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Schools: changing with the times



Courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Pond Cove School's playground has changed dramatically since 1920, when this photograph was taken, and more changes for Cape schools, including new energy policies, are on the horizon. To read about an exhibit of photographs of Cape schools and students of yesteryear, see page 13 for a story about the Cape Elizabeth Historical Society's upcoming season.

Superintendent's energy-saving proposals include keeping schools at 65-degree high

By Wendy Keeler

In an effort to keep energy costs down, school officials are considering measures that would alter the style of life in school buildings during the school day and beyond. Keeping classrooms at 65 degrees during the day and 50 degrees at other times; banning coffee pots, microwaves, space heaters and other electrical appliances from classrooms; closing schools one night during the school week; limiting after-school access to school buildings, including confining activities to certain sections so others could be closed off, are among the recommendations Superintendent Alan Hawkins outlined for School Board members at their first business meeting of the school year on Sept. 9.

"It has become clear that we must take

specific actions to reduce energy use in our buildings," Hawkins told the board. "Last year an extremely high proportion of our money went to energy. ... It has put us into a really difficult situation."

In June, the school department didn't have funds to fill fuel-oil tanks, as it traditionally does at the end of the school year.

"We are having to do the filling of the tanks now, and therefore we are now spending money from the '08-'09 budget that we would have normally spent in the '07-'08 budget," Hawkins said.

While revising the budget this summer, the school department reappropriated \$25,000 for energy, but even with the additional funds, which brings the amount bud-

—see **SCHOOL ENERGY**, page 22

New student search policy approved; next steps are 'understanding,' 'communication'

By Wendy Keeler

Cape school administrators now have the power to randomly search students' property in parking lots, including cars, and use search dogs anywhere on campus when they have reasonable suspicion a student has something illegal on school property. At the first meeting of the school year on Sept. 9, the Cape Elizabeth School Board adopted the new search policy and accompanying

guidelines relating to student questioning and searches.

The policy goes beyond the previous search policy, which sanctioned random searches by administrators, but only of student locker and storage facilities. The guidelines that accompany the new policy state that dogs can be used if the superintendent "deems it advisable to maintain a safe and orderly

—see **SEARCH POLICY**, page 22

MDOT to hold public meeting on town center intersection on Sept. 30

Scott Dyer Road and Shore Road to move

By Elizabeth Brogan

A public meeting hosted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be held Tues., Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. This meeting will be the final public hearing to review MDOT's draft plan for a signalized and redesigned intersection at Route 77, Scott Dyer Road and Shore Road.

This is an opportunity for citizens to

comment on the specifics of the intersection design, the exact details of which are still unknown to the town, said Town Manager, Mike McGovern.

"The town hasn't received copies of the plans, and I don't know if we will prior to the meeting," McGovern said on Sept. 12. "We've seen preliminary plans at preliminary hearings."

"I'm expecting to see the final design, like the public, for the first time on the 30th," said Town Council Chair Mary Ann Lynch.

—see **MDOT**, page 22

Windmill ordinance approved

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council has approved an ordinance change that will allow the placement of small wind-generating systems on private property.

Or as town Web site reporter Wendy Derzawiec writes: "Call them awful or call them 'awe'-ful, residential windmills will soon be lawful in Cape Elizabeth."

The vote, taken at the council's Sept. 9 meeting, was not unanimous. Two councilors voted against the ordinance change.

"With some reluctance I will not be supporting this," said Councilor David Backer. He said he was concerned that some windmills might block public views of the ocean.

Backer noted that under the ordinance's restrictions and taking in practical considerations such as wind patterns, only a few Cape residents are likely to benefit from the new ordinance. The risks of views being blocked are significantly greater, he said.

Councilor MaryAnn Lynch agreed. She felt that views are more likely to be impacted in tightly compacted neighborhoods and proposed doubling to 40,000 sq. ft.—about

one acre—the minimum lot size for permitting windmills.

The majority of councilors supported the 20,000-sq.-ft. minimum lot size proposed by the Ordinance Committee and recommended by the Planning Board.

"The visual impact will be about the same as a flagpole," said Councilor Cynthia Dill. She noted that the performance standards proposed set a maximum height of 100 ft. for any windmills and also mandate underground wiring. She said these standards will help minimize the impact on views.

Dill, chair of the Ordinance Committee, listed other performance standards governing windmill installations, which included 110 percent setback requirements. Residents must also obtain a building permit prior to installing a wind-energy system.

In voting for the windmill ordinance, Councilor Paul McKenney expressed his concern over the country's dependence on foreign oil.

"The more we can support clean and green power," said McKenney, "the better off we will be in the future."

Council seeks park committee comment on proposed Fort Williams smoking ban

By Bob Dodd

Councilor Ann Swift-Kayatta doesn't like enacting unenforceable laws, such as the proposed outdoor smoking ban at Fort Williams Park.

Candidates, some new, vie for open seats on Town Council and School Board

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape Elizabeth will have a competitive municipal election on Nov. 4, with two open seats on the Town Council, three on the School Board and a mix of interested incumbents and newcomers.

On the council, the three-year terms of Anne Swift-Kayatta and Cynthia Dill are expiring. As of Tuesday, Sept. 16, when this newspaper went to print, Swift-Kayatta had returned nominating petitions for a fourth term. David Sherman, of Hunts Point Road and Mark Zajkowski, of Ocean View Road had also returned nominating papers.

Dill, who is also Cape Elizabeth's state representative, earlier announced that she

—see **SEATS**, page 3

"I have no problem with banning smoking at Fort Williams," countered Councilor Cynthia Dill.

After some discussion, the Town Council opted to take the ban out of a set of proposed amendments expanding offenses and stiffening some penalties for infractions at the park. Instead, councilors sent the proposed ban to the Fort Williams Advisory Committee for its recommendation.

None of the councilors favored smoking at the park, but some agreed with Swift-Kayatta that enforcement would be difficult.

—see **SMOKING**, page 22

No absentee voting to be allowed Nov. 3

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape Elizabeth Town Clerk Ruthie Noble is taking advantage of new state legislation allowing municipal clerks to prohibit in-person absentee voting the day before an election. No absentee voting will be allowed at Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 3. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The prohibition is optional town by town. The legislative resolution providing the option is intended to improve the overall absentee voting system.

"We anticipate that we will need that time, for the very first time allowed to us," Noble said, "to prepare for Tuesday."

Absentee ballots received by Nov. 3 will be tabulated that day, and voter lists will be reviewed and updated.

"Any changes in voter enrollment that we take in ... we'll be able to enter that information [Nov. 3] and process the voter lists for the polls the next day," Noble said, explaining that this was work previously done after 5 p.m. the night before the election.

"This gives us a lot of breathing room,"

—see **VOTING**, page 3

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School Board appreciates citizen support at polls in process that ‘facilitated democratic opportunities’

Thank you for supporting the schools and approving a budget at the polls on September 2nd. Your patience and continued participation throughout the budget validation process is appreciated.

This was the first time such a process occurred here in Cape Elizabeth—its requirement and implementation are prescribed in the school consolidation law enacted by the Maine State Legislature over a year ago. While the process proved to be rather lengthy and in some instances, has caused some dis-

ruptions to classroom activities, it facilitated democratic opportunities. Many more of you became engaged in the school budgeting process, and we hope, gained greater insight into the complexities of public education in the 21st century. We hope this continues as the School Board and school administration work toward our shared goal of excellence in education, within the context of the resources, you as taxpayers, have provided for us.

The Cape Elizabeth School Board

Sullivan is ‘moderate Republican’ with an ‘environmental ethic’

I am very impressed by Jessica Sullivan and her candidacy to represent most of Cape Elizabeth in the Maine House of Representatives (Dist. 121). She is grounded in an environmental ethic from a farming family in Cape Elizabeth and from a grandfather who was Maine’s Chief Game Warden. I am confident that she will vote to protect the natural resources of our state and will work to encourage research and development of alternative energy sources.

In addition, Jessica is a moderate Republican who values fiscal responsibility. She believes our government needs to be more efficient and leave more of people’s hard earned wages in their own pockets. Small businesses need to be able to reinvest, grow and create more jobs so that our children can stay in Maine.

Jessica is currently out knocking on doors to meet Cape residents and hear how you feel about today’s issues. She is an excellent listener, knowledgeable about the issues, straightforward in her thinking and will make sensible, reasoned decisions on your behalf in Augusta. She has my vote.

