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York Community Thrift Shop volunteers Sue and Monica Schooley, who recently joined the shop's team, arrange house wares with Joan MacNeill, who has been serving at the shop for nearly 17 years. Items for the home such as these are very popular with shoppers, and sales help the Thrift Shop support the efforts of York Community Service Association's Family Services Office and Food Pantry. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

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News About Town

Parade, Field Day set for Saturday, Aug. 15

It's a special occasion for 'Miss Flame 2009'

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Imagine being a young girl growing up in a family where your parents, brother and other relatives are firefighters and always dreaming you would some day be crowned as your fire department's first lady for the annual parade.

That is exactly what has happened for Stephanie Starkey, whose family has been affiliated with the York Fire Department for generations.

"I've been waiting for this my whole life," the recent Traip Academy graduate said, standing under a brilliant August sky, helmet in hand, to have her official photograph taken as Miss Flame 2009 in advance of the 93rd Annual York Fire Department Parade and Field Day, coming up on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The parade will begin at noon and proceed through York Village along York Street right before the Field Day muster games in Moulton Park, scheduled to begin shortly before 1 p.m. The parade features local fire apparatus as well as antique engines and trucks from other departments and, of course, Miss Flame.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend both events.

"I have always wanted to be Miss Flame," Stephanie said. "I hoped when I turned 18 and graduated they would choose me."

The Starkeys have moved from York to nearby Kittery, however, both Stephanie's parents and her brother remain active in the department, as does Stephanie.

In fact, Stephanie learned from her older brother, local volunteer firefighter Luke Starkey, following the department's monthly meeting that she had been selected.

"I am so excited," she said.

"I have always wanted to be Miss Flame...I hoped when I turned 18 and graduated they would choose me."



Stephanie Starkey has been selected as Miss Flame 2009. Stephanie will participate in the York Fire Department Annual Parade and Field Day this Saturday, Aug. 15, beginning at noon in York Village. Coming from a long line of firefighters, this recent Traip Academy graduate, who will attend college in the fall to study elementary education, said being chosen as Miss Flame is a very special honor. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

The York Fire Department is made up of approximately 50 volunteer members, ranging from Fire Explorers like Stephanie to Chief Chris Balentine. Both the York and York Beach Fire Departments

each have only three full-time, paid firefighters on staff.

Brian Starkey, who is Stephanie's father, a longtime local volunteer firefighter and

the coordinator of the Annual Parade and Field Day for more than two decades, said he hopes many local residents will come out for this year's event and support the department.

As Starkey pointed out, York's many volunteer firefighters answer fire and emergency calls 24 hours a day and receive no payment for the work they do for the town and their neighbors.

With changing times, Starkey acknowledged that traditions like the York Fire

Department Parade and Field Day are passing away, but said he hopes to keep this one alive as it heads into its 94th year.

"My father, brother and grandfather were all firefighters," he said. "There's a lot of tradition here."

Starkey said that York Hospital has assisted with funding for this year's parade and for the trophies to be awarded at the end of the muster games in Moulton Park.

Local residents and visitors alike can find ample free parking at the York Public Library in advance of the parade to watch the progression through York Street at noon on Saturday, Aug. 15, and then attend the games in Moulton Park, located on York Street in York Harbor.

For more about the York Fire Department and to find links to the York Beach Fire Department and York Ambulance, visit <http://www.yorkvillagefire.com/index.html>.

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Going 'Wild About Our Community'

Tickets on sale now for first-ever celebration at the Center for Wildlife

By Jennifer L. Saunders

CAPE NEDDICK—Fans of local wildlife will not want to miss a brand new event from the Center for Wildlife when "Wild About Our Community: A Celebration of Nature, Conservation and Education" comes to town.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Center for Wildlife will open its doors to the public for this special educational event, which replaces the Open House held in previous years at the CFW.

The center has been providing medical care, sanctuary and humane treatment for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife for the past 23 years. The ultimate goal is to see each animal brought to the center safely released back into the wild. Those birds, reptiles and mammals that can be rescued from their injuries or illnesses but are rendered unable to survive in the wild often become educational ambassadors, assisting in the CFW's other mission of "providing information and education to children, students, adults and the general public—raising awareness of the many wonderful wild species that live among us and a heightened sensitivity to the impacts humans have on their lives."

Annually, the center staff and volunteers treat about 1,600 wild animals at its Cape Neddick facility.

When it comes to sharing what the center does with the public, Development Director Laura Dehler explained that the goal behind "Wild About Our Community" is to create an event more in keeping with the nature of the

center as a refuge for sick or injured animals recuperating to be released back into the wild.

"It's great people are so excited about what we're doing, and we're thrilled people want to be here," Dehler said, and with the new program aimed at providing a more manageable day of events than the former Open House, the center staff and volunteers hope to give residents and visitors alike a firsthand, guided look at what the CFW does while also preserving the sanctuary atmosphere of the facility.

CFW Executive Director Karen McElmurry explained that the new format will give visitors a firsthand look at some of the center's animals and a chance to learn about what the CFW does with structured programs not only from the center but from complementary organizations.

"People will be leaving with a little more education," she said.

The day's events will include conservation awareness presentations geared toward adults, Dehler explained, with a separate children's activity area—complete with a storyteller.

Also in the works are natural history programs, refreshments, merchandise, guided sharing information on the center's various animal enclosures and a special raffle, featuring a mountain bike offered in partnership with Berger's Bike Shop of York.

In addition to offering visitors an array of educational and fun events, "Wild About Our Community" will also provide a fundraising opportunity for the CFW at a time when non-profit organizations are struggling with losses in grant funding and decreases in donations.

Advance ticket prices are \$5 per individual, \$10 per couple and \$15 for families of three to



Center for Wildlife Operations Director Amy Titcomb holds an injured wood turtle estimated to be at least 30 years old. The turtle was hit by a car and is recovering from injuries to his shell before being released back into the wild. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

five people. At the gate, prices will be \$7.50 per individual, \$15 for couples and \$20 for families of three to five people.

The price includes the trolley ride from the York District Court on Chases Pond Road, where free parking will be provided, to the CFW and back.

In addition to taking part in the event as visitors, local residents and businesses are encouraged to become sponsors to help fund the center's operating costs. Sponsorships for the event include Underwriters for donations at the \$2,000 level, Event Sponsor at the \$1,000 level and others at the \$300 level. Raffle prize donations are also being accepted.

To learn more about the event or the work of the center, to purchase tickets or to make a donation, contact the Center for Wildlife through its Web site at www.yorkcenterfor-wildlife.org or call 361-1400.

Zoning, toll plaza eyed by York selectmen

Key issues coming before York's leaders in weeks ahead

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Key issues that have been at the forefront of town discussions in recent months are back before the Board of Selectmen.

At the board's final meeting in July, several decisions were made related to future planning for the town of York.

First and foremost, following extensive discussion at recent meetings, the selectmen voted not to move the Residential Growth Ordinance forward to a second public hearing, which effectively allows the growth cap to sunset in November.

The growth ordinance requires public hearings and an annual vote of the board to place either a revision of the ordinance, or the current version, on the ballot each November, or it will automatically come to a close.

Although the ordinance has had strong voter support annually since its inception about nine years ago, in recent months, many in town have contacted the selectmen to argue the ordinance is no longer necessary. Opponents of keeping the ordinance in place have stressed that the economic downturn has had such negative impact

on the residential construction industry that even those permits currently available are not being used.

Others, however, have cautioned that if there is no ordinance in place the town could see a rapid increase in the demand for residential building—demand that could exceed town and school infrastructure—once the economy rebounds.

Although the selectmen decided on Monday, July 27, the issue is not closed. The board's next meeting, which was scheduled after deadline for this edition, included an agenda item calling for "Discussion Regarding Reconsideration of Vote on Growth Ordinance."

That decision would need to be made in advance of the second public hearings on proposed ordinances for the November ballot, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24.

The proposed ordinance amendments that have been forwarded to that hearing by the board include Conversion of Buildings to Affordable Apartments; Apartments Over Businesses; Workforce Affordable Housing; Affordability Requirements for Elderly Housing and Architectural Standards for Route 1. Proposed ordinances that were not moved forward to the second public hearing, and thus are not expected to be before the voters this year, include Structure Defi-

nition; LEED Standards for Non-Residential Development; Pharmacies, which sought to limit the number of pharmacies in town, and changes to the town's Formula Restaurant ordinance.

While the zoning issues are scheduled for the board's final meeting in August, the selectmen were scheduled to meet after deadline to review a long list of issues of importance to local residents.

The board's agenda included a report from Town Assessor Rick Mace on the town's current property valuation, tax rate and other information. Property tax bills were sent out to local residents and property owners in the past two weeks, with the first installment due in September and the second due in February.

Also on the agenda was an item to discuss scheduling a meeting with the Maine Turnpike Authority. The selectmen have supported the efforts of York's grassroots organization, Think Again, which has spent the past 18 months working to share information on the MTA's plans to relocate the York Toll Plaza to one of several potential sites that would result in the loss of local homes and lands.

See the next edition of The York Independent on Friday, Aug. 28 for more on these and other ongoing town issues.

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'People's Veto' petition circulating in York

Maine residents taking a stand against new tax legislation

Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—State Rep. Windol Weaver, R-York, is speaking out against the Maine Legislature's new "Act To Implement Tax Relief and Tax Reform"—and he is not alone.

Weaver is among those collecting signatures across the state from registered voters who want the legislation—which they contend will amount to higher taxes for Maine residents—to be repealed.

The People's Veto petition is ongoing in an effort to have the question on the ballot in November and let the voters decide whether or not to keep the legislation.

According to a letter from Charlie Summers, one of the Maine residents spearheading the effort, "Republicans, Democrats, Greens and Independents are coming together like never before in an effort to gather the signatures necessary to repeal this tax increase and force Augusta to stop its out of control spending."

Weaver, who opposed the tax legislation during the vote in Augusta, said it will have negative impacts on low-income Mainers as well as small businesses—especially in border communities where residents can easily travel to tax-free New Hampshire to shop.

"It's pretty sweeping," Weaver said of the

new taxes. "They're advertising the 2 percent decrease in income tax, but Maine Revenue Services predicts tens of thousands will pay an average of \$439 more than they are now."

Weaver provided information from Maine Revenue Services on the impact of the tax reform on sales, use and service provider taxes.

According to the documentation, tax rates increases include:

- Effective Oct. 1, 2009, sales tax increases from 10% to 12.5% on short term rentals of automobiles (less than 12 months).

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, sales tax increases from 7% to 8.5% on liquor served on-premises; store sales of beer, wine and liquor remain at 5%

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, sales tax increases from 7% to 8.5% on rentals of living quarters while rentals at campgrounds remain at 7%.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, sales tax increases from 7% to 8.5% on prepared food. All candy will be taxed at 8.5%.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, sales tax will apply to many amusement, entertainment and recreation services such as theaters, movies, lectures, concerts, festivals, exhibitions, amusement parks and scenic and sightseeing excursions.

