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SUMMER—FINALLY!

Recreation Department Grows, Harpswell Benefits



Play Ball The action is competitive, fast and exciting at Harpswell Recreation games at Trufant-Summerton Field on Great Island. (ROBERT ANDERSON PHOTO)

BY KARA DOUGLAS

On a rainy spring afternoon Gina Perow and Kayla Matthews review upcoming sports schedules. Boxes of equipment line the shelves on one wall in their second floor office. It's Matthews' second day in her new position as the Harpswell Recreation Department's new programs assistant.

A former elementary school physical education teacher, Matthews brings ex-

perience with both sports and students to her position.

"I'll mostly be working with (Harpswell Rec's) youth programs," says Matthews, who expects to do some on-site management during games and practices as well as some coach training.

Perow has been in her position as recreation director for eleven years and is thrilled to have Matthews on board.

"Youth programming takes up most

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Funds Needed for Repairs to Merriconeag Grange Hall

The structure is soon to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places

BY TOM ALLEN

Entering the Merriconeag Grange Hall on Harpswell Neck is like walking into the past.

Images arise of the generations of citizens who until recently entered polling booths to cast their votes there. Through the ceiling one can almost feel the vibrations of the shuffling and stomping of dancers upstairs. One can imagine the voices of past Grange Masters delivering the solemn ritual opening to their meetings. Outside, the parking lot fills with vehicles and empties again like a heart pumping life-blood.

For that is what the Grange represents for many: our community's heart. Espe-

cially on the Neck, we view the Grange Hall as a community asset, something we all own together even though very few of us are actual Grange members, holding our birthdays, anniversary parties, and awards ceremonies there.

Organizations in town also make use of the building, in part depending on it



Stewards Grange Master Chuck Alexander and former Master Sam Alexander stand before the structure's venerable front entrance.

(TOM ALLEN PHOTO)

for their existence. The John Leo Murray Jr. Post 171 holds their monthly meeting for veterans there. Harpswell Community

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Conservation Commission Studies Sea Level Rise

BY SUSAN OLCOTT

"We thought it would take too long to wait for outside funding, so we started on our own."

That's what Mary Ann Nahf, Chair of Harpswell's Conservation Commission said about the Town of Harpswell tackling the impacts of sea level rise.

"Historically, the townspeople have done things that way, but especially with something like sea level rise, we realized our geog-

raphy makes us vulnerable," she added.

Approximately 20% of the Town's land is within 250 feet of the water. That was nearly ten years ago, long before many communities were talking about sea level rise.

Harpswell's Conservation Commission, however, prioritized coastal resilience and developing a response to rising sea levels.

"Our first challenge was to raise awareness because residents didn't really know about it. We



Flotsam An astronomical high tide left seaweed and debris when it overran the town landing at Lookout Point. (WILL MAYO PHOTO)

convened a workshop and showed people an interactive map where they could see where they lived and how a higher sea level would impact their property," said Nahf.

The Conservation Commission knew they had to engage

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Letters to the Editor

Bard, Yard, and Bake Sale

Elijah Kellogg Church is holding its annual Barn, Yard and Bake Sale on June 29 from 9am to 2pm. Tables and tents, chock-full of new, used and antique treasures, will fill the lawn and barn. With items priced to sell, the event is sure to offer something for everyone.

Donation drop-offs

Leading up to the sale, volunteers will be gratefully accepting donations of antiques, furniture, household items, tools, sporting goods, camping items, baby and children's items, and any kind of jewelry.

Items that will not be accepted include computers, televisions, printers, clothing, bedding, magazines, video and audio cassettes, books, stuffed animals, and anything broken and unusable.

Donations are welcome on Wednesdays, June 5, 12 and 19, from 5 to 7pm; Saturdays, June 8, 15 and 22, from 10am to noon; and Monday, June 17, from 5 to 7pm.

Donation pick-up may be available; call Anita at 833-5918 or Sharon at 833-5533 to get details.

Table rentals

The church will also be renting tables to folks who'd like to sell their own goods, at a cost of \$25 each. Contact Anita at 833-5918 to reserve yours.

Elijah Kellogg Church is located at 917 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell. For more information

or to volunteer, call Anita at 833-5918, Sharon at 833-5533 or the church office at 833-6026.

To learn more about Elijah Kellogg Church, visit elijahkelloggchurch.org.

In Gratitude

The family of Lawrance "Larry" Ward would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support during his tragic loss. A special thank you to all the medical staff at Mid Coast Hospital, Maine Medical Center and the LVAD Clinic as well as the ambulance personnel, for giving Larry the best possible care and love during the past two years. To Bracketts Funeral Parlor for always being so wonderful to our family. To the West Harpswell Baptist Church and to Pastor Andy who was there guiding our spirits through prayer and faith. To everyone who gave flowers, cards, music, pictures, food and monetary gifts, we are extremely grateful. To all who made donations in Larry's memory...God bless. Also, a big hug to all who donated their time and friendship when needed. Thank you to Dan McMahon for the beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace". And much, much love to Jimmy "Bez" LaBonte for playing Larry's drum at the funeral. There are no words...It helps to know that so many people loved and were touched by Larry's life.

He was one of a kind...He changed the world.

The Ward Family

Inspiring

On behalf of the Harpswell Dems, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped as well as attended the Harpswell Aging at Home Lagna Dinner Fundraiser we had in late April. In one night we raised over 4000 dollars for a program that serves the needs of many Harpswell Residents. For me personally, it was very inspiring to see what a small group of dedicated volunteers with big hearts can achieve!

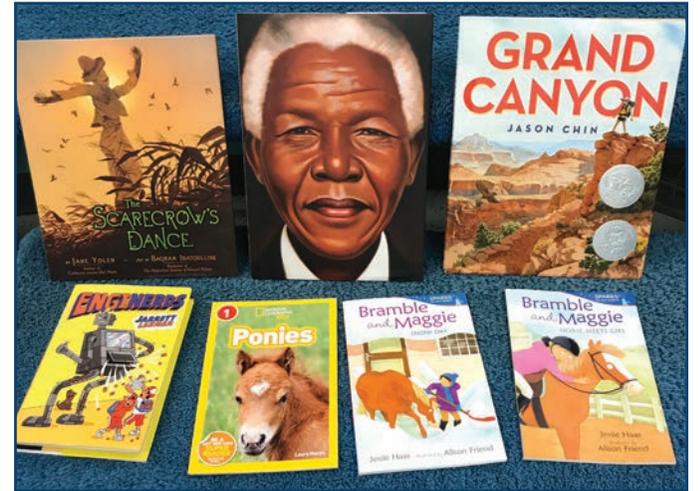
*Gregory Greenleaf
Chair, Harpswell Dems*

Thank You

The Harpswell Scouting Assistance Association would like to say Thank you and to give you an update on the Scout Hall repairs. This past year we have been working on repairing the back wall and floor in the bathroom and kitchen area. The outside back wall of the building had to be replaced, and the floor joist needed replacing. After the rooms were leveled, and the holes filled in, the Walls were sheet rocked, mudded, and painted. The kitchen cabinets were placed and set, and the counter tops were made to complete the cabinets. The floor was sanded and polyurethaned. A

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Mingo Club Grant



In December 2018, the Mingo Club of Bailey Island donated \$500 to the Harpswell Community School to fund books for individual classroom libraries. Classroom teachers selected and purchased forty-two books relevant to their own literacy instruction. Teachers selected both fiction and non-fiction high quality titles which covered a variety of subjects.

