Bus drivers urge motorists, bicyclists to obey, brush up on school bus laws

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth bus drivers urge Cape motorists and bicyclists to get better grades this school year when they encounter school buses. Each year an increasing number of motorists run reds, report Cape bus drivers, who say bicyclists also need to study up on laws.

“Violations have definitely gone up over the years. It’s getting worse all the time,” says Dave Brown, who has been driving school buses in Cape for 24 years.

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“Bus drivers are finding that with the increase in bicyclists sharing the road, running red lights isn’t only a motorist problem,” Hoskin said. “We have had some cyclists actually pass the bus on the side where kids are exiting. As kids get off the bus, there have been some near misses. Thankfully, we haven’t had anyone hit yet, but it’s a matter of time if cyclists don’t observe the rules of the road.”

Every weekday, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., expect nine Cape school buses to be on the road. Although all drivers need to be “in control” at all times, motorists on certain roads need to be extremely cautious, Brown says.

“Shore Road is one of the difficult neighborhoods to drive because of the curvy roads, and that’s where more people run reds. Mitchell is another. Those roads are pretty well traveled.”

Speed and inattention

Speed and inattention cause the running of most reds.

“Drivers need to slow down, and they have just got to be looking ahead. Nine times out of 10, drivers are not expecting [to encounter a school bus],” Brown says. “School buses couldn’t be any bigger or any yellower, or the lights any redder. It’s hard not to see a school bus.”

Eastman Meadows preliminary approval extended as DEP permits awaited

While most communities will grant final approval at the same time that they issue DEP permits in hand, Cape Elizabeth’s subdivision ordinance does require such permits. “We need to change the ordinance, I don’t think there’s a question about it,” said Board Chairwoman Barbara Schenkel.

“In light of the fact that we haven’t, I think it’s prudent not to grant (final approval application) completeness and let you work with the DEP and get that out of the way, and grant you an extension tonight,” she said.

The board agreed to grant a six-month extension to the preliminary approval.

Besides being the first major subdivision in recent memory to be held strictly to the state permitting requirement, Eastman Meadows is also the first to participate in the town’s new Compensation Fee Utilization Plan, where a fee collected by the town will be used to help mitigate the impacts of development on endangered watersheds. Part of Eastman Meadows is in the Trout Brook Watershed, and Wyly Enterprises will be paying $25,000 into the new fund.

“That will be some pretty nice seed money to go into some other improvements,” McCullough said. The fee system was established by the town to serve as an alternative to the state’s requirement that developments which create significant stormwater runoff somehow compensate for their impact by remediating other areas within the watershed.

The state gave its final approval to the town’s Compensation Fee Utilization Plan this summer. Once collected, the fee from Eastman Meadows will likely go toward testing to determine the actual water quality.

Nurse, principal, special education teacher win annual CEEF awards

By Wendy Keeler

It has become something of a Cape Elizabeth school tradition for some teachers to get tearful their first day back on the job—and not because of summer’s end. Since 2006, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation has welcomed back staff the first hour of their first morning by honoring them with awards that go to the heart of what they seek to do: make a difference in students’ lives, whether intellectually, emotionally, socially, or physically.

Elaine Brownell Award

On Aug. 27, Pond Cove Principal Tom Einemeier and Pond Cove Math Teacher Leader Debbie Butterworth jointly won the Elaine Brownell Award for their work creating the Pond Cove Math Lab with a grant from CEEF, which funds projects that fall outside Cape’s school budget. The lab, which opened last year, “touched more than 200” Pond Cove students’ lives in the early grades, Peter Cary, CEEF co-president, told staff at a presentation held in the high school cafeteria.

——see CEEF AWARDS, page 18

For school budget referendum results visit the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com

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Sullivan ‘understands the needs of her community’

I am writing in support of Jessica Sullivan for State Representative of District 121. Jessica is a fifth generation Cape resident who understands the needs of her community, having raised her family, worked in small business and health care settings and volunteered in numerous areas. She will bring an intelligent, practical approach to the state legislature to work on affordable health care, reduced tax burden and state spending, affordable energy and a stronger Maine economy.

I urge voters to vote for Jessica on November 4th.

Barbara Wendell

Food Cupboard thanks Cape farms

We are so very fortunate to have two farms in Cape Elizabeth donate fresh produce to The Food Cupboard weekly. Jordan’s Farm has done this for the past four or five years and this year we have been pleased that Alewive’s Brook Farm has also joined in supplying nutritious produce weekly.

We share a week’s supply of food with everyone in a family that meets our income guidelines. Our monthly average of individuals served this past fiscal year was 414 men, women and children. Keeping our shelves stocked has been a challenge and we see the need increasing.

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Requests for November absentee ballots may be submitted electronically

Cape Elizabeth is participating in the state’s new online Absentee Ballot Request Service. The service allows citizens to request absentee ballots with a form that may be filled out and submitted electronically.

To access the service, and for links to other means of requesting absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 general election, go to www.capeelizabeth.com and click on the provided link, or go directly to http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl. The service is available immediately for the Nov. 4, 2008 general election.

More information is also available from Town Clerk Ruthie Noble at 767-7473.

Nominating papers available for Nov. 4 municipal election

Nominating papers are now available for the Nov. 4, 2008, municipal election. Nominating papers became available for openings on the Town Council and School Board Aug. 11. The municipal election for these seats will be Tuesday, Nov. 4. The following seats are available:

**Town Council:**
- Cynthia Dill (term until Dec. 12, 2011);
- Anne Swift-Kayatta (term until Dec. 12, 2011)

**School Board:**
- Katharine N. Ray (term until Dec. 12, 2011);
- Linda Winker (term until Dec. 12, 2011);
- Vacancy (term until Dec. 13, 2010).

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter in Cape Elizabeth, maintain residency during the term of office and must gather 25-100 signatures from registered Cape voters in order to appear on the ballot.

Nominees must also appear in person at the clerk’s office prior to the deadline to complete the nomination papers. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

Petitions are available at the town clerk’s office, 320 Ocean House Road. Questions should be directed to Ruthie Noble, Town Clerk, 767-7473, e-mail ruth.noble@capeelizabeth.org.

The town clerk’s office is open Mondays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Candidates are also encouraged to contact the clerk before putting up political signs. The town’s sign ordinance (Chapter 21) limits the size and placement of political signs in Cape Elizabeth.

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**Hearings set on updates to miscellaneous offenses, floodplain ordinances**

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 on a set of updates to the miscellaneous offenses ordinance, and to the floodplain ordinance.

Many of the changes to the miscellaneous offenses ordinance affect Fort Williams Park. Among proposed amendments are a ban on smoking in the park; a requirement that pet owners clean up after their pets while in the park, and permit requirements for commercial filming and for weddings that would attract more than 20 people. The proposed amendments increase various fines, and impose fines for failing to obtain permits.

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**Floodplain ordinance update**

The council will also hold a hearing on proposed updates to the town’s floodplain management ordinance, which is part of the town’s construction code. The updates follow the minimums required by law, except new structures need to be 2 feet above the base flood elevation, rather than the minimum 1 foot. Cape Elizabeth has had the 2-foot requirement in previous versions of the ordinance.

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The truth about Maine’s tax burden

By Rep. Cynthia Dill

One of my most vivid memories from this past legislative session was the day that more than 1,000 Mainers filled the halls of the State House to oppose drastic budget cuts to state programs and services that ensured their well-being and, in some cases, survival. The main walkways were impassable for hours, and the hearing rooms overflowed with people from all walks of life and various affiliations who testified before the Legislature about how budget cuts would affect them.

