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Thank you for your service

Mayo, Connors end duties at Center

O. Jeanne d'Arc Mayo and Frank Connors, two legendary figures at People Plus, have retired from "active" (both paid and volunteer) service at the Center. Both have been vital to the success of the organization "that builds community.'

Mayo, who has been both a member and volunteer at the Center over the last 17 years and recently celebrated her 88th birthday, has been a trustee on the board at People Plus and chair of various committees. Over that time, she has accumulated nearly 3,000 volunteer service hours.

"People Plus is extremely important to me," said Mayo. "You need a permanent organization like People Plus in Brunswick that provides services to all people."

When asked what Mayo's years of service means to People Plus, Executive Director Stacy Frizzle replied, "She is thoughtful, kind, smart and dedicated while also driven and relentless when it comes to her beliefs. She worked tirelessly on the senior programming fundraising committee, both in development and event planning and is fearless about asking people to part with their money in support of People Plus."

"She could get a donation out of a stone if she put her mind to it," said Frank Connors. Together, Mayo and Connors spearheaded





and led the event committee for the Center's "Music in April," premier fundraiser for People Plus for 17 years. More than half-a-million dollars has been raised from this program since 2002.

They were considered the dynamic duo for

this important event — and many others. Without them, "Music in April" would have died on the vine. They each brought their own talent to creating the event, organizing it, setting it up and running it. Mayo was the "heavy" on set-up day, and she always knew exactly where things should go, while Connors was there to do whatever was needed and then act as master of ceremonies on the night of the program. Between the two of them, there wasn't a name or face in the room that they didn't recognize.

"They made it look easy, made it profitable and made it fun. They had become the faces of Music in April for all these years and I can't imagine it without them," said Frizzle.

Mayo, a longtime resident of Brunswick and now living in Topsham, also had a special place in her heart for the Teen Center program which was adopted as a program of People Plus while Mayo was on the board over a decade ago.

This passion led her to create the Teen

Center Endowment Fund with an initial gift that she cajoled out of her family. "I told them that instead of birthday gifts, they could give their money to start something for the teens!" The fund now helps provide needed resources for youth in grades 6-12 who often eat their

last meal of the day at the

Mayo was recently given a plaque at her retirement party that reads, "The board of People Plus hereby names the Mayo Family Brunswick Area Teen Center Endowment Fund. In grateful appreciation of O. Jeanne d'Arc Mayo's 17 years of volunteerism and dedication to People Plus, its members and our inter-

generational community." "I've always felt strongly about the Teen Center," she said. "No one was committed to providing the space

and People Plus stepped up to the plate. It's proven to be a fantastic asset to the community and it's well run."

"It was such an honor to name the Teen Center endowment savings fund after Jeanne and her family. And it will live on in her honor after all of us are long gone. She intended it to provide long-term stability for the Teen Center," Frizzle said at the retirement celebration.

Connors, a longtime resident of Bowdoinham and Brunswick, was also involved at the Center since 2002. He did so many jobs both at the Noble Street and Union Street locations, it's almost as if People Plus had to find a whole busload of people to replace him.

Connors said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to be involved with the people of our community. I probably enjoyed myself more than the people I was helping out."

Talking about Connors, Frizzle said, "It's been a pleasure knowing and working with Frank for my eight years at People Plus. His creativity, New England charm and self-deprecating sense of humor were infectious. We created a team here among the staff that really clicked," Frizzle continued.

At the organization's recent annual summer picnic at Thomas Point Beach, Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Brunswick who has been on the People Plus board since 1984, spoke at length about Connors' contributions, and said, "The Center wouldn't be what it is today without Frank. He was the face of People Plus.'

It's not a total goodbye for either Mayo or Connors. Luckily for all of us at the Center, Frank has let Frizzle coerce him into continuing his legendary field trips and the monthly TV show, and Mayo will continue to support development and fundraising committee as her schedule permits.

'Hopefully, we can entice them to pitch in a little here and there so we don't lose their magical contribution," stated Frizzle.

For more photos from our fun-filled July, check out pages 6 and 7.

People Plus to recognize its volunteers

place it is because of its amazing volunteers! On Thursday, Aug. 15, at 10:30 am, we will celebrate these volunteers with our annual Volunteer Appreciation event.

This year's event will be a brunch where guests will enjoy delicious breakfast foods served by the staff while People Plus recognizes their important contributions of the past year. Enjoy goodies, fun entertainment and hear about those earning our 2019 awards.

"There is just no way the People Plus Center we all know and love could exist without the daily contributions of our volunteers," said Jill coordinator. "They remain and will always be the heart and soul of our facility, and the activities and programs we offer to our members."

Ellis estimates nearly 230 people routinely and regularly volunteer time and/or their talents to the Center, working as receptionists, drivers, cooks, instructors, callers, cleaners, gardeners, greeters and more. The average number of volunteer hours per year at People Plus is 9,000.

Please confirm with the front desk by calling 729-0757 if you plan to attend this exciting event. For members only.



