery in Cape Neddick is open for the season beginning Saturday, May 23 and currently featuring Eric Almquist's "Consumer Vernacular" through Friday, June 26. Enjoy the opening reception from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at the gallery's 805 Shore Road location. For coming events throughout the summer, call 361-4215 or visit www.stonecropgallery.com.

- Barn Gallery on Bourne Lane in Ogunquit opens its 50th season on Saturday, May 23 with a gala reception from 5 to 8 p.m. and a series of exhibitions that showcase sculptures by William Fretz and paintings by Tom Ouellette and three group exhibitions, "Anything Goes," "OAA Expressions" and "Invited New England Sculptors." The exhibitions continue through Saturday, June 20. As part of the 50th Anniversary festive season, events will include the 15th Annual Chamber Music Festival on Sunday, June 14, at 8 p.m. and Monday, June 15, at 5 p.m., and a gallery talk with William Fretz and Tom Ouellette on Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. Daily hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. More exhibitions and events to continue throughout the season. Visit www.barngallery.org or call 646-8400.

- The Beth Ellis Cove Gallery in Perkins Cove, Ogunquit, opens with a gala celebration on Saturday, May 23 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ellis' distinctive paintings capture the awe-inspiring beauty of the Maine coast and highlight the Wells-Ogunquit area. The gallery also represents the work of other talented artisans, including Melissa Meredith's hand-colored etchings, wood turner Rick Meier's unique wooden bowls, Maine artist Scott Tubby's one-of-a-kind porcelain vases and Bill Huston's heirloom quality furniture. Call 646-7700 or visit www.bellisart.com.

- The Village Gallery, celebrating 10 years on Friday, May 22 from 5 to 8 p.m., features the work of founder Gloria Gustafson along with that of several Seacoast artists, all year long. Visit the gallery at 244 York St. in York Village.

- The York Art Association at 394 York St. in York Harbor is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to support artists and art activities in the greater York community, including regular summer exhibits, classes and seasonal arts and craft sales. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., May through October. Call 363-4049.

- "Figures," a free exhibit of paintings by artist Jayne Adams of Alton, N.H., is on view through Tuesday, June 30 at the York Public Library. Adams is an active, elected member of both the Ogunquit Art Association and the New Hampshire Art Association. Free exhibits continue throughout the year at the York Public Library. Visit www.york.lib.me.us.

- Ogunquit Heritage Museum at 86 Obeds Lane in Ogunquit is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 1 to 5 p.m., from June to September. Call 646-0296 or visit www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org.

- Ogunquit Museum of American Art 56th Anniversary Season begins Wednesday, July 1. Located on Shore Road in Ogunquit, the OMAA this year's exhibits include Marsden Hartley: The OMAA Legacy in the Little Gallery from July 1 to Sept. 5; The OMAA Permanent Collection in the Sculpture Court from July 1 to Oct. 31; Bernard Langlais in the Long Gallery from July 1 to Aug. 30; Out of the White Mountains in the Barn Gallery Associates Gallery from July 1 to Oct. 31; Maurice Freedman: Painting Maine in the Ireland Archive Gallery from Sept. 5 to Oct. 31, and Beverly Hallam in the Little Gallery and the Sculpture Court from Sept. 14 to Oct. 31. The museum also offers special programs on Tuesdays as part of its Tuesday Nights at OMAA series. Call 646-4909 or visit www.ogunquitmuseum.org.

- Powder House Gallery at 276 York St. in York Village features watercolor paintings by JoAnne Campbell.

- River Current Studio & Gallery features the work of Rosalind Fedeli, including assemblage,

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GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN! The Museums of Old York offer a variety of activities for children with the summer Morning Adventures program, such as a past Elizabeth Perkins House event seen here. Activities also include the chance to step inside from the beach and take trips back in time with historical happenings for all ages. Find out more at www.oldyork.org. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

collage and mixed media sculpture, at 2 Mill Dam Road in York Village.

- Sea Rose Gallery features watercolors, oils and pastels by Helen Rose Hennessy at 325 Long Beach Avenue in York Beach.