We heard testimony from low-income parents stretched thin, who could scarcely make it through a sentence without choking up at the likelihood of losing vital assistance for their families. We listened to the mentally and physically disabled and their caretakers, who rely on ever-dwindling state assistance for care and the basic necessities of food and shelter. And we heard from think-tank lobbyists, who foretold the second coming of TABOR if we legislators didn’t do something about Maine’s “spending problem.”

For weeks we wrestled with decisions that were among the toughest for one ever made, weighing the long-term costs of deep cuts to essential services against the consequences of political stalemate and government shutdown if the budget wasn’t passed. Central to this challenge was the issue of how state spending impacts Maine’s tax burden. For years, conservative lobbyists and policy-makers have inhibited productive economic development discussions with the claim that Maine’s tax burden is among the highest in the nation and the cause of all Maine’s woes. But it turns out that claim is wrong. The Tax Foundation, an organization that has led the charge on labeling Maine’s tax burden as one of the worst, recently acknowledged a significant flaw in their calculation of states’ tax burdens. The error comes from including in Maine’s tax burden property taxes paid by second-homeowners from out of state even though they don’t earn income here and are not Maine residents. Perhaps Maine has more second homes owned by out-of-state than most states, this error seriously skews the actual tax burden borne by Mainers. Economists in Maine and other states where tourism powers the economy have pointed to this error for years.

The Tax Foundation has conceded its mistake and recalculated Maine’s ranking for this year and previous years to account for it. Under the adjusted calculation, Maine ranks 15th in tax burden for 2008, not first; and over the last three years Maine’s tax burden and national ranking have improved despite sharp increases in the cost of living. This improvement demonstrates that the efforts of the state to reduce the overall tax burden are actually working. Imagine how much more productive we could be if we weren’t always being warned the sky is falling.

While 15th is still too high in my opinion, Maine’s tax burden is only 0.3 percent higher than the national average, even though our average salary ranks among the lowest. So the issue to address is not Maine’s tax problem so much as it is Maine’s income problem.

We can address this problem by implementing policies that will result in an increased average salary. First and foremost, we need to allow Mainers to pocket more of their paycheck by lowering the income and capital gains tax rates and broadening the sales tax base to export more of the burden. This type of tax reform continues to be one of our top priorities, and I am optimistic that the majority of my colleagues in the Maine House and Senate will soon agree.

Additionally, if the average paycheck contained just a few thousand dollars more per year, Maine’s tax burden would be at or below the national average. We have made headway with successful legislation to increase the minimum wage, provide ongoing education opportunities and incentives to better train our workforce, and invest bond money in cutting edge technology and other research and development ventures. We should consider these successes the tip of the iceberg, because we still have much to do and more tough decisions to make.

The Tax Foundation’s admission of mistake should certainly not make us complacent, but it is critical that across the board we recognize how this error has inundated discussions about Maine’s future with cynicism and pessimism, preventing constructive dialogue about how to fulfill our obligations to Maine people and propel Maine’s economy into the twenty-first century.

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Annual Best Tasting Pie Contest announced: one of many fun events at this year’s CELT Harvest Festival

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT), a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation and stewardship of distinctive lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community, has announced details for the fourth annual Best Tasting Pie Contest. The Best Tasting Pie Contest provides residents of Cape Elizabeth and surrounding communities with the opportunity to show off their pie-making skills against a competitive field of bakers. Sponsored by R.M. Davis, a Portland-based wealth management company, the Best Tasting Pie Contest takes place on Sunday, September 28 at the fourth annual CELT Harvest Festival.

“Last year, we had 50 pie entries that were carefully tasted and judged by Cape Elizabeth town councilors,” said Chris Franklin, Executive Director of the Cape Elizabeth town councilors, “and we expect the number of entries to increase again this year.”

Awards for Best Tasting Pie will be presented in five categories: Chocolate Pies, Fruit Pies, Cream Pies, Maine Pie (all Maine ingredients), Best Looking Pies and Best Tasting Pies created by a child 12 or under.

The Best Tasting Pie Contest is just one of many community activities featured at the CELT Challenge Harvest Festival, which immediately follows the Noyes Hall & Allen CELT Challenge Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon on Sunday, September 28. “R.M. Davis is delighted to sponsor the Harvest Festival Best Tasting Pie Contest,” said Peter Richardson, vice president. “At R.M. Davis, we help our clients get and keep their wealth and help our clients get and keep their wealth and health. The CELT Challenge Harvest Festival is a natural fit for our wealth management business.”

Beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 2 p.m. on September 28, the CELT Challenge Harvest Festival will play host to the triathlon and triathlon awards ceremony, a community barbecue, live music by the Muddy Marsh Ramblers, fun activities for the whole family and a harvest market featuring local farmers.

Contestants interested in submitting an entry to the Best Tasting Pie Contest are encouraged to contact Natalie Charles at 207-415-2020 or via e-mail at ncharles@capelandtrust.org with PIES in the subject line.

For more information about the CELT Harvest Festival or to volunteer, visit www.capelandtrust.org/triathlon/harvest.html or call 767-6054.

Expanded environmental education area featured at Harvest Festival

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust has announced that a newly expanded and supported environmental education area will be a featured exhibit at the fourth annual CELT Harvest Festival on September 28. The environmental education area is designed to expose children to natural wonders found in their own backyards so that they can begin to foster an appreciation of the natural world.

CELT also announced that Saco & Biddeford Savings, Maine’s oldest bank whose newly-constructed operations building is sponsoring the popular environmental educational area. “We are proud to be this year’s Environmental Education sponsor for the CELT Harvest Festival,” said Kevin Savage, President/CEO of Saco & Biddeford Savings. “For over 180 years, Saco & Biddeford Savings has worked to build a healthy community, healthy economy and a healthy environment for all of Maine. The success of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is a testament to the power of community commitment, and all of us at Saco & Biddeford Savings are happy to be part of such a wonderful cause.”

This year the educational area will feature a scavenger hunt, books on native plants, animals, birds, amphibians and insects. Animal skeletons, deer antlers, leaf ID cards and seed samples will also be on exhibit at the event. Adventure backpacks, animal track casting activities, leaf printing on muslin, gourd-painting activities and discovery boxes are designed to engage children and teach them about the natural world. In particular, the discovery boxes are a new feature of the environmental education area at this year’s Harvest Festival. Children and adults will be encouraged to place their hand inside a box and try to figure out what is inside.

“The environmental education area is geared to children aged 3-12 years old,” said Lisa Gent, a Cape Elizabeth Land Trust board member and co-chair of the education committee. “But we find that parents tend to learn a thing or two, as well!” Last year, over 200 children stopped by to explore the tables or to complete a craft.

The CELT Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event follows the Noyes, Hall & Allen CELT Challenge Triathlon and Duathlon and features live music from the Moddy Marsh Ramblers, a community barbecue, best tasting pie contest, photo contest winner exhibit and activities designed for the entire family. Harvest Festival sponsors include Maine Home+Design (photo contest sponsor), Hannaford (food sponsor), Bingham (music sponsor) and R.M. Davis (pie contest sponsor). Supporting sponsors include Allen & Coles Moving and Storage, Nestlé Waters and the Buttered Biscuit.
Brian Dorsk: A passion for the grape

By Hunter Howe

Enthusiasm breeds passion. Like a fast moving molten lava stream, building into a boiling river, passion pours from us searching for and embracing our fervent interests. Caper Brian Dorsk sees, sniffs, and sips his passion for that special liquid, that sensory synergy born of the earth, wine.