Lunch and Learn just a buzzin'

While there is always a buzz of activity at only an amateur naturalist. She has People Plus, this will be even more true on Monday, Aug. 26, at 12 noon, at our 'Aging Well' Lunch and Learn.

Caroline Eliot, Executive Director of the Cathance River Education Alliance in Topsham, will be presenting The Magic and Mystery of Honeybees (and Wild Bees!). She will be discussing the

magical world of these industrious creatures, what they do (besides making honey) that benefits us, and what it's like to be a beginner beekeeper. Also learn about the benefits of planting native plants for bees, insects, birds and more.

Eliot lives in Bowdoin where she keeps bees, chickens, and native plantings. She loves spending time outdoors and is an enthusiastic observer of nature, but considers herself

worked in land conservation and natural resource planning in Maine for many years. Prior to her present position, Eliot was Associate Director of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust for seven years.

Bring your lunch, we'll provide drinks, chips and dessert. Free, open to public. Call to register.



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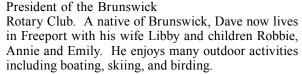
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total of 14 years in Banking. He is on the Board for Junior Achievement and has been a Big Brother with Big Brothers and Big Sisters for nearly 2 years. In his free time Tim is a Personal Trainer and enjoys hiking and travel. He lives in Bowdoin with his two amazing cats, Raven and Pickle.

David Riley Millar

Dave is the owner of Riley Insurance Agency on Maine Street in Brunswick. Past community involvement includes many years on the campaign cabinet of United Way of Midcoast Maine and a term on their Board of Directors. He is also a Past





Christine Munroe

Chris is the Market Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer at Norway Savings Bank in Brunswick. Though she started her career in oanking at Maine National Bank in Portland, she also taught French for 9 years

and has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. She lives in Freeport with her husband Rusty and spends a lot of time with their 2 sons in Boston and her mom Sonia in Brunswick.

Don't blink ...

I cannot believe that July is already winding down! It seemed to take forever for summer to get here and now it is flying by. And what a busy July

it's been! With our annual

summer picnic/Frank's

retirement party topping

140 people at Thomas Point

Beach, we have never seen

a member event of that

size at People Plus before!

The lunch crew headed

by Stephanie Petkers

and Gladys Szabo did an

amazing job feeding every-

body really delicious food!

And lunch crew new-

comer George Hardin

showed up at the Center

and helped load every-

thing, towed it to the beach,

unloaded it, worked the

whole picnic, re-loaded

everything and came back

to People Plus! Then he

washed all the pots, pans

and dishes — right down

to the very last spoon. Plus

he's a really happy, chatty

guy. What more could we

ask for? He was a godsend

excited that he'll be around

We also had our first

Men's Breakfast that Frank

did not cook! I heard it was

and we are terrifically

every month for lunch!

Thanks George!

strictly on hearsay.

Earlier in July, we cele-

O. Jeanne d'Arc Mayo. We

had a lovely gathering of

board members at the home

of current board member

Steve and Sue Loebs.

It was a treat to honor a

woman whose passion and

loyalty for the People Plus

organization has spanned

nearly two decades. From

planting the flower beds



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I can reach,

Golden Summer

by Elizabeth B. Bates

and now the daffodils have shed their gold.

The apples are shining on boughs everywhere.

There are so many...I don't know their names.

We waited for this in wintry cold,

Sunflowers have grown taller than

Where has the summer gone?

and I'm walking lonely on the beach.

The leaves on the trees are beginning

Pies are coming ...I can see them there.

Summer is changing to something new,

....adieu to golden.... to golden adieu!!

Weeds! Weeds! Weeds!

by P.K. Allen

The more I pick 'em

The more they grow.

And not just once

It's twice or more.

My back is sore.

I've picked so many weeds

I can fill my wheelbarrow.

I've picked so many weeds

But I'm not complaining

Because in the cold winter

Hidden Away

by Doris Weinberg

It was something I treasured for many years

Something I wanted to use.

Teenagers get some quirky ideas

But when I did my Dad blew a fuse.

I was probably in my mid-teen years

And I didn't like the way I appeared.

My figure wasn't bad and my skin fairly clear,

But my hair caused a torrent of tears.

It was much too curly and I wanted it straight!

It should bounce when I moved my head.

I wanted so much to grow it long,

But my Mom kept it short instead,

When I found a small hat that fit on my head,

It sort of kept my hair down.

But my Dad didn't like it-not one bit!

He said I resembled a clown!

I used the hat weekly when I washed my hair-

Put it on when my hair was wetter.

It flattened the curls and made it feel silky.

I thought it looked much better.

My hat disappeared one day and couldn't be found.

I was afraid to ask my Dad.

I knew he would laugh all to himself

And probably just feel glad.

The years rolled by. I found my "man"

And my family grew to five.

Having a home and children

Made me feel so alive.

But as my kids grew up, my Dad was getting old

And suddenly became quite sick.

And fortunately for him, his time was short,

But to us he passed quite quick.

And though it was sad, we packed up his clothes

And got to the back of his drawer.