"...Maine Revenue Services predicts tens of thousands will pay an average of \$439 more than they are now."

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, any nonprofit organization currently holding a sales tax exemption certificate will no longer be able to purchase prepared food, rentals of living quarters or short-term rentals of automobiles free of sales tax.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, interstate and international telecommunications service provided to residential customers will be taxable.

- Effective April 1, 2010, all rentals and leases of tangible personal property will be subject to the 5% sales tax.

- Daily rentals of items such as small tools, party equipment, tuxedos, gowns, tables, chairs, tents, golf clubs, bowling shoes, ski equipment,

heavy equipment, lawn and garden equipment, moving vans/trucks, office equipment, etc., become taxable on April 1, 2010.

- Long-term leases entered into prior to April 1, 2010 are not affected, but renewals or extensions of these leases would become taxable under this new taxation.

- Long-term leases entered into on or after April 1, 2010 will be taxable on the rental payments.

With the increase in sales taxes, the legislation promises a decrease in income tax, but Weaver and others are skeptical that will ever

happen.

"I maintain that they're not going to get the revenue their anticipating," Weaver said, which, he said, means the income tax rate will not see the reductions promised.

Weaver also said the legislation does not offer the tax reform its name promises because, in effect, it will impact Maine's poorest residents who were not paying income tax—but will have to pay sales tax on items they need everyday.

"We just defeated a bill just like this two years ago," Weaver said, stressing that this is essentially the same proposal. "The voters have told us no once. Why are we sending it back to them again when they've already told us no once?"

In the weeks ahead, the petition effort is ongoing across the state as all certified petitions must be submitted by Sept. 15 with signatures verified as those of registered Maine voters.

Weaver encouraged York voters interested in signing the petition to contact him at 351-5782 before Sunday, Aug. 30, to allow ample time for certification of the petitions.

To read the entirety of Legislative Document 1495, "An Act To Implement Tax Relief and Tax Reform" visit http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_124th/chapters/PUBLIC382.asp.

Local property protected forever by York Land Trust

Couple works to preserve 22 acres along Tominy Pond

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Following on the York Land Trust's recent success, with its conservation partners and support of the town, in forever preserving the land at historic Highland Farm, a second preservation effort has come to fruition.

The York Land Trust announced that local residents Deb and Warren Taylor have preserved 22 acres of their homestead adjacent to Tominy Pond by deeding a conservation easement to the York Land Trust.

In return, explained Nancy Lowenberg of the York Land Trust in the formal announcement of the preservation effort, the Land Trust has promised to preserve the plants, wildlife, and cultural history of the 22-acre parcel for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

The York Land Trust was founded in 1986 as a member-supported, not-for-profit organization dedicated to "conserving and protecting lands of ecological, scenic, agricultural, and educational significance in the greater York area."

Of the 41 properties currently protected by the York Land Trust, two-thirds resulted from voluntary conservation easements by landowners like the Taylors.

Upon completion of the easement and its recording in the York County Registry of Deeds, the Taylors sent a letter to their neighbors welcoming them "home again" with the announcement of the 22-acre easement.

And the response from their neighbors has been equally heartfelt.

A second family of Taylors who live nearby, but are no relation to Deb and Warren, presented the pair with a book inscribed with the words, "Dear Warren and Deb, Please accept his book as a small token of our appreciation of your tremendous generosity in the gift of your land to conservation forever."

"...they hope local residents will continue to benefit and learn from their experiences exploring the Tominy Pond acres they have preserved."

Other neighbors praised the Taylors for preserving this open space for recreational access such as walking, jogging and cross-country skiing in the presence of such wildlife as deer

and owls.

With the easement, such access will be protected in perpetuity.

According to information provided by the York Land Trust, "These covenants are a vital community conservation strategy, preserving ownership rights for the landowner, while conserving natural, cultural and recreational resources for the community."

In the case of the Taylors, Lowenberg explained, both husband and wife have had a long love of nature, stemming from Deb Taylor's remembrances of building grass huts in



Deb and Warren Taylor, pictured at right in a recent photo, have worked with the York Land Trust to ensure that 22 acres of their property along Tominy Pond will forever be preserved. Also pictured is Warren as a baby, with his parents in Kittery. Both Taylors' appreciation for preservation and nature began very early in their lives. (Courtesy photos)

her back yard as a young girl, and Warren Taylor's childhood memories of his parents and their appreciation for nature and the pastoral setting of their home.

Unfortunately, despite their love of preservation and the outdoors, both would see their childhood homes fall victim to roadway expansions. Deb Taylor's childhood home in Massachusetts was lost to Interstate 495 while Warren Taylor's Kittery home's fields were paved over by Interstate 95.

The Taylors' favorite pastimes, however, have continued to include the outdoors—from exploring the Mount Agamenticus region by foot to canoeing on area rivers. In 1978, Warren Tay-

lor purchased 37 acres on Scituate Road, in the midst of the Mount Agamenticus region, that would become the site for the Taylors' home in 1992.

In granting the easement, the Taylors told the York Land Trust that they hope local residents will continue to benefit and learn from their experiences exploring the Tominy Pond acres they have preserved. They also said they hope other landowners will consider choosing preservation options for their land.

To learn more about the York Land Trust, its preservation efforts and properties, or to find out about landowner options through the trust, visit www.yorklandtrust.org or call 363-7400.

Local parking enforcement questioned

York Beach concerns get Board of Selectmen’s attention

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Concerns about parking times and meter enforcement in York Beach have caught the attention of the town’s Board of Selectmen.

At a recent meeting, York Beach business owner and local resident Joe Lipton forwarded a letter to the board raising several issues—including complaints he has heard from visitors to the area about parking prices and enforcement in the beach.

Lipton wrote to the board in a letter shared by Selectwoman Tracy Jackson McCarty that he is seeking “a better understanding of our metering policies and ordinance in our town of York. I have heard feedback from a number of our visitors concerning the meters located at the beach, and would like to share their comments, complaints and my concerns.”

Those complaints, Lipton wrote, focus on York’s parking practices being “not visitor friendly” with such issues as the difficulty to read hours of operation, the long enforcement times—from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. along Long

Sands Beach, in Ellis Park and in the York Beach business district—and lack of lighting.

Since the meeting, a public notice has been posted on a flashing sign outside the York Police Department reminding passers-by on their way to the beach that meter enforcement is from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

However, many in town are wondering whether those extended meter times are the right choice for York.

As Lipton wrote in his letter, quoting comments he has heard in York Beach, “Does this town want us to come back... Where else in New England do they meter like this? It’s dead in town—don’t they want people to patron these small town businesses? ... I thought this is a tourist town. ... We won’t be back.”

In recent years the parking meter time was changed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. to midnight, and then amended to the 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. schedule. Lipton said he thinks that is still too much.

“Last year I approached the Board of Selectmen to review our Parking Ordinance.

I thought at the time the majority of the board felt as though there seemed to be an injustice to the wording of the ordinance and wanted to make good on what was written and its intent. After, no action was taken,” Lipton wrote.

“Why? I hope to have a better understanding of why it never went anywhere. ... Please reconsider the timing of our meters.”

Lipton also questioned why meters are only located in certain sections of town, while other areas — including York Harbor and York Village — have free parking along the streets, and asked the board to place the parking issue on an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

The selectmen agreed the issue should be on the board’s agenda for its final meeting of August.

As McCarty put it after sharing Lipton’s letter, “People go to Long Sands at nine o’clock at night to walk their dogs and they have to feed a meter.”

Selectwoman Cathy Goodwin added that when it comes to parking policies in the beach

and beyond, “I think it’s appropriate for us to deal with it.”

Speaking following the meeting, McCarty said there are multiple issues related to parking in York Beach and throughout town, but that she believes the key issue at this point is the extended time of meter enforcement.

“No one should feed a meter at nine o’clock at night—whether in Boston or York, Maine,” she said.

And, given York’s goal of preserving York Beach as a family-friendly environment, she said, this is even more the case.

There is also the question of equality, where certain areas of town do not have any parking meters at all.

“There’s a lot of dynamics at work here, but the bottom line is that we want the same thing,” she said—to find a common-sense approach that encourages tourism and the town’s seasonal tax base while also promoting York Beach as a family-friendly place, “especially in these economic times.”

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the York Public Library. As always, time for public comment will be allotted.

Tennis: Women’s League results listed

With 29 points Team 1, led by Captain Sandy Petrovich, came in first place the week of July 13 in the women’s golf league at York Golf and Tennis Club.

In second place Teams 2 and 4 are tied with 26 points. The Captain of Team 2 is Peggy Todd and Team 4’s Captain is Paula Dargan.

Separated by only one point is Team 5 in third place with 25 points. Team 5’s Captain is Linda Davis.

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being held by Team 6, led by Captain Nancy Flolid, followed by Team 3, led by Captain Spruill Kilgore, with 18 points for fifth place.

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New At Old York

18th century costumes are just the start

Following the adventures of a fellowship at Museums of Old York

How do you get people interested in the Museums of Old York? Dressing up four young women in 18th-century costumes and sending them to York Beach to talk with sun-bathers and surfers is certainly a start.

This is just one example of the types of antics that this year's Elizabeth Bishop Perkins Fellows will be concocting. For years, Fellows have been integral to the Museums of Old York: taking up residence at the Elizabeth Perkins House in order to learn about museum operations, providing guided tours of the Museum's historic properties, and conducting research. This year's group will be developing approaches to greater community involvement in the creation of museum exhibits and events, an objective that is reflected in two different projects.

To start, we'd like to take a moment now and tell you what we will be planning.

Our first project will evaluate the museum's current involvement with the community. We have composed a survey asking residents and visitors to reflect on their experiences at the museum. Over the course of the summer, we have been sitting at various public venues, eager to talk with residents and visitors about their impressions of the Museum. And yes, we will be appearing at York Beach in costume, so keep an eye out for us and don't be afraid to tell us what you think about the Museum. After all, we don't want to put on those costumes for nothing!

The second project will initiate the organization of a Fourth of July extravaganza that will occur in 2010. The event will feature a reenactment of an Independence Day Celebration that took place in 1810. The original nineteenth-century event included a parade, military music and a toasting ceremony. In order to include the entire community, however, we'd like to expand the event to appeal to modern-day interests by including a picnic, games and family-oriented fun. We're currently forming committees that will allow both the town and the museum to create an event that will be entertaining as well as educational.

The 2009 Elizabeth Bishop Perkins Fellows come from a variety of backgrounds. Mary Alexander, a native

of Phoenix, has just graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson, having majored in anthropology and history. Ruth Chan, originally from San Francisco, is getting her master's in public history at the University of South Carolina. Rebecca Odom, currently attending Saint Louis University, is studying for her doctorate in American Studies. Sara Woodbury, a local from Wells, is working on her Master's in art history at Williams College.

