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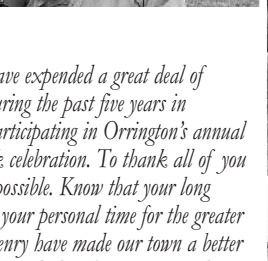
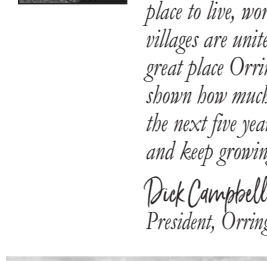
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Greetings!

So many folks have expended a great deal of personal effort during the past five years in producing and participating in Orrington's annual Old Home Week celebration. To thank all of you adequately is impossible. Know that your long hours, sacrificing your personal time for the greater good of our citizenry have made our town a better place to live, work and play. Our many rural villages are united in showing the world what a great place Orrington is... and all of you have shown how much you love this town. As we enter the next five years, let's continue this momentum and keep growing forward together!

*Dick Campbell
President, Orrington Old Home Week Committee*

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

The many exciting contests held during the 2018 Old Home Week were not only fun, but they really showed off the talents of our residents. It was awesome to see so many people participate in so many varied venues.

The Old Home Week Committee congratulates all the participants and gives a big "high five" to all the winners. Drum roll please...

Photo Contest

First place: Bruce Gray
Second place: Daniel Phillips
Third place: Amy Brooks

Parade

Best Commercial/Business: Stewart's Wrecker Service
Best Community/Organization: The Boy Scouts
Best Individual/Family: Jerry Perkins and family

SedgeuneDUCK Regatta

First Place: Bev Mansell
Second Place: Nicole Fletcher
Third Place: Sadaye Gross

Bicycle Decorating Contest

Most Colorful: Mara Geaghan
Most Patriotic: Isaac Geaghan
Most Beautiful: Caroline Bicknell
Most Original: Kalyx Campbell

Conservation Commission Contest

First place: Doug Fogg (\$25 Bass Pro gift card)
Runner up: Sharon Gray (Outdoors gift bag)
Runner up: Dianna Collins (Outdoors gift bag)
Child Winner: Jillian Baltes (Kids fishing package)

Great job everyone! Now it's time to plan your entries for next year.

The OHW Committee has Board Openings



L to R: Dick Campbell, Marsha Wilson, Judith Gillis, Heather Bowden, Keith Bowden, Charlie Green, Sue Pate. —MIKE CURTIS PHOTO

It started 6 years ago with a chance meeting and a passing comment. Wouldn't it be great to bring back Old Home Week for Orrington's 225th birthday? The answer came from Dick Campbell, Marsha Wilson, Keith and Heather Bowden, Sue Pate, Pat Gero, Charlie Green, Bob Lobley and Amber McCormick. Meeting over the winter of 2013-14, the rebirth of Old Home Week was launched.

Now that 5 years have passed and the festivities are solidly on the map, the founding members will now become "board members emeritus" and incorporate more community members in the planning of the next five years. If you are community-minded and want to share your time, talent, passion for Orrington and enthusiasm for the future, please consider working on the Old Home Week Committee.

You can let the current crew know by emailing any of the members listed below or send a message to info@OrringtonOldHomeWeek.com.

An informal meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Orrington Public Library to get the ball rolling, share information and answer any questions. Time to get ready for 2019!

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Endless Yard Sale Smashes Records

Five years ago, there were 63 sales listed on the official Endless Yard Sale map. This year, there were 94 listed sales that included over 120 households, PLUS another 20-plus yards sales that did not make it onto the map. It is safe to say, we had over 150 households participating this year.

The coveted Endless Yard Sale Map reached an all-time high of 20,886 on facebook, plus hundreds of downloads from the website. Additionally, 2,000 printed copies were distributed to local retailers.

An informal poll was conducted of various yard sales, asking for approximate sales income. Although it is not official, it appears that our yard salers brought in close to \$250,000! An added bonus was their attics, basements and garages are all cleaned out!

Local businesses were ready for the influx of shoppers. They happily reported a very, very busy weekend.

Non-profits also benefitted from the crowds of shoppers. Cub Scout Pack 44 held a car wash and sold lemonade at Lav's Auto. The First United Methodist

Church served up BBQ chicken to hungry yard salers. The Curran Homestead, Orrington Historical Society, Calvary Chapel, Boy Scouts and the Public Library also held sales to raise funds for their missions. And McKenna raised thousands for the Forgotten Felines!

Advertising of the Endless Yard Sale was statewide and regional, utilizing the Maine Tourism Association, and attracted bargain hunters from Atlantic Canada to Florida.

The Endless Yard Sale not only helps all of us to recycle and reuse, but it brings thousands of new people to our wonderful small town. We get to show off our historic villages, our natural resources and our friendly people to the world.

The Sale is a boon to sellers, but a bane to drivers. We would like to thank the Orrington Police Department and Public Works for helping keep the traffic flowing and the pedestrians safe. And a big thank you to all our residents for welcoming all the shoppers with smiles and patience.

Our Community Answers the Calls

Businesses, organizations, churches and non-profits all benefit from Old Home Week. Not only do they all offer unique and fun activities during the annual celebration, but they also are able to spread the word about their mission and bring in some added income to help achieve their goals. Everyone wins!

The Public Library attracted more people to see the photo contest entries, order calendars, drop off school supplies, attend craft classes, meet authors, buy used books and shop at the outdoor festival.

The Curran Homestead opened their doors to hundreds of people with their classes, workshops, exhibits, homecooking, tours and incredible yard sale.

The Orrington Trail Riders Open House was so successful they ran out of food!

The Orrington Historical Society hosted the

Elder's Tea, Bicycle Decorating Contest, Hincks Family Presentation and their own yard sale. They also were the beneficiary of the SedgeunkeDUCK Regatta, using the funds to renovate the Grange Hall.

First United Methodist Church, East Orrington Congregational Church and Orrington Center Church all hosted dining events. Calvary Chapel hosted a golf tournament at Rocky Knoll that helped raise funds for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child and the Greatest Journey program. As a result, thousands of Christmas Shoe Boxes will be sent to needy children around the world, with our area being one of the top donors in the state... and our state being the #2 donor per capita in the country!

When the call goes out, Orrington answers!