And under his shirts, rolled up in a ball,

You'll never guess what we saw.!

There was my hat, still nice and clean,

On top of my photograph.

I never would have guessed that he had taken it-

And now he had the very last laugh!!

Haiku

by Elizabeth B. Bates

the dark clouds that threaten us.

Don't know what to do

so this is for you

Rain falls soft below

Pray that we are safe.

Most roses fade fast.

Needles make it last.

Rosa rugosa stays long.

been asked to do a haiku

For this summer to go

I hate shoveling snow!

to fundraising, to decorating the Center and donating furniture, to creating savings funds, Jeanne has become a mentor to me. And even more so, she has become the person I aspire to emulate in my future years at People Plus. It was an honor to name the Teen Center endowment savings fund The "Mayo Family Fund"

after Jeanne and her family. And to top it all off, Jonathan and I hosted not just one, but two Gentleman Farmer in Maine Italian dinners as auction items from Music in April! So on July 12th AND 19th we hosted a dinner party for eight people under our grapevine-covered pergola. Jonathan fired up the stone pizza oven that he built a decade ago and we served homemade pizzas, Mediterranean roasted chicken, risotto and tiramisu. We hope the auction item winners were happy with their purchases! I can say for sure that the People Plus organization is certainly appreciative of their donations and their willingness to come for dinner at our house and act like it was something special.

We also welcome three new board members to the club in the month of July. As you see to the left of this column they are Dave Millar, Tim Keene and Christine Munroe. We are thrilled to have them become our newest volunteers to help steward the organization to success, stability, and financial health enabling People Plus to continue serving more than 1,000 seniors and several hundred teens in our community every year.

pretty darn good with the new chef Jason Whitten in Lastly, as you are reading this newspaper, (at the kitchen. I have to say this very minute!) it's the first-ever newspaper that I only "heard" though put out by the People Plus organization for because women are not which Frank Connors was not the Editor in permitted to eat at Men's Chief. We didn't think we would survive, but Breakfast so I'm going it is still a pretty gosh darn good read isn't it!?! It goes without saying that we will miss brated and honored 17 years of volunteer service from

Frank; my last eight years with him have gone by in a blink, but we couldn't be more thrilled to have Patrick Gabrion at the helm of our paper these days. He is a fantastic writer who brings a fresh perspective which is always fun and a good thing. We can't wait to see how he makes the paper his own over the next few months. It won't change drastically but I believe the voice will sound a little different. So stay tuned and come see all that's new and

all that has stayed the same, down at People Plus, the Center that Builds Community.

From Anita's **Plate**

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something different to our salads: Add some leftover cooked shrimp, lobster or grilled scallops

• Toss in some berries or sliced mango

We have finally had some nice weather

with some really hot days. For those of

you who love salads this is a great time

of year to take advantage of our fresh

be nice to include some ideas to add

produce. Besides the typical items that

are often put in a salad, I thought it would

- Change up the type of lettuce • Add a leftover sweet potato or rice
- Leftover roasted vegetables

• Try a new salad dressing

I have had a lot of fun trying new things in my salads. I just open the refrigerator and see what I could add to it!

Several months ago I wrote about a company that delivers "misfit" produce to your door. I just found out that they deliver to all zip codes in Maine! The company is called Misfit Market. They deliver delicious produce that may be misshaped in some way and would otherwise go to waste. They sell two sizes and you can have them deliver each week or every two weeks. Check them out!

- potatoes (about 2 medium)
- 5 C. diced red bell peppers
- 1 clove garlic, minced • 1 t. chili powder
- ½ t. ground cumin • ½ t. dried oregano
- 1 small lime, cut into 6 wedges

Directions:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high. Cut six 12-inch chicken breast (about 2 large), lengths of heavy-duty foil. Coat each piece with cooking spray.

2. Combine chicken, sweet potatoes, peppers, onion, garlic, chili powder, cumin and oregano in large bowl; stir to coat thoroughly. Evenly divide the chicken mixture among the foil sheets (place on the side coated with cooking spray). Gather together the long ends of each foil piece, then fold up its open ends to form a packet.

3. Cook until the vegetables are tender and lightly charred, turning halfway through, about 20 minutes total. Serve right away (be careful of steam when

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ART WITH CONNIE BAILEY Tuesday/Thursday at 10 am

"CARDINAL," pastel by Marsha Mogk

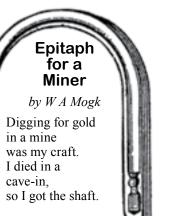
In The Clouds by Doris Weinberg

Have you ever just lay down on the grass And dreamed while looking at the sky? Or been down at the shore enjoying the sand When a plane with streamers flew by? Sometimes there's lots of puffy white clouds And you put your imagination to work. The magic of lying on the sand and looking up-Is another summertime perk. We so need to let stress go And imagining is such a great way. Pick out a cloud and study it's shape. To you-what does it convey? Does it look like a dog? Can you find paw and tail? Or is it a schooner And there is the sail?

