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News About Town

Hospice of York celebrates 30 years of caring

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—In 1979, Dr. Rick Dow of York Hospital began recognizing the importance of hospice care to patients and families and, with a few like-minded local residents and medical professionals, founded Hospice of York.

Today, 30 years later, this all-volunteer organization is still providing support to terminally ill residents and their families at no cost.

Hospice of York Director Dee Bickmore, who has been with the organization since 1981 with 24 of those years as director, explained that even in a time when similar voluntary hospice organizations have been disappearing—Hospice of York is the only all-volunteer hospice in the state south of Brunswick—the volunteers are committed to continuing what they have always done, helping their neighbors in Kittery, York, Ogunquit, Wells, Eliot and the Berwicks.

“Dr. Dow was the one who said we need to do something with hospice,” Bickmore explained, and gathered volunteers who “started learning and doing, and it slowly took form and shape.”

Karen Webster was the first volunteer coordinator for the organization, Bickmore said, and “was the founding mother. There was this lovely little group of women that really took this on.”

Since its inception, the organization has helped thousands of area residents, Bickmore estimated, as Hospice of York serves the non-medical support needs of patients as well as their families and caregivers and also provides bereavement support groups.

Today, the organization works hand-in-hand with area professional hospice organizations, which provide medical support, including Beacon Hospice, Hospice of Southern Maine and Seacoast Hospice.

Hospice of York held its 30th annual meeting at Pelkey Funeral Home in Kittery earlier this summer, with a supper catered by J. M. B. Catering Co. Bickmore presented a certificate of appreciation to Lori Decato, who designed the group’s new brochure, and then presented Jeffrey Pelkey with a certificate declaring him to be an honorary lifetime member.

Also at the meeting, Hospice of York elect-



Gale Raynes, Judith Doe and Dee Bickmore of Hospice of York gather to discuss plans for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of this all-volunteer organization. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

ed its board of directors for 2009-10, which includes President Ralph Thompson of York, Vice President Barbara Boschert of York, Secretary Judy Kimball of Kittery and Treasurer Karen Lyng of York, as well as members-at-large Kate Poris of Portsmouth, N.H.; Carolyn Weller, Judy Doe, Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette and Lynne Tocci of York; Kim Joyce of Cape Neddick, and Jayne Lilly and Julie Perreault of Eliot.

Hospice of York is now planning a special celebration for Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Regatta Room in Eliot to commemorate its 30 years of service.

Bickmore said that with so many decades of history, there may well be past members of Hospice of York, or other area residents touched by the organization, who would like to be a part of this special event, and she encouraged anyone interested in attending this celebration to contact her at Hospice of York at 363-7000 so that they may be included among the invited guests.

“We would love to hear from them,” she stressed.

Looking to the future, Bickmore said Hos-

pice of York members consider it a privilege to serve individuals and families dealing with end-of-life issues.

“We’re there because we want to be, the same as we’ve always been,” she said of the volunteer organization. “Our pledge is that we’ll be there, and we’re always looking for new volunteers.”

When it comes to serving as a hospice volunteer, board member Judith Doe said the rewards are undeniable.

“It’s such a dynamic, diverse group,” she said. “It’s just a fantastic organization.”

In addition to serving on the board, Doe is part of a group founded by Margaret Ferrera that meets monthly to knit comfort shawls for Hospice of York’s clients.

Volunteers provide emotional support and respite care for individuals and their families. Hospice volunteer training is offered each spring and fall. In addition, the Living with Loss bereavement support group is open to anyone, whether or not their family received hospice support prior to the passing of a loved one.

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News About Town

Planning Board reviews proposals at marathon meeting

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—In a meeting that lasted well over five hours, the planning board got its first look at an application for a single-family house required to be reviewed by the board under new state laws.

The board met on Thursday, July 9, to tackle a full agenda of applications, including a proposed office complex to be located on an 11.5-acre parcel at the intersection of the Spur Road and Route 1. However, Dave Gross's application for a single-family house on Beech Ridge Road along the York River watershed dominated much of the discussion, and received the most public input at the meeting.

Town Planner Christine Grimando explained that while single-family residences have been dealt with in the past at the Code Enforcement Office level, this application is an example of others the board may see on more regularly. The house is proposed for an extremely environmentally sensitive area, Grimando told the board, and with required zoning changes recently approved by the voters, such proposals must now have full planning board review.

The 20-plus acre parcel is nonconforming, since it has no road frontage, but had previously been approved for an access road, which has been built, as well as clearing for the proposed site of the house, through the Code Enforcement Office. Since the state's laws and the town's zoning have changed, however,

the approval of the house itself is now before planning board.

Gross attended the meeting, explaining that he will be before the board again, as the current application is for a 22-acre parcel and he has another planned for a second parcel of land in the area.

"I've got five generations of my family in this town," he told the board, telling the board that he has owned the property for about 30 years and expressing his frustration with changes in zoning and the limits that are placed on property taxpayers. "You don't have many options left because of the codes."

David Tibbetts of the York Conservation Commission was among those who spoke at the public hearing on the application, offering a different perspective on the town and state zoning laws.

"Any of our natural resources in York are quite precious, and they're dwindling. When you start doing construction in zones like this, we're really putting a lot of pressure on those resources," he said, citing not only the watershed resources but also the wildlife habitat on the parcel.

Michelle Dionne of the Wells Reserve also spoke at the hearing, sharing information about the York River compiled by the reserve.

"The York River Watershed is a stellar resource for its size, and is probably one of the most diverse in terms of its fish community for its size," she said, advocating for educa-

tion of landowners on the importance of the waterway.

Diana Dennett, an abutter of the Gross property, urged caution when it comes to building a house on the property, asking the board and the Conservation Commission to evaluate endangered wildlife on the property.

"If one person is allowed to build, everyone's going to be doing it... The plan's flawed. You shouldn't get a permit until people look at what's out there," she said.

Local resident Helen Winebaum agreed, advocating for "win-win situations for landowners' legitimate needs and conservation," as have been seen in the protection of parcels in the Mount Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative, and cautioning that if development is approved, "the precedent that this would set would make this kind of effort, in those unfragmented upper reach-

es of the York River ... even more difficult to continue."

Grimando explained that the town's ordinance does allow single-family residences to be constructed on such parcels if the application meets specific requirements, including the parcel being documented as an existing lot of record as new lots are not permitted in the area.

The board discussed the provisions in place in the ordinance and ultimately decided that, to move forward with the review, a site visit should be scheduled with Gross and representatives from the Conservation Commission to examine the property, as one decision the board will have to make is the location for the house that will have the least impact on environmental factors.

The proposal will be back before the board at a future meeting.

Town leaders get updates on housing, Habitat for Humanity

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—As the effort to provide affordable housing in town continues, one local family is a step closer to having their own affordable home.

When the board of selectmen held its final meeting for the month of June, York Community Development Director Steve Burns updated the town leaders on the ongoing effort to address the town's lack of affordable housing.

At that same meeting, the board heard from Greg Gosselin, director of Habitat for Humanity's York Build, on behalf of the all-volunteer committee overseeing a Habitat for Humanity project to build one single-family home on a lot donated by the town.

Gosselin thanked the selectmen for their commitment to the project and announced that Janalee Moquin and her son, Orion, have been selected by Habitat for Humanity as the residents of the new home. The Moquins will be contributing 400 hours of volunteer service toward the building process and will receive a 30-year, interest-free mortgage from Habitat for Humanity.

Area residents are also invited to volunteer to help with York Habitat for Humanity build, with more information available at www.habitatyorkcounty.org. In addition, those interested in making donations to fund the estimated \$100,000 cost of construction materials may do so by depositing funds in any of the miniature handmade collection houses that can be found in businesses throughout town.

"We look forward to the community's support," Gosselin said.

With the construction process now underway, the average time until completion is estimated at about six months.

Later in the meeting, the selectmen heard an update on the planning board's ongoing work on zoning to help address the town's need for affordable housing.

Presenting the updated, Burns explained that the Community Development Department and

planning board have been working on information gained from a recent set of surveys sent at random to local residents, and followed up with a separate survey for business owners and commuters, related to such issues as the need for housing, types of housing that should be provided and how to best fit affordable housing options in with the town's existing character.

"Essentially, most of our housing policies are 10 to 20 years old," Burns said, explaining his department has been working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan to address affordable housing.

Based on the surveys, Burns said, some clear direction emerged from the responses of local residents, although there were fewer responses from business owners and commuters.

"It's more important to protect neighborhood character than to get affordable housing, according to the surveys," Burns told the selectmen.

To those ends, in an effort to provide affordable housing while maintaining local character, the town is looking at zoning to allow for using existing buildings rather than building new structures. Examples include renovating existing buildings into a mix of affordable and market-rate apartments and creating housing units above existing businesses.

"It's a great opportunity," Burns said. "Why not integrate some apartments out there to diversify the housing stock?"

The plans will make existing York Village apartments conforming while promoting a true village rather than what Burns described as "strip mall" architecture by allowing commercial establishments on the first floor with apartments up above.

"That's what villages are all about, and our zoning doesn't reflect that," he said.

The planning board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan changes on Thursday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at the York Public Library. For more information, visit www.yorkmaine.org.

MAKING HISTORY



On a cold November morning in 1652, two powerful men—Simon Bradstreet of Massachusetts and Edward Godfrey, acting governor of the Province of Maine—met in Nicholas Davis's Tavern in what is now known as York Harbor, arguing over the fate of a city, the future of a colony and the soul of a new nation. In one hour, the future of this community by the sea would forever be changed. Find out how York became York, and what happened on that morning more than 350 years ago when the Museums of Old York bring a new version of the original drama "Submit," by local author and playwright Michael Kimball and journalist Jennifer Saunders, to life in Jefferds' Tavern on Tuesday evenings July 21 and Aug. 4 and 11 at 7 p.m. Pictured here, Joe Dominguez as Edward Godfrey, the first Englishman to come to the community then known as Agamenticus, and Roland Goodbody as the ghost of Sir Thomas Morton, perform a scene in rehearsal for the upcoming production of this original drama based on York's early history. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)



Members of York's Coastal Clovers 4-H Club are seen here at Zach's Farm with First Lady Karen Baldacci, who visited town as this year's project got underway to celebrate the work of these young volunteers and their families to raise food for area food pantries. (Courtesy Photo)

Coastal Clovers begin harvest to feed their neighbors in need

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—No amount of rain is dampening the spirits of York's own Coastal Clovers 4-H Club as they once again dig deep to raise fruits and vegetables for their neighbors in need.

Despite the questionable weather of the late spring and early summer months, these local youngsters, their parents and Coastal Clovers Leader Russell Osgood have been hard at work raising crops on land donated by John Zacharias of Zach's Farm to supplement the nonperishable food supplies regularly offered at local food pantries.

With the first harvest earlier this month, Osgood said the Clovers were able to donate 65 pounds of lettuce to the York Food Pantry "and we're on target for about that much this week."

Thankfully, he said, lettuce does well during the rain, so there was a bountiful harvest of that vegetable, while "everything seems to be on target for doing well in spite of the rain," Osgood said.

And though it is a group of York youngsters and their families who have undertaken the labor in planting, growing and harvesting the crops, Osgood stressed that this project would not be possible without the support of local residents and businesses, including Coastal Landscaping, which donated the seedlings for the past two years, and John Zacharias, who has supported the club's efforts by donating not only space on his farm, but drip irrigation and other equipment to support the Coastal Clovers efforts, telling Osgood, "it's all for the kids."