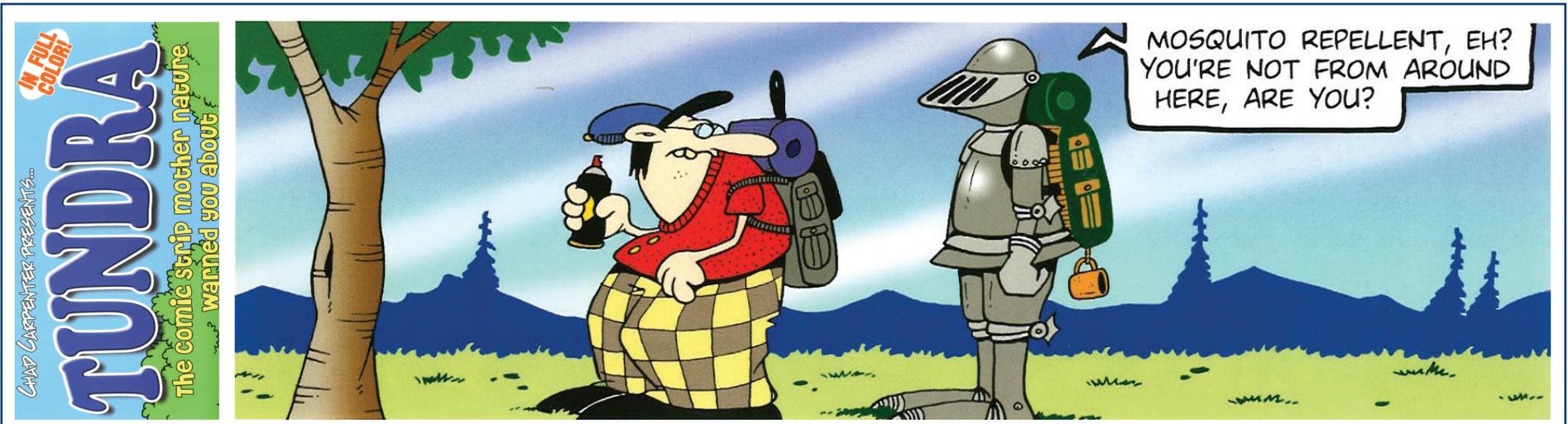
The donation was part of an effort to honor the legacy of the founding members of the Mingo Club by supporting literacy and

education. This group of teenage girls shared a common love of books and dreamed to have their own library. With community support, Bailey Island Library Hall was completed in 1912.

Currently the Mingo Club helps maintain and support Bailey Island Library Hall by fundraising and publicizing the historic nature and architectural beauty of Library Hall. In addition to the book donation, Mingo awards a \$1000 dollar grant to a Harpswell graduating senior. ☺

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Q&A with Harbormaster Paul Plummer

BY KELLI PARK

In a continuing effort to keep the public informed, the Anchor asked the following questions to Harpswell Harbormaster Paul Plummer. We thank Mr. Plummer for answering the following questions:

The Board of Selectmen raised the mooring fees in the late fall of 2018, at the recommendation of the Budget Advisory Committee. The BAC looked at the entire master fee schedule and raised fees in multiple departments, not just moorings. These increases went into effect January 1st of this year.

The following were mooring increases beginning January 1st, 2019:

- Resident/Non Resident Taxpayer increased from \$25 to \$50
- Non Resident Increased from \$125 to \$250
- Renewal \$100 to \$125
- New Category of Service Mooring is \$50
- Commercial fishermen is \$25 for their first mooring, \$50 for every mooring after that.

The waiting list now has an annual \$10 fee to be on that list.

Are there any improvements to Mackerel Cove?

The new boat launch is installed at Mackerel Cove.

What's going on with the new boats?

The new airboat is working nicely for the marine wardens. Shellfish surveys were conducted on half of the town's productive coves last



Shore Patrol Steve Welsh, Todd McGee (Cumberland County Sheriff's Office) and Harbormaster Paul Plummer at Lookout Point. (KELLI PARK PHOTO)

fall and the second half will be completed this year, to stay consistent on a two year rotation. The wardens will be out doing more patrols in the airboat for its first full season.

The power boat is fully serviced and is mission ready for the 2019 season.

How many hours does the harbormaster put in?

Between answering calls and emails on my "personal time", I average roughly 50 hours a week and sometimes (spring, summer and fall) more. My job consists of overseeing the Harbor & Waterfront Program, Marine Resource Program and Town Lands.

Does the harbormaster have the authority to issue summons on violations?

Yes. The harbormaster position requires a certification from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for basic and advanced Harbormaster Training. The Harpswell harbormaster has the authority to stop and board vessels for the following violations:

- Title 38 Section 281, Speed Restrictions
- Title 38 Section 282, Endangering Persons or Property
- Title 38 Section 283, Operating Recklessly
- Title 38 Section 284 Operating under the influence of drugs or liquor
- Title 38 Section 12 Failure to obey orders of Harbormaster.

Does the harbormaster work with deputies?

I routinely work with the CCSO

marine patrol deputies as I oversee the Harpswell Municipal Shellfish Program. I coordinate water quality sampling, red tide meat sampling, conservation projects and shellfish surveys with the wardens.

How do I apply for a mooring?

Currently, you can either stop into the town office and fill out an application with the town clerks, or you can go to the town website (www.harpswell.maine.gov) under the Harbormaster department and fill out an application there. The application is fillable and you can email it to me after you have saved it to your desktop. The town is in the process of working with a company called OnlineMooring. By next winter, folks will be able to go on to this website and pay for their mooring online, as well as update all their information for their mooring, vessel, contact info, etc. This program will also allow people to opt-in to a mass notification system. Meaning, as time gets closer to renew your mooring, you will receive an email with your invoice. The program can also be used to send out emergency notifications such as hurricane warnings, or major incidents happening in the bay.

Are there speed limits in harbors?

State law is that there is no wake within 200 feet of shore. With that said, even if you're 500 feet off shore, if you're creating a monster

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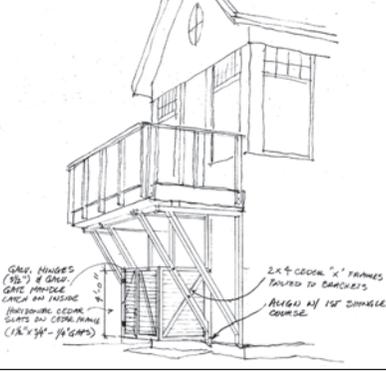


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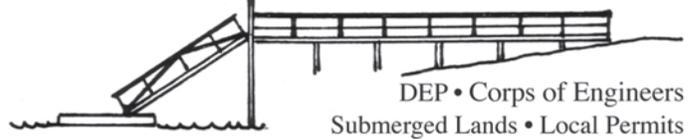


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Harpswell Historical Society

The Harpswell Historical Society is dedicated to the discovery, identification, collection, preservation, interpretation and dissemination of materials relating to the history of Harpswell and its people.

More Ship Launching Mishaps from Long Ago

BY DAVE HACKETT

The following comes from *Blue Water Men – And Women*. Written by Fred Humiston in 1965.

From the beginning of shipbuilding in Maine, it had been the custom to christen a vessel with a bottle of rum, and following the launching large quantities of that same beverage would be consumed by the guests, invited and otherwise.

It was therefore an unhappy day when in 1837 General James Appleton of Portland became concerned with what he regarded as a situation which had reached saturation point.

He applied his parade ground voice and the weight of his rank to the advocacy of State-wide probation. Although it was a long time in coming, the Temperance Movement found a reception and soon was recruiting hordes to its cause. Crowds that might have earlier might earlier attended festivities at which the spirits flowed, in this period began turning into rallies which were purely spiritual.

Converts grew steadily in num-

ber, persistently petitioning the Legislature until in 1846 that worthy body, overawed by the mounting pressure of public opinion, enacted a law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors except for medicinal and mechanical purposes. This was the famous or infamous. Depending on how you look at it – Maine Law, the first of its kind in the United States.