- The George Marshall Store Gallery of the Museums of Old York features a wide variety of exhibitions throughout the season. The gallery is located at 140 Lindsay Road, adjacent to the York River in York Village.

- The York Days Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, and Sunday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the York Beach Ball Field, featuring crafts, live family entertainment, food, pottery, crafts, jewelry, paintings, dried flowers, clothing and more. Call York Parks and Recreation Department at 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org/>.

Festivals & Family Fun

- York Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m., departing from St. Christopher Catholic Church and stopping at veterans' memorials throughout York Village before arriving in the First Parish Cemetery for a solemn ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

- 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 on Saturday, June 6, with events from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum hours continue throughout the summer months and early fall. Call 363-4974 or go to visit www.oldyork.org.

- York Flea Market at St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge on Long Sands Road is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- The 2009 Farmer's Market will be open on Saturdays from June 6 through Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays from June 30 to Sept. 1 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. outside at the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center at Route 1 and Stonewall Lane in York. Call 363-4422 or e-mail info@yorkme.org.

- Old York Garden Club Summer Sundays in the Garden continues this year for 12 weeks as club members open their private gardens for public viewings on Sunday afternoons from noon to 4 p.m. from June 7 to Aug. 16. Gardens include Ingrid Forsberg's at 663 York St. in York Harbor on June 7; Mary MacLean's Barn Point at York Beach on June 14; Teri Hutchins's 15 Hickory Lane in York on June 21; Sherry McConnell's 41 Woodside Meadow Road in York on June 28; Marilyn Sciucco's 214 Pine Hill Road in Cape Neddick on July 5; Roland Labrie's 120 Logging Road in Cape Neddick on July 12; Cynthia Hosmer's 52 Raynes Neck Road in York on July 19,

which can be followed by Harold Radochia's 29 Kings Road in York, if open; Bob Scherer's 96 Greenleaf Parsons Road in Cape Neddick on July 26; Jean Dominguez's 21 High Rock Road in York on Aug. 2; Mary Ann Smith's 42 Shelton Ave. in York Beach on Aug. 9, and Rosemary Gluckler's 181 Southside Road in York on Aug. 16. Each site will be marked with a sign on the day it is open. Directions and parking instructions are included in a brochure available at the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce and many local businesses, hotels, motels, restaurants and retail establishments throughout York. This garden tour is intended to show gardeners' works in progress and owners will be on site to answer questions. Club members ask that visitors please be courteous and respectful of neighbors, parking only in designated areas and to only visit the homes on the indicated date and time. The fee is \$3 per garden payable at the door of the individual garden on the day of the tour. All proceeds benefit community projects sponsored by the club.

- Family Fun Saturdays with the Museums of Old York will be offered on June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring family tours of historic buildings, traditional craft demonstrations, hearth cooking, colonial games and crafts for all ages. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$9 for seniors and \$10 for adults or \$20 per family. No reservations required. Call 363-4974 or go to visit www.oldyork.org.

- The York Public Library offers a variety of programs for all ages. Find out more by calling 363-2818, go to www.york.lib.me.us or visit the library at its Long Sands Road location in York Village.

- The Museums of Old York Decorator Show House will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a Preview Gala on Friday, July 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Show House will be open to the public from Saturday, July 18, through Saturday, Aug. 15, with tours scheduled every day but Tuesday. The 2009 Show House is McIntire Farm, located at 270 Cider Hill Road in York. On-site parking is available. Gala tickets are \$75 while Show House admission is \$20. Tickets to the Show House are good for \$2 off the cost of admission to the Museums of Old York. Call 363-4974.