In addition, Good Shepherd Food Bank's Many Hands Harvest initiative gave \$2,000 to establish five raised beds at the Osgoods' family farm to raise such vegetables as carrots and beets and to purchase additional seedlings for three more rows to be planted beyond last year's season.

In addition to Osgood, his wife Lynn,

and their daughters Carly and Haleigh, the Coastal Clovers includes about a dozen young agricultural aficionados with their parents assisting at large events. The club is truly family-oriented, Osgood explained.

"It's our fifth year, with our second at the farm," Osgood said of the club, noting, "We were one of four organizations in the country to receive USDA Secretary Schafer's Fight Against Hunger Award for our project efforts."

Last year the Coastal Clovers raised more than 2,700 pounds of produce with a value of over \$6,000, and while no goal has been officially set for this year, Osgood said they hope to be able to double the amount they donated last year to both the Good Shepherd Food Bank and the York Food Pantry.

The efforts even caught the attention of Governor John Baldacci and First Lady Karen Baldacci, who helped the Coastal Clovers 4-H Club kick off the 2009 Foods for Families Project by visiting York to work alongside the children as they planted their seedlings at Zach's Farm earlier this season.

Raising crops for families in need is a return to the club's roots. Osgood started the club with fellow local residents Brian Curtin and, in that first year, planted potatoes to donate to York's Table of Plenty.

"That was the first project that we ever did," he said, "and I kept going back to that one project."

And while the summer days are speeding by, the Coastal Clovers work will continue. If the harvest is successful, the bounty will include lettuce, tomatoes, eggplant, celery, squash, beets, carrots, radish and even cantaloupe.

"It probably will go all the way until October, until the frost," Osgood said. "We planted a lot more variety this year."

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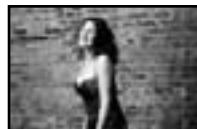
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Letters to the Editor

Many thanks to Shore Road Market

To the Editor,

York High School’s YORKWISE wants to thank Shore Road Market for their very generous donation of almost \$600 towards our 2009 Project Graduation.

Shore Road Market donated a portion of the proceeds to YORKWISE from every lobster roll purchased. The Bastians, who split their time between the Boston area and York, have owned the Shore Road Market and Restaurant for nine years. The restaurant, located at the intersection of Shore and Cape Neddick roads, offers fresh, locally caught lobster in their rolls.

YORKWISE used the donation towards the 2009 Project Graduation, an all-night, safe chemical-free celebration. Students are treated to a night on the town, including a lobster bake at Foster’s and a cruise around the Isles of Shoals. Yorkwise also supports national speakers on the topics of alcohol and drugs, law enforcement support at school dances and sponsorship of various community youth activities.

YORKWISE appreciates Shore Road Market’s help and donation to support chemical-free activities for York students.
YORKWISE Committee

A few thoughts on dogs in York

To the Editor,

I am a dog lover, but here in pretty, scenic York, there is a festering problem in even the nicest of neighborhoods. People are leaving their dogs, unattended, in underground fences for long periods of time. And some, believe it or not, are not confining them at all.

Underground fences are not babysitters. They are supposed to provide dogs the ability to go outdoors, be with their families, and do their bathroom duty - all while under the supervision of their owners. Instead, these dogs are being left outdoors, all year long, for long periods of time - while some families go to work, even. Many dogs are jumping these fences, just to get at people or animals walking by.

The dogs that are not on underground fences; well, needless to say, they are even more of an intimidating nuisance, and a safety hazard to both the unconfined dog and public at large.

All in all, both situations involve one thing – dogs becoming increasingly frustrated when left outdoors. You can see it. Many once, sweet puppies are now barking, lunging idiots on four legs, and what makes this sadder is that it isn’t even the dogs’ fault. It’s the owners who apparently think they live in the country, so why not? What they fail to realize is that the dangers here are far greater than in city suburbs, with wild animals having the ability to attack domesticated dogs who are left outdoors alone.

Dogs are pack/den animals who want to be with their packs - in their quiet, safe dens. When left outdoors, companion animals become increasingly agitated. The ignored dog is bored, frustrated, and worse, he feels lonely, insecure, and confused. He wants very much to be with people - even the ones out on the street - but has this instinctual duty to protect himself as he knows that he is vulnerable. The bad behavior escalates, turning

a normally nice dog into a crazy, lunging, teeth baring animal. And who pays? Not the owners, who could obviously care less about their dogs’ safety. It’s the dogs who pay the hefty price of becoming increasingly aggressive, not to mention the innocent people who are trying to leash walk their pets by these poor, neglected animals.

A lunging dog could possibly scare an elderly person, or scar a child (mentally and/or physically), forever. What is more important, providing a dog with “freedom,” or keeping that dog safely indoors, where he belongs? For those who are mistaking an unattended, outdoor dog with one who has more freedom, think again. Outdoor dogs are prone to being hit by cars; injured by animals coming onto their properties; weather-related illnesses such as sunburn/stroke, frostbite; diseases caused by ticks, worms, bug bites; not to mention the extreme behavioral problems already mentioned above.

For those who feel strongly that a dog’s learned behavior will win out over his animalistic ones when he becomes afraid while alone, don’t bet the farm on it. All these poor dogs are doing, when people attempt to walk by and observe their bad behavior, is surviving, and they are doing so in the only way they know how, from an animals’ perspective. They are not happy dogs, and it isn’t their fault. This is, in no way, considered living. Not for a companion animal who thrives on being with his pack - safely and securely IN his den.

A happy, content dog is a trained dog who is part of his family, part of his pack.
**Larry Downs
York**

Planners thank Glen MacWilliams

The York Planning Board announces the retirement from the board of Glen MacWilliams, who has served for six years bringing his talent and skills from his experience on the conservation commission and his occupation as architect and other community service leadership. He also served two years as chairman.

Glen is a proud example of public volunteer service to the governance of the town of York which is how we govern and manage our town’s affairs. His dedication, focus, knowledge, astute questioning and calm but firm demeanor contributed to the board’s effectiveness and reputation. He held the professional development community representatives to a high standard of accountability and held his ground on controversial topics.

Glen can retire from the board but not from his continued involvement with the York community. Well done, Glen. Bon voyage.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Manzi and the York Planning Board

Politics & Other Mistakes

Never eat where the waitstaff is skinny

By Al Diamon, Political Columnist

You wouldn’t buy a suit from a tailor who wears ill-fitting clothes. You wouldn’t take suggestions for summer-reading from somebody who’s illiterate. You wouldn’t cast your ballot for a candidate who’s completely clueless.

Although, come to think of it, your gut hangs over your pants, your entire library consists of “The Big Papi Diet and Coloring Book,” and your state is run by fatheads. (Does that last sentence look like heavy foreshadowing? I believe it does.)

Maybe you’re not following the above-mentioned sensible suggestions as assiduously as you should. But regardless of how slovenly, ignorant and poorly governed you are, there’s one rule you should always observe:

Never eat in a restaurant where the employees are really skinny.

I’m not saying you have to limit your dining options to places where the wait staff look like tattooed Teletubbies. I’m just pointing out the wisdom of avoiding those tony bistros where the servers could be mistaken for recently liberated death-camp survivors. Except with cooler piercings.

If the food there was any good, those poor souls would have plumped up.

I mention this because our society has an unhealthy obsession with being thin. I’m not just talking about the impossibly svelte images of anorexic models and hollow-cheeked movie stars, sprinkled like splinters throughout the media. I mean the weighty experts and chubby-cheeked bureaucrats engaged in a campaign to make sure we’ll never again feel the slightest pleasure in eating anything that actually tastes good.

Each year, a non-profit group called the Trust for America’s Health releases a report called “F as in Fat,” which details the evidence to bolster its bloated contention that we buy too many Quarter-Pounders and run too few half marathons.

If you can put down that doughnut long enough to peruse news accounts of this year’s edition, you’ll discover that the percentage of adult Mainers classified as obese edged up in the past 12 months from 23.7 percent to 24.7. But if you can forgo an extra helping of ice cream, you’ll have time to check out the actual report online (www.healthymamericans.org), where you’ll discover that when the margin of error is factored in, we haven’t really expanded at all. In fact, our obesity rate has been relatively stable for at least three years, during which time we’ve improved from the 33rd fat-test state in the nation to the 35th.

If the current trend continues, we’ll claim the title of the skinniest place

in America by the year 2024.

Let’s get the double order of ribs and an extra pitcher of beer. We’ve got something to celebrate.

Maine officials remain oblivious. Never mind that the state is well below the national average for overweight residents. All the bulging bureaucracy cares about is that we have a higher percentage of fat people than New Hampshire. In spite of the lack of evidence that our waistlines are expanding at anything close to the rate of the state budget shortfall, they insist on cranking up the hysteria.

In 2004, Dr. Dora Anne Mills, the director of the Maine Bureau of Health, told the Portland Press Herald that we were suffering from “a very alarming epidemic” of blubberitis. Mills claimed the corpulent consequences were costing the state \$1 billion a year, due in part to increased medical expenses, but mostly because of a vaguely defined category called lost productivity. By 2007, that productivity problem had sucked up the calories and stood at over \$2.5 billion. This year, it’s estimated to be \$3.9 billion.

Somehow it keeps growing, even though our obesity rate hasn’t increased.

Mills and Gov. John Baldacci are also fond of proclaiming that 60 percent of Maine adults and 30 percent of the state’s children are overweight or obese. Trouble is, they’ve been tossing around those same fat figures for at least five years, while also blathering on about how our plump percentages are on the rise. Both things can’t be true.

As for exercise, in April 2006, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield released a report stating that 47 percent of the state’s adults were physically inactive. That same month, a state study put the number at 21.6 percent.

Pass the potatoes, please, but I’ll pass on the bull.

If you check out the Trust for America’s Health Web site, you’ll find that Maine earns high marks in almost every measure of good health from incidences of AIDS to cases of West Nile Virus to the relatively small number of people without medical insurance. The United Health Foundation rates the state as the 8th healthiest in the country. A survey this year by Martek Biosciences placed us ninth nationally for being “brain smart,” by which they mean we eat a lot of fish, which are filled with stuff that’s good for you, such as ... er ... fish guts.

But whether we’re talking sushi or suet, it’s time we stopped swallowing what the food police keep dishing up.

Waiter, if you could waddle over here, we’re ready to order dessert.

Inflate my ego by e-mailing me at aldiamon@herniahill.net.

Reasons to keep toll plaza the same

To the Editor,

The report given by HNTB to the MTA and York selectmen focused on building a new toll plaza rather than rebuilding what is presently in place. The data presented was a basic repeat of everything said over a year ago.

There was much discussion about safety in the report. The citizens of York have always been concerned about the safety of the traveling public and the employees.

We suggested over a year ago to repair the bunkers, which would increase the safety of the employees. This has never been done.

The tunnel was discussed. It is not sinking. Employees regularly walk between the booths. They do not require the tunnel to get to their booth.

HNTB stated the plaza is #11 on the list of unsafe locations in the State of Maine. What does that number mean? There have been no fatalities, no critical injuries, no serious injuries, no one has been airlifted to a hospital. If a plaza is placed anywhere on the turnpike, accidents will occur. It would be impossible to have an accident-free plaza.

HNTB points out the safety issue concerning the hill and curve as one travels south. Data shows that this is the direction with far less accidents.

