

OLD ORCHARD BEACH'S 125TH CELEBRATION
SCHEDULES FINAL YEAR CELEBRATION

The "Final Fling" of the Old Orchard Beach 125th Anniversary celebration will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Dunegrass Country Club. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The Assistant Town Manager, Louise Reid, announced today that the guest band for the evening's activities will be TASTE OF LACE.

The cost for dinner and the entertainment program is \$25 per person and tickets are available now at the Town Clerk's office at 1 Portland Avenue, the Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce, Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution and Beach Glass.

The TASTE OF LACE band has a long history and a song list that includes 100 top ten selections appealing to all age groups. A high energy show that rocks, swings and waltzes its way into your hearts and memories has some extremely talented individuals as part of their group. Helen Farnsworth is the lead singer, a recently retired first grade teacher in Kennebunk, Maine, she is working work her vocal styling and keyboard chops as a full-time musician. Tim Miles is the lead singer/guitarist. He is also an avid drag racer and his eclectic vocal styling and amazing guitar riffs are as powerful as the cars that he rockets across the finish line. He is the proud owner of York Automotive by day and a master musician by night. Annie Whitouse handles the keyboard/percussion and is a lead singer. She adds the synergy that becomes their trademark. She is energetic, talented and fun whose rich vocals and amazing musicianship anchor this solid unit. She is a full time educator and horse owner/enthusiast. The Town's own Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Nugent, is the bassist and vocalist and have been playing with the band for the past 20 years traveling all over the Eastern USA and Canada. Dick Farnsworth, known as "Fuzzy" is the drummer/percussionist and does the background vocals. He founded STRAIGHT LACE in 1968 when college buddies and family members attended a jam session at the Inn-Crowd in Ogunquit, Maine. A hard working perfectionist, he calls the shots from his drum throne, always mindful of the mood and needs of the audience.

Further information about this exciting event can be held by calling 934-5714, extension 224 or 226, e-mail lreid@oobmaine.com or access the web site www.oobmaine.com.

PLEASE CALL TODAY TO ENSURE RESERVATIONS
FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS.

You can contact The Good News at goodnews@maine.rr.com

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The Libby Library is now open and operating at their regular business hours

From the library website at www.ooblibrary.org :

Broken flooring, a sump pump and dehumidifiers, oh my! It took a week for the floors to dry and the humidity to come back down to an acceptable range. Thankfully loss was minimal, but could have been a lot worse. We lost 2 computers due to water damage, one section of shelving, but only a small box of books in addition to having to replace the flooring and front door. We also had to repair a portion of wall in the children's room facing the ocean and replace the two outlets on that wall.

Once the floor was dry and we could actually start working on the repair and renovation process we found it was going to be a longer process than we had anticipated. The sealing process that had to be done before the new carpet could be laid made us realize how cavernous the library is with empty shelving and huge open spaces. The carpet layers had to do the carpeting in 4 visits. In between those visits library staff was busy packing up books and moving shelving from one section of the library to another and then back again so the carpeting could be completed.

A lot of hard work and muscle went into fixing the library and making the changes that we are proud to be able to present to the public. Everyone from the contractors (the carpenters, the glass repairman, and electrician) to staff and volunteers has worked hard and poured their heart into this project. It's been a long 2 months, but worth the time spent making the much needed improvements. A new front door, new rugs and a freshly stained front desk warmly welcome patrons into the library. A new children's circulation desk and media area, a more welcoming reading area, new media shelving in the adult section, rearranged shelving and other changes also are in store for the public.



Some of the libraries youngest patrons, thrilled to come back to "their library".

Keep up on current news updates by logging on to www.thegoodnewslive.com in between monthly issues of The Good News.

Community Watch Council and OOB Police Department work together to bring The Vial of Life to citizens



“The Vial of Life is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment.”

How does it work? Everyone receives a bag with a decal, info sheet, magnet, an extra decal and an instruction sheet. 1. Fill out the form. Give as much information as you can. 2. Place form in the vial/baggie. Place the baggy in Refrigerator door, decal facing out. 3. Place the 911 magnet provided by the Police dept on the door and the additional red decal on the door. 4. Update the information. Consider a sheet for each family member.

These vials of life kits are available at the public safety complex from either the fire or police departments. Additionally, ambulance crews will carry them and distribute them as requested.