Sometimes I've seen what looks like a map. Is that a country up there? Oh, the clouds have moved and I was mistaken. It's now a large comfy chair! Oh, maybe I'm seeing a dark cloud in the East. Is it going to spoil my day? Where is it going and how fast is it moving?

Will it rain on the spot where I lay? It was so relaxing to study the sky Whether rain interrupted or not. But I try to remember how good it felt And often go back to that spot.

My Gram! She Stood and Sang That August Day



She stood! She stood up regally to sing. We stared at her. Dear Gram, how can this be? Great radio news had flown on gilded wing, Lifted her from wheelchair — spirit free! Fourteenth of August 'forty-five. Remember. A treaty had been signed in Tokyo Bay. The end of war! And now Japan's surrender. Allies' ships' victory streamers flew that day. First graders sang each day with inspiration. We learned to sing — our flag would always wave. Proud and thankful were we for our great nation. Our land was of the free; it was home of the brave. Gram's voice was strong, clear, a marvel to be heard. She knew the song's four verses. Every note and every word.



A Summer Destination by Betty Bavor

with 15 feet of snow the norm in winter. The AAA tour book reports the highest wind velocity ever recorded is 231 mph in April 1934. It is the Northeast's highest peak in the Presidential Range of the New Hampshire White Mountains.

nation for a 2019 summer trip.

My husband's sister and hubby came to adjusting to whatever and happy. our son. A trip was the

plan. We packed up for a New England foliage adventure, including the destination of Mt. Washington. It was our son's first vacation travel experience. My in-laws did not have children and I was a bit nervous

We see Mt. Washington on the Weather straying from the normal daily routine thought our son should experience his first with no problems.

Channel and learn of weather on its environment. We drove the coast road to snow. We took him out of the backpack 6,288-foot summit peak. The average Cape Cod, visited Plymouth Plantation, papoose wearing one moccasin — where annual temperature is below freezing checked out the Mayflower and stayed is the second one? We had walked about, with my parents in Massachusetts our first other visitors also left tracks and the four night after driving 300-plus happy miles of us searched until we found this valuable item. We made some snow balls, sat our Off to New Hampshire and Maine vis- son in the snow, took his picture, enjoying iting AAA tour book recommended sites this brief summit visit in spite of limited along the way. We stayed in a motel on visibility. The signal sounded to board the It has the world's first mountain-climb- Lake Winnipesaukee our second night. On Cog Railway for our return trip down the ing Cog Railway using historic steam day three we headed for Mt. Washington. mountain. A memorable trip for all of us.

engines and now modern bio-diesel loco- The Cog Railway provided enjoyable and We ventured to Mt. Aschutny, driving motives. Built in 1869, the Cog Railway is unique transportation to the top for us all. to the end of the dirt road and hiking to celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, I have in my journal; the tickets were \$10, the summit. My husband's family camped with activities all summer. Check out the I guess \$5 for mom and dad, little one in a in this area when he and his sister were website thecog.com, and make it a desti- backpack papoose free. The weather was growing up. They had hiked this mouncool and our son, not yet walking, wore tain and wanted to revisit it for old time's Reading this announcement in the moccasins. He had a habit of often kicking sake. We checked out some of Vermont's summer issue of National Parks maga- one off which was always retrieved. I had covered bridges and by the time we zine brought back some memories for me. relaxed as he was being so well behaved returned to Connecticut, we had visited all the New England states. We put 1,500-Connecticut from California in September Mt. Washington's summit was covered plus miles on our blue 1958 Chevrolet 1963 to meet their 9-month-old nephew, with several inches of snow and we station wagon. The highlight of this trip was Mt. Washington.

> This would be a great year to revisit with my 56-year-old son and pull out the snapshot of him sitting in the snow in 1963 when he was 9 months old. A cherished memory

for me, though I doubt he remembers.





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Quick Chicken and Sweet Potato Packets

Ingredients:

cut into 1-inch cubes

• 1 pound boneless, skinless

- 5 C. peeled and cubed sweet
- (about 2 small) • 1 large red onion, sliced

opening the packets), with lime wedges.

August is AWESOME at People Plus!



SUMMER FUN at Thomas Point Beach. Prior to the People Plus Center's annual summer picnic on July 18, members and guests perform yoga exercises to make room for lunch (photo above), while Connie Bailey's student artists sketch and paint the beautiful surroundings at the popular Brunswick

People Plus Open House! SAVE THE DATE: | Thursday, September 26, 1-3 pm. 🎉

Enjoy refreshments as you tour the Center on Union Street, chat with representatives of classes and clubs and meet the staff. Take advantage of reduced membership rates for this year! Free, open to public!

Spectrum Generations Medicare 101 Session

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Tue, Aug 13, 12:30 pm. Learn about Medicare and its many "Parts" special accommodations. Free, suggested \$15 donation.



Health Expo to offer helpful advice in October

It's a fact that Maine has the highest percentage of older adults in the nation, and the Mid Coast is where this segment of the population is growing the fastest.