The "do nothing" option impacts the environment the least, and cost tens of millions of dollars less than other options. All the other proposed options cost more money than is collected at the toll plaza in a given year.

Joan Jarvis
York Harbor

Thoughts on losing a beloved pet

To the Editor,

It happens to almost all families: a beloved pet joins us, enchants us, and then, in the scheme of things, takes leave of us.

So it was with Aben, which is German for "evening." His father, whom we had welcomed into our home in 1970, we called Morgan, the morning. By 1980 he had passed on. Another decade had been consumed in the smoke and fire of life, and our children had evolved into adults.

Aben remained: he of the lovely brown coat, the warm loving eyes, the deep growl when play became serious. Grandma loved to walk the summer beaches with him in her funny duck hat.

The night before his departure - the doctor had said it would be best - we stretched out on the red tiles before the hearth. I growled in his ears and he growled back - our favorite game. I hugged his neck and I say again to his ghost the words I murmured then: "Goodbye, dear dog - God bless you forever - wherever you're going, our hearts go with you."

The next day he was gone, and we carried on as though the earth had not split open and eternity yawned. Life is the loving cup we

drink from, and, in time, even its dregs are sweet.

Warren Lemon
York

General Aviation benefits are at risk

To the Editor,

Each month, volunteer pilots from Angel Flight Northeast fly patients needing specialized medical care, including chemotherapy and dialysis, to hospitals throughout Maine. Many of these patients are from rural areas and would otherwise be hard-pressed to receive the care they need.

These flights are part of General Aviation, which includes all flying except the scheduled airlines and the military. Right now General Aviation is being imperiled by misguided plans in Washington, D.C. If these proposals are enacted, the outlook could be grim for patients who use Angel Flight Northeast, as well as for millions of other people throughout the country who depend on General Aviation for services and jobs.

Among the proposals are new costs and regulations. Since Angel Flight Northeast pilots already donate their time and planes and pay for their own fuel, these increased costs could ground them. The impact on patients who live in rural Maine could be devastating, because they would have to drive long distances to receive care.

The new charges and regulations would involve not only medical volunteer organizations. With an estimated 65 percent of General Aviation flights conducted for public service and business, many industries and services would be affected, including agriculture, emergency medical evacuation, law enforcement, aerial fire-fighting, package delivery and the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition, millions of jobs depend on General Aviation, which pumps more than \$150 billion into the U.S. economy. Two members of Congress deem General Aviation so essential that they formed a caucus to educate their peers on its value to the American economy and transportation system.

Recently, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest pilot organization with more than 415,000 members, launched General Aviation Serves America. The goal of this national grassroots campaign is to educate policymakers, opinion leaders and the public about the vital role General Aviation plays in our local communities and the nation's economy. Actors Harrison Ford and Morgan Freeman, both avid pilots, are volunteering their services in support of the campaign. (To learn more about the General Aviation Serves America program, please take a few minutes to visit www.gaservesamerica.com.)

The importance of General Aviation and its impact on the citizens of Maine cannot be overstated. For more than 80 years, General Aviation has played a significant role in the lives of millions of Americans across the country. I hope you will join me in our efforts to ensure that it's around for another 80 years, and well beyond.

Craig Fuller, President
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association



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School Notes

York High School music wing one step closer to groundbreaking

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Although the planning board has not granted final approval to the York School Department’s addition of music instructional space at York High School, the addition is one step closer to becoming a reality.

At its most recent meeting on Thursday, July 9, the planning board and members of the school building committee met with the project design team to review the plans to date and what additional information will be needed to grant final approval and begin construction on the York High School site.

Once completed, the music instructional space will provide room for classrooms and rehearsals for York High School’s choral and band programs but will not replace the existing York High School auditorium.

The project budget was approved by the voters

in May of 2008 at \$2.3 million, with \$800,000 coming from the school department’s fund balance account and \$1.5 million to be bonded, with an estimated impact on the average property tax bill in York at about \$13 per year.

To allow for the possibility of future voter approval of a news performing arts space, the addition is being constructed in such a way as to allow for the replacement of the outdated auditorium should the voters approve funding for such a renovation at some future time. The plan includes a one-and-a-half-story, 9,600-square-foot addition to York High School’s science wing with entry off of the existing parking lot and remaining within the building envelope of the site.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Amoroso introduced school building committee members Wayne Martin, Laurie Coffenberry, Marilyn Zotos, Robert Palmer and Hilary Clark to the

planning board, and along with representatives from PDT Architects and Casco Bay Engineering, explained that “It would be our wish and hope that you would find our application complete enough that we could get a preliminary and final” approval.

Wayne Martin reviewed the construction planning process to date, including changes needed to bring project within the budget approved by the voters back in 2008.

In recent weeks, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection granted approval to the project faster than expected, which prompted the committee to ask the planning board’s support for both preliminary and final approval in order to start construction work on the addition prior to the start of the school year in September.

Although the planning board ultimately voted it needed additional information in hand before granting that final approval, several of

the board’s members indicated they believe that final approval could come as soon as the board’s August meeting.

As planning board Vice Chairman Lew Stowe put it, “What we’ve really got to do is cross the T’s and dot the I’s.”

However, fellow planning board member David Woods cautioned that there is no guarantee final approval will be granted and the plans signed to move forward all at once, pointing out that, “If something comes up during that meeting where there’s one change, the Mylar cannot be signed.”

Without signed plans, the construction phase cannot begin.

Once all the final approval is granted, the construction process itself is expected to last between 12 and 18 months.

Shuttle Endeavour update: York astronaut still waiting for liftoff

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—The launch of Space Shuttle Endeavour, which will carry York’s first astronaut into space, was again rescheduled due to inclement weather, with hopes high for a successful departure after press time on Wednesday, July 15.

It’ll be the sixth effort to launch the shuttle on a construction mission to the International Space Station.

Cassidy, who is a 1988 graduate of York High

School, is scheduled to take part in several of the planned spacewalks on the 16-day mission, the first for Cassidy, whose parents still reside in York and who has maintained his connection with the community he refers to as his home town.

According to an announcement issued Tuesday, July 14, by NASA, liftoff for the shuttle’s mission to the International Space Station had been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 15, at 6:03 p.m. No additional information on the launch was

available at press time.

The shuttle had been scheduled to launch on Monday, July 13, but that attempt was canceled due to poor weather conditions within the launch area at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida, according to NASA, as storm cells containing lightning flared up toward the end of the countdown, violating NASA’s stringent launch safety rules.

As of Tuesday, the outlook was looking bet-

ter for the potential launch on Wednesday, with NASA reporting only a 40 percent chance of weather conditions prohibiting liftoff.

Back in town, those watching for Cassidy’s liftoff into space have grown accustomed to waiting.

Cassidy’s parents, former teachers and family traveled to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida last month to witness the launch when it was originally set Saturday, June 13.

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Residents can help the York Land Trust preserve York

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—From a one-of-a-kind fundraising raffle to help raise funds to preserve open space to a chance to see some of those lands from a unique perspective, there is a lot happening at the York Land Trust in the weeks ahead.

First off, the York Land Trust 2009 Adventures in Nature Series, celebrating the Year of the Cottontail, will continue on Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m. with the York Land Trust's guided kayak nature tour. Experienced boater and nature guide Don Leuchs will lead kayakers on a serene trip featuring miles of picturesque shoreline traveling upstream with the incoming tide.

The tour will feature a chance to learn about the diversity of species of the riparian habitat such as rainbow smelt, great blue heron and river otter, explained N. Grace Lowenberg of the York Land Trust in her announcement of the upcoming event.

"A number of shoreland properties featured on the trip have been conserved by the York Land Trust to help protect the habitat and the water quality of the York River and the Gulf of Maine," Lowenberg noted.

This tour is open to the public but reservations are required and it is limited to the first 20 registrants.

"Half of the trip is already booked," Lowenberg noted, urging interested residents to "reserve one of the remaining ten slots today!"

Boats will put-in at the Scotland Bridge Boat Launch in York sharply at 2 p.m. and participants must bring their own boats and equipment.

Admission is free for York Land Trust members, \$5 per person suggested donation for non-members. For more information or to register, call 363-7400 or visit www.yorklandtrust.org.

For those who would love to hit the waters but don't have a



Members of York's Coastal Clovers 4-H Club are seen here at Zach's Farm with First Lady Karen Baldacci, who visited town as this year's project got underway to celebrate the work of these young volunteers and their families to raise food for area food pantries. (Courtesy Photo)

boat, the York Land Trust might have the answer for you.

The trust has announced that it is offering its "Win This Boat" raffle, with help from the Kittery Trading Post and Kennebunk Savings Bank.

"Our partners at the Kittery Trading Post put together a very attractive sea-kayak package valued at \$1,319 including an

Easky-15 foot, lava colored boat, bilge pump and spray skirt, which helped our volunteers sell the first 100 tickets to Trading Post customers during their JuneFest promotion," explained York Land Trust President and Raffle Co-Chair Karen Arsenault in an announcement of this special raffle.

The York Land Trust hopes the raffle will help raise \$5,000 for its operating budget, and is offering tickets for \$5 each, or five for \$20, at its Route 1 location or at the Woodbridge Road Kennebunk Savings Bank in York.

The nonprofit York Land Trust was founded in 1986 to protect "lands of ecological, scenic, agricultural, and educational significance in the greater York area," according to its mission. Recent successful conservation efforts have included the land at Highland Farm, which includes Boulder Pond, and was protected from being subdivided into about 40 house lots.

The kayak is scheduled to be on display on weekdays outside York's Kennebunk Savings Bank locations through this month and August, with the winner of the raffle scheduled to be drawn on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Organizers noted that the winner does not need to be present to win as he or she will be contacted by phone or email.

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Cover Story

CREATING A MASTERPIECE

A farmhouse transformed: The Museums of Old York's 20th Annual Decorator Show House at McIntire Farm

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—For two decades, the Museums of Old York has opened one area home each year to designers from York, from New England and from the world to create unforgettable places and spaces.

For far longer than two decades, passersby have looked longingly at the charming yellow farmhouse on Cider Hill Road, set within view of a portion of the York River watershed, and wondered what it would be like to step inside.

Beginning with the preview party on Friday, July 17, and continuing with scheduled tours through Saturday, Aug. 15, local residents and visitors alike will be able to do just that, as the farmhouse at McIntire Farm is transformed into the Museums of Old York's 20th Annual Decorator Show House. The program will raise funds to support Old York's educational programs, exhibitions and preservation initiatives.

Decorator Show House Publicity Chairwoman Marianne Baumann explained that McIntire Farm features more than two dozen interior and exterior spaces, and for this year's event, dozens of leading interior designers, artists and landscapers have taken on the task to recreate those spaces, creating a new chapter in the history of McIntire Farm.

"It's a complete and total transformation," she said during a recent visit to the house, as the designers worked to complete their spaces for the opening.

From the dooryard garden, created by Maya Travalgia of Charles C. Hugo Landscape Design to the welcoming farmer's porch, designed by Brian Howland and Margareta Claesson of York's Eldredge Lumber Company, guests at McIntire Farm will begin to take in the beauty of this special property even before they set foot inside. Even the barn has taken on a new life, featuring a boutique designed by Christine McGill and an art exhibit created by Debby Ronnquist of Kittery Point.

