

STETSON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

October - December 2018

Stetson's Community Newsletter since 1988



SELECTBOARD NEWS

Greetings from your Board of Selectpersons,

Can you believe that Fall is already upon us? We anticipate it will be spectacular here in Stetson with all the beautiful colors of our trees.

We have a lot going on in town. The new Town Office Building Complex has new siding and work is nearing completion in the Town Office area. We will “hopefully” be up there late this fall. Heat pumps have been approved and TDS will be running lines so all the computers will be running at full capacity.

The all-purpose room will be able to be used for events – Veteran’s suppers, game day, etc., so it will be a busy place.

The sand and salt bid has been awarded so we should have all our sand & salt delivered in the next two weeks. Hopefully we ordered enough so we won’t have to order more.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen

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can now be accessed by visiting the town webpage:
www.stetsonmaine.net

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VETERANS PAGE



Happy Fall to all our Veterans and Military. We thank you!

It was voted on and we will be moving the Veterans Monument, benches and flag poles from the center of town up to the new Town Office Building complex. The move will hopefully occur by Veterans Day in November and we wanted all of our veterans to know in advance.

We thank each and every one of you with all our hearts for the sacrifices you made and are still making for each one of us.

You are our heroes and we want you to know that we honor you.

All of us that attend the Veterans suppers want to remember Elmer Bolstridge for his service. For many years he attended each of our suppers but was unable to attend this year due to his declining health. Elmer passed in July. We will miss him.

God bless each and every one of you, our brave men and women. We want you to know that when we see that beautiful American flag waving, we know who to thank.

Stetson Game Day

I want to thank all our special people who show up weekly for game day. Usually we have about 15 people. I wish more of you would attend. We have a very good time. We laugh, we chat, we eat snacks and just enjoy each other. It is what it's supposed to be... a get-together-time and having fun.



We want to wish Don Carroll good luck on his "new adventure". He will be leaving Stetson to live in Louisiana. We will miss you, Don. Good luck and God bless. We have all had fun teasing you! Ha...ha.

I wish to invite the rest of you out there to join us for fun, laughter and sometimes actually playing Uno and Cribbage. We meet every Tuesday morning, 10:00am until 12-noon at the Grange Hall. Everyone is welcome. This day is for you, the people of Stetson.

Department Heads and Vendors

Please submit invoices for payment by noon Friday prior the next scheduled selectmen's meeting.

STETSON FOOD CUPBOARD

Submitted by: Stevie Lord and Theresa Gray

Thank you to our local gardeners and farmers for donating extra produce to our Widows and Orphans Food Cupboard. Nothing is better than fresh food and our clients love it!



You may have noticed dry pinto beans, and a bit of produce (not from our local growers), in the lobby of the post office. We received some large amounts, free to us, and have been sharing our excess with the community in this way. We don't want any good food to be wasted.

Fundraising continues – to pay for operating expenses (electricity, etc.) and some of our food. This summer we had a successful yard sale and we have been participating in the local Hannaford's Reusable Bag Programs.

Our fall bottle drive was held Saturday, September 29. There were conflicting obligations for many of us, so we might have missed getting your donations. Please drop your returnables off any Friday at the Food Cupboard (Wolfboro Rd - metal building after the Meeting House). If you can't drop them off, leave a message for Stevie at 296-3503 including your name and number so we can arrange a pick-up.

Our fall supper is Saturday, October 20 at 5:00 at the Stetson Meeting House basement. The menu will include baked beans, casseroles, salads, bread, and desserts. The cost is by donation. There will also be a raffle/silent auction – many items are hand-made and would make good gifts.

The Food Cupboard's regular hours are every Friday 6:00-6:30 pm and the first and third Saturday 8:30-9:30 am. Please drop in if you have need, even just once! We are here to help!

Town of Stetson – Parks & Recreation Department

Submitted by: Shannon Furrow, 207-659-6006
Check us out on **Facebook: Stetson Parks & Rec**

Soccer season is well on its way. Our soccer teams are large this year and I love to see more kids participating! All the kids are doing great and have improved since the beginning, thanks to our awesome coaches! (Pee wee coach Brandon Woodman, 2/3 coach Michele Nadeau, 4/5 coach Joe Brasslett and assistant coach Albert Withee).

Parks and Rec has been busy buying new soccer uniforms and equipment for our Pee wee team and our grade 4/5 kids. A huge thank you to all the parents who put the dedication in to get the kids to and from games and practice!