Carol Fritz

Dill brings ‘practical, real world experience’ to Augusta

I am writing in support of Cynthia Dill for re-election to the Maine legislature. In Cynthia’s first term she was absolutely instrumental in passing legislation which exempted Cape Elizabeth’s schools from mandatory school consolidation as a high performing AND efficient school district. Absent Cynthia’s successful amendment Cape schools would have consolidated with a more expensive and lower performing school district.

I have also worked closely with Cynthia on the Town Council where she has proven herself to be a hard worker, good listener and a consensus builder. She is a fiscally responsible representative for Cape people. We are so fortunate to have a person of Cynthia’s character and intellect representing Cape citizens. She follows a long line of exemplary people of both parties (to name them all I’d go over the word limit) who have represented Cape in the Maine legislature. As a parent, taxpayer and practicing attorney who owns her own practice, she will bring practical real world experience with her to Augusta. I’m proud to cast my vote for Cynthia Dill.

Mary Ann Lynch

Dill ‘unburdened Cape Elizabeth from mandated school consolidation’

As our children head back to school, I am reminded of the debt we owe to Rep. Cynthia Dill for passing legislation that unburdened Cape Elizabeth from mandated school consolidation. If Cape citizens found it difficult to agree on this year’s school budget, imagine the level of distress had we lost local control for the false efficiency of combining with less-effective, more expensive school districts.

In the [Sept. 6] issue of *The Cape Courier*, Cynthia wrote a thoughtful, fact-based explanation of the tax issues faced by Maine citizens and proposed a way forward. Unlike the familiar model of incumbent politicians and their surrogates, who pretend during election season to care about the rest of us, Cynthia is the *real* post-partisan on the ballot in November.

As we run, not walk, to the polls November 4 to make vital and long-overdue changes in Washington, please remember also to support the candidate who has done so much for us close to home: State Representative Cynthia Dill.

Lisa Marshall

Much appreciated, Caring Kids Club raised funds for Cape Special Olympic team

The Cape Elizabeth Special Olympic coaches would like to thank the Caring Kids Club for raising \$640 for the Special Olympic team. We especially want to thank Kim Gilles for her enthusiasm and hard work organizing the fundraiser with her group of young community-minded kids selling Kleen Kanteen water bottles at Family Fun Day. The money will go toward associated costs for athletic events throughout the year.

Thank you Caring Kids Club for your support of the Cape Elizabeth Special Olympic team.

Karen Johnson, Morrigan Burns, Kristen Cobb

Pay-per-bag proposal: ‘another intrusion by government’

I am writing in response to the proposal to impose another little thorn in our daily lives. Garbage bags! Something else to put on the shopping list, to remember to buy, and to find a place to store. Another intrusion by government.

The argument was made that it would increase recycling because folks would be more inclined to recycle rather than pay for bags. Perhaps just adding more bin capacity would help. Just about every time we take stuff to the recycle bins they are overflowing with stuff.

I urge the council to reject this proposal that will add more to the existing bureaucracy, require procedures and personnel to monitor, and become a pain in the neck as well as the pocketbook. I hope the council doesn’t waste “x” amount of dollars to some prestigious consulting firm to research the whole idea.

Bob Tripler

Proposed cuts to federal wireless support troubles Sheriff Dion

For many of us, cell phones have become a necessary component of everyday life, helping us do business, stay in touch with the people who matter most to us, and call for help in emergencies.

Across the state of Maine, public safety officers like me depend on wireless service to respond quickly to emergency situations. We rely on cell phones to assist in search and rescue operations, address domestic violence situations, prevent criminal activity and communicate in areas where police radio is unsecured or unavailable.

That’s why a recent proposal by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is so troubling to me—and potentially dangerous for rural Maine.

In smaller communities, wireless carriers cannot always justify the cost of building new cell towers. However, there is a federal program called the Universal Service Fund (USF) that helps build reliable communications networks in rural areas.

Unfortunately, the FCC placed a cap on the wireless portion of the USF earlier this year, and now proposes drastic cuts that could eliminate nearly half the support we now receive in Maine. Statewide, we could lose more than \$6 million in annual USF support, and dozens of new cell sites would be cancelled or delayed every year.

We are fast becoming a wireless nation, but there is much work to be done in Maine to bring reliable cell phone networks to our rural areas. Cutting the USF for wireless is not a solution. Visit www.ConnectingRuralAmerica.org to learn more and take action.

**Sheriff Mark Dion
 Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office**

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Winnick Woods Ribbon Cutting Sept. 25

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Winnick Woods, a 70-plus-acre park located on Sawyer Rd. The land was donated by Alice Larrea in memory of her family, for whom the park is named. The ribbon cutting will officially open the trails installed on the site by the Conservation Commission, with help from the 2007 Eighth Grade Community Project Students and the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department.

Winnick Woods anchors public open space in the northwest quadrant of town. Adjacent open space includes the Cross Hill neighborhood public open space, the Dyer-Hutchinson conservation easement owned by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and land owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Winnick Woods is a mix of woodlands, wetlands and meadows. A master plan for the property adopted by the Town Council endorsed maintaining a variety of landscapes on the property. The master plan offered self-contained trail loops and trail connections to abutting public open space. The main trail head is adjacent to a converted potting shed located on the northern edge of the property on Sawyer Rd.

The Winnick Woods Master Plan received the Maine Association of Planners (MAP) 2007 Plan of the Year Award. The award noted the master plan's proposal to manage part of Winnick Woods, in conjunction with the adjacent USFWS land, as a habitat for the New England cottontail. Please contact the town planner at 799-0115, maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org or check the town Web site, www.capeelizabeth.com.

School Budget approved Sept. 2

Cape Elizabeth voters overwhelmingly approved a \$19.8 million school budget for 2008-09 in a validation election Sept. 2, with 1,425 voting "Yes" for the 5.3-percent increase in school spending; and 731 voting "No."

In a second, advisory, poll, voters were less definitive as to whether they believed the budget was too high, too low or just right. Most, 850, said it was too high; 717 said it was too low, and 541 said the amount of increase was "acceptable."

The newly validated school budget will add 55 cents to the town's tax rate, bringing the total tax increase to 98 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 5.98 percent.

The Sept. 2 validation was the third to be held in Cape Elizabeth this summer. Two previous budgets, one a 4.6 percent increase and one a 6 percent increase, both failed at polls this summer.

The turnout of 2,162 in the Sept. 2 vote

was comparable to that of the July 22 validation, Town Clerk Ruthie Noble said, approximately 30 percent.

This is the first year that Cape Elizabeth voters have been asked to validate school spending under the state's new school consolidation law.

The results from Sept. 2 were:

Do you favor approving the Town of Cape Elizabeth school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting of the town council?

YES 1,425

NO 731

Advisory Question:

I find the school budget adopted at the August 18, 2008 Town Council's school budget meeting to be:

TOO HIGH 850

ACCEPTABLE 541

TOO LOW 717

--from the town Web site
www.capeelizabeth.com

Voting

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Noble said.

The town included notice of this change in absentee voting in a letter included in each resident's tax bill sent out in early September. Both the tax bill enclosure and a story on the town Web site encourages residents to vote on Election Day at Cape Elizabeth High School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Noble is also encouraging residents to register to vote and file for a name or address change prior to Friday, Oct. 31.

Absentee voting does remain in all other ways available. Ballots may be cast at Town Hall during normal business hours beginning Sept. 29. Town Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and until 5 p.m. on Monday. To apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you, visit the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com or call Town Hall at 767-7473.

Noble is anticipating absentee voting to account for 50 percent of voter turnout in the upcoming election. "It could be more than that," Noble said. "Our concern is that people plan accordingly."

Seats

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would not be seeking another term on the Town Council. Dill is seeking re-election to the Maine Legislature.

On the School Board, the three-year terms of School Board Chair Kathy Ray and Linda Winker are expiring. The unexpired two-year term of former board member, Jack Kennealy, is also up for grabs.

Ray has returned her nominating papers for another three-year term. New candidate Mary Townsend, of Pearl Street, has also returned petitions for a three-year term. Winker has returned petitions for the unexpired two-year term, as has candidate Piotr Stamieszkin, of Granite Ridge Road.

Candidates must specify the term of office they seek on their nominating papers.

The deadline for returning completed nominating papers is Friday, Sept. 19.

A one-year unexpired term on the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District representing South Portland and Cape Elizabeth will become available, at a time yet to be determined. The seat had been held by Peter Larsen, who passed away on Sept. 12.

Correction: A picture headline and caption in our Sept. 6 issue incorrectly identified the business of Tom Tinsman and Erin Grady. Tinsman and Grady are owners of, and brokers for, Close to Coast Real Estate in Cape Elizabeth.