With flowering plants and an arbor along the walkway leading to the expansive porch, which offers places to sit and enjoy the summer weather, and a barn patio created by Tom Dunn and Jen Spencer of Stoney Brook Landscaping, visitors can enjoy all the sights this beautiful property has to offer.

Once inside, Show House guests will want to take their time, from viewing artwork and photography to seeing some of the hidden spaces that a classic farmhouse like this one offers, such as the cupboard-under-the-stairs powder room, designed by Nichole Donovan of Distinctive Tile and Design and Annie Kiladjian of Annie K. Designs as well as the "secret hide-away" between the children's rooms and the master bedroom, designed by Linda Hentschel of Renaissance Interiors.

Many of this year's designers are returning from past years with the Show House, explained Erica Holthausen of the Museums of Old York, while others are brand new this year.

The main floor of the house provides an array of formal and casual living spaces, from such noted area designers as Sarah Duquette, who chose sea grass wallpaper as one of the elements for the home's redesigned living room, to Diane Hughes, who designed and furnished the adjacent reading room, complete with artwork, charming sculptures, cozy furnishings and, of course, books and magazines.

Next on the tour is the dining room, designed by York's own Anne Cowenhoven of Accent & Design, Inc., who chose a pal-



Anne Cowenhoven of Accen & Design, Inc., in York, arranges the finishing touches in the dining room she has created at McIntire Farm, which features a hand-painted mural of the York River by Judy Dibble. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

ette of autumn tones for the room, complete with a panoramic mural painted by Judy Dibble following the course of the York River from the view behind the property and farther along the waterway.

"Judy is the most fabulous finish painter," Cowenhoven said, taking a moment from her work to talk about the project, which included matching fabrics and tones with the hues in the mural itself.

The room features antique pieces, including an antique table from R. Jorgensen, interwoven with charming accents reminiscent of the property itself, including miniature bobhouses, such as might be seen on the frozen York River, and a large sculpture in the shape of a fish as the table's centerpiece.

"My design philosophy is to work with the architecture of the house, not ignore it," Cowenhoven explained.

From the dining room, guests will view the photography of Jay Armstrong as they make their way up the main staircase to view bedrooms designed by Joyce Jordan and Frank Hodge; the family bath, created by Julie Brady of Standard of New England and Jim Wood of Signature Builders, and Charlotte Rose's Nursery by Andrea Maher and Michael Jones.

Also on the second floor is Frankie's Room, designed by Janet Swanson and Georgie McGowan of York's Fiona's Porch, which McGowan described as a bedroom designed with an active young boy in mind - one who would be out and about exploring the farmland or fishing at the river.

The farm's setting, McGowan said, "is beautiful. It doesn't matter the weather - it's always beautiful."

The location seems to have influenced the choices of other

designers as well, with such spaces as the master bedroom and balcony, overlooking the York River and the McIntire Garrison, designed by Nicole Yee of NY Interiors in Kittery, and the family room below it, with a wall of windows to overlook the river, and all the comforts of home - from comfortable sofas to a flatscreen television and sound system - designed by Valerie Jorgensen of V. Jorgensen Design in Wells.

"I wanted to keep the warmth, keep the wood and have it feel really relaxed and comfy," Jorgensen explained of her desire to create a space that would also allow a family to enjoy all the comforts of modern technology while keeping the existing charm of the house and its views.

McGowan, like Bauman and Holthausen all spoke of the historic parcel as well, and what an appeal this place has for longtime residents, newcomers and visitors alike.

And what a history this house does have, according to information compiled for Old York. The McIntire Farm itself is located in what is known as York's "Scotland District" and as local historian and Museums of Old York Librarian Virginia Spiller noted in her history of McIntire Farm, "The McIntire family traces its heritage to Micum McIntire, a Scottish Highlander captured by Oliver Cromwell's forces at the Battle of Dunbar on Sept. 3, 1650," who, according to stories passed down through the family, was spared from execution and sent to Boston with 150 other prisoners, relocating to York after his prison sentence was completed.

"In the years since Micum McIntire established the homestead, the property has changed very little," Spiller notes in her history.

The McIntire Garrison, which was built in 1707, is adjacent to the farmhouse, and is designated as a national landmark, while 46 acres, including views of the upper reaches of the

York River, are preserved through conservation easement from Mary McIntire Davis.

The farmhouse, meanwhile, traces its origins to an earlier structure, which was built in the 1800s but was lost in a fire in 1922, according to the history of the farm.

That house was replaced with a second farmhouse, on the site of the current structure, but a devastating fire in 1941 destroyed that structure as well. However, when the family rebuilt they kept to the 1920s design, according to Spiller's research.

"There is a lot of history here," said McGowan, who is not only a designer but a local resident. "This is McIntire Farm... This is Old York."

Located at 270 Cider Hill Road, McIntire Farm opens with the Preview Party on Friday evening, July 17. Those interested in attending the preview party on should call 363-4974 in advance for reservations. Beginning on Saturday, July 18, McIntire Farm can be viewed Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., through Aug. 15. The Show House is closed on Tuesdays.

On-site parking is available and tickets to the Show House are \$20 and are available at the door. In addition, ticket stubs from the Decorator Show

House are good for \$2 off the cost of admission to the Museums of Old York, which includes a contemporary art gallery in an historic store, numerous period gardens and nine historic properties, including the Ramsdell House, a more than 250-year old house that once belonged to a farm laborer, and the Remick Barn, a fully-accessible visitor, education and exhibition center.



Margaretta Claesson of Eldredge Lumber Company arranges a display on the front porch at McIntire Farm. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

Celebrate the 20th Decorator Show House with the 2009 Lecture Series

YORK—Experience McIntire Farm with a series of special events in conjunction with this year's Decorator Show House tours.

The Museums of Old York's 20th Annual Decorator Show House is open to the public from Saturday, July 18, through Saturday, Aug. 15, at McIntire Farm, located on the McIntire Homestead at 270 Cider Hill Road, overlooking the York River.

Throughout the weeks ahead, the Museums of Old York is sponsoring a lecture series featuring an array of speakers.

On Wednesday, July 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Chef Patty Roche will prepare a summer inspired meal at the Stonewall Kitchen Cooking School on Stonewall Lane, just off Route 1, right before your eyes, with lunch to be served with a full complement of cooking tips, food facts and stories from the kitchen.

One week later, on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m., four of this year's Decorator Show House designers will lead a Design Discussion in the York Harbor Reading Room, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in York Harbor. Kacey Graham, Frank Hodge, Joyce Jordon and Nicole Yee will discuss their methods of design, share stories from the field and answer decorating

questions.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 11:30 a.m., Katherine Davis, author of "Capturing Paris" and "East Hope," will talk about the importance of place in novels and the special role houses play in works of fiction during her presentation "At Home with the Novel" to be held at Blue Sky, located at 2 Beach St. in York Beach.

The Decorator Show House Lecture Series will conclude on Monday, Aug. 10, with an evening cocktail reception at the York Golf and Tennis Club's Old Clubhouse on Organug Road. Back by popular demand, Bill Graham of Beautiful Things in Salem, Mass., will present "Christmas in August," an entertaining program of floral design and fashion. Specializing in creative designs and women's accessories, Graham is also a humorist who loves sharing his anecdotes and techniques. Floral designs will be raffled and accessories and millinery will be for sale. Cocktail hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by Graham's presentation from 7 to 8 p.m.

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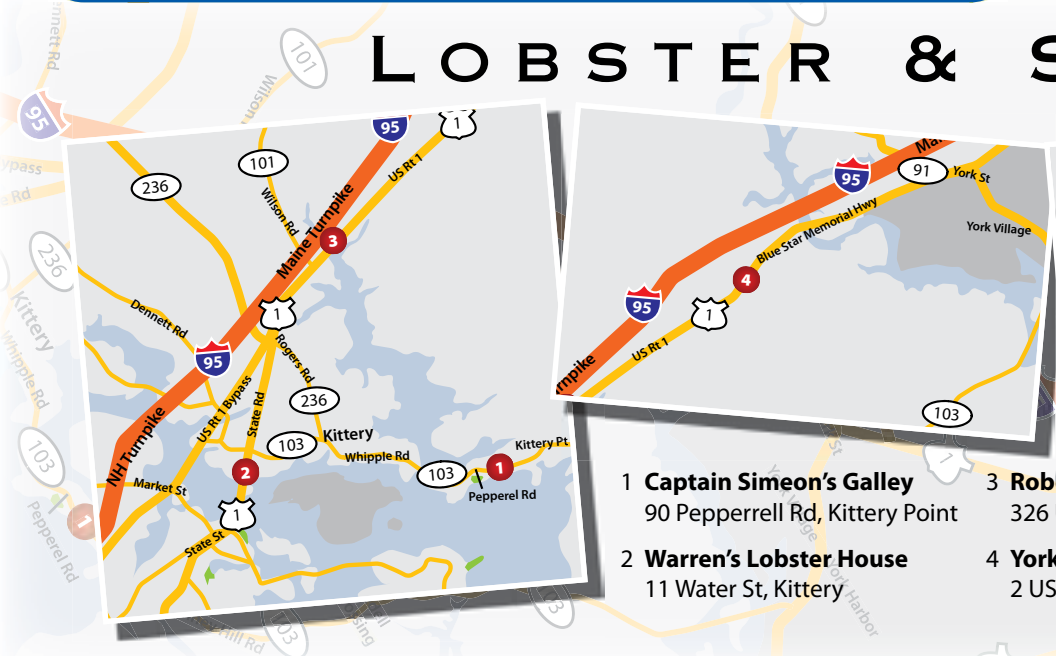
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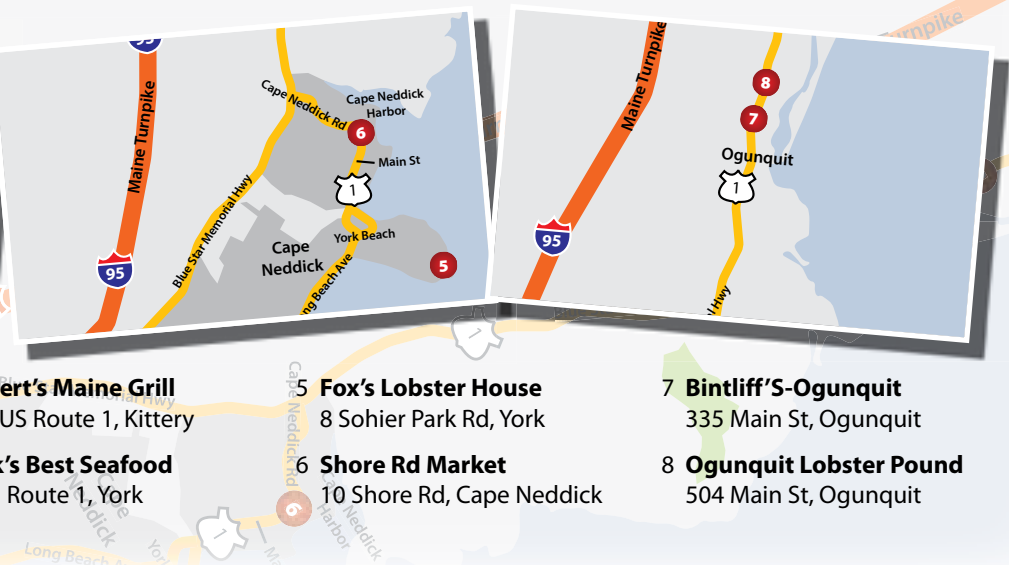
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Local News

Town leaders discuss future of York Beach

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—It was a meeting of the minds when the board of selectmen, planning board and York Beach subcommittee gathered to decide how to best move forward with plans for improvements to York Beach Village.