As we look ahead, we are looking for someone who would be willing to teach basketball skills for this up- coming winter. If you are interested, please contact me. Looking further ahead, we will also be needing a coach for our farm league team in the spring.

Stetson Public Library

Submitted by: *Laura Ward*
volunteer@stetson.lib.me.us

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The Stetson Public Library has been incredibly busy lately! In addition to welcoming some new families in town and ordering and processing a bunch of new books for all different genres this summer, we have also been working on weeding our Children's Non-Fiction section to make room for a bunch of *newer* non-fiction books that we will be purchasing soon with grant funds from the **Maine Community Foundation/ Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust**. We are all very excited to reinvigorate one of our most outdated sections, replacing worn books with black and white photos or drawings with bright, colorful books that contain up-to-date information on everything from horse stabling and pets to science experiments and ancient civilizations. If anyone has suggestions for specific series or topics, please stop by the library or email/ message us and we will gladly consider it for our collection.

We are hoping to time our non-fiction weeding with our **Fall Book Sale**, which will be held on **Saturday, October 6th, from 8-2pm** at the library. The book sale is being held on the same day as the Clueless Quilters Quilt Show (9am-3pm) at the Meeting House, so you can simply take the little path back and forth through the woods. Books will be sold both individually and by the bag, as usual. We will have popcorn and snow cones, and perhaps some other baked goods and fall treats. Since the tables we usually use will be at the meeting house for the quilt show, if anyone has a large folding table that we could borrow, we would greatly appreciate it.

Starting October 6th, we will also be moving our Saturday hours back to **10am-noon** for the fall/winter season.

BookWorms will be starting back up on **Wednesday, October 10th, from 3-4:30pm**. Due to volunteer scheduling, they will be "BookWorm Wednesdays" this year. If you would like the school bus to drop your child off at the library on Wednesdays, please send a note to the student's school giving them permission to do so. If there is bad weather, keep an eye on the library's facebook page for possible cancellations. If school is closed, let out early, or after-school activities are cancelled, BookWorms will also be cancelled that day.

Our **Summer Reading Program** was a great success. Almost all of our readers reached the goal of 1,000 minutes, that's with some readers doubling or tripling that figure! A dozen \$10 gift cards to Sawyers Dairy Bar in Newport were handed out this year, along with innumerable free books over the course of the summer. Myla Murray had the highest total minutes read this summer and received a \$25 gift card to Amazon. Congratulations to Myla and to all of our amazing readers!!

The library has renewed the **Maine State Park Pass**, which is available to patrons by reservation. Please call ahead to reserve the pass for your day trip, and keep in mind that long weekends and school holidays are popular days, so call early. The pass covers day-use fees for a carload of people (up to 17!) at most of the State Parks in Maine (excluding Acadia National Park, Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park, Maine Wildlife Park, Peacock Beach, Penobscot Narrows Observatory, Penobscot River Corridor, Scarborough Beach, Songo Lock and Swan Island). Please keep in mind that others may have reserved the State Park Pass for the day after your trip, so be considerate and drop the pass in the book drop on your way home from your trip so it is available either that night or early the next morning for the next person. Also note that if you are a Maine resident and are 65 years old or over, your admission to Maine State Parks is free with proof of age, no park pass needed.

Another little-known extra that the library provides is access to the **Bangor Symphony Orchestra Masterworks concerts**. We participate in the Know Your Orchestra! Voucher program, which “encourages students to become acquainted with classical music and their home orchestra. Each voucher admits up to four children 18-and-under for just \$5 each when accompanied by at least one adult. Up to two accompanying adults can receive the discounted ticket price of \$15. Prices include all processing fees!” Vouchers may be used at any of the 2018-19 season Masterworks concerts. Please call, email, or message us via Facebook for more information.

Don't forget that the library has passes to the **Maine Discovery Museum** in Bangor, good for up to 4 people. Check out their events calendar at: <https://www.mainediscoverymuseum.org/Programs/Upcoming-Events.aspx>.

We can always use more **volunteers**! And a reminder to high-school students - volunteering at the library is not only fun, but it will count towards your graduation requirements! The high school students that have been volunteering for us for the last year and a half have been wonderful. Without them, we wouldn't be able to run BookWorm Wednesdays! If the library's current hours don't work with your schedule, just let us know you're interested and we'll figure something out. The more volunteers we have, the more hours the library can be open to serve the people of Stetson and the surrounding towns.