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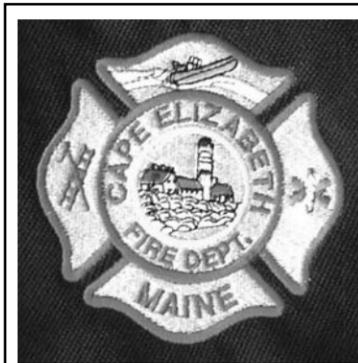
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Recycling facts and foibles: No need to perfectly clean containers; still no market for Styrofoam

By Greg Walsh

Just because a container harbors a few flecks of ice cream or a fine film of soup does not mean it can't be recycled. Actually, processing of recycled containers at ecomaine, our regional recycling facility in Portland, includes a thorough washing designed to eliminate that last fleck of ice cream and cut through that fine film of soup. In addition, most materials in the process of being recycled (paper not included) are exposed to intense heat – often while being melted – and flecks of ice cream or marmalade or a few coffee grounds – won't amount to much after that.

"We don't want people to be bringing in containers with an inch of yogurt in them, but we also don't want people to throw a container into the trash without recycling just because it might not be immaculately clean," said Mary Page of the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station.

For example, she said, if a resident has an empty plastic container of motor oil, there is inevitably a film of motor oil coating the inside of that container even after it has been thoroughly drained, and it still should be recycled.

"That marmalade container might have bits of dried marmalade around the threads at the top, and you might have forgotten to remove the label, but it still belongs in the silver bullet," she added. "The whole process is really very forgiving."

Another example, according to Page, might be a newspaper used to soak up spilled wine or water – as long as it is holding together and as long as it will dry, it should go into the Silver Bullets, she said.

'E-waste' collection set for Oct. 11

Public Works will hold a fall Household E-waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at their facility on Cooper Drive, below the Recycling Center.

What to bring:

- fluorescent light bulbs *
- mercury and mercury thermometers
- thermostats **
- monitors (CRTs)
- televisions

Other devices that may be included in this collection but may also be disposed of in the normal manner (swap shop, metal bin or trash):

- computer equipment: CPUs (computer towers), printers, keyboards, peripherals
- electronics
- old stereo equipment

Collection is limited to household-generated waste; no business or commercial items will be accepted. Electronic equipment, stereo equipment, TVs, computers and peripherals will be limited to a total of five items per household; bulbs, thermostats, mercury and mercury thermometers in reasonable amounts.

Please save all other household hazardous wastes (HHW) such as pesticides, fertilizers, antifreeze, lead and oil-based paints and other chemicals until the spring household hazardous waste collection.

* Compact fluorescent light bulbs may be returned year round to Drillen's, Walmart or Shoppers TruValue in South Portland

** Thermostats may be returned year round to the Granite Group or Sid Harvey Incorporated, St. John Street, Portland to receive a \$5 reward coupon.

For more information please call the Recycling Center at 799-0324.

Despite what might be printed on packaging labels, there is no place for so-called Styrofoam products at the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station.

Recycling is a market-driven process, according to ecomaine, and there is still no market for Styrofoam, a ubiquitous polystyrene product that is familiar to most of us through its use in packaging products, particularly large products shipped by mail or courier service. The word Styrofoam is actually a trade name used by Dow Chemical for a line of polystyrene products used in the building industry, but it is also commonly used in public jargon, particularly in regards to styrofoam packaging peanuts and Styrofoam drinking cups.

Although some Styrofoam products have a triangle with the number 6, and although some come with a manufacturer's reminder to recycle, these materials cannot be recycled at the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station's silver bullets.

Greg Walsh is a member of the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

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Dill understands 'fiscal responsibility'

Cape Elizabeth is fortunate to have an incumbent for the Maine House of Representatives who has shown that she can get things done for our town and for the rest of the state.

As a freshman legislator, Cynthia Dill sponsored legislation to exempt Cape Elizabeth, and other high-performing school systems, from mandated school consolidation. Then she worked with legislators of both parties to get the bill passed.

Cynthia understands that fiscal responsibility means both wise spending and looking out for all Mainers. In 2008, she supported the supplemental budget, which cut state spending by nearly \$150 million. As a result, Maine is spending less in FY 09

than it did in FY 08. The budget legislation reduced Health and Human Services spending by \$65 million, but refused to cut health care and insurance coverage for the poorest Maine families.

Cynthia knows how vitally important tax reform is to the health of our state and our town. She supports lowering the capital gains tax and income tax rates to encourage investment in Maine.

Cape Elizabeth can count on Cynthia Dill to work hard, and more importantly, to work effectively, for the interests of Cape Elizabeth and the rest of Maine. I encourage you to join me in voting to re-elect Cynthia Dill on November 4.

Martha MacKay

More letters on page 2

Collins: 'an intelligent, practical, and no-nonsense approach to national security ...'

I am a Navy veteran, and I support Senator Susan Collins in her race for re-election to the U.S. Senate. During my time in the Navy, I deployed twice to the Persian Gulf region, and once to the eastern Mediterranean. Recent pictures of Russian navy ships off the coast of Georgia remind me all too well of days at sea spent tracking Soviet navy vessels. In these challenging times, I want as my senator someone with substantial national security knowledge and steady judgment. Senator Collins has these attributes.

Senator Collins serves as the ranking member of the Committee on Homeland Security, where she has justly earned national distinction. In the wake of 9-11, Senator Collins co-authored the most sweeping changes to our national intelligence community in 50

years. Senator Collins is also a member of the Committee on Armed Services, where she serves on both the Seapower and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittees. Through her committee work, Senator Collins has become one of the most knowledgeable members of Congress on matters of national security.

Time and again Senator Collins takes an intelligent, practical, and no-nonsense approach to national security challenges, designed to cut through partisan claims of right and left, and keep our nation on a steady course. As a veteran and as a Mainer, I appreciate Senator Collins' steady judgment, and will vote for her re-election.

Michael A. Duddy

Collins 'fights for seniors' and small business owners

On Nov. 4 Senator Collins will have my wholehearted support. As a geriatric care manager and an owner of a small business dedicated to caring for senior citizens, I appreciate all that Senator Collins does for Maine's senior citizens, as well as Maine's small business owners.

With Maine's oldest-in-the-nation population, we need a senator who fights for seniors as Senator Collins does. In July,

Senator Collins was commended by AARP for her work to improve Medicare preventative health care benefits and expand low-income Medicare subsidies. Senator Collins also led the fight to restore critical funding to Medicare for home health care so that senior citizens can receive needed care in their own homes.

As a business owner, I appreciate that Susan Collins has received a 100 percent rating from the NFIB almost every year that she has represented Maine in the United States Senate. As I work hard each day to keep my business going, Senator Collins is working hard for me in Washington, and for Maine's seniors. She will have my vote.

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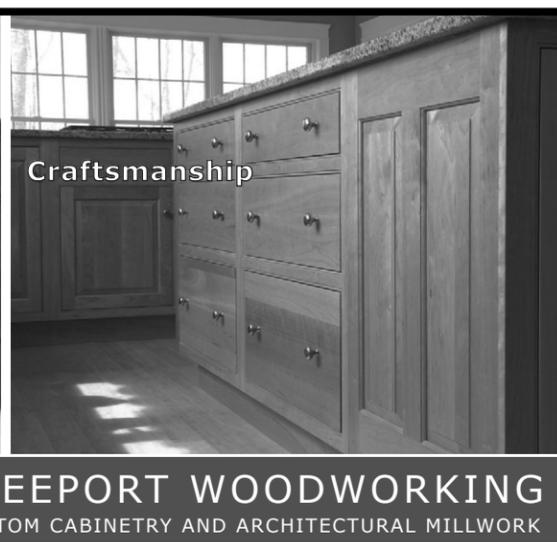
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Volunteers still needed for Harvest Festival

Dozens of volunteers have committed their time and energy to coordinating the 4th annual Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Harvest Festival and community barbecue, set for Sunday, Sept. 28, but dozens more are needed.

Harvest festivities will take place at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. following the Noyes, Hall & Allen CELT Challenge Triathlon and Duathlon scheduled for earlier in the day at the high school swimming pool, adjoining trails and roads.

The community barbecue is open to the public, and the \$7 ticket price benefits the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's *Saving Cape's Great Places* initiative.