As certain issues pertaining to improvements in York Beach relate to policy decisions and funding requests, which come under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen, several selectmen have suggested the committee report directly to that board in the future.

"The board of selectmen are not getting the information we need to make the decisions that we need to make," Selectmen Chairman Mike Estes explained, adding, as an example, "I still don't know how wide our sidewalks should be in York Beach."

Planning board members Barrie Munro and David Woods, who are co-chairs of the York Beach subcommittee, noted the subcommittee has been following the direction of the planning board to recommend improvements in the area.

The committee recommendations come to the planning board first, Munro said, as it was designed as a subcommittee of that board. If the planning board is satisfied with the recommendations, they would then be forwarded to the board of selectmen, he said.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have done everything we've been requested to do," Munro said, explaining that the subcommittee reports on proposed change to the planning board, which oversees zoning recommendations to the board of selectmen "The problem is ... nothing is going to be perfect. We haven't been able to figure out any single perfect element in the overall equation."

To date, Woods said, the committee has worked to see what improvements can be made for little or no cost, such as reconfiguring the public parking lot across from the York Beach Fire Department to allow for another 24 parking spaces.

Plans to revitalize York Beach have been in the works for years, with many recommendations coming forward from different iterations of York Beach committees in the past, and few

receiving the majority support of business and property owners, boards and the voters.

Selectwoman Mary Black Andrews suggested that with improved communication the selectmen can work with the committee to facilitate improvements, while Selectwoman Cathy Goodwin stressed that, for her part, the request for the meeting was not a criticism of the group's work but to determine if the selectmen are providing the tools necessary to move forward.

"I don't think it's fair to put a subcommittee in a position where you are writing the plan and then it suddenly gets unveiled," she said, adding, "We are all on the same team."

Manzi suggested what is needed is a project manager, explaining, "Tradeoffs are part of policy making," such as the choice between providing space for on-street parking and enlarging sidewalks. "In the end, it's a difficult choice."

Town Manager Rob Yandow said there have been months of discussion but no concrete plan to move forward.

"We're at a point now where that has to change," he said. "Now we have to talk about doing it."

Woods suggested the board of selectmen appoint representatives to the committee, as there are currently two planning board members working with the group.

Town Planner Christine Grimando agreed. "I do think a regular designee from the board of selectmen would help. Reporting issues aside, I think it would be helpful to have that person there for clarity," she said.

The consensus of the two boards was to approach the next phase as one team, with representation from the board of selectmen. The subcommittee is also expected to present a status report to the selectmen at an upcoming meeting.

Moving forward with any plans to improve York Beach, Andrews told her fellow selectmen and the planning board members that it is important to remember "what the citizens of the town of York want York Beach to stand for, and that is a family destination."

Guys and Dolls on stage at Ogunquit Playhouse

Gangsters and gamblers, missionary dolls and showgirls are in town and on stage at the Ogunquit Playhouse now through Saturday, Aug. 8. Yes, it's Guys and Dolls, Broadway's perfect musical comedy about gambling men and the women who long to tame them!

This musical masterpiece, based on the stories of Damon Runyon, stars television veteran Richard Kind ("Spin City" and "Mad About You") as Master Gambler Nathan Detroit; Tony Award winning star of Jersey Boys, Christian Hoff as fellow gambler Sky Masterson; Broadway's Liz Larsen

as Miss Adelaide, the pride of the hot-cha Hot Box Club; and Glory Crampton, as Sister Sarah Brown, the sweetest mission doll this side of Eighth Avenue.

The Ogunquit Playhouse is America's Foremost Summer Theatre producing the finest Broadway musicals each season, with performances Tuesday through Sunday, from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekends. Main Stage ticket prices range from \$41-\$60 per show. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more information about the season, including our Children's Theatre, visit our Web site www.ogunquitplayhouse.org. Tickets on-line or through the box office in person or call 207-646-5511.

Southern Maine Currents



Gardens by the Sea in York and Kittery

York's Braveboat Harbor Farm will be the local site of The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program on Sunday, July 19.

The private gardens at Braveboat Harbor Farm in York will be open to the public at 110 Raynes Neck Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for self-guided tours.

Braveboat Harbor Farm has been evolving over the last 50 years and surrounds a Georgian-style stone house with formal and informal borders, a vegetable garden, orchard, and collections of various flowering trees and shrubs. Apples and pears are espaliered on the house and along the walls of the formal front garden.

Water features on the property include a goldfish pond in an old septic tank, a farm pond with rustic bridge and views of the Atlantic Ocean.

This farm is protected by a sculpted arborvitae hedge on the northwest, a mature stand of hickory on the northeast and an extensive screen of old lilacs on the south. New projects include expanding the collection of magnolias and rhododendrons and introducing hydrangeas as well as an espaliered pear fence, a woodland walk and a summerhouse with views to the pond and the sea.

The Garden Conservancy introduced the Open Days Program in 1995 as a means of introducing the public to gardening, providing easy access to outstanding examples of design and horticultural practice, and proving that exceptional American gardens are still being created. The Open Days Program is America's only national private garden-visiting program. Open Days events are rain or shine, and no reservations are required. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org for more information.

Garden aficionados have another opportunity to see special area gardens this month on Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the Piscataqua Garden Club is sponsoring "Gardens by the Sea," a tour of eight coastal gardens in Kittery Point.

Preparing for the event, Marylyn Benson of Newmarket, N.H., and Anne Bryer of Kittery Point, could be seen recently admiring the lovely lupine and other perennial plants thriving in one harbor-front garden, while an elegant greenhouse can be seen abutting a vegetable garden that is part of an estate overlooking Portsmouth Harbor. This estate has been in the same family for several generations and many different garden areas are part

of this property, including a long bed filled with oriental lilies, a rose garden, an herb garden, a vegetable garden surrounded by perennial plants, a terrace garden and an old fashioned garden bordered by boxwood topiaries.

Also as part of the tour, a mini "Art in Bloom" will be featured at the nearby Kittery Art Association.

Advance tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at Frisbee's Market in Kittery Point or at the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce on Route 1 in York, or by mailing a stamped, self-addressed business envelope and a check to PGC/Garden Tour to Gardens-By-The-Sea, Box 2005, New Castle, NH 03854-2005.

On the day of tour tickets are \$20 and will be available at the First Congregational Church on Route 103 in Kittery Point. A luncheon will be available at the church on the day of the tour for \$12. For lunch reservations e-mail ucckp@comcast.net.

To learn more about the Kittery garden

tour email thegardenlady@comcast.net or call (603) 433-9092.

Blues for a Summer Night at York Art Association

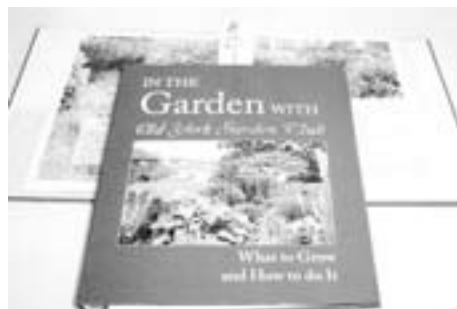
Gather your friends, neighbors and family and head to the York Art Association at 394 York St. in York Harbor on Friday night, July 24, for a very special evening of "Blues for a Summer Night."

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the YAA will be transformed into a cabaret club for the evening, complete with beer, wine, snacks and desserts, as local duo, Kathleen Soldati, singer, and Curt Bessette, guitarist, perform for this reservation-only event.

By day, Soldati is the Marketing Director for the Music Hall in Portsmouth, N.H., but in the last two years she has moved from the "back of the house" into the spotlight, singing first at an open microphone night in Portsmouth with Bessette, she is now a paid performer specializing in covering such artists as Patsy Cline, Janis Joplin, BB King, Bonnie Raitt and Bob Dylan.

Bessette, meanwhile, is well known throughout the region as a stage performer and talented musician with the ability to create a warm and friendly atmosphere wherever he plays. He is also an accomplished songwriter and singer, and teaches guitar, mandolin and bass at Daddy's Junky Music in Portsmouth, N.H.

Seating is limited at the YAA event. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance by calling Priscilla Schwartz at 361-4097 or emailing pschwartz@maine.rr.com.



Old York Garden Club publishes book for local gardeners

The Old York Garden Club has released

a new book, "In the Garden with Old York Garden Club, What to Grow and How to Do It" to share club members' advice and real-world experience with home gardeners.

As gardening in the York area can be very challenging, especially for new gardeners or those who are unfamiliar with the soils and weather of the region, "In the Garden" strives to eliminate some of the guesswork by providing specific suggestions and tips from Old York Garden Club members on everything from where to find the best shrubs to how to amend clay soil. Readers will have access to hundreds of years of local gardening wisdom.

"In the Garden" includes 12 chapters covering such topics as garden design, seaside gardening, dealing with common pests and diseases, perennial beds and borders and vegetable gardening. All chapters deal exclusively with local gardening issues and feature photographs of members' gardens.

The book comes has been designed in a three-ring binder so that gardeners can customize it by adding their own garden journals, photographs, notes and articles of interest.

The club received generous financial support from Tapley Insurance Agency, as well as from Bragdon Insurance and Ellis Insurance, in creating this project, and proceeds from the book's sale will go toward the club's many civic programs.

"In the Garden" is available now for a suggested retail price of \$25 through York retailers including Coastal Landscaping, York Corner True Value Hardware, Fiona's Porch and the Nubble Lighthouse Gift Shop and is also available at the York Farmer's Market on Saturdays and at the Old York Garden Club's "Sundays in the Garden" tour sites, with more information available at www.oldyorkgardenclub.org.

York Public Library Annual Book Sale set for July 23 to 25

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New at this year's event will be the raffle of an Amazon Kindle 2 Wireless Reading Device, which can hold as many as 1,500 ebooks. Raffle tickets will be \$3 each and sold only during the Book Sale, with the winning ticket drawn at noon on Saturday, July 25.

Hours for the sale are Thursday, July 23, for Preview Night, from 5 to 8 p.m. with admission of \$5; Friday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., both with free admission.

Once again, there will be a tent outside the library and books galore inside with bargains in both locations throughout the sale.

The sale will be held, rain or shine, at the York Public Library in York Village. For more information call 363-2818.

Become a friend of Mount A

Come join the Conservation Crew for a Saturday Workday on Mount Agamenticus and help maintain water quality, wildlife habitat and a sustainable trail network.

2009 Community Workdays are scheduled one Saturday each month throughout the field season, but volunteers are welcome to contact Conservation Coordinator Robin Stanley for other opportunities should the workday dates not work with their schedules.

2009 Saturday Workdays are set for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24. Confirm attendance in advance by contacting the Stanley at 361-1102 or robin@agamenticus.org.

VA-approved courses at YCCC

York County Community College

Department of Continuing Education and Business Services recently announced that the Veterans Administration has approved six certificate noncredit programs under the provisions for education and training of military personnel, veterans and other GI Bill eligible persons.

The approved programs include Administrative Medical Assistant, Clinical Medical Assistant, Certified Nurse Assistant, Dental Assistant, Medical Billing and Pharmacy Technician.

To find out if you qualify, or, for more information on class availability, visit www.yccc.edu/cebs or call 646-9282, Ext. 203.