- York Days 2009, sponsored by York Parks and Recreation, is set for July 24 through Aug. 3 with events including the 16th Annual Christmas in July celebration on Sunday, July 26, with entertainment beginning at 8 p.m. at Sohler Park, where summer residents and vacationers will have a chance

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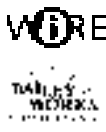
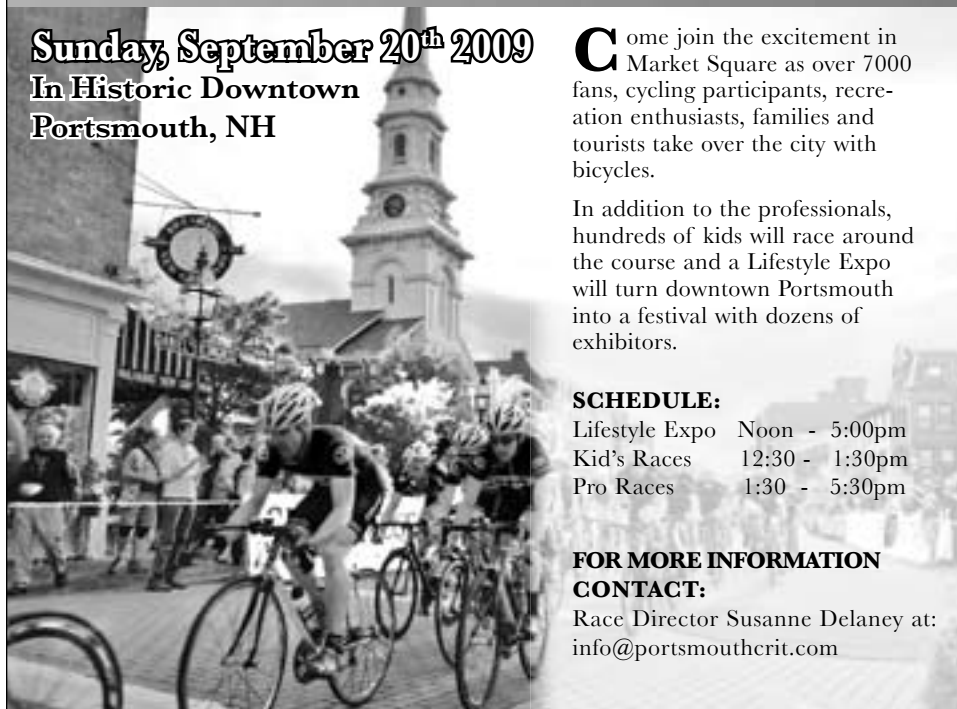
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Summer Fun *continued from last page* to see the Cape Neddick Lighthouse or “Nubble” as it appears each year during the Christmas season, with the keeper’s house and tower entirely outlined in white lights. Events continue throughout the week. Call 363-1040 or go to <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org/>.

- The Raitt Homestead Farm Museum, 140 Worcester Road in Eliot, will host the Mainly Grillin’ & Chillin’ Country BBQ State Competition in conjunction with the 2009 Celebrate MAINE Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to www.celebrateMAINEfestival.com.

- The Second Annual Old York Antiques Show will begin with an elegant preview party on Friday, Sept. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Remick Barn, 3 Lindsay Road in York Village, with the show set for Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests at the preview party will have an exclusive preview of dealer booths and the first opportunity to purchase antiques while enjoying hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and live music. Tickets are \$75 and include admission to the Antiques Show on Saturday and Sunday. The Antiques Show will feature 20 of America’s top antiques dealers and will highlight exceptional silver and brass, furniture, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, oriental rugs, nautical items, textiles, folk and decorative art, prints and books. Proceeds from the show support the museum’s education, outreach and curatorial programs, which serve over 20,000 children and families each year. The \$10 admission includes a two-day ticket to experience the Museums of Old York. Free parking is available on site. Call 363-4974.

Just for Kids

- York Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of activities for youth of all ages, ranging from sports to camps to music, theatre and the arts throughout the summer. Call 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org/> for dates and registration information.

- The Youth Enrichment Center at Hilton-Winn Farm offers a chance to give your children a country farm experience with nature-based activities. The Summer Fun Program runs weekly, beginning weekly on Monday, July 6, and continuing for four sessions. The program is held Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the cost is \$200 per week. Activities include farm tour, creating nature journals, making bird feeders, gardening, creating prints from nature, hikes and more. Healthy snacks, lunch and drinks are provided each day. A special program for children with autism spectrum disorder is set for Monday through Thursday, Aug. 10 to 13, from 1 to 4 p.m., and the cost is also \$200. The Youth Enrichment Center at Hilton-Winn Farm is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located at 189 Ogunquit Road in Cape Neddick. Call 361-1385, visit www.hilton-winnfarm.org or e-mail nbreen@hilton-winnfarm.org.