Festival exhibits will include live farm animals, a Cape Elizabeth fire engine, a solar panel demonstration, oversized kite flying, an astronomy exhibit, and an environmental education area. Activities include gourd painting, face painting, leaf-print banner making, an obstacle course, Maine Root Beer toss, a nature scavenger hunt, soccer, volleyball, animal track mold creations, an

extreme pumpkin makeover, a tug-of-fun and sack races. Weather permitting, RE/MAX Oceanside will also be providing hot air balloon rides from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a suggested donation of \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

The Harvest Festival also features a best tasting pie contest and submissions from the CELT Photo Contest will be on display. The Cape Farm Alliance will also exhibit with fresh farm produce and share local recipe favorites. And the crowds will be serenaded by the blue grass tunes of the Muddy Marsh Ramblers.

"We have had a tremendous outpouring of community and sponsorship support for the CELT Harvest Festival," said Chris Franklin, Executive Director of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. "The triathlon and harvest festival have become one of our biggest annual fundraisers for the Land Trust." The net proceeds from the triathlon and harvest festival will benefit the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and its mission to conserve distinctive lands cherished by the community.

Harvest Festival sponsors include Maine



All ages were entertained at last year's festival. Photo courtesy CELT and Claudia Dricot

Home and Design (photo contest sponsor), Hannaford Supermarkets (food sponsor), Bingham (music sponsor) and R.M. Davis (pie contest sponsor). Supporting sponsors include Allen & Coles Moving and Storage, Nestle Waters, the Buttered Biscuit, Maine Root, Coastal Wellness and Ethos Marketing and Design.

Community-minded volunteers interested in committing a couple hours of their time in the morning or afternoon of Sunday, September 28, to help make the event a success are encouraged to contact Lisa Flaim at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust at 767-6054 or info@capelandtrust.org.

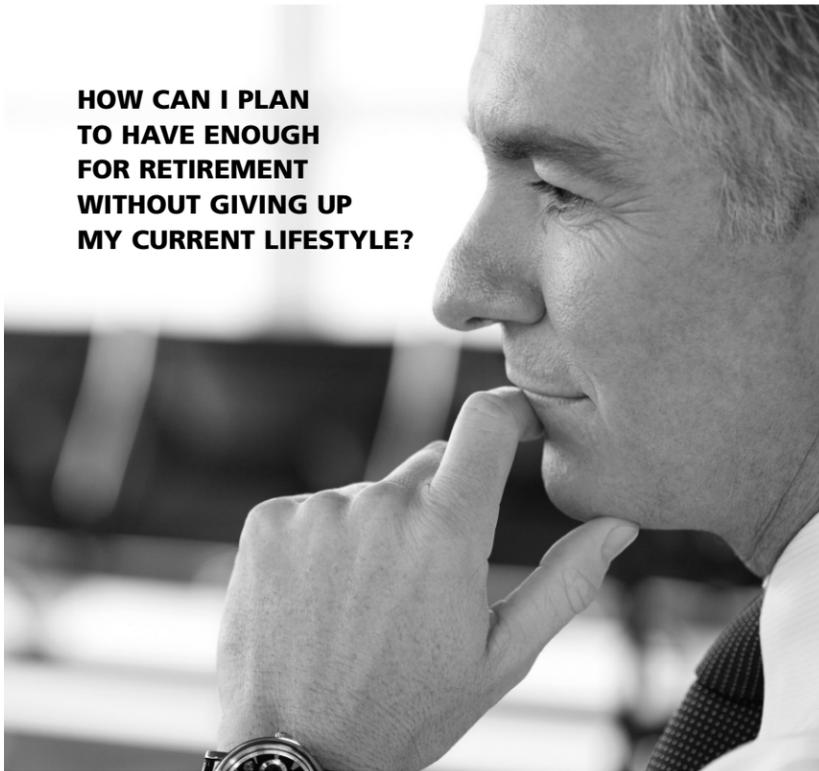
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**Reported By Debbie Butterworth
COMPLAINTS**

- 8-27 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding possible criminal mischief to a pool. He had encountered juveniles in the backyard. The parent of the juveniles was contacted regarding the late night trespass, however at this time the damage to the pool appears to be due to natural wear.
- 8-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a report of a burglary in progress. The homeowner interrupted a male, probably in his late teens, approximately 5'10" tall and weighing approximately 200 lbs., with short cropped hair, going through his car inside the garage. The suspect fled the area; nothing appeared to be missing from the car.
- 8-28 An officer met with a resident of Limington who reported the theft of a trail camera in the Mitchell Road area.

SUMMONSES

- 8-2 CE resident, OUI, Ocean House Rd.
- 8-9 SP resident, seatbelt violation, Shore Rd., \$160
- 8-9 CE resident, disorderly conduct, Vernon Rd.
- 8-27 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Wells Rd., \$208
- 8-28 Standish resident, OAS, Shore Rd.
- 8-28 Gorham resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$208
- 8-28 SP resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$208
- 8-30 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$208
- 8-31 SP resident, OUI, Route 77

JV SUMMONSES

- 8-8 Providing a place for minors to consume
- 8-8 Possession of alcohol by consumption
- 8-10 Possession of alcohol by consumption
- 8-11 Possession of alcohol by consumption (2 juveniles)
- 8-30 Possession of alcohol by consumption (4 juveniles)

ARRESTS

- 8-9 CE resident, disorderly conduct, Vernon Rd.
- 8-28 Standish resident, OAS, Shore Rd.
- 8-31 Portland resident, OUI, Route 77

ACCIDENTS

- 8-2 Rita Butler, accident on Ocean House Rd.

FIRE CALLS

- 8-2 Spurwink Ave., activated fire alarm
- 8-3 Woodland Rd., electrical odor investigation
- 8-4 Rocky Point Lane, activated fire alarm
- 8-5 Scott Dyer Rd., alarm malfunction
- 8-7 Stonegate Rd., water problem
- 8-7 Scott Dyer Rd., activated fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 10 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 3 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

**Medication collection,
drop-off set for Oct. 18**

**By Mark Dorval
Cape Elizabeth Police Department
Community Liaison Officer**

Cape citizens can help save the environment, prevent theft, and possibly save a life by packing up unwanted, unused, and outdated prescription and over-the-counter pills, ointments, and drops and delivering them in their original, labeled containers to the South Portland Community Center on Nelson Road between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The program is being organized by the Cape Elizabeth and South Portland police departments, who are partnering with two community coalitions, South Portland Community Advocates for Social Action (SP-CASA) and Cape Elizabeth's Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education (HOPE), which has a goal of fostering candid conversation about the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol by Cape Elizabeth youth.

Keeping unneeded and outdated medications in homes increases possibilities of accidental poisonings, drug overdoses, or theft by kids for resale or thrill highs. Prescription medicines used to ease pain are at the top of kids' "getting-high" list, and stealing drugs from home and from Grandma's is on the rise.

Prescription medications should never be flushed. Sewage treatment plants are not sophisticated enough to remove drugs from effluent, which means medications end up in Casco Bay. In addition to causing environmental harm to ground and surface water, traces of medications, from narcotics to hormones, have been found in birds' eggs.

Medications suitable for drop-off range from controlled substances, including 'scheduled' drugs such as narcotics and non-controlled prescription medications, both human and veterinarian, to over-the-counter meds such as allergy products bought without a prescription.

The state of Maine offers senior citizens a program called Safe Medication for Maine. For more information about the program, call 1-866-637-9743 or visit www.safemed-disposal.com.

For more information about the drop-off, contact Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323 or H.O.P.E. member Pam Richards at 799-3804.

**The Cape Elizabeth
School Department
Special Education Record Destruction**

The Cape Elizabeth School Department plans to destroy special education records for former students whose birthdates are between January 1, 1981 and December 31, 1981. Parents/guardians and/or former students may obtain their records before October 31, 2008. Proper identification will be required in order to obtain these records.

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Cape field hockey to hold Oct. 4 pumpkin sale

The Cape Elizabeth High School field hockey team will hold a Halloween pumpkin sale at the Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or until all the pumpkins are sold.

The pumpkins are provided by a locally-owned Maine farm. Small pumpkins in the

5-to-10-pound range will be for sale for \$5, and large pumpkins weighing 20 to 40 pounds will cost \$10

For more information about the pumpkin sale, contact Jody Boyington at jodyboyington@aol.com or 767-4961.

Brogan wins 11th at Purpoodock



Mickey Higgins, left, and Jonathan Brogan

Jonathan Brogan won the 2008 Purpoodock Men's Club Championship on Aug. 24. Longtime friend and golf partner, Mickey Higgins, provided invaluable support as caddie. This is Brogan's 11th club championship win at the Purpoodock Club.