Stetson Historical Society

Submitted by: Charles Leighton



Summer is just a warm and humid memory and time to think about putting the shorts and tank tops away for at least six months. Things have been relatively quiet at the Society. We did have the Barn exterior, that only had a primer coat, finished painted. Julie has been busy digitizing old photographs and transcribing vital towns to the internet.

We are having our annual bean-hole-bean sale on Saturday, October 20th, from 9:00am to 3pm at the museum, rain or shine. In addition to baked goods, various other dishes, such as coleslaw, mac and cheese, chop suey, etc. will also be available for take-out.

We have started on the 2019 calendars. As usual, we are always in need of pictures, new and old. After 16 years, we have nearly depleted our stash of Stetson, as it looked 100 years ago. There are still a few 2018 calendars and “Blue Books” at the Town Office.

Our regular meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, from April through November, weather permitting.

No. 51 Native Americans

After 13 years writing this column, I have started to run out of ideas that are both interesting and pertaining to the History of Stetson. The towns first families settle in East Stetson, a short distance from Pleasant Lake in the early 1800's. At about the same time, North Newport was also being settled. Although I have never found any reference about the towns early settlers having any direct dealings with Maine Native Tribes, at least they would have know of each others existence.

In 1991, while Sebasticook Lake was lowered for the winter months, a formation of stakes was found protruding from the mud. After professional investigation of the stake and site it was determined to be an ancient eel weir, or fish weir, a fence like construction placed in the water to trap large numbers of fish as they migrate from one body of water to another. Now illegal, this method was used when it was necessary to provide food for many people. Dried, the eels and fish provide meals for a long period of time.

This eel weir has be radiocarbon dated to 5,800 years ago and was used for at least 3,000 years. Without a recorded history it is impossible to know where these Native Americans, mistakenly called Indians by the early settlers, lived and/or traveled in the North Newport area but it is certain that they did.

As a matter of fact, the first formal gathering of the citizens of the town was in the years 1812 in response to a report which indicated that the Indians were planning an attack on the white settlers. A committee was formed to study the situation and the following recommendations were brought in: "That each head of family should prepare himself with a pound of powder and balls, put new flints in guns and keep them well loaded and hung up over the fire-place for immediate use in case of attack. Also, that women should keep kettles of water hot with suitable articles to throw the same, and that all boys should keep a sharp look-out that they may not be surprised."

A few days later the Indians, 150 of them, came by way of Stetson Stream and camped on Birch Point. Two volunteers went to them to find out their intentions and found that they were from the

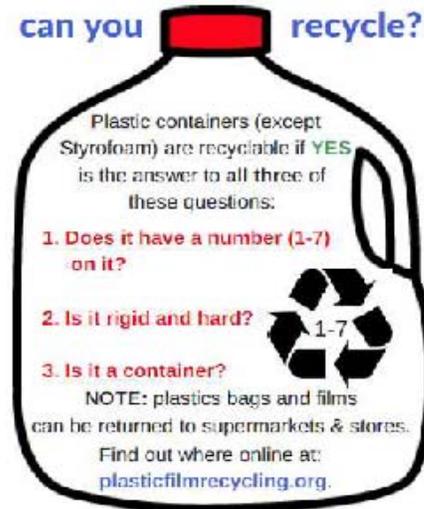
Penobscot tribe. They were fleeing from St. John tribe, having had trouble with them and believing that they were coming to fight them. The Indians spent ten days in the area, trapping and fishing, and then departed down river. They had traveled by the traditional route: Kenduskeag Stream to Stetson, carry across to Stetson Pond, Down Stream to Great East Pond (Sebasticook Lake), down the river to the Kennebec. This was the Indian highway between the Penobscot and the Kennebec.

It seems ironic now, but Stetson was unwittingly once part of the first East-West (liquid) highway, over 200 years ago.