Although they all have different interests, we're all passionate about museums, and would love to make Old York a greater part



The Museums of Old York 2009 Elizabeth Bishop Perkins Fellows are Sara Woodbury, Mary Bryn Alexander, Rebecca Odom and Ruth Chan. (Courtesy Photo)

of the community. Old York has changed a lot over the years, and with your help, we'll continue to become a more enjoyable, worthwhile destination.

Besides, it's not every day that you get to see Colonial dames and gentlemen at the beach.

This article was submitted by the Museums of Old York staff.

Ongoing exhibit

• A York Sampler: Selections from the Past

The 2009 exhibit at the Remick Barn Gallery provides an intriguing overview of the history of York, from the 1630s to the late 20th century. The exhibit will be open throughout the season, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Remick Barn Visitor Center, 3 Lindsay Road in York Village.

Upcoming events

• Tuesday, Aug. 18: Puddin' n Pie

Discover what people ate in the 18th century! Bake pie in the dutch oven and make pudding over the fire. While the food cooks, work on a colonial craft to take home. Tuesday, Aug. 18th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Remick Barn on the corner of York Street and Lindsay Road. Ages 5-8. \$20 members; \$23 non-members. Reservations and advanced payment required. Call (207) 363-4974 x12.

• Thursday, Aug. 20: Old Time Chefs

Using the beehive bake oven, the dutch ovens

and the kettle over the fire, cook your entire lunch on the hearth! Enjoy stew, cornbread, apple crisp and fresh whipped cream. Thursday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Remick Barn on the corner of York Street and Lindsay Road. Ages 8-12. \$20 members; \$23 non-members. Reservations and advanced payment required. Call (207) 363-4974 x12.

• Tuesday, Aug. 25: Hail the Gaol

Let a released prisoner take you on a tour of the Old Gaol (jail) and tell you what life was like while he was in prison. Learn how people escaped from Gaol and make a running prisoner craft. Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Remick Barn on the corner of York Street and Lindsay Road. Ages 5-8. \$20 members; \$23 non-members. Reservations and advanced payment required. Call (207) 363-4974 x12.

• Thursday, Aug. 27: Perkins' Plays

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• Saturday, Aug. 29: George Marshall Store Gallery Exhibit Opening

The main level gallery will feature New Drawings and Constructions by Frederick Lynch. One of Maine's purely abstract painters, Lynch continues the exploration of his pictorial system called "Divisions." The dock level gallery will feature York River Currents, by Donald Demers. Nationally rec-

ognized as a marine and landscape painter, Demers shares his personal exploration of the York River from its upper reaches, coves and harbors, out to the sea. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the George Marshall Store Gallery, 140 Lindsay Road. The show runs through Sunday, Oct. 4.

• Friday, Sept. 11: Antiques Show Preview Party

The 2nd Annual Old York Antiques Show will begin with an elegant preview party on Friday, Sept. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Remick Barn on the corner of York Street and Lindsay Road. Guests will have an exclusive preview of dealer booths and the first opportunity to purchase antiques while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live music. Tickets for the preview party are \$75 and include admission to the Antiques Show on Saturday and Sunday. Patrons who donate \$250 will receive two tickets to the preview party and will be recognized as underwriters of this very special event. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Museums of Old York at (207) 363-4974.

• Saturday, Sept. 12: 2nd Annual Old York Antiques Show

The Second Annual Old York Antiques Show will feature approximately 20 dealers from throughout the region showcasing exceptional silver, furniture, paintings, porcelain, jewelry, oriental rugs, textiles, prints and decorative accessories. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Remick Barn on the corner of York Street and Lindsay Road. The \$10 admission includes a two-day ticket to experience the Museums of Old York. Free parking is available on site.

School Notes

They're gearing up for class

5th Annual Backpack Supply Drive can make back-to-school easier

By Jennifer L. Saunders

YORK—Ever since Stephen and Kimberly Martin became the owners of York's Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home in 2005, they have worked to make a difference in the community they call home.

The Martins have undertaken multiple community service-oriented initiatives. Perhaps the one most well-known in town is their annual effort to help families in need get all the supplies they need to send their children back to school well prepared for the academic year head.

This year will be no different.

Working hand-in-hand with York Community Service Association, Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home are offering the 5th Annual Backpack and School Supply Drive, ongoing now through the end of August.

And, both the Martins and YCSA Family Services Director Lorna Ryan agree, in these difficult economic times the need is greater than ever.

Ryan stressed that local families are struggling more than ever when it comes to purchasing the much-needed—and sometimes expensive—supplies and backpacks for the start of the school year.

The Martins said they are thankful for all those who have donated to the effort in the past and hope that, this year, even more local residents will be able to join them in their goal of making sure that, as Stephen Martin put it, “all York students begin the school year fully prepared with the supplies they need.”

The “wish list” for this year's school supply drive includes backpacks, lunch boxes, three-ring binders, folders, calculators, paper, pencils, rulers and art supplies. All donations may be dropped off in the lobby of the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, located at 91 Long Sands Road in York Village, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through the end of this month.



York Community Service Association Family Services Director Lorna Ryan is seen here with Kimberly and Stephen Martin, owners of York's Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, as they kicked off this year's 5th Annual Backpack and School Supply Drive, continuing through the end of August. (Courtesy photo)

“If you can pick up that one extra thing, it will make a world of difference,” Kimberly Martin said. “It adds up, and then we can stuff these backpacks and really help these kids be ready for school.”

The Martins explained that York Community Service Association, which is now in its 50th year of serving local residents and families, handles all distribution of the backpacks and school supplies to ensure the items are used to help families in need.

Ryan said the support of local residents like the Martins and businesses like Lucas & Eaton is a huge help for the efforts of YCSA, not only in filling the existing need but in the association's effort to get the word out to other local residents who may be experiencing difficult economic times.

Through initiatives like the Backpack and School Supply Drive, Ryan said, she hopes to “let families know that there is assistance and services available to help lessen the back-to-school expense.”

Any family in need of assistance with school supplies for their children may contact Ryan at YCSA by telephone at 363-5504. YCSA protects the privacy of all individuals and families that it serves.

Promotions announced at Community College

WELLS—York County Community College announced Nancy Drouin has been promoted to Director of Finance and Administration. Drouin is a Sanford resident and began working at the college in 1984 as the Business Manager. She previously worked for Imany, Inc. in Portland.

Drouin is responsible for the fiscal management of the College; as well as overseeing the facilities and information technology divisions.

“Nancy has been a very strong member of our Financial Services, IT and Facilities Management team and I am delighted to see her take over that group's leadership,” Dr. Charles Lyons, college president said.

Also, the college announced that Debora Lavoie, of Portland, has been promoted



Nancy Drouin

to Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

Lavoie is responsible for the overall marketing and public relations strategies of the college including all print and media advertising. Before joining YCCC in 2007, Lavoie was the Director of Admissions and Marketing for Catherine McAuley High School in Portland.

York County Community College, established in 1994, is one of seven community colleges in the Maine Community College System.

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Obituaries

James R. Hamel

U.S. Navy veteran of World War II

James R. Hamel, 84, of 24 Norton Ave., York Beach, Maine died Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Stamford, Conn.

Born July 9, 1925 in Worcester, Mass., he was the son of the late James Hamel and Mary Ann Morgan Hamel of Rochester, N.H.

He was a graduate of Dorchester High School, Dorchester, Mass. Class of 1943 and served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific from 1943 until his discharge in 1946.

He was also a graduate of Burdett College, Boston Mass in 1949. He was employed for the New England Telephone Company and AT&T Company for 34 years, retiring in 1989. Mr. Hamel was a member of the Warwick Club, Telephone Pioneers and Cape Neddick Country Club. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, playing pool and spending time with his grandchildren. His grandchildren brought great joy into his life and he will always hold a special place in their hearts.

His wife, Arline Seavey Hamel, died 2001; a son, Peter James, died in 1963. Surviving are his children Mary Ann Hamel Sullivan of Suffield, Conn. and son Thomas Joseph Hamel of Wilmer, Ala.; five grandchildren, Brett Sullivan, Thomas Hamel, Katherine Sullivan, Michael Hamel and Nicholas Sullivan; and a brother,

Robert Hamel of Palm Gardens, Fla.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 18 in St. Christopher's Church, 4 Barrell Lane, York, Maine. Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Rochester N.H. Memorial contributions may be made to York Hospital, 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909.

Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York was in charge of arrangements. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com.

Stephen B. Moore

Enjoyed grandchildren

Farmingdale, Maine- Stephen B. Moore, 58, of 366 Maple St., Farmingdale, and a former resident of York and Gardner, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 in Newport News, Va.

He was born May 5, 1951 in York, Maine, a son of the late Arthur B. and Jean (McKay) Moore and attended York High School. He had served in the U.S. Air Force.

He had worked as a dispatcher for the York Beach Police Department, and also worked at York Hospital and for Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home.

He was a charter member of the York Ambulance Association. He was a long-time volunteer for the York Beach Fire Department and also the York Village Fire Department. He was a member of the American Legion Post 56 in York.



Stephen B. Moore

He enjoyed his grandchildren, selling York Beach Fire Department T-shirts in the summer, Bingo, fairs and the camp. He leaves a son, Michael A. Moore and his wife, Melinda of York; a brother, Peter A. Moore and his wife, Gloria A. of Bath; his aunt, Mary Boardman of York; his former wife, Barbara Moore of Wakefield, Mass.; his companion, Eugene W. Parlin of Farmingdale; a sister-in-law, Nancy Moore of Newport News, Va.; three grandchildren, Britney Ann. Moore, Jesye Marie Jean Moore and Natalie Paige Moore; several nieces, nephews and cousins. A brother,

Frederick Moore, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Aug. 10, in the Union Congregational Church, Church Street, York Beach. Burial will follow in the First Parish Cemetery, York, Maine.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peter Moore for the Stephen B. Moore Grandchildren's Educational Fund, c/o Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York, ME 03909. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com

John "Jack" R. Mahoney

Known as 'Mr. Fix-it'

John "Jack" R. Mahoney, 82 of 73 Fernald Ave., died Saturday, July 25, 2009 at home.

He was born February 16, 1927 in Boston, a son of the late Thomas F. and Annie L. (Warner) Mahoney. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He had worked as a firefighter for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for many years before retiring.



John "Jack" R. Mahoney

He was known as Mr. Fix-it, and enjoyed working with leather and wood. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and loved country music. Jack was a man who would do anything for anybody.

His wife of 54 yrs, Mary E. (Moulton) Mahoney, died in December, 2002.

He leaves a daughter, Ruby Works and her husband Carl of North Berwick; a sister, Anna Newbury of Taunton, Mass.; two grandchildren, Shawn M. Works and his wife, Tiffany Works of North Berwick, Maine and Jeremy A. Works and his wife, Bronwen Blass of Tacoma Park, Md.; a special sister-in-law, Ethel Berger; dear friends Pamela Russell and Deb Dimmick; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 1 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York, Maine.