A retired oncologist, Brian, with his dash- ing mustache and intelligent, penetrating eyes, spent a lifetime immersed in the natural cycle of life.

A compassionate oncologist and a passionate wine enthusiast might suggest a stark contrast of profession and pastime pursuit. Yet, similarities abound. His inspired dedication for his young, ready-to-drink, mature, and beyond-its-time wine. The natural cycles of life.

Writers, poets, statesmen, and common folk celebrate births, graduations, weddings, promotions, retirements, and dying with a glass of wine. We’ve all witnessed those heartfelt words, to your health, to your success, to your life together, and thanks for who you were. Robert Mondavi, the famous California vintner, once said, “Wine is the essence of civilization and the art of living,” perhaps echoing Hemingway who said, “Wine is the most civilized thing in the world.”

Brian’s wine passion evolved at an early age. “I grew up in the rural South in a culture where gentlemen drank bourbon. But, I remember trying a wine made from grapes grown in North Carolina. At Washington and Lee, I participated in lively political, economic, and literary debates sharing bottles of wine, usually German Rieslings.”

After college Brian spent time in Europe. There he discovered that wine was the beverage of choice, part of a wholesome meal, drunk responsibly. Graduating from the Medical College of Virginia, he did his oncology training in New York City where he met many winemakers. “My kids said everything I could.” His appetite for wine furthered his education.

Brian moved to Cape Elizabeth 28 years ago. He and his wife Hillary, a lawyer and reformed jewelry designer, raised three children. Back in Richmond, his uncle owned a wine distributorship. “I had the great opportunity to taste many of his wines, which furthered my education.”

Brian’s written many wine articles, including pieces for the Quarterly Review of Wines and Port City Life; he’s advised restaurants on the development of their wine lists; and he’s taught wine appreciation classes, most recently at the Adult Education Program at Southern Maine Community College. Brian loves to share his knowledge with others, especially new wine enthusiasts.

Brian at the International Pinot Noir Celebration. A panoramic view of a vineyard taken during Dorsk’s 2007 trip to the International Pinot Noir Celebration in Oregon.

of his favorite wine adventures. His favorite wine regions include: northern Burgundy (Côte de Nuits) and northern Rhone (Côte Rôtie) in France and the German viticultural areas.

Brian at the International Pinot Noir Celebration. A panoramic view of a vineyard taken during Dorsk’s 2007 trip to the International Pinot Noir Celebration in Oregon.

His kids said that Dad was getting too technical.” In addition, he began attending wine tastings in Boston, “acquiring mentors and soaking up everything I could.” His appetite for wine grew at a dinner at the Ritz Carlton, where he met Bruno Pratt, owner of the famous Chateau Cos D’Estournel in France.

He’s accompanied port wine expert, Roy Herse, to Portugal’s Douro Valley, where port is produced. He considers this trip one of the most memorable of his career.

Today he’s taught wine appreciation classes, most recently in the Adult Education Program at Southern Maine Community College. Brian loves to share his knowledge with others, especially new wine enthusiasts.

“Don’t be afraid of hard-to-pronounce wines and don’t drink the same wine all the time,” he counsels.

As for selecting a wine store, he says, “Find someone you feel comfortable with and who will take the time to educate you. I hate the term ‘cheap wine’ because it implies the wine’s not good, but many inexpensive wines provide pleasure.” He says that wines from Argentina, Chile, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia offer good value.

Recently returned from China, he believes the Chinese possess a strong will to make successful wine. In late July, true to his passion, he traveled to Oregon to attend the International Pinot Noir Celebration.

And so continues the evolution of a wine enthusiast and self-described “grape nut,” Cape Elizabeth’s own Wine Diplomat, Brian Dorsk.
Public Safety Log
Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS
8-16 Shore Rd., odor investigation

FIRE CALLS
8-16 Shore Rd., odor investigation

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

Police remind residents to take steps to prevent car, home thefts

By Mark Dorval
Cape Elizabeth Police Community Liaison Officer

Due to recent thefts from unlocked vehicles and residences, the Cape Elizabeth Police Department reminds residents whether they are home or on vacation, to secure their vehicles and residences during the day and night. Prevention is the number one deterrent for these types of crimes.

Residents can take a few steps to lessen their chances of being a victim of these types of crimes. People should not leave valuables in vehicles overnight, but if they do, they should lock them in a secure place such as the trunk. Purses, backpacks, loose change, iPods, CD Players, cameras, and other items of value are what criminals are targeting. Residents should also make sure windows are up, doors are locked, and if their car has an alarm, use it. Do not leave garage doors open and doors to residences unlocked while away from the residence for any period of time. Even a short trip to the grocery store can result in a residential burglary. Garage doors should also be locked during the night.

Anyone who has motion-sensing lights should make sure they are operational, and residents who don’t have them may want to install some as a deterrent. While on vacation, people should have a friend or relative check on the house frequently. Windows should be shut and locked, no matter what floor they are on.

Making the house look lived in is also recommended. Do not allow mail and newspapers to pile up. Homeowners should keep the lawn mowed and even have a neighbor use the driveway. In the winter, someone should shovel and plow the driveway. It is also a good idea to have lights on in the residence on a timer.

The police department also offers a “House Check Program” which allows residents to register their house while away. Police will check the house periodically, making sure the house is secure and contacting the homeowner or designee if anything suspicious is found.

To report any suspicious activity or to find out more about the “House Check Program,” call 767-3323. To report emergencies, dial 911. It is important that the community and police work together in reducing the number of these types of thefts.

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Artists ‘paint for preservation,’ raising thousands for Land Trust initiative

Art lovers and Cape Elizabeth Land Trust supporters gathered at Rodney Voisine’s home, Apple Tree Hill, on August 24 for the first annual Paint for Preservation Wet Paint Auction. “The guests were encouraged to bid often and high and enjoy an evening of art,” said event chair Aria Tuki. Nineteen artists from Maine and New Hampshire came to Cape Elizabeth to participate in the event, which was a “tremendous success,” and raised more than $7,000 to support the Land Trust initiative “Saving Cape’s Great Places,” according to Tuki. “We are grateful to our host Rodney Voisine, our sponsors, the participating artists, those who bought art and all the volunteers who made the event so successful.”

Artists Diane Noble, above, and Kevin Mizner, left, are shown painting in Cape Elizabeth on Aug. 24. Their “wet paintings” were sold at the event auction that evening. The public was invited to watch the artists at work.

The 41st Annual Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Engine One Labor Day Art Show was held Aug. 31 at Fort Williams Park. From top: strollers enjoy the fine weather while viewing art stalls, a dog named Grace catches a breeze, Melissa McLeod paints, and the Lions Club serves its meals to support the community.

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- Oversize kite-flying demo
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- Hula-hoop contest
- Nature education tables
- Solar panel demonstration
- Animal track mold creations
- Extreme pumpkin makeover
- Sack races

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec, 767-4074
(E-mail: darzewie@maine.rr.com)

Agendas for Town Council, School Board and Planning Board are available online at: wwwCAPEelizabeth.com

Monday, Sept. 8
School Board Wellness Committee, 3:15 p.m., Town Center Fire Station, Jordan Way.

Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road.

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing Code Planning Committee Room, second floor Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

School Board Business meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road.