To learn what resources and services are available in the region, the eighth annual People Plus Senior Health Expo will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Brunswick Recreation Center. Returning Partner Plus sponsors are Mid Coast-Parkview Health and Coastal Landing Retirement Community. Event sponsors as of print date are Avita of Brunswick/Sunnybrook, Brackett Funeral Home and Bill Dodge Auto Group.

Registration is now open for tables and sponsors for this important event. The exhibitor deadline is Sept. 6, while the sponsorship

Medical Services • Fitness and Health Technology • Legal • Community Services Housing/Respite Care • Financial/Banking

the following categories:

the public

The Brunswick Recreation Center is located at 220 Neptune Drive on Brunswick Landing (formerly the Brunswick Naval Air Station). The venue has ample space and parking, along with bathrooms

deadline is Aug. 30 (so your logo gets on the

bag!). The Expo is free to visitors and open to

Last year's gathering was a great success

with more than 600 participants, 75 tables,

77 flu shots, 30 free massages, more than

100 balance screenings, and many other free

The Expo provides an excellent opportunity

to showcase products and services in many of

"The Expo is by far one of the top events of its kind in our community," said Jill Ellis, People Plus Programming and Events coordinator. "It's a great and easy opportunity for visitors to connect with vendors and learn what they have to offer.'

The People Plus Senior Health Expo will be held from 9 am to 1 pm.

> Call 729-0757 to register for classes & events.

Nothing like going to the fair

Windsor Fair, which runs from Aug. 25 to Sept. 2, will be hosting Senior Citizens and Veterans Day on Thursday, Aug. 29, and rides are available for members of the Bath Area Senior Center, People Plus, and Merry Meeters of Topsham. The bus on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Open to the public. Registration will leave the Bath Senior Center at 9 am and head for home from the fair at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 required. Please notify us two weeks prior to an event if you require for non-members, but doesn't cover admission into the fair and lunch is on your own. Fair fees are \$5 for seniors (60-plus), \$10 for adults, and free for veterans. FMI: Call Bath Area Senior Center (443-4937).

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Healing Clinic at People Plus Fridav. Aug. 30, 10 am-4 pm. Midcoast Massage & Reiki Center is sponsoring a free healing event at People Plus. A variety of local practitioners will be available including those providing hands-on treatments, energy

workers, and nutrition experts. One "sound healing" practitioner will be providing a presentation demo around midday. This is a great opportunity to meet and try practitioners from the local community and ask questions. All offerings are free but donations to benefit the Brunswick Area Teen Center at People Plus are appreciated. Please note there are no early signups for treatment. You must be present the day of the event to select a treatment

Hair Cuts for Seniors

9-12 pm. All People Plus. No appointment necessary, just show up with clean hair.

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Program Changes for August

Tue

Instead of Lunch and Connections there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on August 15th at 10:30 am (see page 1). Members only, call to register.

9:30 Beg/Intermediate Bridge

10:00 Art with Connie Bailey

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3:00pm Kaffeestunde! German Club

9:30 Beg/Intermediate Bridge

10:00 Art with Connie Bailey

9:30 Beg/Intermediate Bridge

10:00 Art with Connie Bailey

9:00 Table Tennis

10:30 Yoga with Ann

2:00pm Chair Yoga

9:00 Table Tennis

10:30 Yoga with Ann

12:30pm Aerobics Lite

12:30pm Medicare 101

11:30 LUNCH OUT

2:00pm Chair Yoga

9:00 Table Tennis

10:30 Yoga with Ann

2:00pm Chair Yoga

9:00 Table Tennis

10:30 Yoga with Ann

2:00pm Chair Yoga

Investments designed with you in mind

12:30pm Aerobics Lite

2:30pm Cafe en Français

12:30pm Aerobics Lite

2:00pm Books a la Carte

12:30pm Aerobics Lite

- Women's Breakfast will be held on the second Thursday (8/8) at 8:30 am.
- Apple Club will be held on the second Thursday (8/8) at 10 am.

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• There will be no Men's Breakfast.

Mon

9:00 Mah-Jongg

9:00 Crafters

9:30 Scrabble

10:00 Zumba

11:00 Table Tennis

1:30pm A Matter of Balance

12:00pm Bridge

9:00 Mah-Jongg

9:00 Loosen Up

11:00 Table Tennis

1:30pm A Matter of Balance

12:00pm Bridge

9:00 Mah-Jongg

9:00 Loosen Up

9:30 Scrabble

10:00 Zumba

11:00 Table Tennis

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6:30pm Sage Square Dancers

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Magic and Mystery of Honeybees

12:00pm Bridge

9:00 Mah-Jongg

9:00 Loosen Up

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8:00 'Easy Riders' Biking Club

8:45 Cribbage

9:00 Mah-Jongg

9:00 Loosen Up

10:00 Meals on Wheels

12:30pm Tai Chi - Long Form

6:30pm Brunswick Coin/Stamp

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11:00 Yoga 5:30pm Medical Professions