OOB ALUMNI BASKETBALL CLASSIC

A great opportunity to watch competitive basketball between the Old Orchard Beach High School gals and guys of yesterday and today's present High School players. The Old Orchard Beach Alumni Association announces their Basketball Classic on Friday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Orchard Beach High School Gym. Anyone interested in playing in the game should contact Sharri MacDonald (1990) at the MacDonald's Garage on Saco Avenue in Old Orchard Beach (934-2681) or via her e-mail: smacdonald@maine.rr.com This is a great opportunity for community involvement, playing or watching, and to support the Old Orchard Beach Alumni Association.

Come one. Come all.



ANOTHER REASON WHY MR. SHABO IS PROUD TO BE FROM O.O.B.!

Old Orchard Beach was host last weekend to the York County Music Festival. As a PTO participant, I was amazed at the show these talented students and teachers put together. Below is a memo from George Shabo, summing up his thoughts of gratitude regarding the festival.

YORK COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL THANKS!

The 2009 York County Junior High/Middle School Music Festival was a TREMENDOUS success as it was one of the best festivals to be held in years! This was mainly due to the FANTASTIC job Old Orchard Beach did in hosting the festival. The over **230 junior high/middle school students, about 35 instructors, and over 600 parents and friends** who visited OOB schools over this past weekend were treated to a top-notch festival experience! Why was that? Well, **the success of the festival was due to what was truly a community wide effort!** Please join me in thanking and acknowledging the following organizations, school and community members who united for a common cause and did Old Orchard Beach proud! Please read these acknowledgements to understand why I am so proud and gratified by the level of community involvement and spirit!

Musicians from Loranger who performed in one of the ensembles:

Band: *Daphne Allen, Karla Desorcy, Amy Twohig, Marina Lewis, Colleen Geaumont, Amanda Townsend, Connor Hamilton, Jimmy Strohm, Haley Kaliher, Shelby Emhof, Jaclyn MacDonald, Devin Trumpler, and Jessie Rogers.*

Orchestra: *Shania Evangelista, Mahina Lionetta, and Sabryna Deshaies.*

Chorus: *Alexandria McDonagh, Anne Slattery, Mae Toohey, and Alison Robertshaw.*

Mr. Crocker who supported the music department's vision of hosting the festival.

Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Picard for their patience, care, and concern.

Maintenance Director Jay Kelly and his entire custodial staff for their hard work.

Loranger Middle School and OOB High School students who volunteered countless hours.

Loranger teachers who not only welcomed participants into their classrooms, but also made baked goods for the festival!

OOB High School administration, coaches, and faculty for the use of the entire school!

All of the wonderful Loranger parents who heeded our call for baked goods!

The Jameson PTO who assisted with the concessions.

The Loranger PTO who organized and operated the concessions.

Mr. Manduca for his assistance with musical equipment and more.

Mary and Missy Shabo for working so hard and putting up with me!

Mrs. Andrade for her tremendous efforts.

Ben Lampert and James Stroumbas for accompanying the chorus..

THANKS TO EVERYONE!!

Where Was This Picture Taken ?



I am enjoyed by young and old alike .

I can be played by two or four.

This time of year some of my most important parts are missing.

Check back each month as we try to make the challenge harder. Some months it may be a tiny piece of architecture on a local building. Or it may be a segment of a landscape that we see every day . Whatever it is, we hope you take time to explore the little corners of town in your quest to solve it.

(answer will appear in next months issue of The Good News)

Last Month

It's Beach Buddy—one of our favorite local law enforcement officers !



Old Orchard Saco Adult Education- sign up for a class today

"Learning for Living Better"

We have classes for aspiring artists, business owners, or for anyone who wants to learn something new. Some classes we are offering in the month of February and March include: authentic Italian cooking, the best look for your hair, channeling, healing gemstone jewelry, golf conditioning, Quick meals 30 minutes or less; spiritual healing, travel light for less, watercolor painting, and more.

Call 934-7922 or email us at adulthood@oobschools.org

or

visit our web site to sign up for a class today:

www.oobsacoadulted.com

LORANGER FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FAMILY PORTRAIT AND HELP A GOOD CAUSE! Proceeds from this event will benefit Loranger School Programs. All are invited but you must make an appointment!

Loranger Middle School
Will be hosting a Family Portrait Day
Just in time for Spring!