Memorial contributions may be made to York Hospital, "Friendraising", 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909 or to Hospice of York, c/o Dee Bickmore, 15 Hospital Drive, York, ME 03909. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com

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Politics & Other Mistakes

Escape from the chicken coop

By Al Diamon, Political Columnist

In olden times, before unlimited numbers of free-range office-seekers were allowed to be-fowl—er, befoul—the airwaves with messages less clever than that poultry—er, paltry—pun, the general rule of politics was that one dumb cluck per election season was plenty.

In that bygone era of limited birdbrains, the electorate had the luxury of savoring the wackiness an occasional fringe candidate brought to debates, without getting their feathers ruffled. Today, with any of the 20 or so declared and undeclared candidates for governor capable of getting egg on their faces, the voters' patience can be shattered like an eggshell. Not to mention the damage that can be inflicted on a columnist's overwrought metaphor.

Return with me now to a time when it was still possible to finance an entertaining—if not terribly enlightening—campaign on little more than chicken feed. Even if none of these non-contenders ended up as the cock of the walk, they still made suitable subjects for frying, roasting or grilling.

The first time I encountered Walter Kozineski, I was a rookie reporter covering my first meeting of the Portland City Council. It was in the early 1970s, and the councilors were holding a public hearing on a proposed development project of some sort. An agitated man with a hairdo that seemed to be modeled after a chicken's roost was the first citizen at the microphone.

"This proposal," Kozineski proclaimed, with contempt dripping from his every word, "is just like the Panama Canal!"

Then, he sat down.

There was a moment of confused silence, while both proponents and opponents tried to figure out the connection between the canal and the local project, which involved neither ships nor water. The only person in the room who seemed to grasp Kozineski's meaning was a woman who was vigorously nodding her head. She turned out to be his sister.

Kozineski went on to run for local and legislative offices about 30 times over 25 years, finishing nearly every campaign firmly in last place. His platform made up in consistency what it lacked in coherence: Whatever was on the agenda, he was against it.

In retrospect, he turned out to be right more often than many of his successful opponents. I sort of wish that at least once, I'd voted for him.

Sort of.

Elwin "Al" Martin used to run a lock shop and "health club" on Congress Street in Portland. One day, a friend of mine went in to get a key copied. There was nobody in the shop, but when my friend called out, a woman, naked from the waist up emerged from the "club"

and made his key, seemingly unconcerned about the sparks from the cutting machine bouncing off her ample chest.

Martin ran for Cumberland County sheriff in 1994, but his campaign was somewhat hampered by his arrest in Biddeford for selling drugs and making nude videos of underage girls. He eventually pleaded guilty to lesser charges and served a short jail sentence, all the while claiming his legal problems were politically motivated. In 1996, he was again arrested, this time for illegal possession of a gun and explosives. He jumped bail and was nabbed in Colorado two years later. On the day he was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 years in prison, he announced he was running for governor in 2002.

"When I become governor of this great state," his campaign poster read, "[I'll] be able to pardon myself."

In 2000, Martin took out papers to run for the Portland School Committee, but later said that was "a mistake."

Got that right, anyway.

Martin's gubernatorial campaign never really materialized, but that didn't mean the '02 race lacked chicken soup for the eccentric's soul. It still had state Rep. John Michael, an independent from Auburn who campaigned as if he'd run his brains through the Fryolater at his neighborhood KFC.

Michael had achieved statewide notoriety the previous year by becoming the only legislator ever censured by the Maine House of Representatives, a distinction he'd earned by launching a profanity-laced tirade at two female state senators in the halls of the State House. That wasn't Michael's first such offense. In 1985, he'd engaged in a similar tantrum aimed at a woman legislator supporting a bill to outlaw marital rape. Characterized as sexist (and a few other things my libel lawyer is too chicken to let me mention), Michael countered by introducing a bill to allow girls to play on boys' sports teams in public high schools. It went nowhere.

His gubernatorial campaign didn't attract much notice until he used a racial slur during a live radio interview. Michael ended up with 2 percent of the vote, probably none of it from women or minorities.

In 2006, he ran again. State ethics officials discovered serious irregularities in his application for public campaign financing and denied him funding. He dropped out of the race shortly thereafter.

So far, in the 2010 campaign, he's been scarcer than hen's teeth.

Pass the mashed potatoes and gravy. And pass on any comments to aldiamon@herniahill.net.

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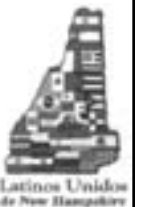
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Cover Story: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

York Community Service Association: 50 years of 'People Helping People'

By Jennifer L. Saunders

CAPE NEDDICK—Shoppers who stop by the York Community Service Association Thrift Shop on Route 1 are often looking for a bargain, an antique item or a way to stretch those dollars just a little bit farther.

What many may not know, however, is just what a difference those dollars are making to individuals and families in need right here in town.

For 50 years now, the nonprofit York Community Service Association, which was started in 1959 by a group of local residents, has been working to assist local residents who are struggling with such financial needs as home heating oil, prescription drug costs or even back-to-school expenses.

And, for 40 of those years, the revenue that comes in through the YCSA Thrift Shop has helped make that assistance possible.

York Community Service Association now includes not only the Thrift Shop and Family Services Office, but also the York Food Pantry, so that together the three parts of YCSA serve a wide array of local needs.

these difficult times without any extra staff," he said. "The legacy of YCSA will continue beyond its 50 years of service."

Family Services Director Lorna Ryan said the association's volunteers and staff are committed to helping all members of the community in need, but that the job is becoming more difficult as more and more families find themselves struggling with job losses and other factors of the current economic climate.

"We are now seeing the effects of the downturn in the economy. People have used up their own funds that were set aside for times like these and may now only be living unemployment check to unemployment check," Ryan said. "People who would never have visited my office in the past come in with some very sad stories."

In some cases, individuals are struggling with choosing between food and medication, when incomes are cut and benefits lost, while others are unable to afford gasoline to commute to work. As the weather turns colder, Ryan's requests are often for fuel to heat homes for the winter. In some cases, local residents have lost their homes, and come to the YCSA with help finding shelter.

The York Food Pantry has also seen a significant increase in the number of individuals and families seeking its services, added Food Pantry Director Tom Whalen.

"In the past, we provided groceries to 25 families and now we are seeing as many as 45 families each week," Whalen said. "We see new people every week."

What both Whalen and Ryan dread is if the day should ever come when they do not have the donations they need - in terms of food, funds or usable items—to help someone in need.

Strictly relying on items such as donated clothing and shoes, house wares and furniture, The York Community Thrift Shop's revenue supports both Family Services and the York Food Pantry. Unfortunately, with the downturn in the economy the shop has seen a decrease in donations and in shoppers.

Thrift Shop Director Cynthia Adams explained that changes to the store's operation in the current year, relying mostly on a volunteer team, has allowed the Thrift Shop to make up for some of those losses in revenue.

"The shop has gone back to its tradition of volunteers donating their time to YCSA's first and only mission of helping residents of York in need," said Adams, who explained that there an absolute minimum of part-time employees work with the volunteers in order to streamline costs.

However, with increased demand at both the York Food Pantry and the Family Services Office, the YCSA staff is actively seeking Thrift Shop donations - which are accepted seven days a week during regular business hours - and trying to get the word out to the community that shopping here is not only a way to find something for everyone but to help local residents in need.

"We're still giving out the money and the services, but we're not seeing the donations," Adams said, explaining that in addition to the prevalence of thrift stores in Southern York County, the economy has people shopping less - even at places as affordable as the York Community Thrift Shop.

Adams, Ryan and Whalen all praised the many volunteers who not only donate to the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry but also give of their time to keep the shelves stocked and to assist those who come to both locations.

And, Whalen added, within the three branches of the YCSA, "We all work together."



York Community Thrift Shop Director Cynthia Adams, Family Services Director Lorna Ryan and York Food Pantry Director Tom Whalen gather together under a banner celebrating 50 years of the York Community Service Association outside the Thrift Shop on Route 1 in Cape Neddick. The three branches of YCSA work together to help local residents in need. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders)

"It's a team effort—taking care of the community," Ryan added. "There is a perception that York is a wealthy seaside community, but there is a real need out there."

"Poverty is here," Whalen agreed.

And in celebrating 50 years of the York Community Service Association, what are the directors' hopes for the future?

"I wish we could get to everyone in town who has the need," Whalen said, speaking of the many local residents who endure poverty in silence. "I wish we could get them to come in—that's what we're here for."

For her part, Ryan said, "I hope I never have someone walk out this door without having their needs taken care of. I hope I never have to send anyone away."

Adams, too, spoke of the importance of continuing to serve York's residents.

"For 50 years this organization has been helping the community—the unseen. For 40 years, the Thrift Shop has really been a mainstay, supporting YCSA and helping the community with a fun, affordable place to shop," she said. "I want people to know that when they donate to our shop, they are supporting someone in the community directly."

To learn more about the York Community Service Association, visit <http://yorkcsa.org/home>. To reach YCSA Family Services, call 363-5504; for the Thrift Shop, call 363-2510 and for the York Food Pantry, call 351-1928.

Letter to the Editor

Be on guard against development

To the Editor,

The Turnpike Authority should certainly be aware of the multiple problems another toll plaza in our area would involve- "Think Again" has done a great service to our town. As they say, "Why another toll booth when it will be useless in a short time as the turnpike becomes free." We all sincerely hope that the MTA will fold up and go away.

Citizens of York should join our efforts to keep York's current "status quo" and not overdevelop our existing facilities. When you tell people we have three pharmacies and the talk of Walgreen coming they laugh. Even the new Rite Aid is hardly "busy." So, if Walgreen is coming let us be sure they follow all the laws and build a "LEEDs" building for our town will at least have a current building up to code!

So far, fortunately, we have heard no more from the "looming 3 story office space" on the Spur Road. The cows graze in their bucolic fields across the way, watching the long stream of tourist space intruding on their and our peaceful entrance to York as the tourists come off the turbulent I-95.

Did I hear correctly that the York Thrift Shop is not going to move? How wise to keep us coming to the same familiar place. Save the money of a new building and new location. We all know where you are and will come. However, that leaves the space at the end of Old Post Road where it ends at Route 1. Could this now be a location for the much needed fire and police departments?

Cynthia H. Raymond
York, Maine

In the first half of 2009 alone, the York Community Service Association has contributed more than \$30,000 and 78,000 pounds of food to the community.

In an announcement of the donations made during the first half of the year, YCSA Board Vice President Paul Salacain commented on the organization's ability to offer more to York's neediest during this downturn in the economy.

"The Family Services Office and the Food Pantry have provided enormous support to the people of York during

Four decades of 'thrifty' service

**Shop and donate locally
at York Community Thrift Shop
and make a difference**

By Jennifer L. Saunders

CAPE NEDDICK—For four decades, the quaint little shop on Route 1 has been the place to go for bargains in all shapes and sizes—from Crocs for the kids at \$3 a pair to jewelry to prints to decorate your home or cottage.