Greater Portland soccer champs!



Photo by Dave LaRose

Gathering at Deering High School in August are players on the Greater Portland Outdoor Women's Soccer League's championship-winning team, left to right, kneeling, Chelsea Johnson, ZZ Leighton, Pamela Mullin, Carolyn Doane, Rachel Gips; standing, Katie Lydon, Allie Theriault, Carly Applebaum, Ashley LaRose, Dana Riker, Jessye Perkins and Alison Cameron. Mullin, Doane, Gips, Lydon, Theriault, LaRose and Riker are from Cape. The team also included Cape players Carly Riker, Shannon Lyons and Alice Evans. Portland Parks and Recreation organizes the league, in which eight teams compete at Deering's Memorial Field. RiRa Irish Pub in Portland sponsored the Cape team.

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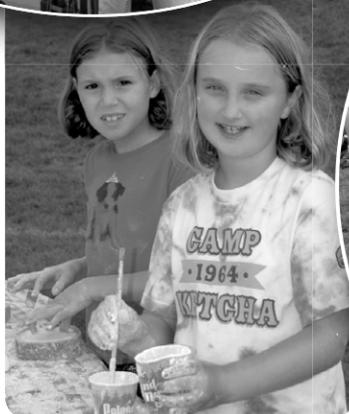
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By Wendy Derzawiec, 767-4074
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Saturday, Sept. 20

CEEF Maine Home + Design Kitchen Tour, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., leaves Community Services parking lot, 343 Ocean House Road.

Monday, Sept. 22

Community Services Informational Slide Show on April 2009 trip to Portugal, 6:30 p.m., Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Cool Cape Fall 2008 Presentation Series, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. "Home Electrical Energy Efficiency" with Dudley Greeley, Environmental and Economic Sustainability Office, University of Southern Maine.

School Board workshop, 7 p.m., High School library, 345 Ocean House Road.

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Shore Road Pathway Study Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Winnick Woods Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive.

"Hear Our Stories" World Language Cafe and Lecture Series, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. Immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean will share their experiences of living in Maine.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Escapade Sports Consignment Sale, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Cool Cape Fall 2008 Presentation Series, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Charlie Huntington, Certified home performance evaluator and insulation installer, I & S Insulation, Newcastle

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Al-Anon, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Rt. 77). Regular meeting 7 p.m. **Fridays** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. **Saturdays**, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Rd., So. Port.; 7 p.m. **Wednesdays**, St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Rd.; 7 p.m. **Fridays**, St. Alban's Church, 885 Shore Road

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon **Thursdays**, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Rd. Volunteers assist with information searches. Public welcome. Meetings are **first Monday** of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the library.

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. For more information about the Club, contact Kim Brooks, 767-2733, or Bruce Balfour, 799-4221.

Fire-Police meetings, 7 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 own supplies. For more information call Kim Brooks, Lions president, 767-2733,

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each **Wednesday** at 6:15 p.m. at the Purpoedock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. For more information on the SP/CE Rotary Club, contact President Tony Wagner, 799-7997.

American Legion, 7 p.m. **second Monday** of each month, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. For more information contact Deb Schneider, 767-6109

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 12 p.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 to children with special needs so they can successfully participate in after-school and community programs with their peers.

The program is funded by charitable grants and donations. Money earned from the sports sale will help support the program's mentoring groups and activities.

For more information about the sports sale or the Escapade program, please contact Karen Johnson at 767-3958 or tjj-kmj@maine.rr.com; Mary Chris Bulger at 767-2056 or mcbulger@maine.rr.com; or Community Services at 799-2868.

Tour of Cape kitchens set for Saturday, Sept. 20

Legacy Properties, Sotheby's International 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 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 \$20 per person at the Cape Elizabeth Community

Center, 343 Ocean House Rd., and for \$25 the day of the event. Tickets also can be reserved online at www.ceef.us through PayPal, 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 at 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.

Gull Crest trail clearing, party planned Sept. 21

Cape Nordic will host a trail clearing and seeding party from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Volunteers should bring a rake and gloves if they have them, and should park by the Gull Crest trailhead kiosk, located on the entrance road to the Transfer Station, off Spurwink Road. A short walk on the trail,

counterclockwise, should connect volunteers with Cape Nordic members.

Pizza and cider will be served at 3 p.m.

"This is our last push to get the trail ready for another fantastic winter," said Cape Nordic board member and middle school Nordic coach Carrie McCusker. "We need as much help as we can get."

American Legion seeks high schooler for oratorical contest

Cape Elizabeth American Legion Post 152, working with Cape Elizabeth High School history teacher Gretchen McNulty, hopes to qualify a Cape Elizabeth High School student to participate in the American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. County- and state-level contests will be held shortly after the new year.

The winner of the state contest will travel to Indianapolis, Ind. for the national finals, to be held in the spring of 2009. Scholarships in amounts of \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000 will be awarded. Each state winner who

participates in the first round of the national contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, with an additional \$1,500 for students who progress to the second round only.

The National High School Oratorical Contest was developed primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution in high school students.

Cape Elizabeth Post 152 is grateful to Gretchen McNulty for her assistance in this endeavor, said Post 152 member, Les Newton.

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Memory Walk, Memory Crop to benefit Maine chapter of Alzheimer's Association

Cape Elizabeth resident Kathy Feenstra has set up a team to walk on Saturday, Oct. 4, in Memory Walk 2008, a fundraiser for the Maine chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The noncompetitive walk will begin at 8 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church at 150 Black Point Road in Scarborough. Walkers will go to Higgins Beach and then head back to the church, stopping for a few snack breaks along the way. Registration will open at 7 a.m.

The chapter has a \$350,000 goal to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and to provide programs and services for individuals, families, professionals and communities.

To learn more, register, sign up for Feenstra's team or another one, or to make a donation, visit www.alz.org/maine or call 1-800-272-3900. Anyone interested may also e-mail Feenstra at kathyfeen@yahoo.com.

Community Services to hold free spinning class; evening class set for Sept. 29 to Oct. 29

Community Services will offer a free spinning/cycling class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, at the Community Center for people interested in learning more about spinning before registering for one of Community Services' programs. "People should come prepared to ride, bring a bottle of water, and call our office prior to that evening to register, so we know how many to expect," Community Services Adult Programs Director Karen Allen said.

The evening spinning/cycling class this year will be held from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 29 through Oct. 29. The cost of the class is \$81. All registering should complete a registration form, attach a check and get it to the Community Services office. For more information, call 799-2868.

com or call at 767-6222.

The sixth Annual Memory Crop, a day of album making, will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at St. Bartholomew Church. The event includes an introduction to scrapbooking, demonstrations on photo organization and scrapbooking techniques, a raffle, lunch, gifts and the chance to buy various cropping tools, paper, stickers and other products.

Registration is recommended for the event, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$25, the majority of which will be donated to the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, please contact Kathy Feenstra at 767-6222 or kathyfeen@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout sign-up night set for Sept. 25

A sign-up night for boys interested in becoming Cub Scouts will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Pond Cove School cafetorium.

Boys will be able to meet Scouts and see and participate in games and activities, while parents speak with Cub Scout representatives and fill out forms. Parents should bring cash or a check for \$40 made out to "Cub Scout Pack 30." *Boy's Life* magazine will also be available for an extra fee. The first pack meeting will held after sign-ups from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Siblings are welcome.

Designed for boys in first through fifth grades, Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, and academics in a program that aims to teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship and respect. Scouting also provides an opportunity for parents to participate in fun educational activities with their boys.

Fliers with additional details will be distributed at school. For more information, please contact Cub Master A.J. DiNinno at 799-1277.

Cape Historical Society to hold open house, announces topics of monthly presentations

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society (CEHPS) will kick off its 2008-2009 season with its fourth annual open house on Monday, Oct. 6, in the Community Room at the Thomas Memorial Library. At the open house, photos of Cape students and schools from years past will be exhibited. The open house and all of the society's monthly presentations and meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the Thomas Memorial Library's Community Room and will include refreshments. Admission is free.

CEHPS will present the first of its monthly programs, "Sea to Sea in 1903—a

Cross-Country Journey in a 1902 Oldsmobile Roadster," on Nov. 3. The society will not hold a December program; the subject of the January presentation will be announced later.

"American Indians in Maine" will be the topic of the Feb. 2 program, and the March 2 presentation will feature "Readings from Grandfather's Papers and Short Stories." "Underwater Creatures Found in Casco Bay" will be the subject of the April 6 program. CEHPS will hold its annual meeting on May 4.