To the advocates of freedom there was still a faint gleam of hope: that the law might be declared unconstitutional. To find out they hired lawyers who took the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Meanwhile, the law in Maine was not yet effective but gave time to make the most of a dwindling supplies. And they were indeed dwindling, with those that could afford it stocking up against the black day when they would no longer be able to buy in a bottle or two of grog when they wanted.

The reformers had gained such a through hold in the state that in many yards ships were no longer sent down the ways in the time honored manner. At launchings rum gave way to water, and as if



Wetting the Keel Spectators gathered in droves to witness ship launchings which sometimes went awry. (PHOTO COURTESY HHS)

to rub salt into the wound of the diehards it became the custom to hold a religious ceremony before the blocks were split out. The Stetson yard at Camden was said the first to go dry, but at Kennebunk they really went to extremes. There on the Sunday before the vessel sailed and on the Sabbath

after the vessel returned from its voyage, the entire ship's crew and officers would attend church services in body. And when the Benjamin Sewall, the largest and last vessel to be launched at Brunswick's Pennel yard was sent down the ways, a thousand turned out to listen to

the address by General Joshua Chamberlain, President of Bowdoin College, following which they joined in prayer with Professor John S. Sewall before a bottle of spring water was broken across the ship's bows and she took off.

Quite a change indeed from the old-style launchings when a cask of rum might be broke out for the crowd. †

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Public Breakfast. Merriconeag Grange, 529 Harpswell Neck Rd. Adults \$8.00, children 10 and under \$4.00. FMI call Ann at 833-2320.

June 1, 10AM-2PM

Celebrate HHLT's newest preserve and trail system in Cundy's Harbor. Little Ponds Preserve, 206 Bethel Point Road, Harpswell. FMI call 837-9613, email outreach@hhlmaine.org, or visit www.hhlmaine.org.

June 3, 7-9PM

"CONNECTED", a nondenominational gathering, invites all widowers, widows, divorced and singles 55 and over, St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 132 McKeen Street, Brunswick. Light refreshments will be available. Come socialize, mingle and meet new friends! FMI call 725-1266 or 725-8386.

June 5, 2-3:30 PM

Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership (HIPP) monthly meeting held at Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, 153 Harpswell Neck Rd. Volunteer your ideas and help restore our town's native habitats.

FMI email hipp.maine@gmail.com or visit <https://hhlmaine.org/hipp>.

June 6, 3-5PM

A Course in Miracles study group at Tavern, 923 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell. FMI Amy Haible at 729-4029 or email anhaible@comcast.net.

June 6, 7PM

Ed Robinson presents The Wonder of Maine Wildlife. Join Ed as we discover his perspective on Maine's wonderful wildlife. Orr's Island Library, 1699 Harpswell Islands Rd (Rte 24), Orr's Island. FMI call John Webster at 607-2818 or email jwebster85@comcast.net.

June 15, 9AM-12PM

Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership (HIPP) Workday. Learn to identify and control invasive plants, and help restore our native habitats. Bring water, bug repellent, sunscreen, gloves, clippers, hand saws, and other favorite gardening tools. Harpswell Heritage Land Trust's Houghton Graves Park, 1714 Harpswell Islands Rd, Orrs Island. FMI email hipp.maine@gmail.com.

June 15, 4:30-6:30PM

Willing Helpers Soup & Chowder Supper. Soup or Chowder, rolls, drink, and dessert are included for only \$10.00 per person. Eat in or take out. Bailey Island Union Church (Downstairs), 2141 Harpswell Islands Rd, Bailey Island. FMI call Nikie at 504-6069 or email nikie.chance@gmail.com

June 20, 1PM

The Harpswell Garden Club Meeting. Matt Craig of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership will speak on Rising Tides and the Shoreline Habitat, including the 2018 tidal study of Basin Cove. Free and open to the public. Curtis Memorial Library 23 Pleasant Street, Brunswick. FMI call Becky 833-6159 or harpswellgardenclub.org.

June 21, NOON-6PM

Photographer Penny Knobel-Besa will hold a fundraising exhibition, "Random Moments." She will be donating 30% of sales to Harpswell Aging At Home (HAH). Knobel-Besa will speak about her work on Friday at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Orr's Island Schoolhouse, 1579

Harpswell Islands Road, Harpswell. FMI call (301) 478-2735 or email pkbphotos@hughes.net. This event repeats on June 22 from 11AM-6PM.

June 21, 5:30-7:30PM

Celebrate the summer solstice with HHLT with live music and an outdoor picnic. Johnson Field Preserve, Bailey Island. Free. FMI call 837-9613, email outreach@hhlmaine.org, or visit www.hhlmaine.org.

June 22, 9-11AM

"Scavenger Hunt & Art of Photography" photo workshop with photographer Penny Knobel-Besa. All proceeds from the workshop will be donated to HAH. Orr's Island Schoolhouse, 1579 Harpswell Islands Road, Harpswell. FMI or to register for the workshop, call (301) 478-2735 or email pkbphotos@hughes.net.

June 25, 6-7:30PM

Go on an edible landscaping tour of Jeff Marshall's Harpswell home with HHLT. Advance registration is requested. Free. FMI call 837-9613, email outreach@hhlmaine.org, or visit www.hhlmaine.org.

June 28, 9AM-NOON

"Places for Pollinators" workshop presented by the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and Deb Perkins of First Light Wildlife Habitats. Topsham Public Library, 25 Foreside Rd, Topsham. FMI call Mackenzie Richard at 241-5374.

June 29, 9AM-2PM

Barn, Yard and Bake Sale. Elijah Kellogg Church, 917 Harpswell Neck Rd, Harpswell. FMI call Anita at 833-5918, Sharon at 833-5533, or the church office at 833-6026.

June 29, 10AM-NOON

Enjoy a wildflower walk with Priscilla Seimer. Location TBA. Advance registration is requested. Free. FMI call 837-9613, email outreach@hhlmaine.org, or visit www.hhlmaine.org.

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Artwork Graces the Halls at Harpswell Town Hall

BY JANICE THOMPSON

Many people know that Harpswell is filled with hidden places of beauty. We catch our breath in wonder as we come upon a picture-perfect seascape just over the next bend in the road, or we catch a glimpse of the flight of a pair of cardinals alongside one of the area's public trails. A whole variety of colorful quilts are hung in a neighbor's yard, and art galleries and potteries dot the main routes.

The town hall harbors another such hidden treasure: a public exhibition space dedicated to local artists from all over Harpswell.

Visit the town hall to apply for a building permit or register your car and you will find the walls covered with an array of paintings, photographs or fiber art, depending on the month. Each exhibition lasts for about two months, and

they all feature local talent. The current show displays nature fiber art and hooked rugs by Susan Ferraro and Judy Wylie. Recently Town Clerk Roz Knight showed a newcomer the artwork: here a portrait of Margaret -- a young girl at the Bailey Island Fishing Tournament -- there a series of earth-toned spirals, all done in hooked wool. "These are just so beautiful," Roz said. "We love having them up on our walls!"

The town's Recreation Department has hosted such exhibitions in the Town Hall for a long time. But the current iteration of the space was initiated by Susan Rich, a member of the Recreation Committee, about two years ago. Susan, who calls herself an "artist by hobby," has taken classes at the Merrymeeting Adult Education Center in Brunswick. She was impressed with the quality of her



Rug Hookers C. Susan Ferraro and Judy Wylie, this month's featured artists at the Town Hall gallery space. (JANICE THOMPSON PHOTO)

classmates' work, and thought it would be important for this level of artist -- not fully established, perhaps, and without a gallery space of their own -- to have the opportunity to show their talent to a broader community. Susan also leads arts and crafts classes for

Camp Harpswell during the summer. She worked with the town's Recreation Director Gina Perow to make the Town Hall artists' gallery an ongoing concern for all to enjoy.