- Old York’s Morning Adventures continue this summer with special programs for children between the ages of 5 and 12 beginning Tuesday, July 7. Programs are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and will include such themes as 1950s Fun, Centuries of Cemeteries and Old Time Chefs. Reservations and advance payment are required for all programs and the cost is \$23 or \$20 for Museums of Old York members. Call 363-4974, ext. 14, or e-mail zoe@oldyork.org.

Road Races & Runs

- The Dragon Slayer 6K Road Race is set for Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. All proceeds of this race will go to the American Liver Foundation of New England to help fund research for a cure for Hepatitis C. The race begins at York High School and continues along Long Sands Beach, past the Nubble Lighthouse and ending on Short Sands Beach at Ellis Park. After the race there will be a half-mile fun run on Ocean Avenue. The grand prize is a trip to Disney’s half-marathon, including airfare and lodging. Race costs are \$12 for preregistered racers, \$15 on the day of the race and \$5 for the fun run. Visit www.dragonslayer6k.org or call 363-8711.

- York Hospital 5K and Cross Country Race Saturday will be Saturday, June 6, beginning and ending at York Hospital, featuring a scenic run through York Village and York Harbor. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 preregistration and \$20 on race day. Call York Hospital’s Friendraising Office at 351-2228.

- 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 or by stopping in at any SIS branch.

- 30th Annual 4 on the Fourth, sponsored by the York Rotary Club, is a USATF certified four-mile course featuring York’s scenic beaches and free T-shirts to the first 400 overall entrants. Check-in and registration will open at the starting line at 6 a.m. at York High School on Long Sands Road. The gun will fire at 8 a.m. There will be a \$100 cash prize awarded to each of the overall male and female winners. A one-mile fun run will immediately follow this run, and refreshments will be available following the race. Register online at <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org>.

- The 26th Annual Amidon Family Dentistry York Days Road Race, sponsored by York Parks and Recreation, will be held on Sunday, July 26, beginning at York High School on Long Sands Road. Check-in and registration open at 7 a.m. on race day. The 5K race offers mile markers, water, splits, professional timing, prizes, raffles, police and ambulance. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 200 overall registrants. This race will be immediately followed by a one-mile fun run. Kick off the weeklong York Days celebration with this sce-



RACES! Local road races and benefit walks are a favorite pastime for residents and visitors alike. These youngsters enjoy their medals following last year’s York Hospital 5K and Cross Country Race. This year’s event is set for Saturday, June 6. (Courtesy Photo)

nic race, with proceeds to benefit York Parks and Recreation Department Youth Programs. Register online at <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org>.

tunities are available, and team registrations are now being accepted. Call 676-4100, ext. 2344.

Educational Programs

- India: Pilgrimage and Place is set for Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the York Public Library. York resident Rev. Ben Fowler will present a slideshow about his travels to India and his experiences at the Shantivanam Ashram where he studied chant, meditation and the confluence of Christian, Hindu and Yogic spirituality. Call 363-2818 or visit www.york.lib.me.us.

- York Parks and Recreation Department will soon be accepting registrations for many summer enrichment programs. Call 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org/>.

- York Adult & Community Education offers a variety of enrichment opportunities throughout the year. Visit www.york.maineadulted.org or call 363-7922.

Tournaments

- York Days Co-Ed Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, July 25. Registration dates are May 31 to July 20, and the fee is \$150 per team. Dig out those bats and balls and spend the weekend at the York High School and Village Elementary School softball fields for this double-elimination tournament limited to eight teams. Each team will have a maximum of 15 players, four of which will be female. ASA rules will govern all play. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. Call 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org/>.