York County Community College, established in 1994, is one of seven community colleges in the Maine Community College System and is located at 112 College Drive in Wells.



OYGC gives \$4,000 in scholarships

The Old York Garden Club recently awarded two \$2,000 scholarships at its annual meeting.

The Marion Hosmer Scholarships were presented by OYGC President Faith Webster and MaryJane Merrill, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, to two students currently attending Southern Maine

Community College in South Portland.

Blainor McGough, age 34, and a recent new mother, was awarded one of the scholarships to pursue her longtime interest in horticulture and plans to use her degree to continue her work in landscaping, horticulture, design, writing and promoting the green industry.

The second recipient, Matthew McAdam, 19, an avid outdoorsman, is a second-year student pursuing a degree in horticulture. His goal is to work in landscaping and someday take over the family's orchard business in Sanford.

Old York Garden Club officials thanked those who supported the Annual Plant Sale in May, which is the major fundraiser for all scholarship and civic development projects.

Maine residents pursuing a career in horticultural related studies may apply for the 2010 scholarships next spring by visiting www.oldyorkgardenclub.org.

Braving the rain to ride for a cause

On Sunday, June 14, Sanford Institution for Savings sponsored the Second Annual Motorcycle Run for Parkinson's and raised a total of \$2,020 for the Maine Parkinson Society.



Those who braved the rain at 11 a.m. on that Sunday rode from Bentley's Saloon in Arundel and ended at a free barbecue for participants at the American Legion in York. The ride itself raised \$1,030 with an

additional \$990 raised by a raffle for Red Sox tickets, which were donated by SIS.

SIS started the annual motorcycle run last summer in support of the bank's York branch manager, Stephanie Vallee, and her husband Steve. Steve, a veteran and avid motorcyclist, was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease in early 2008, at the age of 44.

"The rain didn't dampen our spirits at all," said Vallee, who is pictured here with Danielle Weigant, an event volunteer from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. "We're already thinking of next year's run."

In addition to SIS, event sponsors included York American Legion Post 56, The Meat House, Pepsi, Progressive Insurance, Hannaford Supermarket, Bentley's Saloon and Muddy River Marketplace and Catering.

Nicole's Run now has a theme song

Nicole's Run, an annual fundraiser that benefits Caring Unlimited, York County's Domestic Violence Program, now has its own song.

Mark Kaplan has written "Song for Nicole" about the event and the struggle of Nicole Oliver, who was killed by her husband two summers ago in Wells, to help further the mission of the event, which is to raise awareness about domestic violence and services that are available to victims.

While he did not personally meet Nicole, he wrote "Song for Nicole" from what he had heard about her life and the tragic circumstances surrounding her death.

The song has been produced by local acclaimed musician Tim Janis.

Nicole's Run will be held on Sunday, July 26, in Kennebunk. For more information about the event, visit www.nicolesrun.org.

Summer Listings

EVENTS

Animal Welfare Society Events for July include Saturday, July 18, for Meet the Adoptable Dogs at the Alfred Festival from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., AWS Humane Educator and an Adoptable Animal at the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine on Free Street in Portland for a program on animal care and handling from 10 to 11 a.m. and the AWS Mobile Adoption Team at Pet Quarters on Payne Road in Scarborough from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with adoptable shelter canines. Then, on Saturday, July 25, enjoy the Benefit Dance at Champions Sports Pub on Thornton Street in Biddeford from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with tickets just \$10 to be purchased at the door or at the Animal Welfare Society, or be a part of the Summertime Bash at Animal Medical Associates on Route 1 in Biddeford as the Animal Welfare Society joins other rescue groups for a Giant Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit homeless animals in Southern Maine. The rain date is Sunday, July 26. Donations for the sale will be accepted at AWS from Wednesday, July 22, through Friday, July 24, for quality items, with a request that no clothing, furniture, electrical appliances or computers be donated. Visit www.animalwelfaresociety.org.

Family Art Night at the York Public Library

will be Tuesday, July 28, at 6 p.m. During this event, entitled, "Collaborative Kandinsky," Julie Eneman and graphic artist Jill Burke will guide families in a multimedia exploration of color as part of this year's Summer Reading Program, "Get Creative at Your Library." The finished artwork will be suitable for hanging. Register by Tuesday, July 21, to be a part of the event by calling 363-2818.

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program will feature a self-guided tour of Braveboat Harbor Farm in York, featuring formal and informal borders, orchards, an espaliered pear fence and a summerhouse with views to the pond and sea, on Sunday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No reservations are required and this event will be held rain or shine at 110 Raynes Neck Road in York. Admission is \$5; children under 12 are admitted free. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org.

Gardens by the Sea, a tour offered by the Piscataqua Garden Club, will be held Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring eight coastal gardens in Kittery Point and will benefit the Kittery Land Trust and Strawberry Banke's horticultural programs. Advance tickets are \$15, day of tour tickets are \$20 and will be available at the First Congregational Church of Kittery Point on Route 103. To

order tickets send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check made out to PGC/Garden Tour to Gardens By The Sea, Box 2005, New Castle, NH 03854-2005. Email thegardenlady@comcast.net or call (603) 433-9092. Lunch will be available at the First Congregational Church for \$12; email ucckp@comcast.net for reservations.

Gateway Farmer's Market, located on Route 1 behind the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, is open every Saturday through Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every Tuesday until Sept. 1, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Call 363-4422 or visit www.gatewaytomaine.org.

July Programs at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm include Wildflower Walk on Monday, July 20, and Friday, July 31, both at 9:30 a.m.; Trees on the Trail on Tuesday, July 21, at 9:30 a.m.; Bird Banding Demonstration on Wednesday, July 22, and Wednesday, July 29, both from 7 a.m. to noon; Live Animals from the Center for Wildlife on Wednesdays, July 22 and July 29, at 11 a.m.; Bountiful Butterflies on Thursday, July 23, at 10 a.m.; Signs of Wildlife Walk on Friday, July 24, and Tuesday, July 28, both at 9:30 a.m.; Coastal Geology on Saturday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m.; History of a Saltwater Farm on Monday, July 27, at 9:30

a.m., and Secrets of a Salt Marsh, Thursday, July 30, at 9:30 a.m. Call 646-1555 or visit www.wellsreserve.org.

Just for Kids Programs at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm features Wildlife Wonders on Wednesday, July 22, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Search for tracks, scat and other signs of local wildlife, examine mammal skulls and pelts, and visit some fuzzy friends up close. For children ages 6 to 9. The cost is \$18, \$24 for nonmembers. Registration is required by calling 646-1555.

Rent-A-Table Yard Sale at Union Congregational Church in York Beach, is set for Saturday, July 18, starting at 8 a.m. Rent a yard sale table for \$20 and sell whatever you wish for profit, stop by to check out the goods for sale or do both. Union Congregational Church's breakfast/brunch sandwiches with beverage will be available for \$5. For details, call 363-4611 or 363-4821.

Video Gamers at the York Public Library will meet Friday, July 31, Saturdays, Aug. 8 and 15 and Friday, Aug. 21, all from 5 to 8 p.m. You must be at least 12 years old, have a signed permission slip and be preregistered to attend. Space is limited and dates are subject to change. Call Janalee at 361-2116 or 423-4281.

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

York Lions Annual Fundraising Auction is set for Friday, July 31, under the big tent in the York Beach Ball Park with the preview at 5 p.m. and the auction beginning at 6 p.m.

York Public Library's Bedtime Story Times are Tuesday evening from 6:15-6:45 p.m. through the end of August. Kimberly Whelan, preschool educator, invites parents to bring their children in pajamas and snuggle in for a half hour of stories designed to send them to dreamland. Call 363-2818 or visit www.york.lib.me.us.

York High School Class of 1979's 30th Reunion will be held on Friday, Aug. 14. This memorable evening of dinner, dancing and reminiscing is scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Three Chimneys Inn in Durham, N.H. FMI contact Cindy Donnell at 363-6473 e-mail cindydonnell@masiello.com.

EXHIBITS, MUSIC, THEATRE, BOOKS AND MORE

Beth Ellis Cove Gallery in Ogunquit has reopened for its eighth season. The Eighth Annual "Small Works Show" continues through Friday, July 17. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call 646-7700 or visit www.bellisart.com.

Blues for a Summer Night at the York Art Association, 394 York St. in York Harbor, is set for Friday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. The YAA will be transformed into a "cabaret club" for the evening, complete with beer, wine, snacks and an array of desserts and will feature Kathleen Soldati, singer, and Curt Bessette, guitarist. This event is reservation only. Call 363-4049.

Dancing at Clay Hill Farm is offered every Thursday evening through the summer from 8 to 10 p.m. with a weekly dance lesson from 8 to 8:30 p.m. from local dance instructor Phyllis Norton. With the popularity of ballroom dancing on the rise, beginners need not be intimidated. The weekly dance lesson can be an introduction for new dancers as well as a refresher for more seasoned partners. Call Clay Hill Farm at 361-2272 for reservations and information.

Leavitt Theatre on Route 1 in Ogunquit features movies throughout the summer season. Call 646-3123 or visit www.leavitt-theatre.com.

Motown Funk Show featuring the SoulMate Band will be at PUB 56, in the Ramsdell-Rogers American Legion Post 56 at 9 Hannaford Drive in York on Saturday, July 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight. There is no cover and the post features smoking and non-smoking accommodations. Call 363-0376 or visit www.ramsdellrogers56.com or www.thesoulmateband.com.

Red Door Pottery Studio and Gallery Shop features "Exposing the Moment," award-winning photography by Kittery resident Steve Delaney, former chief photographer for the Environmental Protection Agency, through September at 44 Government St. in Kittery. Call 439-5671 or visit expottery@yahoo.com.

Salon Night Series at the Red Door Pottery Studio on Government Street in Kittery is offered during the last Saturday of each month

beginning at 7 p.m., featuring local poets, musicians and artists. Admission and refreshments are free. Call 439-5671 or visit www.reddoorpottery.com.

StoneCrop Gallery is open for the season at 805 Shore Road in York. See the work of Jim Dow through Saturday, Aug. 1, with a reception set for Saturday, July 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. Call 361-4215 or visit www.stonecrop-gallery.com.

HEALTH, SUPPORT AND WELLNESS

The Heart Health Institute of York Hospital offers its smoking cessation program, "The Freedom Clinic," every Tuesday night from 5 to 6 p.m. This program focuses on education and support to help individuals achieve their goal of being tobacco-free and is facilitated by a registered nurse, registered dietitian and a certified hypnotherapist. Other programs, including "Elemental Balance Works," a Tai-Chi based approach, are also offered. For information, costs or to enroll in the above programs, call 351-3700.

The Yoga Center at the Heart Health Institute offers yoga classes for persons of all abilities. For new participants, the first yoga class is free. Introductory Yoga on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Yoga Level 1 on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m.; Intermediate on Tuesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and Seated Yoga on Tuesdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Call 351-3700.

York Hospital's Stroke Support Group offers survivors and family members a way to understand the effects of stroke and to enrich their lives. This group is a forum to share experiences, to gain support for the journey and to become inspired to move forward after stroke with meetings will on the fourth Monday of the month beginning Aug. 24 and continuing Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Heart Health Institute. Call 351-3700.