For more information, please contact Barbara Sanborn at bsanborn@maine.rr.com.

All invited to hear Latin American, Caribbean immigrants tell their stories on Sept. 25

Immigrants from Latin American and Caribbean countries will share their personal stories and the struggles and excitement of their first journeys to Maine and the U.S. at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Community Center, the first of a three-part "Hear Our Stories" café and lecture series. Audience members will hear about different customs and foods, learn about cultural differences among countries, and more.

All in the community are invited to the free presentation, part of a program called, "Global Connections," organized by the Cape Elizabeth Middle School world language team for 2008, which the United Nations has proclaimed the "International Year of Languages." Funded by the non-profit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, the program also includes multicultural book chats for middle school students. In the spring, CEMS students got to hear first hand from immigrants during a special 2008 World Language Week.

"We believe that cultural literacy is a critical skill for citizens of the 21st century," CEMS world language teachers said. "The world's countries, economies, and peoples are becoming more interdependent day by day, and our students need to have an understanding and appreciation of contemporary cultures. Our goal is to involve students, staff, parents, and community members. The world is a fascinating place that changes everyday, and it is wonderful to learn about world cultures and what compelled people to move to the U.S."

For more information, please contact Lisa Leonard at Lisa_Leonard@cape.k12.me.us.

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Thomas Memorial Library study consultants hold focus groups; themes emerge

By Nancy H. Marshall

Library consultants Ethel Himmel and Bill Wilson spent four days in Cape Elizabeth in early August conducting ten focus group discussions to elicit thoughts and ideas from the community regarding library services and the adequacy of the current library building.

The focus groups included general library users, pre-school and K-4 parents and children, middle- and high-school students, senior citizens, town officials, community and business leaders, members of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission and Historical Preservation Society, Friends of the Library, and library staff. A total of 103 residents and eight staff members participated.

Some of the themes that emerged across multiple sessions were:

People like/love the Thomas Memorial Library, even though they see a need for many physical improvements:

Entryway is cramped and unwelcoming; Adult, children's and teen areas are cramped;

Study and research spaces are needed;

People want comfortable space to sit and read;

There is a lack of suitable handicapped access;

The current community room is cramped, unattractive and not technologically up-to-date;

Library staff do not have adequate work space;

Building layout limits sight lines;

People think the current location is good

and would not like to see the library moved away from the town center;

Any remodeled or new facility should retain the look and feel of the town center and should blend in;

Any remodeled or new facility should be "green" or largely so;

The Friends of the Library, Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, and the Arts Commission are appropriate to house in the library, but all need more and better space do to their work;

People like and use Minerva, the online public access catalog.

During the course of the summer, the Himmel & Wilson team, including the architect and technology consultants, also interviewed several town officials and members of the study committee one-on-one. All of the information gained from those interviews, the focus groups, and a kickoff visioning session held with town officials and the study committee in July will be incorporated into a Needs Assessment Report.

Also to be included in this report will be the results of a scientifically-selected random telephone survey of 300 Cape Elizabeth households by Critical Insights, Inc. to collect additional information from citizens on their thoughts and perceptions of the Thomas Memorial Library.

The needs-assessment report will be the culmination of Phase I of the project and will be ready for studycommittee review and approval in October. The next two phases, library improvement recommendations and a building concept design, will follow.

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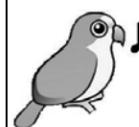


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Senior luncheon planned at Community Center

Community Services' first fall gathering for the "55 and older group" is planned at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Community Center. A catered roast turkey dinner prepared by the Buttered Biscuit in South Portland will be served to all who attend.

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.

Senior citizens invited to tell 'I Remember Cape Elizabeth' stories at informal sessions

Cape Elizabeth 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, Extraordinary 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. ... 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," said Reale-Hatem, whose exhibit, "Senior Stories, Extraordinary 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 and photographs.

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

Biking, hiking events planned for older adults

Cape citizens are invited to two events in a new program called, "Take It Outside: Easy Adventures for the Fifty Plus or Minus Set" being offered through Cape Elizabeth Community Services, Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), and other community recreation departments.

A bike ride is planned on the South Portland Bikeway at two times on Oct. 1: 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. An activity that will include hiking and geo-caching at Camp Ket-

cha in Scarborough is planned from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18.

The new 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.

Equipment will be provided for activities. The cost of each activity is \$10. Registration forms can be obtained at the Community Services office or by calling SMAA at 396-6507.

Group gives the "green" they raised in Kleen Kanteen fundraiser to Cape Special Olympics



Gathering in front of their first-place-winning Family Fun Day float in June are members of the Caring Kids Club, a group of Cape elementary and middle school kids who work together to support people in the community. Joining Caring Kids in the parade and pictured here with them are members of the Cape Coalition, an organization of youth and adults that recognizes the abilities and potential of Cape youth through community service. In early September, Caring Kids members learned they raised \$640 for the Cape Special Olympics team this summer by selling Kleen Kanteen bottles. Supervised by Caring Kids Club leader Kim Gilles, the group had a booth where they sold bottles at Family Fun Day.

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Cape schools welcome 24 new staff members this year

Pond Cove School

Jonathan Delisle, educational technician II in instructional support. Education: bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Keene State College in Keene, N.H.; bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Keene State. Work experience: five years' experience in education positions, most recently as an educational technician at Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth.

Tom Doyle, educational technician II. Education: bachelor of arts degree in political science from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. Experience: most recently worked as a substitute teacher at Thornton Academy in Saco.

Mary Jane Ham, Grade 4 teacher. Education: bachelor of science degree in social work from University of Southern Maine (USM) in Gorham; recent completion of teacher certification program at the University of New England in Biddeford. Work experience: completed a teaching internship this past year and has done long- and short-term substituting at Pond Cove.

Maryjane Johnston, art teacher. Education: master's in education in creative learning from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.; bachelor of fine arts degree in photography from Portland School of Art; bachelor of arts degree in art from USM. Work experience: 14 years as an art teacher in the Portland schools.

Sarah Truhel, instructional support resource room teacher. Education: master's degree in special education from USM; bachelor of science degree in elementary education from St. Joseph's College in Standish. Work experience: special education teacher since 2001 at Great Salt Bay Community School in Damariscotta.

Stacey Whipple, educational technician II. Education: master of arts in visual arts education from Tufts University in Somerville,

Mass.; bachelor of fine arts in graphic design from Maine College of Art in Portland; associate of arts degree in general studies from Johnson State College in Johnson, Vt. Experience: ed tech III in the Windham schools in 2008; art teacher at Spurwink School in Casco in 2007; teacher at The Reach School in South Portland in 2007.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School

Marcia Chase, Middle School/Pond Cove Spanish teacher. Education: completed USM's Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) in 1992; doctoral candidate in philosophy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, from 1986-1990; master's degree in Spanish from the University of New Hampshire in Durham in 1986; bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish and psychology from Bates College in Lewiston in 1984. Work experience: Long-term world language substitute at Pond Cove and CEMS since January 2008; Deering High School Spanish teacher from 1992 to 1993 and 1995 to 1999; Spanish instructor from 1993 to 1995 at St. Joseph's College in Standish.

Gretchen Earle, guidance counselor. Education: master's degree in counseling psychology from Lesley; bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Boston College. Work experience: most recently worked as a guidance intern at Portland High School; mentor outreach specialist from 2006 to 2007 at Community Counseling Center in Cumberland County.

Tabitha Glanville, social studies teacher. Education: bachelor of science degree in elementary education from St. Joseph's College in Standish. Experience: educational technician III for Dayton Consolidated School in Dayton since 2007.

Elizabeth Johnston, fifth-grade language arts and social studies teacher. Education: bachelor of science degree in elementary

education from the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF). Experience: sixth-grade classroom teacher since 2005 at Belmont Middle School in New Hampshire.

Carrie Newton, language arts teacher. Education: bachelor of arts degree from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.; graduate of USM's ETEP. Work experience: Newton spent last year as a long-term substitute language arts teacher at CEMS, the prior year as a long-term substitute CEMS fifth-grade teacher, and previously was a substitute teacher in Gorham.

Leslie Thorup, sixth-grade language arts and social studies teacher. Education: bachelor's degree in elementary education from Boston College. Experience: most recently was an eighth-grade teacher at Palermo Consolidated School in Palermo.

Dean Zaharis, half-time middle school technology integrator and half-time Cape Elizabeth school district data facilitator. Education: bachelor of arts degree in computer science from USM; bachelor of science degree in biology from UMO. Work experience: most recently worked as technology integration teacher at South Portland High School; CEMS technology integrator three years ago; and taught for 28 years at Scarborough High School.