- Pratt & Whitney Third Annual Build a Community Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 11, will benefit United Way of York County. The tournament will be held at The Oaks County Club in Somersworth, N.H. A variety of sponsorship oppor-



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Library Happenings

York Public Library Budget 2009

By Robert Waldman, Director

In this challenging economic climate when families are struggling and every penny counts, York's citizens have increased their use of our library's free public services: access to books, magazines, computers, DVDs and activities and programs for adults and children. Staff members are helping more people search for jobs and prepare resumes. Many patrons are coming to the library as a place for warmth and assistance while they read and learn. Local, state and national library use figures confirm that this is a time to support library services.

In January, the York Public Library proposed a warrant article for an additional staff person. Although library use has grown exponentially in the last three years, and we need additional staff now more than ever, the Board of Trustees also recognizes the troubled economic climate

and our duty to show prudence. Therefore, we felt it inappropriate to ask York taxpayers to fund the position at this time. We have withdrawn the proposal and will work within our regular budget to find innovative ways to deliver library services.

The Budget Committee has already voted unanimously to approve the library's budget request. To continue to make our library the center of reading and learning for York, we appeal to you, the voters, to support the library's regular annual budget and its mission to "Engage the Community in the Joy of Learning."

Please vote YES on Article 25 and support your library!

Voting will take place on Friday, May 29, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the gym at York High School. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk.

Upcoming events at the York Public Library

YORK VILLAGE — You are sure to find "more than books" at the York Public Library this spring.

VIDEOGAMING FOR TEENS

Sponsored by the local group "Gamers Rock," the next events are set for May 22 and 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. "Teens" must be at least 12 years old and have a permission slip signed by a parent. Advance registration is required. Please contact janaleemoquin8@yahoo.com or the library at 363-2818.

ARTIST'S TALK AND RECEPTION

Jayne Adams of Alton, N.H., will dis-

cuss her paintings at a public reception on May 26 at 5 p.m. She will be showing figurative works from several series, primarily oil paintings on wood panel. The exhibition, titled "Figures," will be on display until June 30.

INDIA: PILGRIMAGE AND PLACE

On June 9 at 7 p.m., York resident Rev. Ben Fowler will present a slide show about his travels to India and his experiences at the Shantivanam Ashram where he studied chant, meditation and the confluence of Christian, Hindu and Yogic spirituality.



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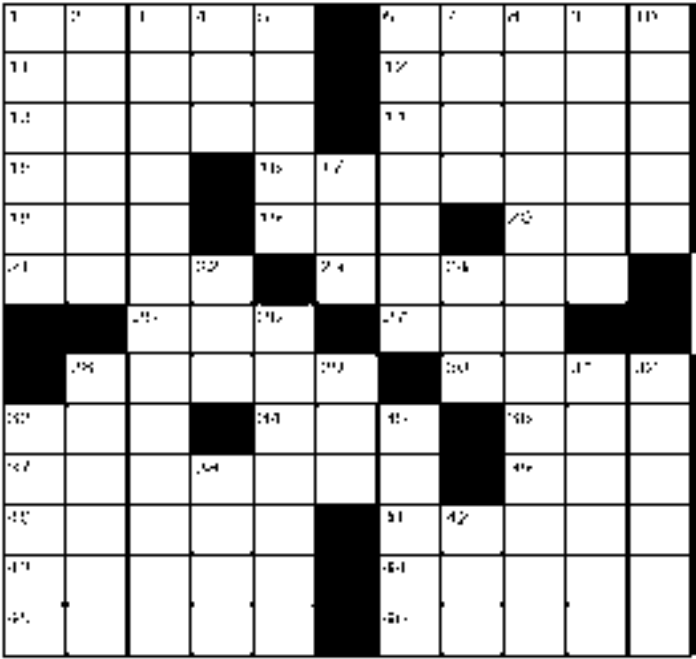
KEEP IT A SAFE SUMMER