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

Thursday, Sept. 11
School Board Personnel Committee, 8 a.m., Superintendent’s Office, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

Town Council/Recycling Committee workshop, 7:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Tuesday, Sept. 16
School Board Policy Committee, 12 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

Planning Board meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Thomas Memorial Literary Study Committee, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive.

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

Ongoing each week
At-Ann, Newcomer’s meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Rt. 77). Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road.

Al-Anon, Thursday, Sept. 18
School Board Policy Committee, 7 p.m., St. Bartholomew’s Church, 8 Two Lights Rd.; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Albans Church, 885 Shore Road.

Chinese Historic Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Rd. Volunteers assist with informational searches. Public welcome. Meetings are first and third months of each year.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays (except July and August) at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, head of Two Lights Road.

Fire-Rescue meetings, 7:30 p.m. third Thursday of each month, except July and August at the Cape Elizabeth Police Station, 325 Ocean House Road.

Scrapbooking Sessions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., first Saturdays except July and August, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Cost is $15 to benefit Cape Elizabeth Lions local and international activities. Participants should bring their own supplies.

Seacoast Regional Theater presents whose songs are in the style of “Annie Warbucks” and “River City” will feature three Cape actors, will open at Portland Players off Two Lights Road in Cape Elizabeth.

Each session will cost $15, and proceeds will benefit local charities, scholarships, and CampaignSightFirst II, a Lions Club International campaign to eradicate preventable blindness globally. Coffee and music will be provided, but participants will need to bring supplies.

For more information, contact Cape Elizabeth Lions Club President Kim Brooks at 767-2733.

Cape Lions to hold monthly scrapbooking sessions; pancake breakfast Sept. 14

Lyric Theater to hold ‘Annie Warbucks’ auditions; open ‘Will Rogers Follies’

Lyric Music Theater will hold auditions for one show the first weekend of September, and open the first production of the season on the third Friday of the month.

Auditions for “Annie Warbucks” will be held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, and from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7. Callbacks, if necessary, will be scheduled the weekend of Sept. 13 and 14. All who audition should be prepared to sing at least 16 bars of a musical theater/Broadway musical song at the audition, and should bring a copy of their sheet music transposed into the correct key for the accompanist.

Classic and traditional Broadway composers whose songs are in the style of “Annie Warbucks” include Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and Rodgers and Hart.

For more information about the auditions, go to www.lyricmusictheater.org/auditions/ or meet the director Stacey Kosoloski at Stacey.kosoloski@gmail.com.

‘Will Rogers Follies’

Lyric will open its 2008-2009 season with the musical, “The Will Rogers Follies,” on Friday, Sept. 19. Additional performances are scheduled Sept. 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28, and Oct. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12.

The Tony-award winning show chronicles the life of famed humorist and performer Will Rogers, using as a backdrop the Ziegfeld Follies, a series of elaborate theatrical productions on Broadway from 1907 through 1931 that Rogers often headlined.

Shows will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. To reserve tickets, call the box office starting Sept. 12 at 799-1421 or 799-6509 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The theater is located at 176 Sawyer Street in South Portland.

‘Music Man’ to open at Portland Players on Sept. 12

The musical, “The Music Man,” which will feature three Cape actors, will open at Portland Players, 420 Cottage Rd., South Portland, on Friday, Sept. 12, and run through Sunday, Sept. 28. In the play, which won five Tony Awards in 1958, including Best Muscial, Daniel Howard plays Winthrop; his daughter, Shannon Howard, plays a child; and Annie Unnold plays Marian Paroo. Con man Professor Harold Hill poses as a boys’ band leader, and sells band instruments and uniforms to naive townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. In River City, Iowa, prim Marian the librarian sees through him, but when Hill helps her younger brother, Marian begins to fall in love with Harold.

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Cape kitchen tour to feature contemporary to cottage-style

Legacy Properties, Sotheby’s Internationl Realty, will present a Maine Home & Design kitchen tour of 12 Cape Elizabeth kitchens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. Proceeds from the tour, which will feature contemporary to chic cottage-style kitchens, will benefit the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which seeks to foster innovation and excellence in Cape schools by funding projects that fall outside the school budget.

Tickets can be bought in advance for $520 per person at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Rd., and for $25 for the day of the event. Tickets also can be re- served online at www.ceef.org through Pay- Pal using a credit card or PayPal account.

Tickets and maps may be picked up at 8 a.m. the day of the event from the Cape Elizabeth Community Center parking lot, located under the rear of the building.

Legacy is owned by Cape Elizabeth resident Chris Lynch. Maine Home & Design publisher Kevin Thomas and editor Susan Kelley are also from Cape.

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### Escapade consignment sports equipment sale set for Sept. 27 at Community Center

The fifth annual Escapade consignment sports equipment sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center parking lot, with a rain date planned for Oct. 4. Anyone with used sports equipment or seasonal outerwear in good condition can donate it or sell it at a 50-percent consignment. Starting Monday, Sept. 8, sale items can be dropped off at the Community Center between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A name, phone number, and suggested sale price should be attached to all clothing and equipment dropped off at the Community Center. Sale items include, but aren’t limited to, skis, ice skates, hockey equipment, roller blades, basketballs, soccer balls, cleats, shin and knee pads, baseball gloves and bats, and lacrosse and football equipment. Jackets, sweaters, snow pants, vests, boots, gloves and mittens in good condition will also be sold.

Consignors will be notified after the sale if their items were purchased. A tax receipt will be given for all donations and consignments.

Proceeds will benefit Escapade, a program that provides high school and adult mentors for children with special needs so they can successfully participate in after-school and community programs with their peers.

### Class of ’97 to hold 10th reunion on Nov. 28 at RiRa Irish Pub

Cape Elizabeth High School’s Class of 1997 will hold its 10-year reunion from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, at RiRa Irish Pub located at 72 Commercial Street in Portland.

There will be no upfront cost for class members, who will gather in the pub’s upstairs room. Please RSVP to cape.classof97@gmail.com or contact Alex Kadish at 310-775-7954.

### Power of positive thinking topic of Sept. 25 class

Licensed Social Worker Marianne Berube of Coastal Wellness Family CHIProfessional will present a class about the power of positive thinking from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 300 Ocean House Road. All are invited.

Berube, who has worked in Maine as a presenter and a clinical and group counselor the past 10 years, will discuss how positive thinking can help people become who they want to be, have what they want to have, and do what they want to do. She will also focus on setting goals, reframing problems, and using issues as a springboard to promote assets and reinforce strengths.

For more information or to reserve a space for the class, which will cost $20 per participant, call 799-9355.

Coastal Wellness is located at 300 Ocean House Road.

### Lions to raffle off framed cross stitch of Cape Elizabeth Light made by club president

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club is raffling a framed cross stitch of Cape Elizabeth Light at Two Lights, handmade by Lions President Kim Brooks. Proceeds will benefit local charities and the efforts of Lions Club International to eliminate preventable blindness.

The 11-by-14-inch cross stitch is framed in a light oak frame and glare-resistant glass. The piece is heirloom quality, and took Brooks eight months to complete.

The drawing will be held in May 2009. Tickets, which are $5, may be purchased by sending a check payable to “CE Lions Club” to Brooks, 9 Gladys Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 04107.

Please include name, address and phone number if it is not on the check. Raffle-buyers will be called to verify receipt of the check. For more information please call Brooks at 767-2733.