DO Recycle	DON'T Recycle
<p>PAPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes (NO FOOD) Newspapers & Inserts Magazines Mail & Catalogs Paper Bags Office Paper, Envelopes, window envelopes Wrapping Paper Phone Books Books Paper Plates (clean) Milk & Juice Cartons Drink Boxes & Aspic Containers Shredded Paper (put in clear bags) <p>PLASTIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Bottles Milk Jugs Detergent Bottles All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam) <p>METAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tin Cans Aerosol Cans (empty) Aluminum Cans/Foil Pots & Pans <p>GLASS (all colors)</p> <p>All glass Bottles & Jars</p> <p>All rigid containers must be EMPTY (not perfectly clean).</p> <p> Search more than 700 items: ecomaine.org/RECYCLOPEDIA</p>	<p>NO PLASTIC BAGS!</p> <p> </p> <p>Keep OUT:</p> <p>Trash/Garbage Needles & Sharps Large metal parts - car, boat, truck, etc. Wood/Lumber Propane, helium or other gas cylinders Pipes, plastic or metal Clothing & shoes</p> <p>PLASTIC BAGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> trash/shopping bags frozen vegetable pellet bags bread bags newspaper bags potato or snack sandwich animal food bags <p>Plastic wrap or film Bedding & Pillows Garden hoses Batteries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> alkaline button-cell rechargeable / lithium ion <p>Boat shrink-wrap/tarps Bubble-wrap Diapers (baby/adult) Envelopes that are plastic or Tyvek Food or plants (except in sealed) Kitty Litter Knives & Blades Light bulbs (any type; return CFLs to store) Paper napkins & towels Styrofoam or polystyrene foam (even if #6) Toys Vinyl siding Wax-coated paper or boxes (poly-coated OK) Rope, String, Chain</p>

Learn more at: ecomaine.org or 207 773 1738

Which plastics can you recycle?



Plastic containers (except Styrofoam) are recyclable if **YES** is the answer to all three of these questions:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) on it?
2. Is it rigid and hard?
3. Is it a container?

NOTE: plastics bags and films can be returned to supermarkets & stores.

Find out where online at: plasticfilmrecycling.org.

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE - EVER!

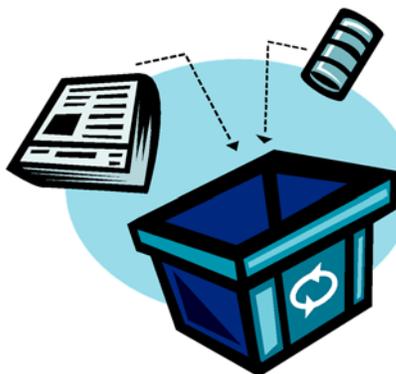


These items never belong in recycling or household trash:

- ammunition - anti-freeze - CFL/fluorescent light bulbs - chemicals - electronic waste - fertilizers - bulbs of any kind - fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene) - lithium ion batteries - oxygen tanks - paint thinner - pesticides - propane tanks - rechargeable batteries - televisions

Still have questions?

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Roadside Recycle Dates

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Oct 9 Nov 13 Dec 11

**Don't forget to recycle!!
It's easy with Single Sort Recycling!**

All your recycling goes in one bin.



**It saves Stetson \$\$money\$\$ and
helps the environment.**

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Visit www.ecomaine.org for a complete list of recyclables



Caring Connections, a cooperative program of the Bangor YMCA and Eastern Maine Medical Center offers mammograms and Pap tests to women who have no insurance or have insurance with a high deductible. Call 941-2808 x 338 to see if you qualify.

Does anyone have a name they would like to add to the **Memorial Wall**? If so, please see the Town Office for more information.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
296-3232

Monday 12:30—3:30 PM
Tuesday 8AM—Noon and 12:30—3:30
Wednesday 8AM—Noon and 12:30—3:30
Thursday 12:00—7:00 PM
Friday 8AM—Noon and 12:30—3:30

Website : www.stetsonmaine.net
Email: stetson@tdstelme.net

Selectmen minutes are now available on the website to view.

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS are held at the Town Office at **6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.** The public is welcome to attend.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS are held at the Town Office 7:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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Tuesday: 9 - 11am
Wednesday: 3 - 5pm
Thursday: 5 - 7pm
Saturday: 10 - noon
CLOSED Monday, Friday, Sunday

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Facebook at [stetsonpubliclibrarymaine](https://www.facebook.com/stetsonpubliclibrarymaine)

**When the library is closed, please use the BOOK DROP outside the door.*

Stetson Post Office: 296-3600
Code Enforcement Officer: Al Tempesta
Thursdays 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Town Office Assessor: Danielle Smith
Every Other Wednesday 8:00AM – 3:30PM
Town Animal Control Officer: Noel Sirabella
Home Phone: 379-2776; Cell: 478-4220
Sexton: Joe Gray
Town Website: Jeff Perry

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