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8:30 Women's Breakfast

9:30 Beg/Intermediate Bridge

9:30 Beg/Intermediate Bridge

10:00 Art with Connie Bailey

10:30 Volunteer Appreciation

Brunch

9:00 Table Tennis

5:30pm Medical Professions

11:00 Yoga

11:00 Yoga

9:00 Table Tennis

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9:00 Hair Cuts with Margarita 10:00 Tai Chi - Short Form 10:30 Meals on Wheels

Fri

11:15 Qigong 12:30pm Advanced Bridge

6:30pm Folk Dance Brunswick

9:00 Mah-Jongg

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10:00 Art with Connie Bailey 10:00 Apple Club 10:30 Meals on Wheels 11:00 World Affairs 11:00 Yoga

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Lots of Love, Life and Laughter at People Plus in July!





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Scaled Back Summer Days

As always during the summer months, attendance numbers go down and new members, especially those entering 6th grade in September, start coming in during July/August. We opened up our waiting list, letting everyone join as a handful of our regulars moved, got jobs or graduated.

Our other regulars who we see on and off during the summer months are doing a variety of things: summer classes, camps, staying with family members in other towns or states for some of the summer, babysitting younger siblings, or just can't get here without the school bus.

It's nice for new members to get familiar with the program, other kids and staff during the summer so they don't feel completely overwhelmed in September

walking into a room of 25-plus kids.

The 6th graders are "cute" when they come to the TC for the first time with exclamations of "this is the coolest place ever!" and "you have food and snacks EVERY day?!'

Appetites are also down during the summer months and a meal will last us a couple of days as opposed to being devoured in an afternoon. They still drink lots of beverages though!

Not a real newsy month but a laid-back break from the school year and we get to spend more one-on-one time with the kids, do more "projects" like art and get more of a chance to talk and get to know

We are also able to get more computer work and cleaning projects done.

Teen Center **News**

Jordan Cardone

We got one grant sent out in July so far and before we know it, we will be working on our Back to School fund letter for 2019. Until then, we are making the most of our calmer TC days and personally enjoying some nice sunny weekends finally.

July has pretty much been a "no news is good news" month @ Nice!

Back next month! Jordan and The Gang!



TEENS OF THE MONTH: Troy and Gabe Fickett

TC program for two years now claimed Naruto Champion. BIHS in September

nized as Teen of the Month, we he didn't want his picture taken. decided this month to do just So we substituted Gabe. They that as many of our regulars are really do look quite a lot alike!

not around — just maybe for different reasons! Troy has eaten the most Pop Tarts here in one afternoon (a program, but these guys are the only twins here currently. record)! Gabe has asked for fruit roll-ups about 15 times Congratulations boys, you finally got it. Ha!

Twin brothers, Troy and Gabe a day every day he is here (a Fickett, have been attending the record) and is also our self-proand are headed into 8th grade at When the boys first began at the TC, Troy got chosen for Teen of Wanting so badly to get recog- the Month but gave it up because



We have quite a number of siblings that attend the

EXHIBIT: Brunswick Town Commons at 300 Years

July 16-Aug. 30. Curtis Library in Brunswick is hosting an exhibit honoring the 300th anniversary of the Town Commons, developed by Jym St. Pierre and the Town Commons Committee, in partnership with the Pejepscot Historical Society. Come discover the history of the Town Commons, learn how it inspired local authors and artists, and how it influenced municipal development. The Town Commons exhibit is part of the "A Walk in the Woods" Collaboratory exhibit. Learn about local ecology with participatory activities such as leaf rubbings, forest yoga, tree ring dating, bird identification, and more. A reception for the exhibit was held on July 22.

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Walking Book Group at Town Commons

4th Saturday, 9 am, July-August. We invite all roaming readers to Curtis Library's summer Walking Book Group. It is similar to a regular book club, except we will take our meetings outside and walk while we discuss the book. This year we are reading "On Wilderness: Voices From Maine." On July 27, we will discuss the first half of the book (pages 1-73) and finish the discussion on Aug. 24. We meet at 9 am at the Brunswick Town Commons (Harpswell Road) and walk for approximately one hour. The group meets rain or shine, but if it is heavy rain and thunder the meeting will be canceled.



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Club Corner



THE BIKE GANG from People Plus, from left, Linda, Richard, Mary and Walter along Mere Point Road in Brunswick.

Text & photos by Patrick Gabrion

Joining a bike gang

Center's Easy Riders Biking Club spins at life's slower pace

The benefits of riding a bike are many. Improving one's health. A cheaper form of transportation, with the byproduct of doing your bit for the environment. Being in closer contact with our surroundings. Less congestion on

Cycling is also a great connector for meeting other people. For those of us on the shy side of life's spectrum, bikes act as a bridge when words don't come easily. The turning of the wheels actually draws us closer to strangers — somehow keeping us introverts from applying the

I joined a bike gang the other day, and thus had the opportunity to meet some fellow cyclists and make new friends. They are part of the 'Easy Riders' Biking Club here at the People Plus Center.