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**Lions Club President Kim Brooks spent eight months completing a framed cross stitch of Cape Elizabeth Light.**
Story Times for fall begin with a new, expanded schedule

By Rachel Davis

Library story times will begin this fall the week of Sept. 14 with some adjusted program times, as well as some additional offerings. Mother Goose Time, for babies up to 18 months, will continue to be offered on Wednesdays, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Tales for Tots, for toddlers 18 months to 3 years old, will be offered three times a week: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Story Garden, for preschoolers 3 to 5 years old, will be offered twice a week: Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Saturdays Are a Family Affair

Story time on Saturdays will not change—it will continue to be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m., but it will have a new name to better reflect the audience it serves: Family Story Time. The program used to be called Story Time Favorites, and was aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, the idea being that the favorite books and songs from toddler and preschool story times would be drawn upon to serve a multi-age group. But Saturday story times have evolved into a family event—often entire families attend, and sometimes visiting grandparents, aunts and uncles come along as well. The entire group—adults and children—tend to fully participate in the program, which always ends with a family dance of “The Hokey Pokey,” as well as the old story time stand-by, a parade around the room. The name change is meant to reinforce the idea that everyone in the family is welcome to attend the program to laugh, sing, and dance together as part of their Saturday morning routine.

Why the changes?

The changes to Tales for Tots were made in order to make the program times more consistent. Since the program will be held at the same time each day, it should be easier for parents and caregivers to substitute one day for another. Tales for Tots on Wednesdays tends to be a very large group, and it is hoped that some attendees will choose to attend the program on Thursdays or Fridays to help keep the group sizes more manageable.

The changes in the Story Garden schedule were in response to surveys collected both at story times and through an online form on the library’s Web site. The survey was developed to help determine the best times for the program given that many preschoolers attend school either on a Tuesday/Thursday, or a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule. A total of thirty people responded to the survey. After the fall program session ends, the entire program schedule will be reassessed to see how it is working and whether it needs to be adjusted again for the Winter Session.

The complete story time schedule, as well as more details about each program, may be found on the library’s Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org. The Fall Program Session will run from September 14 through December 6, 2008.

Library exhibits Maine Heritage photographs through September

Prints of three Maine Heritage photographers are featured in an exhibit at the Thomas Memorial Library during September.

Photographs include those of J.C. Bicknell, who photographed the Maine wilderness in the early part of the century and was one of the state’s most popular scenic photographers. Bicknell’s photographs were black and white and then hand-colored with watercolors by his staff.

The photographs of Ralph Farnham Blood and Laura Blood will also be exhibited. The Bloods collaborated during the 1930s, taking coastal black and white photographs, which Laura Blood hand-colored in oils. Winning many international juried shows, the Bloods were also celebrated in publications across America. A large original image of Portland Head Light in 1931 remains in the archives of the White House.

Finally, the exhibit will showcase the work of Cape Elizabeth photographer Mason Philip Smith, who captured Maine’s classic facades, from potato barns in Aroostook to the Mariner’s Church in Portland, during the 1960s. Many of the buildings photographed by Smith have since been demolished.

FALL LIBRARY SCHEDULE

For more information call 799-1720
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Visit the library online at: www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

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Thomas Memorial Library has a book delivery service. If you are unable to come to the library and have no one to bring you books we can deliver them to you! Call Joyce at 799-1720.
Cape photographer, writer invites seniors to share stories about life in Cape, during series

Cape photographer and writer, Jan Reale-Hatem, a member of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, will lead a free, informal series, “I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extravagant Memories,” from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 23 to Oct. 21, at the Community Center.

A member of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, Reale-Hatem encourages people to turn out for one or more of the sessions to share personal stories about life in Cape Elizabeth, “whether it be about growing up during World War II, farming, fishing, riding the trolley from Portland, school experiences, Fort Williams, or anything else. All stories are of interest,” she said. "These informal sessions will give participants an opportunity to record their memories and make memory postcards to help preserve Cape Elizabeth history.”

Reale-Hatem hopes to use the postcards that participants create in a future show, so community members can share in the memories. “I am interested in doing this because I believe what many view as ‘ordinary memories’ are really extraordinary connections between the past and present that help preserve and further appreciation for the rich history of Cape Elizabeth,” she said.

An exhibit by Reale-Hatem entitled, “Senior Stories, Extravagant Memories: Connections between People and Places in Cape Elizabeth,” was on display a year ago at the Thomas Memorial Library. The show featured personal histories that Cape seniors shared with Reale-Hatem. Photographs accompanied the stories.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the series, please contact Reale-Hatem at 799-2457 or reale-photo@maine.rr.com.

Fall foliage trip to N.H. for seniors planned on Sept. 9

Community Services will offer a fall foliage trip to New Hampshire that will include lunch and entertainment on Thursday, Oct. 9. Seniors will take a custom coach to the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln N.H., located on 180 acres near the southern entrance of Franconia Notch State Park.

After arriving at the resort, the group will enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast, followed by a buffet lunch. An entertainer will sing old classics and do impersonations of well-known singers such as Frank Sinatra.

Departure time will be 8 a.m. from the back of the Community Center. The cost is $62, due with reservations, which can be made by calling Community Services at 799-2868.

TRIAD meeting planned for Sept. 11

The next Cape Elizabeth/South Portland TRIAD meeting will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Cape Elizabeth Police Station, 325 Ocean House Rd.

TRIAD is made up of Cape Elizabeth senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to offer ways of dealing with many of the problems faced by older citizens.

Light refreshments will be served at the free seminar. For more information, contact Community Liaison Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323. Parking is at the rear of the Public Safety Building.

Senior luncheon planned at Community Center

The cost for the luncheon will be $9 per person. After lunch, guest speaker, Cape resident Bob Warner, will give a presentation on selling and buying antiques.

To make a reservation, call 799-2868.

‘Easy’ outdoor activities for the ‘50 plus or minus set’ planned in new program

Cape Elizabeth Community Services, Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), and other community recreation departments are teaming up to offer “Take It Outside: Easy Adventures for the Fifty Plus or Minus Set.”

The program encourages people to be physically active while enjoying the Maine outdoors through activities that are designed to be fun and adventurous, but not extreme. The first planned activity, guided rafting, kayaking, or canoeing on the Saco River, is planned from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 19. A second event, a bike ride on the South Portland Bikeway, is offered at two times on Oct. 1, at 4:45 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. A third activity, hiking and geocaching at Camp Ken-chi in Scarborough, is planned from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18.

Equipment will be provided for all of the activities. The cost of doing all three activities is $25; or $10 for each event. Registration forms can be obtained at the Community Services office or by calling SMAA at 396-6007.

Indoor walking program to resume Oct. 7

Although there is no fee, participants are asked to sign in at the front desk and to bring walking shoes or sneakers to change into before walking.

For more information, call Community Services at 799-2868.

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Genealogical Society to hold meeting on Sept. 6

Writer Lynda Sudlow will speak at the September monthly meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Historical Society on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Cape Elizabeth.

The author of “The Vast Army of Women: Maine’s Uncounted Forces in the American Civil War,” Sudlow will speak at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered at 12:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public, and all researchers are welcome. For more information, call Carol at 847-3271.

Garden Club welcomes new members; next meeting a harvest supper Sept. 3

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club met at the Shore Acres home of Ginny Camp on August 13. Speaker Frank Marston of the Basic Fitness Center in South Portland spoke about the importance of exercise. Beverly Beedle told the group about an interesting plant called a parlor maple (abutilon).

At the business meeting it was agreed, by vote, that individuals from surrounding communities may be welcomed as members of the Cape club.