This year, perhaps more than ever, the York Community Service Association is relying on its York Thrift Shop to help fund the many programs of the Family Services Office as well as food purchases for the York Food Pantry as more and more local residents are hit hard by the downturn in the economy.

However, as Thrift Shop Director Cynthia Adams explained during a recent visit at the shop, donations and sales are down right now at the shop. Adams, as well as members of the YCSA staff and board, are hoping that by getting the word out about what the shop does, more local residents will donate to their local thrift store.

The York Thrift Shop, explained YCSA Family Service Director Lorna Ryan, provides the main source of income for York Community Service Association.

The nonprofit YCSA relies on funds raised through the shop, as well as donations from local residents and businesses, to fund its mission of "People Helping

People"—providing everything from free medical supplies such as canes, walkers and crutches, to fuel assistance funding and food to those in need.

With its new operation schedule, Adams explained, the York Thrift Shop stays open seven days a week during the summer, with hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and relies on a staff made up almost entirely of volunteers to keep its costs down.

In an effort to make it easier for local residents to donate to the shop, donations are accepted seven days a week during regular business hours.

What many residents may not know, Adams explained, is that in addition to such items a new or gently-used cloth-

"We have everything from that 25-cent bit of hardware to the \$100 necklace—and everything in between... And often, you'll find something quite unexpected."

ing and shoes, the York Thrift Shop also accepts items for children, kitchen items such as coffee makers and toasters, DVD players and VCRs, and house wares including dishes, glassware, cutlery, jewelry, antiques, linens and curtains and even books.

"We're especially looking for house wares," Adams explained.

The shop even includes a special section featuring items from the home, including small bureaus, occasional tables, artwork and decorative pieces.

Items that cannot be accepted include large appliances, computer equipment and

televisions.

The shop is the perfect place to start when looking for that special something to finish a room - or to furnish a summer cottage. In addition, Adams said, those considering changing their décor are encouraged to consider the York Community Thrift Shop as the place to donate their used items.

"We cherish every donation we get," Adams said.

Whether you're looking for an extra pair of shoes, a fancy dress for a child's play or a book to read at the beach, the York Thrift Shop has something for everyone—and all the proceeds will go to a very good cause.

"We have everything from that 25-cent bit of hardware to the \$100 necklace—and everything in between," Adams said. "And often, you'll find something quite unexpected."

"And," Ryan added, "if it's not here today, it might just be here tomorrow."

Most importantly, Adams said, those who donate and shop at the store will know they are making a difference by helping members of their community.

For those who wish to make donations to the shop, tax receipts are available as the York Community Service Association is a 501(c)3 organization.

To learn more about the York Thrift Shop, stop by its 1320 Route 1 location, call 363-2510 or visit http://yorkcsa.org/thrift_shop.



The York Community Thrift Shop, pictured here, above, in an image taken many decades ago and on view in the shop, has been serving local residents for 40 years from the same site on Route 1 in Cape Neddick. Even a devastating fire several years ago did not keep this little shop down. Now, however, the need for donations and sales are up as the little store continues to provide the bulk of the funds necessary for the York Community Service Association's mission of helping local residents in need. (Photo by Jennifer L. Saunders) At left, two views of the shop as it appears today. (Courtesy Photos)

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Arts & Leisure

Last chance to visit this year’s Decorator Show House

Annual Decorator Show House to close on Saturday, Aug. 15

YORK—It’s your last chance to take a peek inside. The Museums of Old York’s 20th annual Decorator Show House will close to the public effective Saturday, Aug. 15. McIntire Farm, located on the McIntire Homestead at 270 Cider Hill Road, is a charming farmhouse overlooking the York River in the Scotland District of York, Maine. Dating back to the late 1600s, the McIntire Homestead has been in the same family for more than 300 years. The Show House at McIntire Farm features more than two dozen spaces, each uniquely decorated by one of the region’s leading interior designers, landscapers and artists. This annual event raises funds to support the museum’s education programs, exhibitions and preservation initiatives. For more information, visit www.oldyork.org. Located at 270 Cider Hill Road in York, McIntire Farm can be viewed Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On-site parking is available. Tickets to the Show House are \$20 and are available at the door. Ticket stubs from the Decorator Show House are good for \$2.00 off the cost of admission to the Museums of Old York.



McIntire Farm, located on the McIntire Homestead at 270 Cider Hill Road, is a charming farmhouse overlooking the York River. (Jennifer Saunders Photo)

About the Museums of Old York

The Museums of Old York collects, stewards and presents objects of historical and community significance from York, Maine and surrounding communities. The museum’s collections showcase a broad spectrum of local architecture (including a National Historic Landmark), an archival library and outstanding furniture, decorative and folk art collections.

In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of exhibitions, lectures, workshops and hands-on education programs. The museum campus features a contemporary art gallery, 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. For more information, please call (207) 363-4974 or visit the museum’s website at www.oldyork.org.

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Arts & Leisure

Kids and Families: One more weekend for 'Aladdin'

A popular lineup of children's theatre productions comes to a close for the Ogunquit Playhouse with Disney's Aladdin, Jr. Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23.

The Children's Theatre series is produced entirely by our Junior Players Camp students showcasing their talents, while entertaining thousands of their peers. This year all-new Sunday matinees are included, offering three performances during the weekend.

Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tale! All of your favorite characters are here in this stage adaptation of the Disney hit, including Aladdin, Jasmine, and of course, the Genie. Filled with magic, mayhem and a flying carpet, audi-

ences' spirits will soar with excitement. Most of all, the tuneful, Academy award-winning score with songs including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me" will certainly make this musical a favorite for many years to come.

All tickets are \$10. Shows take place Saturday at 10 a.m. and noon, and Sunday at 10 a.m.

The Ogunquit Playhouse produces the best of Broadway at the Beach each season, now running 21 weeks from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekends!

For a complete list of show times and ticket prices, including the Children's Theatre shows, visit us online at www.ogunquitplayhouse.org. Tickets are available online or through the box office at 207-646-5511.



Ogunquit Playhouse Children's Theatre Season closes with Disney's Aladdin, Kids Aug. 22-23 (Courtesy Photo)

DaPonte String Quartet to give final local concert of season

OGUNQUIT—The Ogunquit Performing Arts and Ogunquit Arts Collaborative announces that the DaPonte String Quartet is returning to Maine after being on a 10-day grand tour of performances in California.

The Maine-based group is constantly developing a national and international reputation, having played from coast to coast and abroad to great reviews and accolades.

The final concert of the DaPonte String Quartet will take place at the Barn Gallery, Bourne Lane and Shore Road in Ogunquit at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. 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.

This final program will consist of Bach Sonata BWV 1023, Mozart Duo K. 423, and Beethoven Quartet Op. 59, no. 3. It will be an exciting evening to celebrate the finale of a very special Summer Series.

According to Christopher Hyde in his review (Maine Sunday Telegram July 16, 2009) of the DaPonte's second concert in Ogunquit, "The DaPonte is playing, to one ear at least, at the highest level of its 14-year history in Maine."

"The familiar Mendelssohn String Quartet in E-flat Major (Op. 12) which opened the program, is a case in point, full of rich harmonies, long well-sustained melodic lines and crisp articulation. It even had some nice solo parts, especially for the cello."



The Daponte String Quartet performs its final concert of the 2009 Summer Series at the Barn Gallery in Ogunquit on Friday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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Flags over Maine Streets

York's American Legion Post 56 has donated \$200 to are resident Mike Little's efforts to foster "community pride through patriotic spirit" with his Flags over Maine Streets initiative.

Flags over Maine Streets was formed on behalf of the men and women of the United States armed forces and to honor the memory of those who have given all in honor of our country.

Little's son Spc. Kyle Andrew Little and his brother-in-arms, Sgt. Blake C. Stephens, were both killed in action in Iraq on May 8, 2007, and, as Little put it, "are among the many husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters whom we owe our freedoms by receiving lifelong injuries like Klye's and Blake's best friend, U.S. Army Spc. Saul Martinez. Flags over Maine Streets is dedicated to giving back to the very communities that our loved ones have defended."

The American Legion recently donated \$200 to Little's ongoing efforts.

Little noted that proceeds from all sales through Flags over Maine Streets go back to the communities, helping support the soldiers and their families in each town.

To learn more, or to purchase flags, visit www.flagsovermainestreets.com.

Community Investment Ballot Deliveries Begin

For 14 years Kennebunk Savings has asked its customers to help decide where 20 percent of its Community Investment Program budget should go.



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This year, customers voted in record numbers with nearly 7,200 customers responding. Representing the largest number of votes with nearly ten percent of all votes, the Animal Welfare Society received a check for \$7,865. The other top recipients of the Community Investment Ballot include Another Chance Animal Rescue, The Center for Wildlife, Safe Haven Animal Shelter – Wells, York Community Food Pantry, York Hospital, Kennebunk Community Food Pantry, Caring Unlimited, Child Abuse Prevention Council and Footprints Food Pantry.

Now Kennebunk Savings Officers are out delivering the checks.

Kennebunk Savings President and CEO Brad Paige spoke about visiting the nonprofit organizations.

"We truly enjoy this part of the year, when we get out to deliver unsolicited checks to our area nonprofit organizations," he said. "Over 220 organizations will be receiving funds from this program in 2009."

Through the program, the bank has contributed \$6 million to area nonprofit organizations since 1994.

"We are humbled to be the top recipient of the ballot vote," said Animal Welfare Society Executive Director Steve Jacobsen. "This funding also serves to reaffirm the work we're doing, and it'll be exceptionally useful this year due to the increase in the number

of people who are unable to afford to care for their animals. We think our constituents know, too, that funds from the Kennebunk Savings Ballot go toward our general operations fund, which provides for the many animals in our shelter."

In 2008, the Animal Welfare Society placed approximately 2,750 animals in homes, just under 1,000 dogs, more than 1,500 cats and roughly 250 small animals.

Get Outside with Mount Agamenticus Programs

The weeks ahead offer special opportunities for residents and visitors to experience all Mount Agamenticus has to offer.



York County Community College President Charlie Lyons visited campers during Adventure Camp, one of the many fun and educational College for Kids programs running at the school throughout the summer. (Courtesy Photo)

Combining physical activity and literacy may seem like an odd mix but thanks to the brainstorm of Anne Ferguson, in conjunction with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, Vermont, Story Walk™ has taken off and is sweeping Vermont, New Hampshire and now York.

This self-guided fitness element has been added to Mount A's our recreation lineup to combine the benefits of physical activity, time outdoors in nature, literacy and family time by taking children's books and posting them, in pieces, along a recreational path or hiking trail.

In August the selected read is "All Around Me I See" by Laya Steinberg along the Ring Trail. Be sure to look for the sign letting you know that your Story Walk™ is about to begin and follow the story as it guides you to the summit of Mt. A. Please be sure to let us know about your experience in our visitor journal at the end of your hike.

From Monday, Aug. 24, through Friday, Aug. 28, York Parks and Recreation will present a special program for children ages 9 and up and a parent.