Despite showing up on one of my expensive bikes and clothed from head-to-toe in proper cycling attire — way overdressed for this kind of party and slightly embarrassed — these wonderful people greeted me with open arms. I truly felt welcomed right from the start.

As the group's name might suggest, the ride that day to Simpson's Point in Brunswick was easy; we covered nine miles and our average speed was a whopping 8.3 miles per hour. But you know what? I loved every minute of the

Most of my rides tend to be treated as exercise; get the heart rate up and sweat from every pore. It serves a purpose, which I cheerfully accomplish several times per week. But the pace put forth by the Easy Riders really got to the essence of what pedaling a bicycle truly means By slowing down, it was impossible to escape the world around you. The smell of the sea, the morning messaging of the birds, traveling through the long shadows of the endless forests, and, more importantly, the chance to engage in conversation.

Richard Giustra, 79, the gang leader, along with making sure everyone was safe, radiated a pleasant personality that made chatting with him a great pleasure. And then there was Walter Harris, a native of Texas and former nurse. He remarked how they say you never forget how to ride a bike. Well, he had for a number of years been off one, but he was making up for lost time and doing a grand job. He was a real treat to ride with in the People Plus group. Also riding with us were two lovely ladies, Mary Hepburn and her relative, Linda.

Pure and simple, it was a fun experience and I'm glad I went. So, thanks for letting me tag along, and I'm already looking forward to joining the group's next weekly outing. However, I believe I will be a little less flashv in my appearance. After all, it's just an easy-going bike ride.

(Editor's note: Anyone is welcome to join the biking club, which usually meets on Wednesdays at 8 am at



THE EASY RIDERS Biking Club leaves for rides from the People Plus Center on Wednesday mornings. Richard Giustra, the group's leader, said, "The Easy Riders are all about promoting and enjoying all the health benefits of plain old-fashioned movement. mostly easy movement. The belief is that we still have a lot of living to do, at any age, any time and any place with whatever we have available. The possibilities are



MARY AND LINDA take in the view at Simpson's Point Landing in Brunswick



THE RIDE to Simpson's Point in Brunswick covered nine miles under pleasant weather

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In search of the relaxing part of retirement

With the recent "retirement" of the legendary Frank Connors from his many duties and responsibilities here at People Plus, it got me thinking the other day about my own situation in regards to the next chapter in my

With my December departure from The Times Record in Brunswick and 44 years as a newspaperman. I too have called it quits. In fact, when people now ask me what I do for work, I say, "I'm retired."

But am I really? Many times, it doesn't feel like it. Do we ever really retire, and from what? I just don't know.

To retire, at least according to its definition in my Chambers dictionary, is "to withdraw; to retreat; to recede; to withdraw from society, office, public or active life, business, profession, etc.; to go into seclusion or to

I haven't done any of that, other than the bed part by stealing an occasional nap during the afternoon. I seem as busy as ever; a very common comment I have heard from countless other people who have "withdrawn" prior to me.

You work hard all those years not even paying much attention to the "R" word; it's

just too far away. But as it approaches — at least for me anyway — the subject starts to consume more of your thoughts, along with triggering the inevitable concerns and questions. What's it going to be like? Will I get bored? Can I swing it financially? Will I miss my job and co-workers? Will I lose my identity as to who I am and the purpose I serve to society? What am I going to do with all that free time? On and on it goes.

And, believe me, there was plenty of free advice thrown my way as to how I could and should — spend my leisure hours. The resounding chorus from most of my family members was that now I can write that novel they have all been patiently waiting for, even though I've never had the desire to do such a thing. Also, my best friend from Michigan — who is younger than me and has much more "R" experience than myself — pointed

out several television programs that I could look forward to watching from the comfort of my La-Z-Boy recliner, shows such as "The View," "Family Feud," "The Three Stooges," and "Jeopardy!"

This would be hard for two simple reasons. One, I don't possess a La-Z-Boy of any kind. And two, I also do not have a television in

my home, and haven't had one for years. As you might have guessed, now that I have joined the "withdrawn" crowd I'm having trouble with another "R" word — as in relaxing. I'm just filling in my hours and days because that's what I've always done. My wife, Vicky, has even been irked with me from time to time for being too busy. Besides my newspaper gig here at People Plus, I work part-time at a bicycle shop, I maintain a cycling blog I created on the internet, I mow two lawns, and I perform various chores around the house. That's not too much, right?

I've always thought there were three subjects our schools should teach that would serve us all well later down the road in life: basic finances, marriage/relationships, and raising children. Maybe a course on retirement should be added to the list?

So how does my trusted dictionary define the word relax? Its verb form is as follows: "To loosen; to slacken; to make or become less close, tense, rigid, strict, or severe." My wife queried, "Where's the part about doing less or taking it easy?"

The fact that I've never tried retiring before probably means that it will indeed take some Patrick Gabrion

time to adapt to my new situation. I'm just thankful that I have the opportunity to try; for many people, and for many reasons, retirement isn't even an option for them.