The next meeting will be a harvest supper on September 3 at the Broad Cove home of Jane Zimmerman.

Cape Elizabeth garden club members take responsibility for the garden at the keeper’s house at Fort Williams and the garden at the Cape Elizabeth library. Individuals interested in knowing more about the club are invited to call Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

‘Cool Cape’ kicks off series with talk about the local impact of climate change Sept. 16

On Tuesday, Sept. 16 Ray Sirois will lead a talk about global climate change, and the potential local impact. Sirois is a senior associate and IT director at Wright-Pierce Engineering, and was one of 1,000 individuals trained as a presenter by former Vice President Al Gore. The talk, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road, will be the first in a series of talks presented by Cool Cape, a new citizen’s initiative in Cape Elizabeth, modeled on the Sierra Club’s nationwide Cool Cities program to develop and implement smart energy solutions to global warming at the local level.

According to Cool Cape organizers, Sirois’s presentation will be based on the Oscar winning documentary film, “An Inconvenient Truth,” and will be an updated, live, nonpartisan presentation on the science of climate change with local data to show the impact on Maine.

All talks in the Cool Cape series are free and open to the public, and most will be held at the United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road.

Volunteers needed to help with events for senior citizens

Community Services is seeking community members who would like to volunteer in programs for senior citizens.

All interested should contact Community Services’ Adult Programs Director Karen Allen at 799-2688.

[For a sampling of some of Community Services’ senior activities and programs, please see page 13.]

New Sea Scout leadership announced

Sea Scout Ship No. 12 has had a turnover in adult leadership. Steve Price, a Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher and Scarborough resident is the new skipper. The new Executive Officer is Bill Newberry of Standish. An officer in the Portland Yacht Club, Newberry is an experienced racing sailor, who was named “Yachtsman of the Year, 2007” by a sailing magazine. Newberry also owns the boat on which the Scouts are training.

The previous skipper was Steve Birmingham of Cape Elizabeth who served in that capacity for four years. He helped start the Scout Ship, and his hard work and boating skill was greatly appreciated by everyone involved. Birmingham is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Price and Newberry recently supervised a successful overnight sailing adventure along the Maine coast for the Scouts.

Sea Scout Ship No. 12 is part of the Boy Scouts of America. It is chartered by the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club and serves young men and women ages 14-21. The U.S. Coast Guard has provided meeting spaces and seamanship training. For more information on the Sea Scouts, contact Skipper Steve Price at 885-9176 or Charter Organization Rep. Dan Davidson at 767-4682.

Community Services to offer trip to Portugal in April; plans informational slide show Sept. 22

Community Services will take a group to “Sunny Portugal” during Cape schools’ April vacation week. The 10-day excursion will depart on April 17 and will travel Portugal’s “Silver Coast,” which is dotted with villages, castles and miles of pastoral scenery.

The group will also spend time in Lisbon and Algarve, which is known as Europe’s sunniest spot and has some of its finest beaches. An informational slide show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, at the Community Center. Trip flyers will be available in the Community Services office at the Community Center.

To reserve a spot for the slide show, call 799-2688.

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799-2611
Middle school’s annual Sally Foster gift-wrap sale begins on Sept. 8

The Middle School Parents Association’s annual Sally Foster gift-wrap sale will soon be underway. Between Sept. 8 and Oct. 9, Cape Elizabeth middle-schoolers will be going door-to-door in neighborhoods selling the products to raise money to support the middle school’s Outdoor Experience programs. The money raised goes to programs that educate middle-schoolers in off-campus outdoor experiences designed to complement the CEMS curriculum.

Each May, every sixth-grader attends a five-day adventure at the Chewonki Foundation’s Environmental Education Center in Wiscasset, where they participate in group challenges and decision-making activities while experiencing the natural beauty of the Maine woods and coastline. Because of school budget constraints, seventh-graders’ traditional five-day Camp Kieve program in Nobleboro has been discontinued, but school administrators are working on plans for seventh-graders to spend three days in October on Cow Island in Casco Bay with Ripplefect, a youth and community development organization that operates outdoor adventure programs that include team-building activities and kayaking adventures.

CEMS students in other grades participate in activities and community programs designed to increase awareness of the natural environment. Sally Foster is the middle school’s largest fundraiser. In addition to wrapping paper, Sally Foster products include ribbons, bows, gift tags, stationery and cards, chocolates and gourmet treats, candles and other home accessories. The sale starts Monday, Sept. 8, and students will turn in their orders by Friday, Oct. 10. Items will be delivered Friday, Nov. 10.

Anyone who would like to order Sally Foster products can visit www.sallyfoster.com and include the CEMS school number, 056966.

For more information, call e-mail chairman Heidi O’Rourke at 899-2463 or hlo@talk21.com.

PCPA’s first meeting to be held Tuesday, Sept. 16

The first Pond Cove Parents Association meeting of the year is planned for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station, and meetings throughout the school year will also be held at that time on the third Tuesday of the month, except during vacations or otherwise noted.

The PCPA is made up of parents and guardians of students enrolled at Pond Cove. The group’s mission is to enrich, support, and enhance the social and learning environment of the school. In addition to funding educational enrichment for students, the PCPA seeks to foster a fun and inclusive sense of community. Annual fundraisers include the Fall Fest, Holiday Art Fair, Craft Night, Bingo Night, Arts Day, and the Pond Cove 5K. Dues are not required for membership, but families are encouraged to support the PCPA organization by making a voluntary contribution—typically $10 per family, but donations of any amount are welcomed. Contributions may be sent to school with children or dropped off at the Pond Cove office in an envelope marked PCPA.

For more information, visit www.capepcpa.org.

Box Tops coupons raise money for Pond Cove School

Community members have an opportunity to raise money for Pond Cove School when they shop. Every Box Top for Education coupon clipped from food and household products made by various companies will earn the school 10 cents. To donate, cut coupons along the dotted lines and send them to school with students, or drop them in the Box Tops collection bins in the Pond Cove lobby, at IGA, the Community Center, the Swap Shop, or Thomas Memorial Library. Coupons must be turned in by February. Last year, Cape citizens raised $2,500 for Pond Cove through Box Tops.

For more information about Box Tops or about the program, go to www.boxtopseducation.com or e-mail Joanne Sullivan at jsull@maine.rr.com.

CEHS teacher to lead London/Dublin tour

Cape Elizabeth High School Achievement Center teacher, Lisa Melanson, will take a group of students in grades 9 through 12 to Dublin and London during spring break 2009, which will be held the second to last week of April. Melanson took students to England in 2006 and to Italy and Spain in 2008, both during spring vacations.

The cost for the tour, to be sponsored by EF Educational, which provides international travel for teachers and students, will be $2,502 for students who sign up before Oct. 1. The price will include airfare, lodging, two meals per day, tour guides, and entrance fees to attractions.

For more information, please contact Melanson at lisa_melanson@cape.k12.me.us.

HSPA to hold first meeting on Sept. 17

The High School Parents Association will hold its first meeting of the school year at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the high school library. All CEHS parents are invited to attend.

The meetings, which will be held the third Wednesday of every month after September, are attended by CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd and CEHS Assistant Principal Troy Henninger and provide opportunities to learn about issues and events at CEHS and ask questions. The mission of the HSPA is to provide a communication forum for CEHS parents, administrators, and staff; provide modest grants to CEHS staff and students; and volunteer support for various CEHS activities; and bring informative speakers to the CEHS community.