WORKSHOPS AND ENRICHMENT

The Art of Icon Painting, a four-day workshop at the York Art Association featuring Russian icon maker, teacher and lecturer Marina Nazarova, will be held on Thursdays, July 23 and 30 and Aug. 6 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$260 plus materials. The program will include a detailed discussion and demonstration of traditional materials and methods of icon making. Then, under the direction of the instructor, students will create their own icons using a combination of traditional and contemporary materials and methods. Students will learn about board and painting surface preparation, gessoing, image rendering, pigments, brush strokes techniques, detailing, highlighting, gilding, Old Slavonic lettering and varnishing. Call 363-4049.

Growing Garlic, featuring UMaine Extension Master Gardener Volunteer David Gardner, is a hands-on workshop covering all you need to know about growing garlic. Get ready to plant this fall for a bountiful harvest next July. Come prepared to get your hands dirty and leave with some garlic to plant in your own garden. This workshop is set for Monday, July 27, with a rain date of Tuesday, July 28. Preregister is required by calling University of Maine Cooperative Extension at

324-2814 or (800) 287-1535.

Major Gifts: Hors d'oeuvres, Wine and Money, a SkillBuilder presented by Michael Barndollar, will be offered Thursday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to noon at Saco City Hall by the Maine Association of Nonprofits. Registration is required for all MANP SkillBuilders and full course descriptions, dates, location, fee and registration information are all available at www.nonprofitmaine.org/skillbuilders.asp.

St. Christopher's and St. George's Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock," will be held Monday through Friday, July 20 to 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in St. Christopher's Parish Hall in York. Bible School is open to children entering grades K through 4 in the fall of 2009 at a cost of \$35 per child. For more information or to register, contact VBS Director Laura Davis at 363-2383 or lidavis@maine.rr.com.

Son Rock Kids Camp at Cape Neddick Baptist Church is set for Monday, July 20, through Friday, July 24, for children in grades K through 5. Come and explore nature while you enjoy Bible stories, yummy snacks, fun games and friendship while exploring their relationship with Jesus Christ. Camp times are 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register or for information, call 748-3009 or visit www.cape-neddick-baptist.org.

York Parks and Recreation Department is offering an array of summer classes, activities and special events for residents and non-residents alike. Call 363-1040 or visit <http://parksandrec.yorkmaine.org>.

ONGOING

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

York Community Thrift Shop, located at 1320 Route 1 in Cape Neddick requests donations of small furniture, small kitchen appliances, costume jewelry, summer hats and shoes. Proceeds from the shop benefit townspeople through the Food Pantry and Family Services. Call 363-2510.

The York County Shelter Programs is looking for various items and has volunteer opportunities. Call 324-1137.

York Harbor Inn is collecting donations and supplies for AWS and Safe Haven Cat Rescue throughout the summer. Visit the inn's Ship's Cellar Pub on York Street in York Harbor for good eats, good fun and good company while supporting a great cause.

EXHIBITS, MUSIC, THEATRE AND THE ARTS

Children's Museum of Maine has a full calendar of special events available at www.kitetails.com.

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

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

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

The Portland Museum of Art offers an extensive collection of fine and decorative arts dating from the 18th century to the present housed in three architecturally significant

buildings. Call 775-6148 or visit www.portlandmuseum.org.

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

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

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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Aerobics, Yogalates and Weight Training classes are available at York Fitness Center, Route 1, in York. Call 363-4090.

Know Your Numbers is a cholesterol screening offered by SMMC Visiting Nurses on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. An appointment is necessary and there is a \$15 fee for this service. Call 985-1000.

The Heart Health Institute offers classes including weight management. Call 351-3700.

SMMC Visiting Nurses Monthly Diabetes Support Groups are offered at the Richard Martin Community Center in Biddford on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8 p.m. and at SMMC Visiting Nurses in Kennebunk on the fourth Monday of each month from 7 to 8 or 8:30 p.m. Call 985-1000, 283-7680 or (800) 794-3546.

Yoga on York offers a variety of styles and levels of mind-body fitness classes including yoga classes ranging from Gentle Yoga up to Power Yoga, Prenatal Yoga, NIA and Pilates-Yoga Fusion. Visit www.yoga-onyork.com or call 363-YOGA.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Catapult is the Seacoast's first networking group specifically dedicated to young professionals. Catapult is a nonprofit organization, and membership is free. Visit www.catapultseacoast.org.

Club A La Carte is the place where home-schooling and un-schooling families can meet, socialize, have fun and take field trips together! Contact Janalee at janaleemoquin8@yahoo.com.

The Diverse Business Advantage Chapter of BNI meets Thursdays at Sentry Hill at 2 Victoria Court, York Harbor. Meetings are held from 8 until 9:30 a.m. and all visitors are welcome. Call Catherine Bosbach at 363-2418.

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

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assist women and children. Call 985-7433.

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

York Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Grant House on Route 1 in York, at 7 p.m. "We Serve." If you would like to meet new people, form lasting friendships and experience the joy of helping others call 363-7382.

PUBLIC MEALS

Coffee Shop at the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., serving regular or decaf coffee, pastries, Congdon's and Dunkin' Donuts, and their own blueberry muffins for \$1.50. Thursday's Coffee Club occasionally has a guest speaker.

Mama Mia's All You Can Eat Pasta-Pizza Public Supper will be held every Friday night through Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the York County Shelter Programs Dining Commons on Shaker Hill Road in Alfred. Proceeds from the dinners help support shelter programs. Call Joan Sylvester, 324-1137, ext. 105.

SUPPORT

A Safe Place, a nonprofit agency, has been providing support services and emergency shelter to victims of domestic abuse for over 28 years. A Safe Place has offices in Portsmouth, Rochester and Salem, N.H. Call (800) 854-3552.

The Cancer Community Center is a nonprofit community center located in South Portland that provides support, information and activities at no charge for adults living with cancer, their families and friends. Visit www.cancercommunitycenter.org.

Hospice of York's Living with Loss is a bereavement support group offered free of charge. Call 363-7000.

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

The Special Needs Parent Network meets the last Friday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Family Resource Center at Landmark Hill at the York-Kittery town line. Contact Marcia Flinkstrom at 384-5041 or mflinkstrom@comcast.net or Lisa Richard at 324-5501 or bugsnlola@msn.com.

The York Hospital Breast Cancer Survivor Group, which meets the third

Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ellis Conference Room at York Hospital, welcomes new members. Friends are welcome, too. During these meetings the members share information, coping tips and strategies, explore complimentary therapies, hear guest speakers, support each other, experience sisterhood, plan the Annual Walk for Hope and celebrate living.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Baha'i Faith holds Sunday morning devotional meetings and fellowship. Call 363-4591 or 361-1722.

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

The First Baptist Church of Kittery Point, located on Haley Road at Route 103, invites you to Bible Study for the family on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. You can expect great music at all services. Call 439-4077.

First Parish Congregational Church in York has Sunday services at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Call 363-3758 or visit www.firstparishyork.org.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church offers new service hours, including the informal 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening service. Two Sunday services with full Lutheran liturgy are held at 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Call 985-4803 or visit www.kennebunklutheran.org.

Ogunquit Baptist Church's Sunday Worship is at 9:30 a.m. with nursery care. Children's Sunday School is during worship time. Adult Sunday School is 10 a.m. Call 646-2160.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church holds Masses on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 and 11 a.m. Call 363-4177 or visit www.stchristopheryork.com.

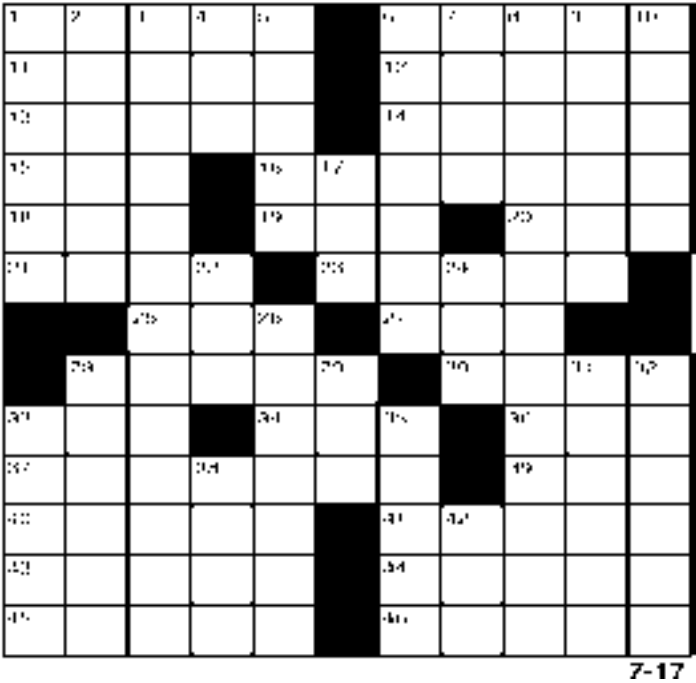
St. Francis Of Assisi American Catholic Church of New England Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. with the Most Rev. Rosemary Ananis at 952 Post Road (Route 1) Wells Plaza West. This diverse and growing small faith community has an active community outreach program, a growing children's ministry and a monthly Bible study. Come and experience the Spirit alive and well! Call 332-7761 or visit rananis@maine.rr.com.

St. George's and Trinity Episcopal Churches Summer 2009 Worship Schedule continues through Sunday, Sept. 6, with Holy Eucharist at 7:45 a.m. and Family Eucharist at 9 a.m. on Sundays at St. George's on York Street in York Harbor and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church on the corner of York Street and Woodbridge Road in York Harbor. On Thursdays at 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing is offered at St. George's. Call 363-7376 for St. George's or visit www.stgeorges-yorkharbor.org. Call 363-5095 for Trinity Episcopal Church.

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- 27. Singer Shannon
- 28. Tightfisted
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- 33. Cry of insight
- 34. Tear



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- 43. Thai or Korean
- 44. Hag
- 45. Lab work
- 46. Pointers
- 3. Dumbledore's first portrayer
- 4. Had lunch
- 5. Sir's counterpart
- 6. Understand without hearing
- 7. Periods
- 8. Dumbledore's second portrayer
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- 32. Movie categories
- 33. One of the black keys
- 35. Brandy flavor
- 38. College house
- 42. X-ray's cousin

Library Happenings

More summer activities for children & families

Visit the York Public Library at 15 Long Sands Road; contact us at 363-2818 or visit www.york.lib.me.us for the most up-to-date information.

• **Something from Nothing:** Artists who work with found materials are frequently described as making something out of nothing. Eve Corey, a Kittery resident and teacher in the York Public Schools, is exhibiting work at the York Public Library through Aug. 31.

In one series in the exhibit, Corey fashions found scraps of wood into abstract wall assemblages. Assemblage is a form of sculpture composed of found objects arranged in such a way that they create a piece. Whatever catches the artist's eye and fits properly in the composition to make a unified whole is fair game.

In another series, she works exclusively with cardboard, a material she finds delightful because of its softness and malleability. These works were inspired by visits to the French Quarter in New Orleans.

Finally, Corey will be showing small paintings of the Tuscan landscape entitled "Italian Postcards." Painted on 5"x5" squares of wood, they are snapshots of moments of color experienced in Italy.

Events

• **Video Gaming at the Library for Teens:** Teen Video Gaming is sponsored by the local group "Gamers Rock." "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. Gaming runs from 5 to 8 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, July 31.

• **Annual Library Booksale:** Thousands of gently used books on sale to benefit the library. Thursday, July 23: Preview Night. \$5 admission 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, July 24, free admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, July 25, free admission 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book Donations are now being accepted.