"I think the space is important because we have so much unsung

talent in Harpswell, and we should be celebrating it," Susan says. "Many of our artists paint and draw local scenes, and people love it when they recognize the places they see featured."

Susan finds artists through word-of-mouth, or sometimes even chance encounters. She met Susan Ferraro, one of the current artists, at a garage sale last year, and was fascinated with her work. Ferraro says "I met Judy (Wylie) when we were participating in Harpswell Day last year, and we both thought our art would fit together beautifully. So I suggested a joint exhibition to Susan, and it blossomed from there."

According to the current show's notes, hand-hooked rugs have been primarily known as a uniquely North American art form for over a century and a half. Today's floor rugs and wall hangings are hooked loop by individual loop, most often by using a crochet hook fitted into a wooden handle. Hand-dyed wool yarn or "as is" wool fabric that is cut into long strips is used to create rug designs that will last for many generations. Both Susan and Judy make original designs by drawing their own patterns by hand onto linen backings. Judy calls it "painting with wool." The finished pieces

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The Story of Source, Inc.: Seaweed to Supplements

BY KELLI PARK

Growing up on Little Yarmouth Island in Harpswell, Greg and Bonnie Tobey inadvertently became aware of seaweed harvesting at a young age. They watched with childlike curiosity as a lone seaweed harvester earned his living on the waters surrounding the island, passing by on a seaweed-laden skiff day in and day out. Unbeknownst to them at the time, Greg and Bonnie would eventually become the driving force behind Source, Inc., the Harpswell-based harvesting company that they watched from the shore as children.

"It's kind of ironic that we ended up working for the company that we've watched since we were kids," Bonnie says. "I like the fact that Source is a grassroots company. It's a good honest living and it's a great cause."

Source started with a horse named Hull. In 1969, Susan Domizi was training Hull for the Olympic equestrian team when he began suffering from health problems for which Domizi could find no

cure. She took a chance on a seaweed-based product from Ireland and noticed significant improvements, despite being unimpressed with the quality of the ingredients. As a biochemist, Domizi took it upon herself to develop a high-quality nutritional supplement using rockweed, a type of seaweed found locally. Domizi realized that the micronutrients found in seaweed are nutrients that are typically lacking in highly processed foods and in food raised in depleted soils. After extensive research and consultations with experts, she formulated a blend to use in horses' food to help with a variety of health issues, including hoof and coat conditions and weight gain. Word soon spread about its success and by 1975, Domizi became a reluctant entrepreneur as the founder of Source, Inc.

Source's commitment to quality and sustainability has allowed the company to withstand the test of time in an era when nutritional trends easily come and go. In 1993, Domizi co-founded the Maine Seaweed Council, an organization dedicated to the sustainability of



Rockweed Ranchers Greg and Bonnie Tobey on the open range of Casco Bay, where the resource grows wild. (KELLI PARK PHOTO)

the seaweed resource and, in 2003, she designed a new hand rake for more efficient harvesting. In 2007, Domizi's husband designed a mechanical harvester to improve efficiency, reduce by-catch (marine organisms that are inadvertently harvested along with the seaweed), and ensure that the seaweed was being cut above the state-mandat-

ed height of 16". After many years with two mechanical harvesters, H1 and H2 (Harvester 1 and Harvester 2), Source launched a new, more efficient mechanical harvester, H3, designed to create less noise in response to concerns from neighbors on the water.

Although Domizi retains ownership of the company, the Tobey

are now the consistent presence along Harpswell's shores. The Tobey's have been involved in running Source's day-to-day operations for the past several years. After working in the corporate world, banks, and hospitals, Bonnie was ready for a change. She started working at Source in 2011 as the Production Manager and Greg joined the team as the General Manager in 2013, after having spent a number of years as the Director of Fleet and Facilities at a nonprofit sailing company in Boston. Both Greg and Bonnie have been actively involved with the Maine Seaweed Council for the past several years.

"We're doing a delicate dance. We've spent a long time trying to work with our neighbors on the water and develop relationships with these people. We care about people, we genuinely do. They know our reputation," explains Bonnie.

Over the course of forty years, Source has implemented a series of practices designed to promote the long-term viability of the seaweed resource in Harpswell's waters.

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BY COURTENAY MEADE SNELLINGS

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in the list above or you want to get involved but don't know exactly how, Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) could use you.

HAH is a grass-roots community organization that was set up several years ago to respond to the desire of seniors to age safely and comfortably in their homes. Since then, we have grown in both size and the services we provide. Currently, a group of people who like working with their hands help

make homes warmer, safer, and drier; enthusiastic cooks prepare meals for Lunch with Friends and Meals in a Pinch; caring listeners telephone and share information with those who want more social interaction; hard-working volunteers help with both inside and outside chores; willing drivers provide necessary rides—the list goes on. The names and activities of all current HAH committees and programs are available on our website: www.hah.community.

Community organizations work best when as many members of the community are involved as possible. If you have time—whether it's a lot or a little—consider lending some of your time and talent to HAH. Please let our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Stemper, know if you are interested in volunteering with us. You can contact her at volunteer@hah.community or 207-200-7643.

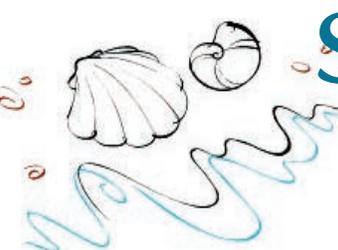
Harpswell Aging at Home is a community organization helping older adults address the challenges of aging at home. ☺

Harpswell Heritage Land Trust Hires Development Director

The Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce that Janice Thompson (right) has been hired as its first Development Director. This marks a new era for the Trust as it looks to the future and creates ways to provide a strong financial foundation for the organization's work in conservation, stewardship and education.



Janice brings extensive development experience to HHLT, having worked in development for many years in the Boston area. She says "When I saw the ad for the Development Director in the Anchor a few months ago, I knew I wanted to apply. I spent my childhood outdoors in upstate New York, my husband loves to hike, bike and camp, and our last Massachusetts home abutted eight hundred acres of conserved lands with trails. Harpswell is so beautiful; it's why we chose to move here. And in the face of our climate crisis, it's even more important to support HHLT's work." ☺



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Bidding A portrait of a Native American by Doug Bane that will be up for bid at the “Art Auction PLUS” on June 29. (OBIFD PHOTO)

Art Auction PLUS at OBIFD

One of the highlights of the Harpswell summer social season is set for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, as the Orr’s and Bailey Islands Fire Department and Rescue Service hosts an “Art Auction PLUS” to benefit OBIFD at the Orr’s Island Schoolhouse.

A variety of local artists working in various media will be featured at the event. Paintings, photographs and sculpture will be on display and up for bid, along with a few surprises. Among the featured artists is Dennis Wilkins of Bailey Island. His oil painting of the popular Tandem Bakery in Portland will be available to the highest bidder.

Orr’s Island painter and sculptor Doug Bane will also have his colorful creations in the show, including a fanciful seahorse sculpture and portraits of Native Americans. Artists will set a reserve price for their cre-

ations that must be met for the piece to be sold.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by June 25 through the department’s website – obifd.org. Simply go to the website and click on the “Art Auction Plus” tickets tab. Please call 833-5405, if you are unable to purchase tickets online.

The price of admission includes delicious appetizers provided by members of the OBIFD

community, along with beer and wine. Table sponsorships are also available for \$350 each.

All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of training OBIFD’s new EMTs and future training needs for fire and rescue volunteers. The department provides fire and rescue services for Orr’s and Bailey islands and portions of Great Island east of the Mountain Road bridge and south of Stevens Corner Road on Route 24. ☺



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Clarence Philip Pinkham, 89, of Harpswell, Maine, died on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Mid Coast Hospital.