Members, who get weekly e-mail news, also get an all-school directory. Yearly dues are $15. For more information, contact HSPA President Susan Spagnola at jsull@maine.rr.com.
Coastal Maine Aquatics registration set for Sept. 6; program open to all six and older

Cape Elizabeth pitcher, fifth-grader Courtney Jones, front row; second from right, helped lead her fast-pitch softball team, the under-10 Southern Maine Flame, to the championship of the Kelly Page Memorial in August in Lowell, Mass. Scarborough player Taylor Whaley, back row, far left, is the daughter of Cape Middle School fifth-grade teacher, Matt Whaley. The Southern Maine Flame under-14 team, which includes Cape players Emmy Ham and Lauren Nicholson, won the Diabetes Foundation Tournament in early August in Fairfield. Flame players try out in September, practice indoors all winter, and then compete at tournaments throughout New England from May to August.

Cape’s Leo Wing, second from left and wearing glasses, answers questions of a television reporter on Aug. 15 at Mariner’s Church Banquet Center in Portland, where she and other CMA swimmers, families, and friends watched Portland swimmer Ian Crocker challenge Michael Phelps in the 100 fly at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Coastal Maine Aquatics (CMA) will hold fall registration from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Donald Richards Pool in Cape. All swimmers, “from the novice to the nationally ranked, [are invited] to join our team,” CMA Head Coach Leanne Gravel said. New athletes should come with suit, cap, and goggles, and be prepared to swim and be evaluated. Athletes will also be required to fill out forms and make payments. For more information, please call Gravel at 415-0809 or go to the CMA Web site at www.coastalmaineaquatics.com.

Founded in 1991, CMA offers a guided, age-group program for children ages 6 and older. Most CMA swim practices take place in either Cape or South Portland. Since summer 2007, the club has broken 27 state records and 58 team records.
Awana Clubs (grades 3-8) Tuesday 6:20 p.m.
Sacrament Meeting: Sunday 10-11:10 a.m.
Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
Children’s Christian Education: Sunday
Evening Prayer: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.-noon
Preschool Childcare: 10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.
Fifth- and sixth-graders can learn about New Testament characters in “Good News Disciples,” which meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Sep. 17.
Seventh- and eighth-graders will learn about church history from the early church through the post-Vatican II era in Junior High Ministry, which meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays starting Sep. 15.
For more information about enrolling a child in any one of these programs or for more detailed schedules, please contact Sharon Pilk at 799-5528, ext. 103 or Sharon.pilk@portlanddiocese.org or visit www.saint-albans.org.

For information regarding the Youth Ministry for high school students, contact the youth minister at 799-5528, ext. 104.

For adult faith formation programs, please contact Kathy Williamson at 799-5528 x102 or kathy.williamson@portlanddiocese.org to enroll in a pre-study course study. Old Testament, Part 2; one of the faith-sharing groups studying the Sunday readings; Msgr. Henchel’s book group; or a certification course offered by the University of Dayton. Currently, a group is forming for people who want to enroll in a church history course for ministry certification.

For more information, visit the Web site.

Saint Alban’s literature and faith class open to all in community

The Rev. James Adams of Saint Alban’s will lead a class this fall entitled, “Shadows & Light: Literature and the Life of Faith,” from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 22, Sept. 29, and Oct. 6. The Gospel of Matthew states that Jesus always taught with parables: “Indeed he was never without a parable.” A lover of stories, when Jesus was challenged by religious authorities or asked a question by someone seeking to understand him and his message more clearly, he was apt to begin his answer, “Once upon a time…” As “people seek to understand the Gospel and to find words to express their most heartfelt questions and deepest faith, the world of stories can be a great resource,” Adams says. “The class will focus on the close reading of contemporary and classic writings that speak to the mystery of life and the human experience of God.”

Students will read works by George Herbert, C.S. Lewis, and T.S. Eliot, as well as contemporary writers such as Annie Dillard, Mary Oliver and Frederick Buechner. Anyone who would like to receive copies of the readings in advance of each class session should contact the parish office at 799-4014 or stalbans@stalbansmaine.org or visit www.1st-albans.com. For more information, please call 799-4014.

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St. Alban’s fall schedule to begin Sept. 7
Saint Alban’s Church will begin its fall schedule of three Sunday worship services on Sept. 7. Sunday school and youth programming will also resume on that day, and a parish breakfast will be offered in the parish hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome.

The quiet, reflective 8 a.m. service is followed by a 9 a.m. service which features the singing of traditional hymns with organ accompaniment. The 10:30 a.m. service includes the Saint Alban’s Chancel Choir as well as the singing of congregational hymns.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is offered at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Christian education programs for children in preschool to fifth grade are offered during the 9 a.m. service. Parents can register for Sunday school by calling Debbee Fisher, director of Christian education, at 799-5528 after Sunday morning. Two programs are offered at 9 a.m.

Godley Play, for children entering kindergarten in September 2008 and 2009, is a Montessori-based program in which children learn the church year and the significance of religious holidays through guided play.

Our PLACE is for children in first through fifth grades. Children rotate from workshop to workshop during a four-week rotation period, during which only one Bible story is taught. Each rotation is focused on learning the Bible story through acting on stage, through film in a cinema with old-time movie theater seats, through story-telling and games and through artistic projects and experimentation over the 10:30 a.m. service. Children in first through sixth grades gather for a faith-inspired film in St. Alban’s cinema.

Participation in St. Alban’s musical groups, the Chancel Choir and hand-bell choir, is open to all high school students and adults. No auditions are needed. Interested singers and ringers should talk with St. Alban’s music director, Jim Strand, so music and other materials can be prepared for rehearsal. Jim Strand can be reached at 899-4452 or jstrand@maine.rr.com. The group, which has performed over the years at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and with groups such as the Chicago’s Civic Opera, will also perform at 11 a.m.; the usual Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. has been moved back a half hour.

All in the community are invited to hear the group, which has performed over the years at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and with groups such as the Chicago’s Civic Opera, will also perform at 11 a.m.; the usual Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. has been moved back a half hour.

The hand-bell choir meets at 899-4452 or jstrand@maine.rr.com. The group will also perform two concerts on September 27, at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Fall River. Donations will be accepted to support the musicians’ school, Holy Trinity School of Music in Port-au-Prince.

For more information, please call 799-4014.

Haitian boys’ choir, chamber orchestra to return to St. Alban’s
A 30-member boys’ and young men’s choral group and chamber orchestra from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will return to St. Alban’s Church this month. Les Petits Chanteurs (“The Little Singers”), a musical group representing Holy Trinity Church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and an accompanying chamber orchestra will perform on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the 9 a.m. service and directly afterward in the parish hall. The group will also perform at 11 a.m.; the usual Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. has been moved back a half hour.

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The fair will offer people a chance to come and invited to one, two or all three sessions at the church, 885 Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth.
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in the watershed. Some of the money may also go toward conservation easements, protecting parts of the watershed area from development.

While no other development projects are pending in the watershed, the area is in the town’s RC zone and is considered an optimal location for development, because of proximity to existing development and to town sewer lines.

Assisted living facility site plan extends

In other matters, the board granted another extension, this one for a site-plan approved last year for the Crescent Beach Assisted Living Facility, located at the site of the former Viking Nursing Home on Scott Dyer Road.

Hearing set on Purpoodock Club renovations

Also at their meeting Aug. 19, the board set a public hearing for Tuesday, Sept. 16, on improvements to the Purpoodock Club building and parking lot.