Cape Elizabeth High School

Sarah Boeckel, physical education teacher. Education: bachelor of arts degree in social sciences and interdisciplinary studies from Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y.; master's degree in physical education and health at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., to be completed in fall 2008. Work experience: taught for three years in Union 29, most recently as a wellness teacher for grades nine to 12 at Poland Regional High School; four years' experience as college and high school coach in volleyball, softball, and soccer.

John Brady, part-time chemistry teacher. Education: master's degree in chemistry from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.; bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark; took education courses at UNE and USM. Work experience: Chemistry teacher at Marshwood High in Berwick from 2001 to 2007; Science teacher at Noble High in North Berwick from 1988 to 2001. Previ-

ously worked as an engineer in the chemical industry.

Tatiana Green, part-time nurse. Education: degree from Castleton State College. Licensed registered nurse in Maine and Vermont. Work experience: varied experience in school, pediatric, emergency and substance abuse settings. Most recently worked for Yarmouth schools.

Sarah Harrington, social studies teacher. Education: bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.; currently enrolled in literacy education graduate program at USM. Experience: four years as social studies teacher at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham.

Maura McDermott, instructional support strategist. Education: master's of education degree and bachelor's of science degree in education from UMO. Work experience: special education teacher with Sweetser School in Saco from 2000-2007. special education teacher and learning strategist at Deering High School in Portland since 2007.

Paul McGovern, part-time choral music teacher who will commute between his complementary position with Portland and Cape Elizabeth school during this school year. Education: bachelor of arts in music from Queens College/City University of New York; master of music degree from Indiana University, in Bloomington, Ind.; doctorate degree in music, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. Work experience: seven years public school teaching in New Jersey, Philadelphia and Portland; nine years as instructor, professor and choral director at Indiana University, Georgia Southern University, Crane School of Music at SUNY-Potsdam, St. Joseph's College.

Jessica Means, instructional support teacher. Education: master's degree in special education from USM; bachelor of humanities, writing and literature for education from New College of California in San Francisco. Experience: most recently spent two years as an ed tech in the Portland school district; from 2000 to 2005 was a classroom teacher for Portland West's Youth Building Alternatives program.

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Cape schools make required progress on assessment tests; CEHS scores highest in state

By Wendy Keeler

The Maine Department of Education sent good news to Cape at the beginning of the school year. Not only did all three schools make "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) on the state's annual achievement tests, which they took in the spring, but Cape Elizabeth High School students earned top scores in all testing areas among public schools in the state.

Ten percent higher

To comply with the federal No Child Left Behind law, schools must achieve test scores at least 10 percent higher than they did the previous year. Each spring, Maine juniors take the Maine High School Assessment, a version of the traditional college exam, the SAT, which the Maine DOE augments so that it meets federal requirements for state testing. Every March, Maine students in third through eighth grades take the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). Last year, CEMS was placed on a list of Maine schools that failed to make AYP, because a subgroup of students identified as disabled missed making the required 10-percent gain in math scores by one point.

The MEA tests third- through eighth-graders' reading and math skills, and fifth-through eighth-graders' science knowledge, as NCLB requires. Maine also assesses fifth- through eighth-graders' writing skills, although the federal government doesn't require states to do so.

'Good, bad, indifferent'

This year, in an unprecedented move, the DOE threw out eighth-graders' writing scores, because only 22 percent of eighth-graders met expectations, compared to the more than 70 percent who had the previous spring. DOE officials, who suspect that a flawed question skewed results, withheld scores from schools.

CEMS Principal Steve Connolly doesn't

want to stop there, however.

"I, for one, would like to see our scores, good, bad, or indifferent, and I hope that other schools forwarded the same request to [DOE] commissioner [Susan Gendron]," he told the School Board at the Sept. 9 business meeting.

CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd would like more information, too, but not from the DOE.

'Comparable schools'

"I asked [assistant vice principal] Troy Henninger today if he could come up with some more demographically comparable schools in other states in New England that we can begin to compare ourselves to at least against SAT scores, the only common ground for comparison now. I'm hoping we can identify 15 to 20 schools," Shedd told the board Sept. 9.

SAT preparation course

Data about the success rates of the various SAT preparation classes that CEHS students take would also be valuable information, Shedd said.

"Right now there are a couple of different options for review courses," he said. "We are gathering data about how many students take the review courses... and some data about which ones work and which ones don't work. A couple of math teachers are working on this information."

But there's no way of knowing just how many CEHS students take the classes, Shedd said.

"Of the couple that are offered through Community Services, I think the number we had was 28 students last year in those courses, but ... I'm not sure there's any way we could gather the information about the private tutoring that's happening. That would be a matter of surveying students and families and finding out."

—see CAPE AYP, page 19

New staff

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Sarah Ward, English teacher. Education: master's degree in Shakespeare and English literature from the University of Bristol in Bristol, England; bachelor of arts degree in English and French from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Work experience: English language arts teacher at Wells-Ogunquit Junior High School since 2006; English teacher for Clarence High School in New York from 1999-2006; Peace Corps secondary education teacher trainer in Malawi, Southern Africa, 2005-2006

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Janet Hoskin, Community Services director. Education: bachelor of science degree in health, physical education, and recreation from UMO. Work experience: assistant director of Cape Elizabeth Community Services from 1988 to 2008; prior job as athletic director and physical education teacher

at Herman High School; physical education teacher at Windham High School.

Jeff Thoreck, athletic administrator. Education: bachelor of arts in sociology from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. Work experience: six years as athletic director at North Yarmouth Academy; spent two years prior at NYA as assistant to athletic director/physical education instructor. 1997-2000 ed tech at CEHS and Pond Cove. Thirteen years in various coaching positions, including girls' and boys' soccer and lacrosse.

Katie Vandervalk, speech therapist for grades 5 through 12. Education: master's degree in speech-language pathology from University of Utah; bachelor of science in communication disorders from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Work experience: speech-language pathologist at Dayton Consolidated School in Dayton since 2004, at Child Developmental Services since 2007, and at the Granite School District in Utah from 2003 to 2004.

Middle School Book Fair set for Oct. 16 to 23

The Middle School Parents Association's annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held Oct. 16 through Oct. 23 in the middle school conference room across from the main office. Students will visit with their language arts classes, and organizers encourage parents to visit at any time.

Fair hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 17, and Oct. 20 to 23. The fair will also be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 23.

In the "One for Books" program, students are encouraged to donate one dollar or loose

change to a special fund to purchase books for a school in a rural district in Maine. Scholastic will match the amount dollar for dollar with a donation of books to one of three national nonprofit organizations devoted to assisting children in need: Kids in Distressed Situations, the National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots.

For more information about the book fair and these programs, please contact Kim Gillies at gillies4@verizon.net or 767-2734 or Kelli Flaherty at kflaherty@maine.rr.com or 767-1071.

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Pond Cove School

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- Volunteers are needed in Dawn Rioux's kindergarten classroom one morning or afternoon a week.

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- Games for indoor recess
- Floor lamps with shades that are in good condition
- Legos, especially Lego people
- Beads
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Middle School

Getting involved:

- Volunteers are needed to put up and take down student work on world language bulletin boards. The time commitment is about two hours per month, with flexible hours and dates. Instructions and material are provided.
- A volunteer is needed to help the world language team with preparation of materials such as homemade flash cards and visuals. Instructions and materials are provided. Computer skills and artistic ability is a plus but not required. The time commitment is about two hours a week with flexible hours.

Tangible resources needed:

- Tennis balls
- Beanbag chair or similar type of comfy chair, in excellent condition
- Refrigerator in good working order for the seventh-grade science lab

High School

Getting involved:

- Volunteers are needed in the library to assist with any of the following: shelving books and magazines, processing new books; preparing book displays and bulletin-board displays; and different computer projects.
- A photography teacher is looking for non-digital 35-millimeter cameras in good working order for use as loaners to a Photography 1 class. Donations will be gladly accepted! Fly-fishermen and flytlers are needed to share their skills and knowledge with the high school adventure physical education class.

Contact Gail Schmader, director of school volunteer services, at 799-7339, ext. 334, or at gail_schmader@cape.k12.me.

For first time, Cape Middle School to collect Box Tops coupons

This year for the first time, community members have an opportunity to raise money for Cape Elizabeth Middle School as well as Pond Cove when they shop. Every Box Top for Education coupon clipped from food and household products made by various companies earns 10 cents for a school.