Summer film series

• **Family Movie Night** – "Pinocchio," Sunday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Bring the family to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Walt Disney's Pinocchio, considered one of the ten best animated films of all time - the tale of a wooden puppet brought to life by a fairy. Please feel free to bring a picnic and blanket/pillow if you wish.

Authors at the library

• **Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.:** Glenn K. Currie, a humorist, essayist, poet, and York Beach summer resident, will entertain listeners with his poetry and essays. Currie writes frequently for the Concord Monitor and is an occasional contributor to New Hampshire Magazine. "In the Cat's Eye," his fourth book of poetry, has just been released.

Summer Family Fun series

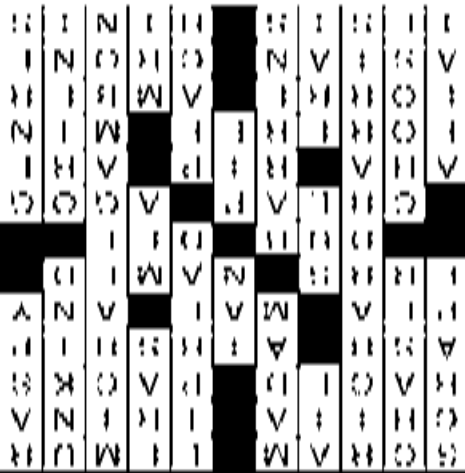
• **Tuesday, July 28 at 6 p.m.:** Family Art Night – "Collaborative Kandinsky." Julie Eneman and graphic artist Jill Burke will guide families in a multimedia exploration of color as part of the summer reading program "Get Creative at Your Library." The finished art work will be suitable for hanging. Pre-registration by July 21 is required.

• **Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 10:30 a.m.:** Legend of the Banana Kid – Puppet Show. Join the nationally celebrated puppetry troupe, Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers and their cast of hand-made puppets as Little Chucky takes on desperate outlaws to save a small town.

• **Saturday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m.:** Special Family Concert with Farmer Jason. Nashville's own Emmy-award winner Farmer Jason shares his musical talents. Jason Ringenberg brings his guitar, his voice and his infectious sense of fun- gather up all your family and come on down!

The Summer Family Fun Series is funded in part by a grant from the Kennebunk Savings Bank.

Crossword Solution



Sudoku Solution

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The Pet Connection

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THE DOGS

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, who is interested in cats and fully respects those who swat or hiss at her. This lovely lady can be rather picky when choosing canine friends but when the shoe fits, she sure runs with it! Whimpering at the slightest tail tug, Reba would do best in a home with gentle children that will play nicely and love her endlessly. At seven years old, 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!



Rosie
I am Rosie, a 10-year-young shepherd/husky mix. I am here at the shelter because my previous owners could no longer care for me. I am a calm and well-mannered dog that would love to find a forever home to call my own. I wouldn't mind sharing my new home with older gentle children but I do not like cats at all. I could deal with sharing my new home with another larger dog, but my dream is to go to a loving retirement home where I am the only pet and can be the center of attention for the rest of my days.



Tex
Always smiling from ear to ear, Tex is an 11-month-old hound mix that can't wait to find the forever home of his dreams. He is a friendly dog that loves everyone. One important thing that Tex's new owners will have to keep in mind is that he is allergic to beef and, because of this, none of Tex's food or treats can contain beef or beef products.



THE CATS

Donner
This beautiful boy is Donner, a one-and-a-half-year-old cat that has a short white coat. Donner is a bit shy, but very sweet. He can't wait to find a loving forever family to call his own and should do just fine sharing his new home with other cats.



Egypt
Beautiful as can be and very curious, Egypt is a three-and-a-half-year-old cat that has a gorgeous, short, brown tiger coat. She is a friendly girl that would love to find a forever home to call her own and should do just fine sharing her new home with other cats.



Sushi
This sweet ol' boy is Sushi, a nine-year-old cat who came to us in September of 2008 because of stress in his home. He is now looking for that special someone to scoop him up. Sushi is a sweet boy that loves his people time. He is a very vocal boy that loves to roam around our shelter getting to know everyone. Sushi should do just fine sharing his new home with other cats and respectful children. He is anxiously waiting for the forever home of his dreams and he is hoping that yours is that very one!



Trenia
This beauty is Trenia, a three-year-old cat that has a beautiful, medium-length, gray tiger coat. Trenia is an affectionate girl that would love nothing more than to have a forever family to cuddle with. She is friendly and would do just fine sharing her new home with other kitties.



OTHER PETS

Kellie
Meet Kellie, a cute little six-month-old bunny that came to us as a transfer. Kellie is a sweet girl that has a beautiful orange coat. She enjoys being gently scratched behind the ears. Kellie would love nothing more than to find a forever family that is willing to handle her every day so that she can stay as happy and friendly as possible.



Olivia
This big beauty is Olivia, is a two-year-old bunny that has a gorgeous brown coat. Olivia came to us as a transfer and would love nothing more than to find a forever family to call her own. She is a friendly girl who would love to be handled every day, and should do fine with older children.



Obituaries

Col. John J. Harrington Business management expert

YORK—Col. John J. Harrington, U.S.A.F. (Ret.), 77, died at Seal Rock Healthcare Facility in Saco, Maine on Sunday, July 5, 2009. He was born Jan. 6, 1932 in Boston, son of late James and Helen (McDonnell) Harrington. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Jamaica Plain in 1949, Boston College with a BS in Business Administration in June 1953 and earned advanced degrees from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois (MS in Education) and The George Washington University, Washington D.C. with a Doctorate in



Education in June 1973.

He retired at the grade of Colonel from the U.S. Air Force in October 1977, concluding 24 years of active duty service. He received several distinguished awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and three Air Force Commendation Medals. He served overseas tours in Iceland (1959) and Cambodia (1972).

His most recent military assignment was Commandant of the Air Force ROTC Detachment at the University of New Hampshire. After completing his military service to the nation, he was active in various capacities as a Professor of Business Administration at New Hampshire College (now known as Southern New Hampshire University), retiring mid-1994.

John was a long term member of American Association of University Professors (AAUP),

The Academy of Management, The Society for Human Resource Management, Military Officers Association of America, and various other groups.

For many years, he and his wife Christine summered in York and wintered in Venice, Fla. John was a member of St. Christopher's parish in York and Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Fla. John was an active golfer and long time member of York Golf & Tennis Club in York and member of Lake Venice Golf Club in Venice, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Christine, son Michael, daughters Kathryn and Lizabeth, step-daughter Catherine Phaneuf, and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Christopher's Church, York. Burial followed in the First Parish Cemetery. For more info, visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may

be made to the National Brain Tumor Society (East Coast Office, 124 Watertown Street, Suite 2D, Watertown, MA 02472, www.brain-tumor.org/donate) or the American Diabetes Association (P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, www.diabetes.org).

Alfred E. Butterworth Enjoyed the beach, biking

YORK—Alfred E. Butterworth, 83, of 161 York St. and a longtime resident of Hampton, N.H. died Friday, June 5, 2009 at home.

He was born March 20, 1926 in Methuen, Mass., a son of the late Alfred F. and Mabel (Campling) Butterworth.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and later served in the U.S. Air Force. He had worked as an A B Seaman for the Military Sea Lift Command in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had also worked for Ralston Tree Service, the

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He was a member of the Brotherhood of the Urantia. He enjoyed spending time with his family, the beach and bicycling.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Virginia A. (Zecchini) Butterworth; two sons, Bruce M. Butterworth of Seabrook, N.H. and David S. Butterworth of Farmington, N.H.; two brothers, Robert C. Butterworth of Newport News, Va. and Thomas A. Butterworth of Haverhill, Mass.; four grandchildren, Lisa, Nicole, Corey and Chad; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice, 42 Brickyard Ct., York, ME 03909 or to York Hospital, Oncology Dept., 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909. The Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York, is in charge of arrangements.

Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

Nancy A. Pentland**Raised six children**

YORK—Nancy A. Pentland, 80, of York died on Sunday, July 12 from complications following heart surgery.

She was born and raised in Worcester, Mass., daughter of the late Philip and Agnes Sheridan, where she met Robert H. Pentland, her husband of 61 years. She and her husband raised a family of six children and worked in the towns of Pepperell, Methuen and Andover, Mass., where she was the director of Andover Housing Authority and

board member of the York Senior Housing. She had with a passion to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens. The couple have happily lived in York for the last third of her life.

Nancy was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and was the treasured matriarch of a large extended family. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Family members include her six children: Linda Prestero, Christine Stackhouse, Robert M. Pentland, Cynthia Hale, Philip Pentland and Kathleen Kijanka.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Christopher's Church in York, Maine, with burial at Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover, Mass. Memorial donations may be made to York Hospital "Friendraising", 15 Hospital Dr., York, ME 03909. For more information, visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

Acey Knowles**Veteran, union carpenter**

YORK HARBOR—Acey Knowles, 77, of Sentry Hill Road and a former resident of Ashland, Mass., died Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at home.

He was born Feb. 22, 1932 in Framing-



ham, Mass., a son of the late Acey and Edith (Faye) Knowles. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He had worked as a carpenter for the Carpenters Union Local 475 of Ashland, Mass. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and the Carpenters Union.

He leaves his wife Lauretta M. (Lumsden) Knowles; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth Lee Knowles of Berwick, Gordon and Elsie Robertson of Burrillville,

R.I., and Dr. Patrick and Marilyn Robertson of Douglas, Wyo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Stephen Ryan of Hagerstown, Md.; also nine grandchildren. He was also predeceased by a brother and sister.

A funeral service took place on Friday, July 10 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York. Memorial contributions may be made to Seacoast Hospice, 10 Hampton Rd., Exeter, NH 03833. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

DaPonte Quartet performs Friday, July 24

OGUNQUIT—The DaPonte Quartet will return to Ogunquit for the third performance of the 2009 Summer Series in Ogunquit. The concert will take place at the Barn Gallery, Bourne Lane and Shore Road in Ogunquit at 7:30 p.m. on Friday July 24. There is plenty of free parking there. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Ogunquit Camera Shop, Ogunquit Welcome Center, and the Dunaway Center, and at the door the evening of each performance.

The program includes pieces by Haydn, Ades, and Debussy. This is a rich selection of music that reaches both ends of the 20th century.

The DaPonte String Quartet will conclude their Ogunquit 2009 Summer Series on Friday Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. with The Bach Sonata BWV 1023, Mozart's Duo K. 423,

and Beethoven's Quartet Op. 59, no. 3.

Comprised of violinists Ferdinand Liva and Lydia Forbes, violist Kirsten Monke, and cellist Myles Jordan, the DaPonte String Quartet Has performed to great acclaim around the world and in Carnegie Hall in New York City. They have been a staple in Ogunquit for the past 12 years.

About one of their recent concerts in Ogunquit, the eminent musicologist for the Portland Press Herald, Christopher Hyde wrote a review: "The DaPonte String Quartet attracted a larger-than-expected audience to the Barn Gallery (Ogunquit, ME) Saturday night for the third concert of the Chamber Music Festival.... They played the Mozart String Quartet in C Major (K. 465), Gershwin's Lullaby for String Quartet, and the Schubert String Quartet in D Minor ('Death and the Maiden'), published after the composer's death.... The performance at the gallery was out of the ordinary, full of precision, balance, and musical excitement."

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