He was born April 15, 1930. He was the son of Elton Pinkham and Gladys (Gott) Wallace. He attended Dyers Cove School. He enjoyed “everything he wasn’t supposed to do.” He loved being on the water, lobstering, being with family and close friends, and helping others.

He worked as a lumberjack, a carpenter, was employed at BIW, and was also a lobsterman.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Carolyn Harshbarger, wife, Katharine Mason, one brother, two sisters, and his parents.

He is survived by his daughters, Gloria Atteberry; Phyllis and Howard Allen; Rebecca and Richard Yoskey; and Kathleen Tullis; son-in-law, Blaine Harshbarger; eleven grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; sisters, Glenda Bergeron, Lucy Labonte, and Beatrice Lucas; brother, Lloyd Wallace; and a special mention of his close friends Jason and Rachael Rowan, Dickie Pennel, and Mark Wallace.

A celebration of life will be held this summer.

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Seaweed

From page 8

Source rotates its harvest between twenty sectors in and around the New Meadows River and Quahog Bay, alternating locations to encourage rejuvenation; each sector is harvested and then allowed to rest for three years. Source hires and trains harvesters who are paid an hourly rate as company employees, instead of using self-employed contractors who are paid by the pound. This ensures that harvesters abide by company policies for purposes of quality control. Company policy does not allow employees to harvest during spore season (November to May) to sustain the longevity of the resource, or on weekends out of respect for neighbors with concerns about noise. Harvesting locations are determined in advance by Greg, who plans according to detailed records going back decades with specific information about who harvests what, where, and when. Records also show the changes in by-catch from a time when hand raking was the primary form of harvesting; since the implementation of the mechanical harvesters, by-catch has been greatly reduced. Mechan-

ical harvesters are equipped with a sorting table for by-catch, which is then documented and returned to its natural habitat.

Source's harvesters bring in approximately 18 bags of seaweed a day for a total of 800 pounds (when wet), which is processed at the facility in Brunswick within 24 hours to avoid degradation. After being sorted, shredded, dehydrated, sealed and shipped to Connecticut, Domizi blends seaweed harvested at different times throughout the year to account for the changes in nutrient content. Source now produces soil enhancement blends and nutrition supplements for horses, dogs, and humans, which are sold in 18 countries.

According to Bonnie and Greg, Source has spent the past few decades working to maintain the future of the seaweed resource and will continue to do so, despite changes within the industry that present challenges with no clear solution. Due to the increase in natural healing trends, more people are getting into the business of harvesting seaweed in a time when practices are minimally regulated by the Department of Marine Resources. Regulations require individuals to have a harvesting license, harvest above the 16" height requirement, and document their landings; in

Cobscook Bay only, harvesting is limited to 17% of harvestable seaweed in each sector. "I believe that the DMR needs to regulate seaweed harvesting. We need even more regulations taking advantage of the science that's coming along," explains Domizi.

Because seaweed harvesting on its current scale is relatively new, there are few studies that have been conducted to determine the long-term viability of various harvesting practices. Source is currently working with four universities, including the University of Maine, University of New England, and Maine Maritime Academy, to conduct studies about seaweed and by-catch. With increased community outreach efforts, Greg and Bonnie hope to educate the public to ensure an understanding of the industry and promote sustainable practices to protect the future of the seaweed resource.

"I hope to see the right regulations. . . We have protected the resource passionately for 40 years now. We need the regulations in place so that 5 or 10 years from now, Source can still harvest in these same beds and take care of them and maintain what we have built. That's my hope for Source - that we'll still be around," explains Bonnie Tobey.

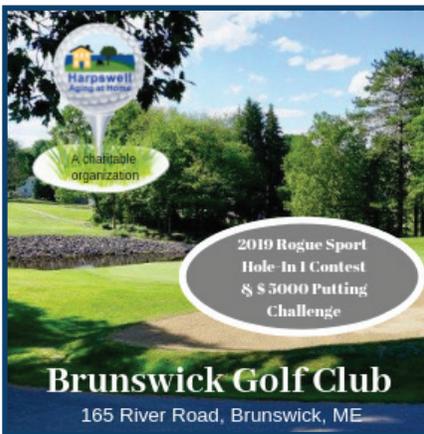
In March 2019, as a result of

a lawsuit involving Acadian Seaplants, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled that rockweed grown in the intertidal zone is owned by the upland landowner, thereby requiring harvesters to get permission from landowners before harvesting seaweed. Seaweed harvesters previously operated under a colonial ordinance from the 1640's which asserts that the public is free to harvest living marine resources in the intertidal zone.

"We consider Harpswell our home and we've always tried, and will continue to try, to be good neighbors," explains Domizi.

With memories of a childhood along the shore, and a life

built around the tides, Greg and Bonnie Tobey strive to protect the future of the seaweed that surrounds the island upon which their family has lived and worked since 1859. Domizi and the Tobey's spend their days striking a balance between sharing the health benefits and sustaining the future of one of Maine's valuable natural resources. "Bonnie and I grew up walking on the seaweed that we're harvesting and have very deep roots in the area. We are very invested in wanting to see everything work. . . We need the people of the coast of Maine to say, wait a minute, let's work together," states Greg Tobey. ☺



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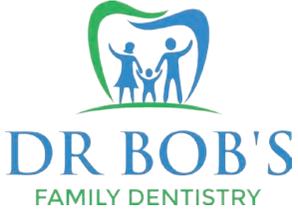
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Japanese Knotweed—What a Weed It Is!

BY BECKY GALLERY
Harpowell Invasive Plant Partnership

We have all seen Japanese knotweed. It seems to thrive along Harpswell's roadsides. It may be in your landscape as well. Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica* or *Polygonum cuspidatum*) is sometimes called bamboo as well, due to its hollow, woody and segmented stems that grow to be bamboo-like in size and appearance. It begins life sprouting in the spring, and its tender shoots are edible. Be adventurous, and add them to your salad!

The leaves alternate on the stems, each leaf between 2-6 inches long and 3-4 inches wide, broader at the base. The plant grows throughout the summer, achieving a height of 6-7 feet, and ends the season with small spikes of flowers along the stems that produce papery capsules containing shiny, 3-sided black seeds. Knotweed grows nearly anywhere, but especially in disturbed areas, such as roadsides. It is persistent and spreads vigorously by several means: rhizomes (root systems), seeds, and even bits of plant material that have been discarded in efforts to remove this beast from a garden.

Japanese knotweed was originally imported to the United States in the 1870's as an ornamental landscape plant, but is now on the forbidden plant list in Maine. Nurseries can no longer stock or sell knotweed, and Harpswell's Invasive Plant Partnership is spreading the word,

not the weed. What determines if a plant is invasive? It is not native to Maine, it has spread or has the potential to spread into forests, fields and other natural areas, and it may cause harm by negatively impacting the environment, our economy or human health.

Control techniques are varied, but the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry recommends the following approaches for knotweed:

Small patches can be cut repeatedly throughout the growing season, as often as once a week, for several years. Larger patches are difficult to control manually. Smothering with heavy black landscaping cloth or erosion control fabric can be successful but requires biweekly maintenance and must be repeated for up to 10 years. Herbicides can be effective, though follow-up will be needed. The knotweed can be cut, allowed to re-grow, then a herbicide such as 2-3% glyphosate or triclopyr solution can be applied to the new growth, all in one growing season. Regardless of the way in which you choose to eradicate knotweed, it is important to dispose of the cuttings correctly: bagged and taken to the transfer station. Cuttings should never be composted. If herbicides are used, always follow label instructions and obey local ordinances.

Removing this plant will take time and persistence. One small example of success is the effort of the Harpswell Garden Club to eradicate knotweed at the Harpswell Historic Park (Centennial Hall) on Route 123 in Harpswell.