Spend mornings at Mount Agamenticus, explore new areas and learn about the natural treasure in your own backyard. Learn how to enjoy nature while having little impact on wildlife habitats and water quality.

Every day will include lessons about the outdoors along with a daily hike to explore new areas in the Mount A region. The workshop will include map reading and compass use; leave-no-trace principles and the ecology and history of the area – just to name a few.

Did you know that Mount A was the site of the U.S. Military's first radar tower, is home to three threatened and endangered turtle species and that its area consists of three hills and more than 40 miles of trail?

This special program will give you all the details – and much more. For details, or to register, contact York Parks and Recreation at 363-1040.

New Project at York County Shelter Programs

Inspired by the popularity of such online shopping sites as

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eBay, York County Shelter Programs will soon be offering ShelterBay through its Web site at www.yorkcountysheelterprograms.org.

While the program is currently in its infancy stages, it is hoped that it will bring in much-needed revenue for the shelter.

ShelterBay features photos and descriptions of items and services that people have agreed to donate to benefit the shelter. In the future it is hoped that many items and services will be listed, according to shelter staff, as the accepting of donations for resale is not only a fundraising initiative but goes hand-in-hand with the shelter's commitment to recycling.

"It will not be a bidding set-up like eBay," explained Mary Doyle of York County Shelter Programs. "Rather, there will be an asking price."

Purchasers may then contact Doyle about purchasing the item, and the price paid will go toward helping the shelter's feeding programs.

"There is a whole array of items that could someday be listed on ShelterBay such as cars, books, antiques, a stay at a vacation home, an offer of a service to benefit a homeowner, etc.," Doyle explained. "The shelter would appreciate it if people could spread the word about ShelterBay."

If you have items in good, usable condition to donate to the program, contact Doyle at 324-1137 or mqdoyle@gmail.com.

A Presidential Adventure

Local youngsters taking part in York County Community College's Adventure Camp had a special instructor during a recent session.

YCCC President Charlie Lyons visited with the young campers during Adventure Camp, which is one of the many fun and educational College for Kids programs running at York County Community College throughout the summer.

Lyons, whose daughter Hanna is working as a camp counselor this summer and invited her father to give a demonstration at the college pond, gave young campers a lesson in casting.

Volunteers: York Hospital Needs You

If you have three or four hours each week to spare and are looking for a rewarding experience, York Hospital wants you to join its team of volunteers.

Volunteers do a bit of everything, including patient transportation, greeting, café assistance, medical clerical work, room service and Reiki.

A volunteer helping out York Physical Therapy, for example, would be responsible for the safety of patients while assisting them to and from the rehabilitation



The Senior High Youth Group of First Parish Church of York recently returned from its summer mission trip. (Courtesy Photo)

departments, along with helping with patient exercises and office work.

Other volunteers serve the community in the BRIDGES Program, which helps fill the gap between the hospital and home care as volunteers build relationships with community seniors, assisting them with non-medical necessities such as grocery shopping, prescription pickup and, most importantly, companionship.

Volunteers are needed at York Hospital, York Hospital in Wells, South Berwick Medical Services, Berwick Medical Services and York Hospital Services in Kittery.

To learn more, or to volunteer, contact the York Hospital Volunteer Office at 351-2224 or email Roberta Sullivan at rsullivan@yorkhospital.com.

Collins Announces Millions in Funding for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, announced recently that the U.S. Senate has approved the fiscal year 2010 Defense Authorization Bill, which authorizes \$679.8 billion in funding for the U.S. Department of Defense.

The bill includes key provisions authored by Senator Collins that will support work at Bath Iron Works, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the University of Maine, Saco Defense, and other Maine companies that support our national security efforts.

Locally, \$7.1 million has been included in the bill for

the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery to be used for security improvements at Gate 2.

Additionally, more than \$100 million is included for Saco Defense for manufacturing of the Light Caliber .50 Machine Gun, M2 .50 Caliber Machine gun, MK-19 MOD 3 Grenade Machine Gun and Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher.

Rounding out the funds expected to support York County businesses is \$4 million for Howe & Howe Technologies, Inc., in North Berwick to weaponize the Ripsaw Unmanned Ground Vehicle platform and \$10.4 billion to purchase 30 Joint Strike Fighters (F-35). A portion of that sum is expected to have a local impact as the engines for these planes are built by Pratt & Whitney in North Berwick.

Mission of Caring

The Senior High Youth Group of First Parish Church of York recently returned from its summer mission trip.

From Saturdays, July 11 to 18, 33 youth and seven adults traveled to Sutton, N.H., and joined with 300 others to do home repair for those who could not afford such improvements. During the mission trip, the volunteers worked on 48 homes in the Lake Sunapee Region.

The trip was led by the pastors of First Parish Church, Rev. Rich Knight and Rev. Linda Hirst.

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Animal Welfare Society Satellite Adoption Center at PetSmart at Biddeford Crossing welcomes the Mobile Adoption Team from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15. Also on that day, the AWS Humane Educator and an adoptable AWS animal will be 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.

August Programs at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm includes Bird Walk on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 7:30 a.m.; Secrets of the Salt Marsh will be offered on Friday, Aug. 14, as well as Tuesday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 29, each at 9:30 a.m.; Signs of Wildlife Walks on Monday, Aug. 17, and Friday, Aug. 28, both at 9:30 a.m.; Bird Banding Demonstrations on Wednesdays, Aug. 19 and 26, both from 7 a.m. to noon; Wildflower Walks on Thursday, Aug. 20, and Monday, Aug. 24, both at 9:30 a.m.; History of a Saltwater Farm on Friday, Aug. 21, and Tuesday, Aug. 25, both at 9:30 a.m.; The Environmental Easel, for ages 9 and up, on Friday, Aug. 21, at 12:30 p.m.; Coastal Geology on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8:30 a.m., and Trees on the Trail on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 9:30 a.m. Call 646-1555 or visit www.wellsreserve.org.

August Wine Tasting at The Clown, "Deck-Sippin' Whites & Bar-B-Que Reds," will be held Friday, Aug. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information on this free event, call The Clown at 351-3063.

The AWS Mobile Adoption Team and adoptable Animal Welfare Society canines will be at a book signing at the Kennebunk Book Port in Shoppers Village on Route 1 in Kennebunk from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 22, with Melissa Provencher, author of "For Pete's Sake," based an Animal Welfare Society alum. Join the fun and see what books the dogs pick out for themselves!

The Bat Man Returns to the Wells Reserve on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. Tom Cowland, retired schoolteacher and bat enthusiast, has worked with "nature's insecticide" for four decades. In this presentation, Cowland will talk about the bats of New England and the world, including insectivores, pollen eaters, fruit bats and vampire bats. He will describe bat anatomy and physiology, feeding methods, the myths surrounding these beneficial flying mammals and how and why to attract bats to your own backyard. The suggested \$5 donation includes admission. For more information, call 646-1555.

Congdon's Doughnuts "All You Can Eat" Summer BBQ Feast will benefit Safe Haven Humane Society on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Congdon's owner Gary Leech is donating all proceeds from the sale of barbecued ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, potato salad, cole slaw and soda. For those who prefer vegetarian cuisine, meatless Boca Burgers will also be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. There's plenty of seating indoors, so the event goes on rain

or shine at Congdon's Doughnuts, Route 1 in Wells. For more information, call Joyce McKay at 985-3550.

Help Safe Haven Night will be held at the Coastal House on Route 1 in Wells on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes a buffet dinner of salmon or Chicken Marsala, plus a silent auction, live auction and raffles. Items and services have been donated by area businesses and Safe Haven contributors. Bill Johnson of Johnson's Hall & Antique Museum will be the auctioneer. To purchase tickets or make a donation, call Carl or Helga at 646-7373.

Essay Contest for the Conway Area Humane Society is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to win a \$780,000 Conway home, being donated by the Meilikens and their Jack Russell terrier, Roscoe. The Conway Area Humane Society has rescued over 5,000 animals since it opened its doors in 2003, almost one animal rescued per family in town. There is a \$50 entry fee, which must be accompanied by the contestant's choice of one of the following: a written essay, a video, photography, poem or song explaining why they should win Roscoe's house. Humorous entries, or those that tug at the heartstrings, are encouraged, and a community panel will blind-judge the entries and select the Grand Prize winner. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m. In addition to the Grand Prize, all entrants are eligible to win \$15,000 in cash prizes. One early-bird raffle for \$5,000 remains on Thursday, Sept. 10. For complete contest rules, and a photo tour of the home, please visit www.newenglandhome-contest.com. For other information call (603) 447-5605. For more about the non-profit shelter, visit www.conwaysshelter.org.

Events at AWS for August include special events at the Kennebunk Norman Rockwell Festival from Friday through Sunday, Aug. 14 to 15, with information at 985-3244, ext. 117; AWS Satellite Adoption Center at PetSmart in Biddeford on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the 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. For more, call 985-3244 or visit www.animal-welfaresociety.org.

Fourth Annual Meet the Breeds Showcase, hosted by York County Kennel Club of Maine and the Vacationland Dog Club, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at Tractor Supply Co., on Route 1 in Scarborough. The showcase runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing will be available to well-behaved dogs for \$15. For more, email dnsfarm@roadrunner.com, call 324-5400 or visit <http://yorkcountykennelclub.homestead.com>.

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.

Hospice of York 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Regatta Room in Eliot to commemorate three decades of service by this all-volunteer hospice organization. Hospice of York Director Dee Bickmore urges past members of Hospice of York and other area residents touched by the organization who would like to be a part of this special event to contact her at Hospice of York at 363-7000 so that they may be included among the invited guests.

Long Sands Beach Cleanup will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m., and will last approximately one hour. Cleanups are a great way to improve the local environment and at the same time get a great workout! We'll bring the bags. You bring your abs! All supplies are provided. Meet at the Long Sands bathhouse and work as a team. For information contact Allie or Andrew Hayford, York's Adopt-A-Beach Coordinators for Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation, at dhayford@maine.rr.com or 361-1790.

Miss Maine Day Scholarship Pageant will be held in Saco at the Hampton Inn on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 1 p.m. Deadline for applications is Saturday, Aug. 15. For more information or to obtain an application contact Deb Landry at 284-6316 or at deb@brysonataylor.com. The pageant awards scholarships for academic achievement and essays to the winners of each category and focuses on empowering young ladies to be the best they can be through poise, grace and giving back to their communities. Age categories are Miss Mini Maine (4 to 7) Little Miss Maine (8 to 11) Miss Maine's Young Teen (12 to 14) and Miss Teen Maine (15 to 17). Participants are required to model sportswear and evening gowns, perform a two-minute talent and answer on-stage questions. Special guest performers and host of this year's pageant are Suzanna Stauble, Miss Maine 2009 and Saco's Kristin Korda, Miss Maine's Outstanding Teen 2009. Korda won last year's competition in the teen division and went on to win Maine's Got Talent and then Miss Maine's Outstanding Teen in June. Both young women won a combination of over \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.