The York Police Department and American Legion Post 56 have teamed up to make sure this summer is a safe one for young cyclists in town through a new program called "KISS" – Keep It a Safe Summer. The York Police Department is giving away free bicycle helmets to local children in need this summer. In Maine, bike helmets are required to be worn by all bikers under the age of 16. In an effort to keep kids safe, helmets will be available, free of charge, at the York Police Department on Main Street in York Beach. Officers will also keep helmets on hand to offer to children they may come into contact with who are out riding bikes without helmets. The American Legion has donated 34 helmets to the cause. Pictured here are Post 56 Commander Geno Lemay with York Middle School Resource Officer Scott Cogger and brothers Austin and Connor Smith, wearing two of the new helmets. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1. Trout homes
 - 6. Bleating beasts
 - 11. Pol's concern
 - 12. Cove
 - 13. "Sweet Dreams" star
 - 14. Dixie damsel
 - 15. Kin of calc.
 - 16. Silo item
 - 18. Espionage org.
 - 19. Punk-rock offshoot
 - 20. Salon stuff
 - 21. Lowly worker
 - 23. Egypt's Sadat
 - 25. "... man — mouse?"
 - 27. Drunk
 - 28. Alex Haley book
 - 30. Designer Michael
 - 33. Pod item
 - 34. — Palmas
 - 36. Agent, briefly
 - 37. Paving stuff



- 39. Links org.
 - 40. Shows surprise
 - 41. Provinces
 - 43. J.R.'s mother
 - 44. Kingdom
 - 45. Clairvoyants
 - 46. Tender spots
- DOWN**
- 1. Fragrant flowers
 - 2. Charlotte —
 - 3. New Zealand shrub
 - 4. Easter find
 - 5. Message from the boss
 - 6. Martini cousins
 - 7. Wallet bills
 - 8. Avocado
 - 9. Bank worker
 - 10. Girder material
 - 17. "— Believer"
 - 22. To's opposite
 - 24. Chinese pan
 - 26. Map collections
 - 28. Lot action
 - 29. Mineo of movies
 - 31. Entertain
 - 32. Throes
 - 33. Book makeup
 - 35. Flag features
 - 38. He gets what's coming to him
 - 42. Antique auto

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/22

Crossword Solution

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V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V

Sudoku Solution

1	2	4	7	9	6	3	5	8
6	7	8	3	2	5	4	1	9
5	3	9	4	1	8	2	6	7
2	8	7	1	3	9	5	4	6
4	9	5	6	7	2	1	8	3
3	1	6	5	8	4	9	7	2
8	5	3	9	4	7	6	2	1
7	4	1	2	6	3	8	9	5
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The Pet Connection

Editor's Note: If you are interested in adopting any of these animals or if you'd like to know who else is available for adoption, please visit the Animal Welfare Society at www.animalwelfaresociety.org or call 985-3244.

THE CATS

Ginger

Big and beautiful, Ginger is a nine-year-old cat with a gorgeous medium-length, tortoiseshell and white coat. She came to us because she wasn't getting along with the other animals in the house. Ginger is a very friendly girl who would love to share her new home with respectful children. She would definitely prefer to be the only pet for her new family to love. If you are interested in adopting Ginger please fill out an adoption application and stop by to meet her.



Lana

This pretty princess is Lana, is a gorgeous Siamese-mix cat with a short, chocolate point and white coat. Lana is a friendly but independent girl who would love to find a nice forever family to call her own. She should do fine sharing her new home with other cats. If Miss Lana has caught your eye please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet her.



Rae Rae

Meet Rae Rae, is a three-year-old cat with a gorgeous orange and white long coat. Rae Rae is a laid-back and friendly boy who would love to have a forever home to call his own. If you are interested in adopting him please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet Rae Rae.



OTHER PETS

Kellie

Meet Kellie, a cute little six-month-old bunny who came to us as a transfer. Kellie is a sweet girl with a beautiful orange coat. She enjoys being gently scratched behind the ears. Kellie would love nothing more than to find a forever family willing to handle her every day so that she can stay as happy and friendly as possible. If you are interested in adopting this cutie please fill out an application and stop in to meet her.