John Mitchell, of Mitchell & Associates, presented plans for the renovation, which include a small addition to the existing building and a major redesign of the parking lot so that it meets town standards.

The club is planning to improve traffic flow within the parking area of 173 spaces, the number required to serve the retail, restaurant and golf uses, as well as parking for employees. The paved area will be reduced by approximately 300 square feet due to the planned addition of landscaped islands in the parking area.

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Tim Thompson Award

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John Mitchell, of Mitchell & Associates, said that the bleachers have been ordered.

The applicant for the project is the town of Cape Elizabeth. Speaking for the town in a telephone interview, Public Works Director Robert Malley said plans are to pour the footings for the structure in late October, with construction occurring during the “off season” winter months to get the best pricing. The seats are expected to be available for use in the spring sports season.

CEEF awards
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This year, the nonprofit organization named longtime Cape Elizabeth Middle School nurse Julie Tselikis recipient of the Tim Thompson Award, which includes a $2,000 check and a glass apple, for “going above and beyond the call of duty in the life of a student in Cape Elizabeth.” Cape residents Nancy and Tim Thompson established the award in memory of their son, Timmy, who died in the summer of 2004 after graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School.

Outright love for our kids

“When we think of this amazing role model, our first thought is of the compassion she has shown to all of the children she has helped along the way,” Nancy Thompson said before enumerating some of Tselikis’ daily kindnesses to kids: “How to get gum out of hair, how to fix eyeglasses, how to make the perfect cold pack, how to sew up ripped pants with dental flour … how to take a child to lunch just to see how they are doing and how to be the one to figure out where the pain is really coming from. … This recipient practices compassion, caring, and outright love for our kids.”

A nurse practitioner who is also a registered school guidance counselor, Tselikis, a Cape resident with two grown children who attended Cape schools, emphasized the significance of the award.

Note written, story told

“What a gift you have given me today. … It is difficult as a guidance counselor, a social worker, or a school nurse to measure one’s success with students. There are no MIA scores or national exams to tell you how you are doing as there are in math or science. It is often the note written or the story told to you by a student or a parent, sometimes later years, that says to you, ‘I did the best I could.’”

Tselikis is not only adept at middle-school communication, but even after three and a half decades of working with 10- to 14-year-olds, she is still tickled by their ways of getting across their thoughts and feelings. A student “not long ago” having problems adjusting to school would start each day by going to Tselikis’ office, she told colleagues at the gathering. Then one morning in one simple sentence the boy told Tselikis he was feeling secure about school: He said he was going to use his own locker from now on instead of using her room as his locker.

“I told him that in all my years of school nursing I had never been a locker before, but I considered it a compliment,” she said.

She also recalled the words of a 1988 CEHS alumna this summer at a 20th reunion, to which Tselikis had been invited.

“You helped me get through middle school when my life at home was falling apart. I’m happy now, and I have a wonderful family,” Tselikis recounted. “What a gift those words were to me.”

Math lab

CEEF has never honored two people with the same award. But giving Butterworth and Eismeier the Brownell Award jointly was a no-brainer, Cary said. Eismeier, Pond Cove principal for 13 years, developed the concept of the math lab during the 2006-2007 school year.

Butterworth, who spent her first eight years at Pond Cove teaching special education, took the concept and turned it into reality during the 2007-2008 school year, working with a couple of hundred young Pond Cove students on math skills.

“The true measure of the success of the math lab has been the dramatic advancement in math scores in the targeted group,” Cary said. “None of this would have happened without Tom Eismeier and Debbie Butterworth.”

‘Visionary’

Eismeier was the idea guy, Cary said. “I think of him as a visionary, a person who was thinking of larger ideas.” Tom Eismeier Award—$1,000 and a position rose to the surface as the thing to develop and to implement the idea of the math lab now identified those students in kindergarten, first and second grades who require, or would benefit from, extra attention in math fundamentals. This attention to the early stages of math learning is critical to developing a solid foundation on which to build successful math comprehension.

An avid tennis player who plays year-round with his 16-year-old daughter Maggie, Eismeier lobbed the ball back in Butterworth’s court when he accepted the award.

“What’s the first rule of playing doubles in tennis? Find the best partner available,” said Eismeier, for whom the award—a $1,000 and a glass apple referring to CEEF’s logo—was a complete surprise. “It’s a teaching award. It’s teaching you to be associated with an administrator before, so I was very impressed that they thought of me in that light.”

Butterworth also took the attention off herself when receiving the award.

“The sentiment for this award also goes to Alan Hawkins and Tom Eismeier for their support in the spirit of collaboration, as well as the whole pool of incredible dedicated teachers at Pond Cove, for together, we have created this math program for our students,” she said. “I will never forget this day.”

All three recipients also expressed gratitude to CEEF, and Eismeier later shed light on CEEF’s grant process and the evolution of the Math Lab.

A better place

“This was a challenge grant. A CEEF representative came to me and said, ‘Pond Cove is in line to get a grant to fund something that might not happen otherwise. So how do you have to come up with it.’ There were no specific directions from CEEF, which said, ‘Please decide on something that will make this a better place.’” Eismeier said.

“We went through a process of making suggestions and prioritizing and finally … this position rose to the surface as the thing to do. What [the process] did was make us aware of knowledge of a blind spot. We provide support in literacy particularly in the primary grades, and this was something lacking … Debbie now tracks every kid who comes in and out of her room. She’s provided this information to teachers and helped them see not only how kids are doing, but also how classes are doing.”

Since it was established in 2001, CEEF has awarded 94 grants ranging from $500 to $150,000 for a total of about $950,000.

School bus
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entrance to Cape Elizabeth High School, officials say.

“People need to understand the way that the crossing light works,” Hoskin said. “[For pedestrians] there’s a hand symbol and a count down with a symbol of a person, but [pedestrians] need to understand that when you get permission to cross, there could potentially be motorists turning in, because the light will be green going in the other direction. Motorists, particularly less-experienced drivers, need to know that even though the light may be green, they need to heighten their awareness about pedestrians crossing.”

Jordan Way closed to school traffic

Jordan Way, the road that runs beside the police and fire station, will no longer be open to high school traffic first thing in the morning as it has been in past years because this first rule of playing doubles in tennis? Find the best partner available.

—Tom Eismeier

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Cape Elizabeth resident Barbara Melnick, head of school and education director at Aucocisco School and Learning Center, recently returned from a three-week study tour to investigate China’s cultural diversity and identity. Within the country there are fifty-five officially recognized ethnic minorities, each with its own cultural heritage, history, and language. Melnick was one of 20 educators from New England and upstate New York selected for participation by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

Three Cape students will start at Bates College in Lewiston this fall. Evan T. Bagley, the son of Terry and Leigh Bagley, is a 2006 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a transfer student from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. Helen A. Evans, a 2006 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, is the daughter of Jay Evans and Martha Palmer. James Kerney III, who is also a 2006 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, is the son of Jim Kerney and Martha Kerney.

Eden Zoll and Jason Ames announce the birth of their son, Oliver Michael Ames, on Aug. 5 at Mercy Hospital. Oliver’s grandparents are Mike and Amy Zoll of Vineyard Haven, Mass.; Melody Henderson of Daniel, Wyo.; and John Schroeder of Sacramento, Calif.

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Bayley Ann Rafuse, the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cornier, was born on July 22 at Mercy Hospital. Her parents are Bethany Morse-Rafuse and Randall Rafuse of Boston. Her grandparents are Constance A. Morse of Scarborough and Randall and Jeanne Rafuse of Gorham.