Norman Rockwell Festival at the Kennebunk Town Hall will be held Friday through Sunday, Aug. 14 through 16. Events will include an Animal Welfare Society Benefit Craft/Bake Sale during the day on Saturday, the exhibit all three days and plays based on Rockwell's work on Saturday night. On Sunday enjoy an early Thanksgiving Dinner at 2 p.m. based on Rockwell's "Freedom from Want" painting. Tickets for the dinner are available at the Animal Welfare Society prior to the event and at the Welcome Reception on Friday. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit AWS. Call 985-3244, ext. 117, or 985-8888 for more information.

Open Farm Day at Triple G Farm on

CALL TO ARTISTS



The York Art Association will be holding an Open Pastel and Watercolor Show from Friday, Aug. 28, through Sunday, Sept. 13, at the York Art Association building in York Harbor. This is a specialty show open to all members and nonmembers working in watercolor and pastel. Judge of watercolors is Linda Franklin of York and the judge of pastels is Carol Santora of Kennebunk. Drop off submissions on Sunday, Aug. 23, or Monday, Aug. 24, between 4 and 6 p.m. The opening reception will be Friday, Aug. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. Up to two paintings may be submitted, with a guarantee of at least one being accepted. For full details visit www.yorkartassociation.com. (Courtesy photo)

Route 91 in York will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the sheep, pigs, rabbits and chickens; stock up on yarn and enjoy crafts for kids, baked goods and eggs while they last. This event will be held rain or shine. Visit WWW.TripleGFarm.com.

Travel Back in Time on U.S. Route 1 with Maine State Historian at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth Jr. will use period postcards, travel brochures and maps to illustrate the changes Route 1 experienced in the early automotive age of the 20th century. A \$5 donation to the Wells Reserve education program is suggested. Call 646-1555.

Video Gamers at the York Public Library will meet Saturday, Aug. 15 and Friday, Aug. 21, 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.

Wild About Our Community: A Celebration of Nature, Conservation and Education at the Center for Wildlife will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13. Tickets to this special educational and fundraising event are available in advance for \$5/individual; \$10/couple; \$15/family of five or at the

gate for \$7.50/individual; \$15/couple and \$20/family of five. For all the details, visit www.yorkcenterforwildlife.org or call 361-1400.

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

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.

EXHIBITS, MUSIC, THEATRE, BOOKS AND MORE

Altering Conclusions, an independent film from Gold Shoe Productions, will have its premiere public showing at the Sanford Maine Stage Theater at 1 Hilltop Lane in Springvale on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and concessions will be available. It should be noted that the film in no way reflects the views or opinions of Sanford Maine Stage Theater or its resident theater company, Vacationland Theater. The film is not rate is recommended for ages 17 and above due to language, violence and adult content. Anyone under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To reserve tickets call 490-1210.

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.leavitttheatre.com.

On the Marsh "Ladies Night Only" on Thursday, Sept. 10, to benefit the Food Pantry of York County, will feature Kelly MacFarland, who has been heralded as one of the top female comediennees of her time. The cost for the evening is \$60 plus tax and gratuity. Call 967-2299.

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 exfpottery@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.

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

YORK DAYS CELEBRATION



Local residents Mairead Murphy and Sammi Pooler were among the many children and adults who flocked to the Cape Neddick Light Station to be a part of the festivities during this year's York Days Celebration. (Courtesy Photo)

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

York Adult and Community Education C.N.A. course begins Tuesday, Sept. 8 and runs for 11 weeks. Interviews are being scheduled now for Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 18 and 19. Call 363-7922 to schedule an interview or receive more information.

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.

SPECIAL EDITION



D'Alessandro Fine Art and the Museums of Old York are presenting a special edition print entitled "Yellow Sky" in conjunction with the 20th Annual Decorator Show House at McIntire Farm. Proceeds from this fine art print of the beautiful fields and river of McIntire Farm will benefit the Museums of Old York. Prints are available through Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Show House on Cider Hill Road in York, online at www.AnthonyDAlessandro.com, or by phone at (603) 205-7277 for \$95 unframed and \$295 framed. Courtesy photo

The art of Icon painting

Russian icon maker comes to York Art Association

Russian icon maker, teacher and lecturer Marina Nazarova Forbes, will offer hands-on studio workshops for students interested in learning how to create traditional Russian icons, one of the world's oldest and most respected forms of religious art.

The next workshop is Thursday, Aug. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshops take place at the York Art Association, 394 York Street (Route 1A), York Harbor.

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.

For more information, contact Marina directly at (603) 332-2255 or by e-mail at marina@anylanguage.org. To register, please contact the York Art Association at 363-4049.



Library Happenings

York Public Library and more...

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.

Summer Family Fun series

• **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!



(Courtesy Photo)

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

Events

• **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.

• **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 days: Saturday, Aug. 15; and Friday, Aug. 21.

Summer film series

• **Sunday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.:** "The Wrestler" (2008). Drama about Randy 'The Ram' Robinson (Mickey Rourke), an aging professional wrestler decades past his prime. While not for the faint of heart, you don't have to be a fan of wrestling to enjoy this film about missed opportunities, bad decisions and loneliness. Brutal, honest, and touching. Rated R for violence, sexuality, nudity, language, and some drug use. 111 mins.

• **Sunday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.:** "I've Loved You So Long" (2008). Just released after serving 15 years in prison for an unspeakable crime, Juliette, a haunted woman goes to live with her sister. The film gradually reveals the mystery as the two sisters embark on a painful but redemptive journey. In French with subtitles. Rated PG-13 for thematic material and smoking. 117 mins.

• **Sunday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.:** "Man on Wire" (2008). In August 1974, Philippe Petit, a French wire walker spent 45 minutes walking, dancing, kneeling, and lying on a wire he and friends strung between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. This film shows the extraordinary challenges he faced in completing the "artistic" crime of the century. Rated PG-13 for some sexuality/nudity and drug references. 94 mins.

Sunday Night at the Movies is made possible by the Library Film Group, which is composed entirely of volunteers. Those interested in participating in the Library Film Group are encouraged to contact any group member at the screenings or to leave their name and phone number at the front desk of the library.

For children

• **Infant Lapsits (infants to two years old) on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Come for a program of stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes.

• **Preschool Story Hours on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.** Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Friday story hours with Miss Kathleen are designed for 2- to 5-year-olds.

• **Bedtime Story Times on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.** Kimberly Whelan, preschool educator, shares her favorite stories and rhymes each Tuesday through August. Miss Kimberly, who leads the Tactile Toddler program during the school year, invites parents to bring their children in pajamas and snuggle in for a half hour of stories designed to send them to dreamland.



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THE DOGS

Buddy

Hi, my name is Buddy! I am a one-year-old fawn pitbull. I am housetrained and crate trained. The obedience instructors say that I am very smart and if my new person wanted to work with me on clicker training I am a fast learner. I know the commands "sit," "down" and "wait" and I'm awesome at the game of fetch. I am taking a basic obedience class at the shelter and would love to continue with my new person. I will even get a discounted rate. I will be happy to share my new home with dog savvy cats and children of all ages. I get along well enough with some other dogs and I love to spend time at the dog park. Come on, how can you resist this face?



Hera

This beautiful girl is Hera, a two-year-old Rottweiler looking for that special someone. Hera is a friendly girl and would do just fine sharing her new home with certain dogs and children over the age of 10; however, cats are not Hera's cup of tea, so we will not be asking her to share her new home with any. Hera is a smart dog that knows the command "sit" and would love to learn more. Going through a basic obedience class would be great for Hera and her new owners, and the price is discounted for adoptees.



Seneca

This gorgeous gal is Seneca, a seven-year-old cattledog mix looking for that special someone. Seneca is an independent and gentle dog that will do just fine sharing her new home with other dogs and children over the age of eight. Cats are not Seneca's favorites, so we will not be asking her to share her new home with any. If you are interested in bringing this beautiful girl into your family please fill out an adoption application and stop in with your family and dogs to meet Seneca.



THE CATS

Ferris

Meet Ferris, a beautiful seven-and-a-half-year-old cat with a medium-length, tortoiseshell coat. Ferris came to us because her owners were moving and she couldn't go along. She is a friendly and independent girl that would love to share her new home with other cats.



Genevive

Pretty as a picture and always ready for some fun, Genevive is a beautiful three-year-old cat with a nice, long black coat. She is a fun-loving, friendly girl and can't wait to find a forever home to call her own. Genevive should do just fine sharing her new home with other cats and respectful children.



Gus

Meet Gus, a gorgeous four-year-old cat with a soft, short gray coat. Gus is a friendly boy and would love to find the forever home of his dreams. If you are interested in adopting this sweet boy please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet Gus.



Mary

If you're looking for the sweetest kitty on the block, then Mary is the one for you. Her purr-box is almost always on, and she is a marvelous girl who wants nothing more than a good quality retirement home that will shower her with love. Coming to the shelter without any teeth, it's hard to say exactly how old she is, but that doesn't bother Mary. She's more than prepared to give her new family all the love and affection in the world! She has a nicely kept, short, orange-and-white coat and will gladly take a gentle brushing to keep her shedding to a minimum. She is easily frightened of big, rambunctious dogs, so a slow introduction with a calm pooch would be best. With such a gentle nature Mary would be great with children who will respectfully adore her.



OTHER PETS

Frank

This little cutie is Frank, a 20-week-old bunny that came to us as a transfer. Frank is a friendly little guy that can't wait to find a forever home to call his own. He would love to find a family that is willing to handle him daily so that he can stay as happy and friendly as possible. If you are interested in adopting this sweet heart please fill out an adoption application and stop in to meet Frank.



Lilly

Meet Lilly, a friendly little three-year-old female ferret looking for that special someone. Lilly is a playful girl that doesn't mind being handled. She would love for her new owners to let her out of her cage and let her play on a daily basis in order to keep her as happy and friendly as possible.