Leaf

Meet Leaf, a sweet little one-year-old dwarf bunny with a Siamese sable coat. Leaf enjoys being petted and can't wait to find a forever family that will handle him daily so that he can become used to being held. If you are interested in adopting Leaf please fill out an adoption application and stop by to meet him.



THE DOGS

Dolce

This beautiful young lady is Dolce, a one-year-old, 61-pound mixed breed dog who came to us as a stray. Dolce is a friendly girl that can't wait to find a loving forever family to call her own. She is a very active and smart girl who would love to go through a basic obedience class. She is a fun girl who will do fine sharing her home with certain other dogs and older children. Because of Dolce's bouncy nature, cats and small children will not be the best match for her. If you are interested in adopting Miss Dolce please fill out an adoption application and come to the AWS to meet her.



Leah

This sweetheart is Leah, a nine-year-old Lab/shepherd Mix who can't wait to find a loving forever family to go home with. Leah is a calm and gentle dog that should do just fine living with other dogs, cats and children over the age of six. One thing that Leah will need a bit of help with is brushing up on her housetraining skills. If you are interested in adopting this friendly girl please fill out an adoption application and bring your family, including dogs, to the AWS to meet her.



Reba

Reba is a groovy little hound dog looking to dance her way right into your heart! She is a graduate of the AWS obedience classes, a mighty fine leash-walker and a superb couch potato. Having a keen sense of smell, Reba loves to enjoy the outdoors with her loved ones. After meeting several kitties it is clear that Reba is very interested in what they are all about and fully respects those who swat and hiss at her. She is an absolute love and finds the affection of her family to be extremely rewarding. This lovely lady can be rather picky when choosing canine friends but when the shoe fits, she sure runs with it! Bring your dog in for a play date to see if they hit it off. Reba would do best in a home with gentle children who will love her endlessly. She has so much to give and is so willing to please – now all she needs is that one special family to call her own!



New at Old York



Allan and Mary Andrews present the military uniform of Carlton E. Andrews, along with a photo of his last Memorial Day parade, to Museums of Old York Registrar and Acting Curator Cindi Young-Gomes. (Courtesy Photo)

Museum receives World War II Underwater Demolition uniform

By Erica A. Holthausen
Development & Community Relations

The collections at the Museums of Old York are tangible links to the history of our community. Each object preserves the story of a particular individual, family or local business. A handmade crib can tie together multiple generations of a family and reveal the common threads that run throughout the community and tie it to the larger world.

Take, for example, the World War II military uniform donated to the museum earlier this month. In many ways, it is much like the dress uniforms worn by today's servicemen and women. This one, however, was worn by Carlton E. Andrews (1926-2007) — and it tells the story of an ordinary young man from York whose military service earned him membership in the Greatest Generation. A decorated veteran of the Second World War, Andrews served as a member of the Navy's Underwater Demolition Team, the forerunner of today's Navy SEALs.

After the aborted landing attempt on the beach of Gallipoli during World War I, the U.S. military recognized the importance of properly preparing an amphibious landing site. However, it took a catastrophe on the South Pacific island of Tarawa before the military fully appreciated the importance and potential of Special Forces such as the UDTs.

The invasion of Tarawa started on Nov. 20, 1943. While an initial wave of Marines landed on the beach, the second wave was stuck on a reef left exposed as the tide shifted. Those left on the reef had to unload their transport vessel and wade to shore; many never made it out of the water. On the beach, the first wave of Marines, left without reinforcements, were easy targets for the enemy and suffered massive casualties.

Members of the Army, Marines, Scouts and Raiders, as well as Naval Combat Demolitions Teams, were hastily brought together to train for an attack on Kwajalein on Jan. 31, 1944. To gather intelligence, both night and day reconnaissance missions were ordered. These missions were to follow standard procedure, and teams were to approach the beach in full fatigues, boots, life jackets and metal helmets. When the coral reef made it impossible for the small reconnaissance boat to pass, two members of the team stripped to their underwear and swam undeterred across the reef. They returned with sketch-

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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.

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

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es of the gun emplacements and other vital intelligence. As a result of their decision, combat swimming became an essential element of training for the UDT.