Invasive Becky Gallery of HIPP shows an example of Japanese Knotweed growing in Harpswell. (HIPP PHOTO)

Several years ago, a small stand of the weed was cut down, and regular mowing ensued. Where once were dozens of knotweed stems is now part of the lawn at Centennial Hall. Sadly, before the club members were aware of the plant's

reproductive abilities, they had discarded cuttings and uprooted stems into their compost heap. That area is now the focus for control and eradication at Centennial Hall.

Late spring and early summer

is the time to begin eradication of the invasive knotweed. Start cutting your invader back now, and repeat frequently throughout the season. You may also notice other invasive plants in the area. If you have concerns or questions about invasive plants, ask for help: HIPP-help! The Harpswell Invasive Plant partnership makes house calls. If help is needed to assess the nature of an invasion, contact HIPP-help through the link on our webpage: HLLTmaine.org/hipp/ and click on "HIPP-help Residential Service." Then, click the link to request a visit. Our experts will contact you, set up a time to meet you and walk your property, then help develop a plan of attack. Fighting invasive plants may take time, but the effort will be worthwhile. ☺

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Art

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are fascinating, filled with brilliant color and texture. Susan especially loves working in 3D, making her designs come to life as they reach out from the surface.

Perow, who has been instrumental in creating the space, says the art "beautifies the town office, but it also shows off how much talent we have in Harpswell. I've never seen anything like it before. I encourage everyone to stop by to take a look."

Wylie has been hooking for over thirty years and her work has been shown in other places, but this is the first time she is presenting it to the local community. "I'm particularly pleased that the exhibition shows an artform that many might not be familiar with."

In the past the space has fea-

tured local photographer Ben Williamson whose stunning photographs are featured in DownEast magazine, where he serves as Director of Photography. Since his Harpswell exhibition, one of his photos - featuring the sunrise on the east-facing shore of Bailey Island - was chosen to be one of the stamps of the US Post Office's "America the Beautiful" 20-stamp series in the summer of 2018.

Another recent exhibition was comprised of artwork by the adult students of Hati Modr, an artist who teaches classes from her Harpswell Neck home. "At first my students were a bit scared to be showing their work, since they had never done anything like it in the past," Hati says. "But they ended up having a great time, not only publicizing their work but also learning how to put together an exhibition, like figuring out which pieces look best when hanging to-

gether."

The art itself is sometimes a result of the community gathering to create something together. Ferraro's "Hands of Harpswell" -- a hooked rug formed in a half-circle with the words "Harpswell Heritage Incorporated 1758" emblazoned on the front -- was designed for Harpswell Heritage Day in 2018. The images of hands are filled with yarn hooked by Harpswell residents aged six to eighty-six. The piece will be donated to the Harpswell Historical Society after being featured at the town hall.

"We have a lot to show off here in Harpswell," organizer Susan Rich says. "We're very happy that the people at the town hall have opened up their space so that we can do that." ☞



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Grange

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Theater performs its popular annual dinner theater on the small but full-of-character upstairs stage. Most recently, Harpswell Aging at Home (HAH) has been holding its monthly Lunch with Friends, a free luncheon, every second Tuesday of the month September through May.

Anne Taft, HAH luncheon committee chair, says the Grange is an ideal location for its healthy lunches which are served to their mostly senior citizen attendees.

"It appeals to the people we're hoping to serve with Lunch with Friends," Taft says. "It was originally envisioned to provide a healthy meal for seniors who need it in the community. We have learned in a year and half that it's so much more than that. It's open to people of all ages and we're starting to get some younger people through the doors. We'll see the town manager sitting next to fishermen and artists. It's attracting a wide range of people into a building they know and love."

Sam Alexander and his son Chuck are Grange members following a long line of their forebears who both founded and served the Grange in various capacities. Chuck is the current Master and Sam serves as Assistant Steward. Keeping in close contact with the building makes the two painfully aware of the maintenance and repairs that the Hall needs. Both having worked

in construction gives them insight into what the 100-year old structure requires.

"The metal roofing especially on the south side needs to be recoated," says Sam. "Paul Allen and I were last ones to do that way back in the early 1980s. It was pretty scary. We had a ladder that just reached the eaves. Then we had a long wooden ladder tied to a tree on the other side."

The two men coated the roof section by section, climbing down to move the ladders over.

Other repairs and maintenance on their punch list includes replacing an emergency door and fixing the sill beneath it, replacing floorboards in the cloakroom, improving circulation under the front part of the building, and improving the drainage around the building.

The building could also use a coat of paint.

"It's not imperative," Chuck says, "but needs to be done before it becomes imperative."

But before they can begin these costly repairs, the Grange needs to raise the money to do it. The labor will be mostly volunteer, though Sam says they will hire some help to paint the roof. They won't repeat the technique of using ladders.

"The way to do it is rent a man lift and hire a couple young guys to coat it."

Even doing much of the work themselves, a preliminary estimate of \$35,000 is the target of their fundraising. They are asking the community to donate what they can, with Sam making a special

request to those who use the parking lot for rideshare or a meeting place.

"Everybody and their uncle thinks this is a public parking lot. The Grange has no objection to people using it, but people who use it regularly I wish maybe they could send a little donation to the Grange. Because it costs us to keep it plowed and salted and sanded," says Sam.

Once they pay for heating fuel and insurance, the Grange, to use Sam's words, is "just scraping by," this despite their exemplary yankee frugality. During the winter anytime the temperature rises above twenty degrees, and thus no longer a risk for freezing pipes, Sam comes to the grange and turns off the furnace.

Another source of funds, they hope, will be grants from other non-profit organizations, which until recently the Grange did not qualify for. What has changed is that the Grange is on the cusp of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sam says, "We made the application to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and a couple weeks ago John (Ott) and I went up to their April meeting and tried to be eloquent. I guess we were a bit because they passed it unanimously."

When recommended by the MHPC, listings are almost always endorsed by the National Park Service, which oversees the Register.

"That in itself is an honor," says Sam, "but it allows the Grange to apply to nonprofit organizations

for grants for maintenance purposes. We're hoping that one application we have underway will yield a little money to go toward the projects."

While keeping up the physical structure of the Grange is foremost in their minds, both Chuck and Sam are concerned for the future of the Merriconeag Grange as an organization. Membership has been decreasing, with few new members joining as former members drop out due to age or for other reasons.

"Like most Granges, we don't seem to attract many young people," Sam says. He thinks that may be due to the Grange's roots (pun intended) as an agricultural organization that shared farming practices and lobbied state government in their interests.

Chuck says while that description used to be accurate, the Grange organization is undergoing a change: "We're really just a social organization with a agricultural theme nowadays."

"I don't know if it's the meeting ritual that turns them off somewhat too," Sam interjects. "But I enjoy the ritual myself. I'm sure that there are young people who

don't."

After some thought, Chuck says, "People should join because it's a community group. It helps keep the town a community and not just a place for people to sleep. It provides a building and place for people to gather. I think especially historical buildings are important to keep in town. But if you join the Grange and listen to the ritual and mull over the words and the ceremony it preaches a really great way of living your life. It teaches you to be a better person." †

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Q&A

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the deputy harbormaster (during summer weekends).

What's happening at Mitchell Field?

I have just started issuing moorings at Mitchell Field. I was on a temporary hold by the Town Administration/BOS until the Mitchell Field Committee had an opportunity to discuss parking details. The Committee has tentatively given the go ahead to allow cars to park on the concrete parking pad near the bandstand for this summer. Going forward, the MF Committee would like to see a working group between the committee, town planner, town administrator and myself to address long term issues, such as parking, night time gate closing, mooring regulations, etc.

What's new at Pott's Point?