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So I guess I'll start by trying to "loosen" my workload and "become less strict" about filling up my planning calendar with job after job after job. Come to think of it, I didn't even have one of those organizing things when I was doing my real-world occupation. Wish me luck! And I'll let you know how things turn out in this new stage

The Harpswell Garden Club

will meet on Thursday, Aug. 15 at pm at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. After a brief business meeting, Andy Brand of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will present "Moths

and Butterflies of Maine." It is free and open to the public. For more information, call Becky at 833-6159.

Staying 'Connected'

You are invited. "CONNECTED," a free nondenominational gathering, invites all widowers, widows, divorced and singles 55 and over on Monday, Aug. 5. The group meets at St. Charles Borromeo Church hall located at 132 McKeen St. in Brunswick from 7-9 pm. Light refreshments will be available. We usually have an interesting guest give a brief talk at the beginning of the meeting. Come socialize, mingle and meet new friends. For more information, call 725-1266 or

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Students' talent still on display in Cafe Gallery

The show featuring Connie Bailey's student artists is remaining in our Cafe Gallery for the month of August. The more than two dozen pieces of art display students' ability to work with all different types of media forms.

This show by the student artists of People Plus triggers great interest around our Union Street facility, as all of our artists have friends within our membership at the Center.

Artists invited to exhibit include: Beth

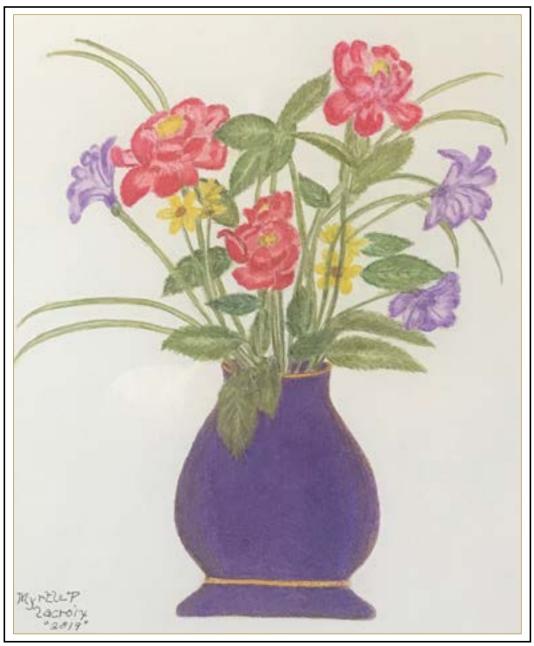


Aldenberg, Lorraine Berte, Alison Coffin, Sandra Cox, Jenn Haskins, Karen Guistra, Myrtle and Tony Lacroix, Mary Maverick, Marsha Mogk, Richard Nickerson, Ralph Palmer, Nancy Pantaz, Valerie Robbins, Ann Sanfasin and Al Tyrol.

Bailey's mixed media classes have long been a feature at the Center, with expert instruction in the use of watercolors, watercolor pencils, colored pencils, graphite and charcoal, scratchboard, pen and ink, pastels and pastel chalks. Bailey explains that her "mission" in her teaching is to expose her students to "the several major and popular forms of artistic expression." During the typical class cycle she encourages her students to practice in some or all of the mediums, and finally to work in the mediums where they feel the most comfortable, and capable.

Classes are conducted weekly each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 10 am and continue for approximately two hours. Classes sometimes meet outside, weather permitting.

These collected student works are always well framed, professionally presented and are "almost always" offered for sale. All sales are conducted by contacting the artists directly. The show may be seen free of charge during normal business hours at the People Plus Center, located at 35 Union St. in Brunswick.



"SPRING FLOWERS," colored pencil

Myrtle Lacroix



Senior Intermediate Cribbage

June 12: Harry Higgins, 726 George Tetu, 699 Lorraine LaRoche, 692

June 19: Harry Higgins, 707 Gaby Niffka, 699 George H., 694

June 26: Gabriele Niffka, 702 Lorraine LaRoche, 700 Joe Tonely, 693 Anne Bouchard, 693

July 3: Anita Owens, 717 George Tetu, 707

July 10: Rick Fortin, 714 Rollande Fortin, 696 Julie Swol, 687

Senior Bridge

June 21: Lorraine LaRoche, 3,680 Sherry Watson, 3,440

June 24: Joyce Lyons, 3,670

Paul Betit, 3,580 Jane Roy, 3,300

June 28: John Rich, 3,950 Paul Betit, 3,680

Terry Law, 3,350
July 1: Jane Roy, 4,360
Judy Feimer, 3,000

Paul Betit, 2,970

July 8: Woody Townsend, 4,440

Anne Nichols, 4,430 John Rich, 4,050 Cathy Cooper, 3,780

July 12: John Rich, 5,270 Woody Townsend, 4,810

July 15: Ellie Peterson, 3,780
Paul Betit, 3,640
Steve Garde, 3,100

July 19: Lorraine LaRoche, 3,500 Woody Townsend, 3,180