In April 1944, following the success at Kwajalein, the UDT created the Naval Combat Demolition Training and Experimental Base in Hawaii, where they pioneered combat swimming, closed-circuit diving, underwater demolitions and submersible operations. Eventually, 34 UDT teams were established. Wearing swim trunks, facemasks and fins — and armed only with mine detonators, hunting knives and a writing slate and pencil — these “Naked Warriors” saw action in every major amphibious landing in the Pacific. The first to set foot on an enemy island, the UDT prepared the way for the Marines to land. In the spirit of sibling rivalry, common to the Special Forces, UDT units frequently left gift cards for the invading troops. In stories to his family, Andrews recalled leaving a sign on the beach: “Welcome Marines — From the UDT.”

In Feb. 1945, UDT-15 was stationed aboard the destroyer USS Blessman. Andrews and his team members were sent to reconnoiter the beaches at Iwo Jima, and were among the first to

set foot on the island. Although they reported heavy opposition on the beach, only one man was injured. A second reconnaissance mission was conducted that afternoon, with no injuries. The next day, the UDT suffered its greatest number of casualties when the USS Blessman was struck by a Japanese bomber. When the bomb exploded in the mess hall, 15 men on the UDT team were killed and twenty-three were injured. According to his family, Andrews did not talk about the war often but had shared that he had “a ship shot out from under him.” What he did not tell them is that he survived what was by far the most tragic loss of life suffered by the UDT in the Pacific theater.

Six months later, his unit was one of the first to land at Hiroshima. Andrews was awarded the Bronze Star for “Heroic or Meritorious Achievement or Service” in leading the invasion of Hiroshima. But for Andrews, perhaps his greatest honor was marching in the Memorial Day parade in York. He marched to honor those who served and those who never came home. For more than 50 years, starting in 1946, Carlton E. Andrews donned his uniform — which still fit! — and marched in York's Memorial Day Parade.

Celebrate 10 years of the Village Gallery on Friday, May 22

YORK VILLAGE – Located in the heart of York, the Village Gallery, founded by artist Gloria Gustafson, will be celebrating its 10th year in business on Friday, May 22, with a gala evening reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

In 1999 the Village Gallery opened, becoming a presence in the town as a friendly, drop-in place where artwork, including depictions of many local landmarks, was exhibited.

Along with her own art, which includes floral works as well as familiar York landscapes, Gustafson's gallery has showcased the work of other area artists including Doris Newson, Jacoba Remick Goldman, Michael Dow, Barbara Martin, Amazeen, James Scouletis, Robert Hastie and Bryony Brett.

When York celebrated its 350th anniversary in 2002, the Village Gallery held

a special exhibit of the works of several noted deceased Maine artists with ties to this area, among them Robert Eric Moore, Elyot Henderson, Edward Hergelroth, Mary B. Call, Harmon Neill and Everett Simoneau. Also included were works by contemporary artist Evelyn Harper Neill and Who's Who artist Beverly Hallam. This show was a nostalgic trip for many older residents as well as an introduction for newcomers to the serious art produced here by such notables.

The Village Gallery continues to feature Gustafson's work, along with that of several Seacoast artists. This year, however, the rear area of the gallery will be given over to Moonlit Creative Works, which is owned and operated by contemporary artist Nick Mirasola, featuring his work as well as Matt Mirasola's work, which includes tiles, and watercolor and silk paintings by



Come meet the artists and staff as the Village Gallery celebrates a decade in York on Friday, May 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at 244 York St. in York Village. (Courtesy Photo)

Sue Wierzba.

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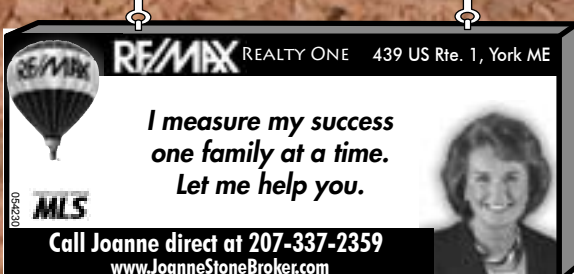
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