WHEN:

Saturday 3/14/09 10:00-2:00

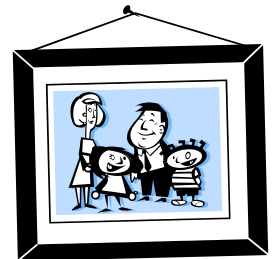
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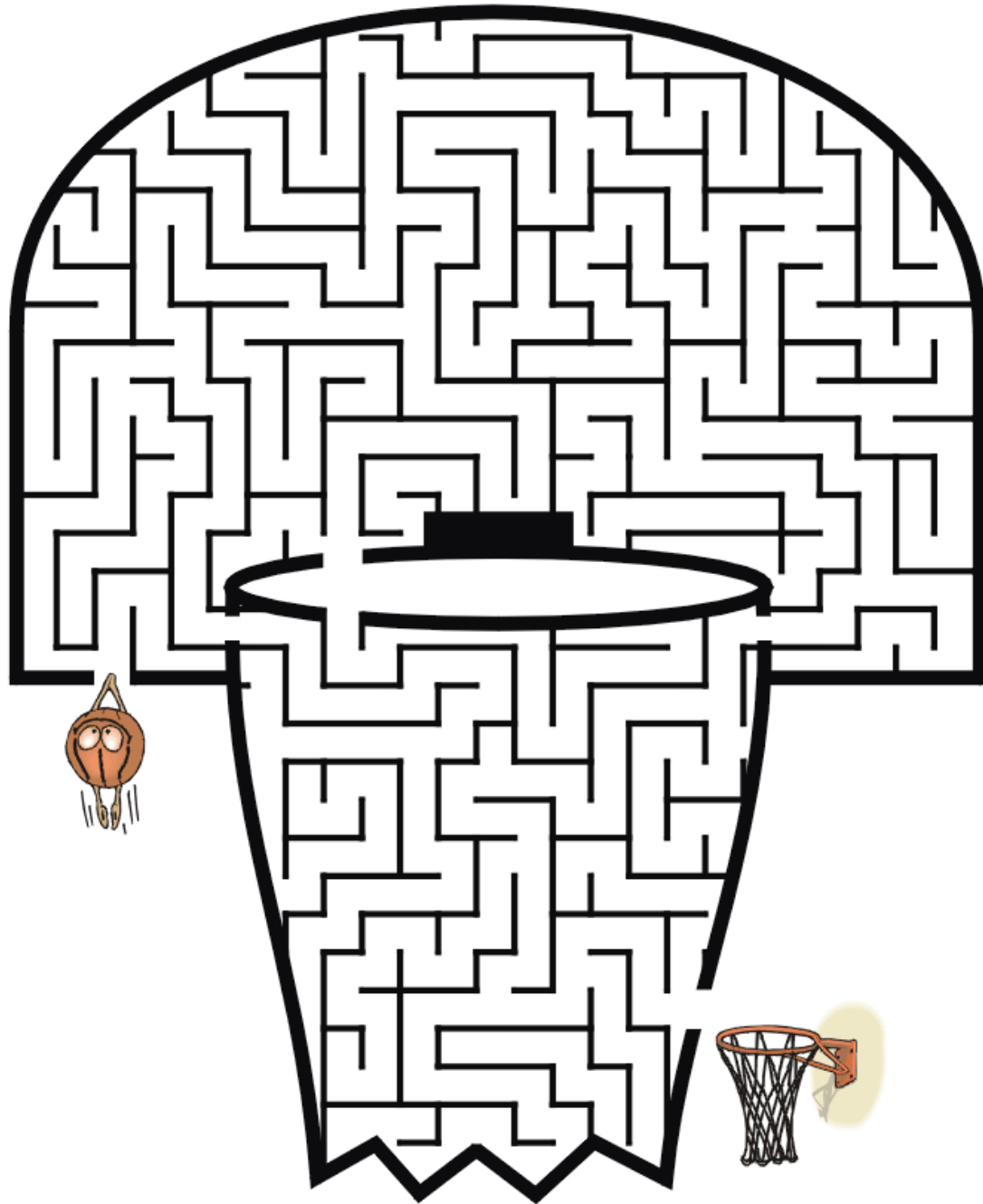
\$10.00 SITTING FEE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!!

PACKAGES START AT \$10.00



Slots will fill quickly! Please call Mrs. Amy Simmons at 934-4848 to schedule a sitting appointment!

Help the basketball through the net shaped maze to swoop into the net.



OLD ORCHARD BEACH STREET NAMES

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ADELAIDE
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CENTRALPARK
EMERSONCUMMING
FERNPARK
FOOTE
GRAHAM
HOMEWOOD
IMPERIAL
MASSACHUSETTS
MORRISON

OCEANA
PATOINE
ROANOAKE
ROSEDALE
SCHOPPEE
SEABREEZE
SHOREWOOD
SMITHWHEEL
WALNUT
WINONA
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