The boat launch at Pott's Point was completed on May 8! After approximately a three week delay (due to the rainy weather and temperatures), the paving was able to be completed. This ramp is now fully functional and open to the public and should serve as a fantastic boat launch to folks looking to gain access to northern Casco Bay.

What's going on with aquaculture in Harpswell?

Aquaculture has been on the rise the past few years here in Harpswell. I orchestrated an Aquaculture Forum on May 7th. The Department of Marine Resources came down and spoke to approximately 35 citizens and commercial fishermen and answered any questions that folks may have had. It was a good turn out and a very good positive and informative meeting by all. The goal was to educate everyone on the steps that are in place for voices to be heard, and I think that was accomplished.

Letters

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special Thank you to Helen Norton, and to Brian Johnson for all his hard work helping the Scouts complete the kitchen repairs.

Our Girl Scout Troop enjoyed a camp out in the Scout Hall during their spring vacation. They loved using the newly improved bathroom, and were happy little chefs in the new updated kitchen. Brian and his wife Laura also donated new dinner ware, bowls and silverware for the Scouts updated kitchen.

The Cub Scout Pack had a Pinewood derby race, and they were grateful for a working bathroom, and a kitchen to make snacks and their lunch.

It's wonderful having a safe and healthy place for the scouts to cook in. Now we are gearing up for this year's Scout Hall projects.

The front wall of the Scout Hall is in major need of repair. It has been leaking for awhile and the

boards are rotting, and starting to affect the hall floor. We also are looking to repair our aging porch and wheel chair ramp.

We are excited to make these updates for our Scouts and their families.

HSAA

Letter Carrier

My name is Heather Monegue, and I was the mail carrier for RR5 in Harpswell. Recently and unexpectedly, I had to leave my job with the USPS, after almost 21 years. And since this happened so fast; I wanted to explain to my customers what happened. Last year I met I wonderful man and we began dating. At the end of February, we learned that he had two brain tumors that were inoperable. We were shocked, and our world was turned upside down. As we left the doctor's office that day, I asked him to marry me. Three weeks after this, I broke my leg. So, I was scheduled to be out of work for 8-12 weeks. This turned out to be a blessing. I have been able to be there for every procedure and doctor's appointment, which is very important since he can't drive and has problems with his memory. He has been undergoing chemo and radiation for the last 6 weeks. However, due to the nature of the tumors he is never going back to work. So, at the end of 8 weeks for my leg, I decided to give my resignation. This was not an easy decision for me. But I feel my place is with him. So, after 16 1/2 years of delivering to Cundy's Harbor I am saying goodbye. I really have enjoyed serving and getting to know my customers.

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Rec Dept

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of my time,” she explains. “To have someone helping manage that piece frees me up to focus on our adult programs, partnerships with other local organizations and things like the community garden, the bandstand and the Cedar Beach Monitoring Program.”

The two women look forward to dividing evening and after school responsibilities. “Now, when there are two games or two meetings happening at once, we can actually cover both,” Perow grins.

Matthews has two children who participate in Harpswell Rec programs. “I’ve really loved watching my kids bloom here and I hope I can contribute to that as programs assistant,” she says.

As part of its mission statement, Harpswell Recreation includes the values of: Stimulating community involvement; Promoting physical health and well being for Harpswell residents; Providing alternatives to loneliness and isolation; Encouraging fun and reducing stress. It achieves these goals through programs for both adults and local youth.

Now a department within the town government, Harpswell Rec started as a committee. As Perow tells it, the recreation committee

pre-dated the Trufant-Summer-ton ball field. Things have changed since the early days.

“In the beginning, the summer swim program, which was started by Joyce Brown, was actually held in the ocean, not the Bowdoin College pool,” Perow says.

When the recreation committee was officially adopted as a town-sponsored department, Don Miskill was hired as the first director. He was succeeded by Liz Bouve, who was followed by Perow. A volunteer committee of seven voting and one non-voting member continue to help run the department.

Shortly after taking her position as rec director, Perow helped to coordinate the first Harpswell Hiking Challenge, which started as a small group of hikers walking the Cliff Trail together in celebration of National Trails Day. Now in its tenth year, the challenge has grown to include eight of Harpswell’s 15 trails and draws hikers from near and far.

The event, which is held annually on the first weekend in June, is a collaboration between the rec department and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT).

“It’s designed to celebrate Harpswell’s beautiful trails—all of which have a water view—and to provide a healthy way to engage people with the outdoors,” Perow explains.

This year’s challenge will include the Cliff Trail, Mitchell Field, Curtis Farm Preserve, Devil’s Back

East, Devil’s Back West, Houghton Graves Park, Widgeon Cove Trail and HHLT’s new Little Ponds Preserve. Hikers can collect a sticker from each of the trails and present them at the information booth at the town office to get a free t-shirt commemorating the event.

Unlike most town recreation departments, Harpswell Rec’s programming costs are partly covered by funds appropriated at Town Meeting.

“This arrangement is very unusual and we’re lucky to have it,” Perow says. “It means that every kid gets to participate at the lowest cost possible.”

The youth basketball program is fully sponsored by an anonymous donor at no cost to participating families. In addition, scholarships are available.

“The weekly bridge group collects a dollar each week from each person, which helps to sponsor our youth scholarships,” notes Perow. “There are also some individuals who make donations to support enrollment in our youth programs.”

Programs with the greatest enrollment longevity are the ever-popular youth baseball league and the basketball program. The biggest growth recently has been in the Harpswell Harriers cross-country running program, which currently includes 36 elementary school runners. Partnerships with H2Outfitters and the Abbott

Fletcher Sailing School allow Harpswell Rec to offer on-the-water kayaking and sailing programs.

Camp Harpswell is a week-long program held annually the week after school ends for the summer. This year, due to repairs being made at the Harpswell Community School, the camp will be based at the Truffant-Summer-ton ball field with off-site trips to trails and beaches throughout town. “We’re calling it Adventure Week,” Perow says. Enrollment for the full-day, week-long program is open until June 6.

Adult recreation programs include bridge, yoga with Janet Alexander, tai chi with Jeannie Rubio and scrap crafts, all held at the town office.

Aside from the myriad scheduling challenges involved in coordinating programs throughout the year, Perow notes that trail etiquette is often a topic of discussion among the members of the recreation committee. The Cliff Trail, in particular, sees a lot of activity.

“A recurring concern is the building of fairy houses outside of the fairy house zone,” Perow explains. “We offer fairy house zones as a way of making the trail kid-friendly, but we also want to leave sections of the trail pristine.”

She goes on to say that fairy houses are intended to be small, unobtrusive constructions, tucked into the existing landscape built

of found natural objects. Builders should refrain from peeling bark from live trees and pulling up moss to build them.

Interested in learning more about Harpswell Recreation programs? Go to www.harpswell.maine.gov, look under the town departments tab. ☞

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Tide

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property owners because more than 60% of the roads in town are privately owned. So they started talking with homeowners about how to plan their road maintenance in a way that takes into account rising water levels.

They decided they'd better start collecting some data. That's when the Commission approached Eileen Johnson, an environmen-

tal studies professor at Bowdoin College. Together, they designed a study to assess how a two-foot rise in sea level would affect things like eelgrass and erosion in Harpswell's intertidal areas, wetlands, and marshes. Several of Johnson's students looked at how different habitats would be affected as well as impacts to local economy.

This work was continued by the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP), an area non-profit working on community responses to climate change. They assessed potential impacts of sea level rise

on several towns along the coast, including Harpswell. All of these reports, along with several others, are available online at: www.harpswell.maine.gov (click on Environment, then Sea Level Rise, then Reports).

At that point, it was clear that Harpswell faced some complex challenges. The question was where to start.

"With limited resources, we just couldn't tackle all of the areas at once," said Nahf.