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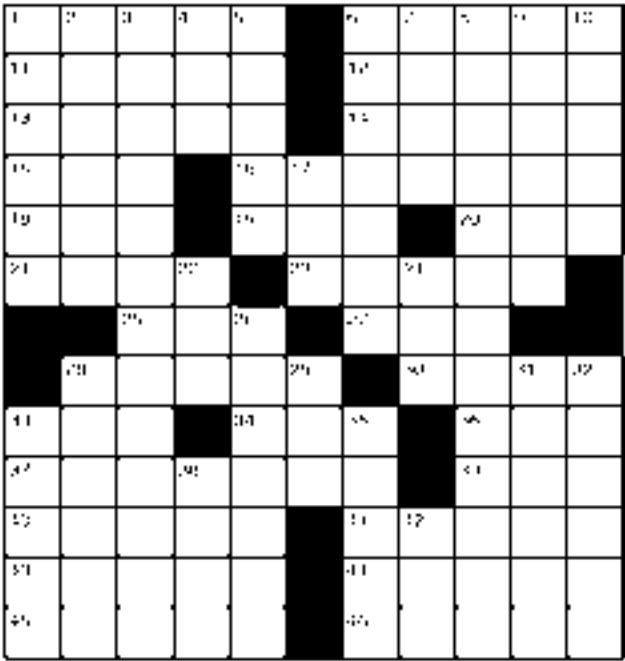
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- 15. Bonbon center
- 16. Floral ornament
- 18. Tough wood
- 19. Hit letters
- 20. Suffers from
- 21. Sediment
- 23. Gift from parents
- 25. Young man
- 27. Boxer, e.g.
- 28. Sides in an ongoing battle
- 30. Attire
- 33. Caffeine source
- 34. Bar staple
- 36. Valuable rock
- 37. Spain neighbor
- 39. Cub's home



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- 40. ABC's Arledge
- 41. Travel papers
- 43. Battle stopper
- 44. Stood
- 45. Appeases
- 46. Bowling spots

DOWN

- 1. Wave or wink
- 2. Kindle
- 3. "Move it!"
- 4. Leaf carrier
- 5. Scorches
- 6. Roped
- 7. War of 1812 port
- 8. Find evidence against
- 9. Quarterback Johnny
- 10. Window sections
- 17. Assn.
- 22. Jazz horn
- 24. Word of denial
- 26. Protractor units
- 28. Lady of Spain
- 29. Army address
- 31. Axle gunk
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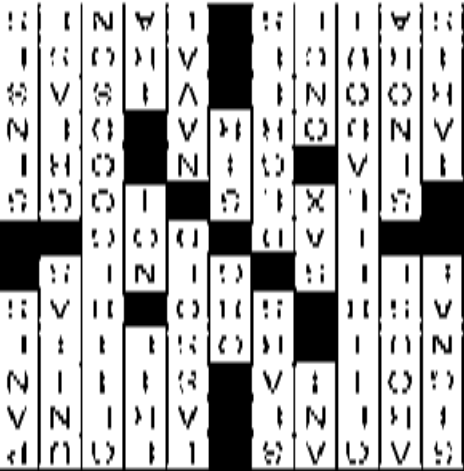
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Art & Leisure

He's in the spotlight

Lighting designer Rich Latta celebrates 25 years at Playhouse

OGUNQUIT—Sometimes a person is lucky enough to discover their passion early in life and have the foresight to follow that thread to their destiny. Such is the case with Richard Latta, Ogunquit Playhouse Lighting Designer, who is celebrating his 25th season with the Playhouse.

When Latta was just five years old he was taken to the circus. While his classmates were busy being dazzled by the acrobats, clowns and elephants, Rich was thoroughly engaged staring at the lighting. He was completely infatuated with the color, the streams of light, the beauty of it all.

He claims after that experience he spent the next several days setting up different lighting scenarios around his house including putting tissue paper over bulbs to effect color. From that point on, the stage was set, Rich Latta was destined to become a theatrical lighting designer.

Latta grew up in Detroit in an auto-worker's family. He too worked in the industry, helping to put himself through college. He got his first real job with lighting in high school—he hung out with his sister who was in the drama club, and was paid to work on the lighting for all of the school productions, a job which continued through his college days as well.

Latta's first professional job came when he was recruited by a local theatre in Detroit, the Birmingham, a "Winter Stock" theatre of sorts, to design for one of their productions. That was 1983 and his first brush with the "the Circuit." He continued working for the theatre and eventually went on the road with one of their tours. That tour brought him to New York City, which he has called home ever since.

It was in 1985 when a friend beckoned him to Ogunquit. He worked as electrician and then co-designer and in 1988 stepped in as the full-time lighting designer working under John Lane.

Latta contributes his longevity at the Playhouse in part to not assuming an ownership of the place, but by allowing the Playhouse to own him, and letting the needs of the Playhouse dictate how he works. In a way this mirrors the longevity of the Ogunquit Playhouse itself. By the 1990s, the "Summer Stock Theatre Circuit" had declined.

"Many of our sister theatres dug in and continued to try to survive by doing things the way they had always been done—as a result many continued to decline and eventually closed," Latta said.

Latta realized the need to "change or die," stating "there was a breaking point in 2000, when it was time to cut loose

from the old Summer Stock ways and recreate the theatre."

Latta was committed to John Lane and keeping theatre's heritage and traditions alive but also to the challenge of improving and changing with the times and keeping up with the rapid advancements in theatre technology. That commitment continued with Roy Rogison, who took over after John Lane's death, and continues today under the stewardship of Brad Kenney.

In the 25 years Latta has been with the Playhouse, he claims very few celebrities stand out, as he does not have to interact with them very much. However, he remembers Gavin MacLeod as being "a wonderful person and Pat Carroll, who spent a lot of time on the circuit, was a dear."

His favorite star would have to be Sally Struthers, whom he toured with last winter and calls a true friend.

As for a favorite show to light, Evita, in 1983 and 2003 stands out.

"It was just awesome to have the audience in complete silence by the end," Latta said. "It totally disarmed them. That was thrilling."

Latta says West Side Story is one show he has not had the opportunity to design lighting for. It is his favorite musical and hopes to have the opportunity one day.

Earlier this season, the Ogunquit Playhouse production of A Chorus Line received great reviews, and many critics noted Latta's lighting in their articles. Latta credits that to the original lighting design by Tharon Musser—he based his design on her 1975 Broadway production.

"The lighting is so integral to the choreography in the show, it is truly an iconic and immutable design," Latta said.

A Chorus Line was the first show on Broadway ever to have computerized lighting. Now all lighting is computerized.

No one else currently working at the Playhouse has been with the company as long. Latta loves the Playhouse and attributes part of that love to the people he works with and especially the crew that has worked under him.

He has mentored scores of "kids." Rich has a real love for working with young people in their 20s and is proud of his many students.

"If I should have any legacy here, it is the network of master electricians and crew that have worked here, some from the time they were in high school, who have gone on to college (often at the University of Connecticut) and then on to become successful on Broadway," he said. "Many of my former crew members are working on Broadway shows right now."

How much longer will Latta be in Ogunquit?

"Well, you're only as good as your last show!" he said. But he claims the last 25 years have flown by. He loves the creative freedom he has working at the Playhouse and continues to strive for more challenges.

The Ogunquit Playhouse produces several Broadway musicals each season, with performances Tuesday through Sunday, from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekends.

The 2009 season includes *Singin' in the Rain*, Aug. 12 through Sept. 12 and *All Shook Up*, Sept. 16 through Oct. 11. Main Stage ticket prices range from \$41 to \$60 per show. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more information about the season, visit our Web site www.ogunquitplayhouse.org. Tickets are available online or through the box office at (207) 646-5511.



Lighting designer Rich Latta is celebrating 25 years at the Ogunquit Playhouse. (Courtesy Photo)

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Art & Leisure

Collectors choice at the George Marshall Store gallery

YORK—A mid-summer group exhibition has become a tradition at York’s George Marshall Store Gallery. There is no theme intended other than to show the work of committed artists and to represent the wide range of quality art being produced in the region.

It is an opportunity to present the work of many of the artists who have a long-standing relationship with the gallery and to introduce new ones.

Curator Mary Harding solicited work from 22 artists and calls the show “R.S.V.P.—Invited New England Artists.” Despite the fact that there are over ninety pieces on display in the river front gallery there is a sympathetic flow from one work to the next.

Concurrently the gallery is presenting a one-person show of “Little Paintings” by local artist Stuart Ober. The placement and relationship of ordinary objects in these meticulously rendered oil paintings create tension and narrative that are both beautiful and mysterious. This one-person show has been anxiously anticipated by collectors of Ober’s work who have already purchased 17 of the 23 paintings.

Response to the “R.S.V.P.” exhibition has also been positive. “Bunny Girl

with Chair,” by Portsmouth artist Michael Stasiuk, welcomes visitors in the front entrance. Made from found objects, these sculptures consistently solicit chuckles. His “Naughty Dog with Ham” is appropriately displayed in the front window.

New to the gallery are ceramic sculptures by Shaune McCarthy from Newfields, N.H. and landscape paintings by Portland artist Roy Germon. Centered on the left hand wall is an abstract painting by Vermont artist Duncan Johnson. The prominent vertical lines of this painting are made from strips of recycled wood and are intersected by diagonal drawn pencil lines embossed with tiny silver nails creating a very contemporary and elegant composition.

The colors and feel of Johnson’s painting are picked up to the right in a watercolor by Susan Whalrab (also from Vermont), and, to the left, in three small Italian paintings by Grant Drumheller. Drumheller has recently returned from the American Academy in Rome where he was a visiting artist. These small paintings and the larger “Monte Lucretili from the Academy” resulted from his time there.

A colorful large painting titled “The Cook” by Portland artist, George Lloyd,

is the focal point of the right hand wall. This painting and a black and white ink drawing by the same title date from the early 1970s when the artist was living in the San Francisco Bay area. During this period of the artist’s career he worked with fellow artists such as Elmer Bischoff, David Parks, and Joan Brown. The California school continues to influence his more recent work as can be seen in two watercolors also on exhibit.

Another draw to the exhibition is the inclusion of numerous oil paintings by Maine artist Connie Hayes. Her reputation of capturing the essence of the Maine landscape in her color rich canvases draws the attention of both fellow artists and collectors.

The front wall has an arrangement of paintings by Kate Emlen, Julia Zanes, and Gary Haven Smith paired with woven sculptural baskets by Carol Stein and ceramics by Don Williams. The exhibition also includes the work of the following artists: Tom Curry, Tom Glover, Bill Irvine, Rebecca Litt, Holly Meade, Charles Ramsburg, Donald Saaf, Carter Wentworth, and Jim Wilkinson.

The exhibitions continue through Sunday, Aug. 23. Gallery Hours are Tuesday



An ink-on-paper drawing titled “The Cook” by Portland artist George Lloyd is part of exhibit. (Courtesy Photo)

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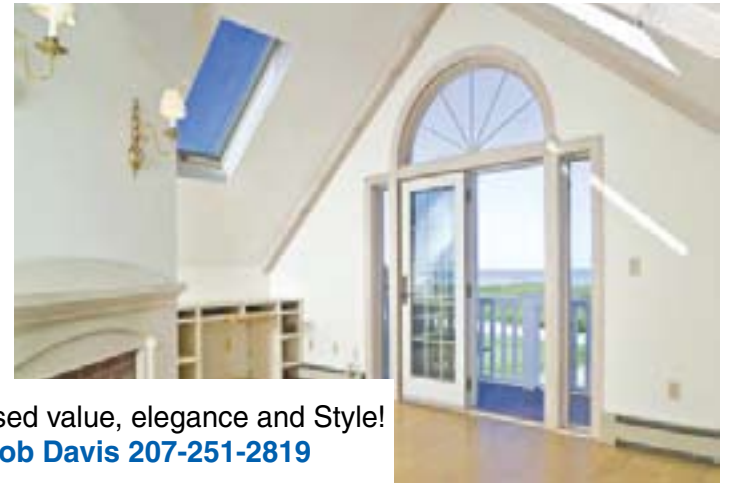
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