They decided to begin by identifying which public roads would be most impacted. They modeled a 1-, 3- and 6-foot rise and found that, of the 16 public roads identified, five would be flooded with just a one foot rise.

One of these, Basin Point Road, seemed like a good place to start. That road provides the only access to the Dolphin Marina and Restaurant, Erica's Seafood, a number of home businesses and over 100 residences. Given that the Dolphin Marina served about 85,000 people in 2016, it was clear that this road got plenty of use.

The inland side of the road is also adjacent to a Harpswell Heritage Land Trust Property (HHLT) – the Curtis Farm Pond wetland – which is sandwiched between Curtis and Basin Coves. This offered a unique opportunity to look at how higher water could change the boundaries of the

marsh as more seawater reaches higher up into the freshwater habitat. A Coastal Community Planning Grant was received to study both the road and its adjoining wetland and pond.

"Marsh migration is something we are considering in deciding which properties to conserve in the future. Existing salt marsh could become subtidal, so it's important to look at areas that allow for that change," said HHLT Executive Director, Reed Coles.

Given all of these factors, Basin Point was chosen as a case study. Maine Coastal Program provided funding to do a feasibility study for the road and helped develop options for managing the impact of increased saltwater movement into the valuable wetlands and pond.

They sorted through what these studies revealed and presented options to the public in December – like how to choose the proper size of a replacement culvert given different levels of projected rise and the costs involved. It was really eye opening.

"This can help the Town to plan and budget costs in the future," said Nahf. "Road improvements have an approximate lifespan of 30-35 years, so it is important to include a culvert sized to accommodate future water levels. And even though this is just one road, we hope that some of what we've

learned will be applicable to other areas and even other towns."

At present, the plan is to start a resiliency task force to identify and prioritize the Town's other resource vulnerabilities. A grant request is pending with the ShoreUp Maine program to fund part of the vulnerability study; it includes a Flood Resilience Checklist for coastal towns that helps identify existing infrastructure and document its current status.

"We have to try to tackle a little at a time as we get funding, but we learn a little bit more with every step," noted Nahf.

Fortunately, State Representative Jay McCreight (D- Harpswell) has been advocating at the state level for funding for coastal communities to do this kind of work. If the Climate Change Council bill (LD 1679) is approved, it would provide financial support for towns like Harpswell.

One of the challenges of sorting out solutions for an issue like sea level rise is to help people understand what sorts of things would impact them directly. For the Conservation Commission, this has meant public workshops and outreach.

But, as Nahf said, "It's always a challenge to reach people and get them interested and involved."

The online maps showing where the water would reach with varying amounts of sea level rise have helped people to visualize impacts as has the Citizen Science Picture Post project (www.anecdota.org), where volunteers take photos of high tides at designated spots. This is part of the King Tides Project, an international effort to help people envision what it will be like when ocean levels are a foot or more above current levels.

Aside from taking photos, Nahf stresses the importance of community involvement and awareness. Anyone can sign up for the town's email list to receive updates on upcoming workshops, opportunities to volunteer, or to provide helpful information. The Conservation Commission also welcomes questions from the public at any time at conservation@town.harpswell.me.us.



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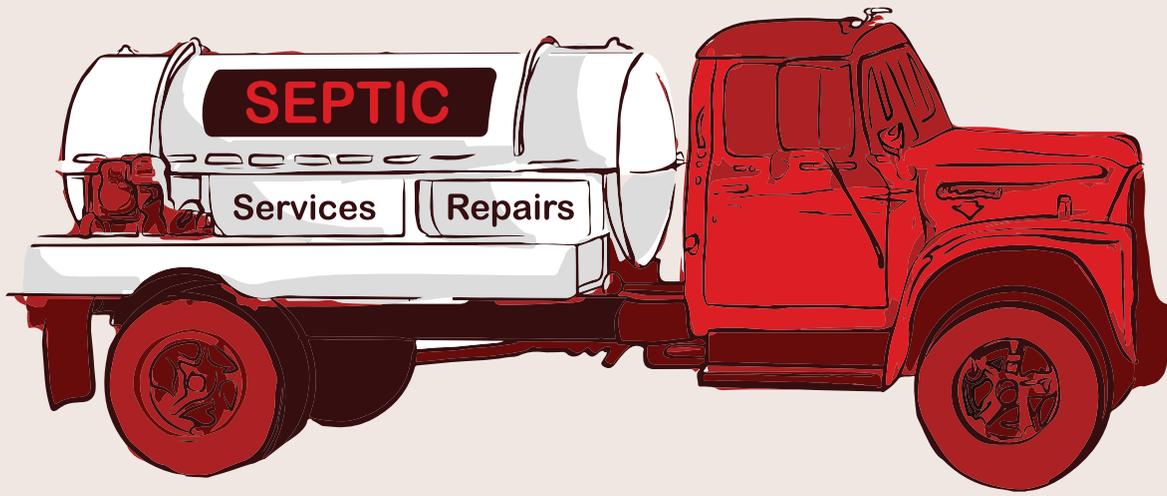


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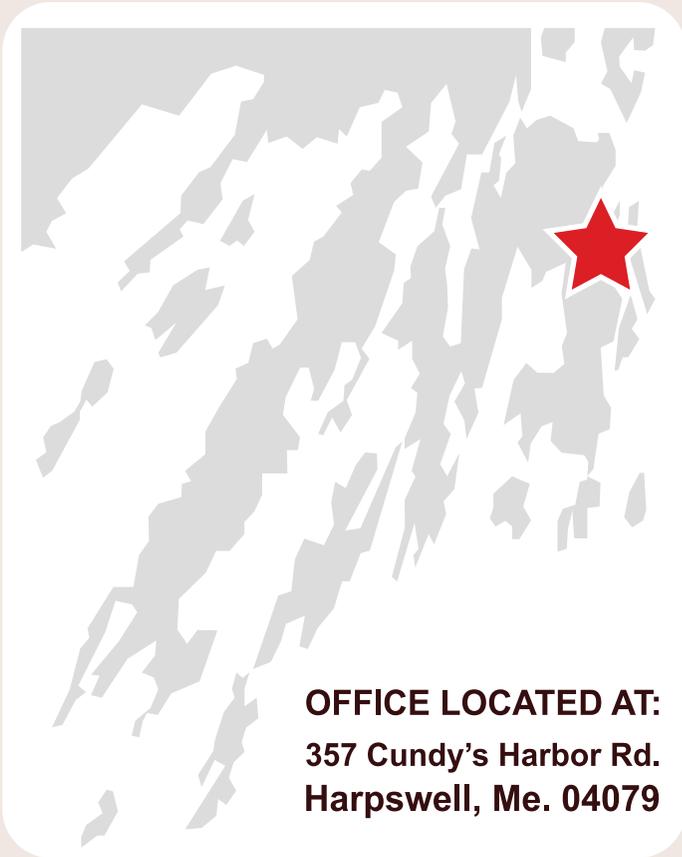
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Sluggers Harpswell Little League team sponsored by Hay's Live Lobster, one of many Harpswell Recreation Department teams. Front row, l to r: Brody Bichrest, Leif Svenson, Graisyin Morse, Garrison Hawkes. Back row, l to r: PJ Coffin, Gunner Leblanc, Benjamin "B.J." Jones, Jackson Ramsay (kind of on his own in the middle row), Bryson Rioux, and Hugh Morse. The coach is Zachary Morse (father to Hugh and Graisyin). Also on the team but not pictured is Brycen Muncey and Damon Ouellette.



"A Good Read"

Send your Good Read photo to news@harpswellanchor.com

A Mount Doom Good Read

Mike Sluyski and Linda Harrod enjoy a Good Read in Tongariro National Park, New Zealand, November 2018. Mount Ruapehu in the background was featured in the Lord of the Rings movies. (FRODO BAGGINS PHOTO)



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