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 middle school or Pond Cove School lobbies. When dropping off coupons at IGA, the Community Center, the Swap Shop, or Thomas Memorial Library, people should indicate which school should receive the donation. Donations that have not been labeled "CEMS" or "Pond Cove" will be divided equally between the two schools. Coupons must be turned in by February. Last year, Cape citizens raised \$2,500 through Box Tops.

For more information about Box Tops or about the program, go to www.boxtops4education.com or e-mail Joanne Sullivan at jsull@maine.rr.com.

PCPA to hold meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, at fire station

The Pond Cove Parents Association will hold its first meeting of the school year at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Community Room at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station. PCPA cochairs Michele Zajkowski and Loralee Schaedel invite Pond Cove parents who cannot attend to send their thoughts and suggestions to Zajkowski at mhz@maine.rr.com or to Schaedel at lischaedel@hotmail.com.

Sally Foster gift-wrap sale to help fund new seventh-grade program, Rippleffect; ends Oct. 9

By Wendy Keeler

The Middle School Parents Association's annual Sally Foster gift-wrap sale will run through Oct. 9. Until then, Cape middle-schoolers will go door-to-door in neighborhoods selling the products to raise funds to support the school's outdoor experience programs, which educate middle-schoolers in off-campus outdoor adventures 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. There they participate in group challenges and decision-making activities while experiencing the Maine woods and coastline.

Rippleffect

Seventh-graders' traditional five-day Camp Kieve program in Nobleboro has been discontinued because of budget constraints. Instead, this year's seventh-graders will spend Oct. 1 to 3 on Cow Island in Casco Bay with Rippleffect, a youth and community development organization that operates outdoor adventure programs for all ages year round.

Each day, groups of Cape seventh-graders will participate in half-day activities, including sea-kayaking instruction, a solo experience, oceanographic and environmental education, yoga, sun photography, and a review

of the island's sustainable systems and organic garden. Baseball, bocce, hiking, swimming, and journaling will also be offered.

Seventh-grade parents will pay \$55 per child for the program, which will cost CEMS an estimated \$12,200, compared to Kieve's \$35,000 price tag. Because of funds raised from the Sally Foster sale, the MSPA will pay \$90 per child.

Other grades

CEMS students in other grades also 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, 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 are scheduled to 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, 0506966.

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

Awareness session required for school volunteers

Anyone wanting to volunteer in the Cape schools or accompany students on a school field trip must attend one school department volunteer-awareness session.

Attendance is required at only one session during a volunteering "career" in the Cape schools. The session focuses on the rights and safety of students.

Awareness sessions are scheduled from 1:45 to 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10; from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, and Tuesday, Sept. 23; and from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Both sessions will be held in the Pond Cove/Middle School cafeteria. If necessary, parents may bring children. For more information, contact Volunteer Services Director Gail Schmader at 799-7339.



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All Cape students eat Maine-grown fare on Sept. 17 at first annual Maine Harvest Lunch



At top, members of Cape Elizabeth High School's environmental club gather in front of the high school garden, which provided basil for pesto sauce for the Maine Harvest Lunch.

By Joan Daly

Did you know that the average bite of food travels 1,400 miles before reaching the mouth?

Cape students in grades kindergarten through 12 reduced that distance on Wednesday, Sept. 17, as they celebrated Maine-grown foods during the first annual Maine Harvest Lunch. The lunch was a collaboration among the Cape Farm Alliance, the town Wellness Committee, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, school staff and community volunteers, and Maine's Let's Go program, a community-based initiative to promote healthy lifestyle choices for children, youth and families. The goal was to educate students and families about the benefits of supporting a local food system. Organizers also hoped to stimulate interest in Cape youth about agriculture, nutrition and local food production and preparation.

All three schools are now gaining hands-

on experience in planting, harvesting and preparing foods that are served in the schools.

Students at Pond Cove harvest tomatoes, parsley and onions from their garden to make fresh salsa. Students from the middle school traveled to Jordan's Farm on Wells Road to harvest potatoes, corn, onions, tomatoes, carrots and other vegetables for the lunch. Members of the high school environmental club were busy in the high school garden harvesting basil and preparing pesto sauce for the lunch.

Local farmers have been excited and extremely motivated to have Cape-grown produce served in the three schools' cafeterias.

"Connecting Cape Elizabeth's farms to the schools helps raise the awareness of how much great, healthy food is raised right here in town. I am excited ... about bringing fresh local produce to the schools throughout the fall," Penny Jordan of Jordan's Farm said.

Cape AYP

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Mathematically, humanly impossible

Although pleased that Pond Cove made AYP this year, as it always has in the past, Principal Tom Eismeier told the School Board on Sept. 9 that it's just a matter of time

before it doesn't—and it will have plenty of company on the "AYP list."

"By 2014 every kid in the country has to meet the standards of each state, and mathematically and humanly that's not possible, so I just want to alert you that one of these days, somebody [has to] come to their senses or we'll be here saying we're all on [the list of schools not making AYP]," Eismeier said.

School officials explore solutions to after-school transportation troubles at high school

By Wendy Keeler

The ride home has gotten smoother for middle and high school students since the first week of school. But high school traffic jams, the biggest transportation snag caused by this year's combined middle and high school bus runs, need unsnarling, say school officials, who are exploring two possible solutions—both involving swapping—that may make for happier travelers.

Switching middle and high school start and dismissal times—which are currently five minutes apart—and swapping the high school staff and senior parking lots could help alleviate the end-of-day gridlock that keeps student drivers waiting sometimes as long as 15 minutes and creates safety hazards, school administrators told School Board members at the Sept. 9 business meeting.

"If we could get the high school [drivers] out of the campus at the time we're loading the middle-schoolers then we wouldn't have an issue with dismissal, I ... believe," Community Services Director Janet Hoskin told the board.

The board directed the principals of both schools to report back with estimates of the lead time they would need to switch the schools' schedules.

After picking up middle school students, buses leave the Jordan Way bus circle at 2:33 p.m., eight minutes after CEMS lets out and three minutes after high school dismissal.

School buses then proceed to the front of the high school to pick up students. Student drivers, who park in lots near the tennis courts and behind the Community Center, can't leave campus until buses depart.

"The high school drivers ... want to exit the school yard quicker than we're able to have that happen. If we could just get the high school drivers to let all of the seven buses out of the school yard, it would be much smoother, but they are anxious to leave," Hoskin said. "But our buses have to leave [the high school] yard as soon as they can because they have to get all the students off the bus to turn around to pick up the Pond Cove students."

After witnessing some nerve-wracking incidents on Sept. 9, CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd decided to closely consider the idea of swapping parking lots.

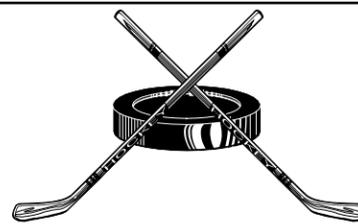
'Close calls'

"We had some close calls [today] with students, even after the buses," Shedd said. "It wasn't really dangerous when the buses were there, because there was no place students could go. It was after, when students ... waited 10, 15 minutes. ... There were some times when we had people coming from four different directions."

Overcrowding

Bus overcrowding was also a problem during the first days of school but shouldn't

—see SCHOOL BUSES, page 20



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CEUMC to host Bible study on Gospel of Mark

For 11 weeks this fall, the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark, led by retired Rev. Jim Young, who previously served as district superintendent of the Northern Maine United Methodist Church.

The Bible studies and discussions will be held on Sundays at 9 a.m. and repeated on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the church's Sunshine Room. The public is invited to attend.

A session will be held Sunday, Sept. 21, at which time Jesus in Galilee will be discussed in Mark 1:14 – 3:6. The same session

will be repeated on Monday, Sept. 22. Other upcoming sessions are planned Sept. 28 and 29 (Mark 3:7 – 5:43), Oct. 5-6 (Mark 6:1 – 7:37), and Oct. 12-13 (Mark 8:1 – 9:50). The sessions will continue on Sundays and Mondays through Nov. 23 and 24.

Participants are asked to read each week's verses before the session, but Young also encourages participants to read the entire Gospel of Mark "as a short story. That way you will discover the dramatic flow of Mark's telling of the story of Jesus," Young says. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Rd.

School buses

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be in the future, Hoskin said.

"Every year we have overcrowding on middle school buses prior to middle school athletics beginning, but this year it posed more of a problem because we had combined middle and high together," she said. "... Between sports seasons, some of our trip drivers will be on task for the overflow, so parents don't need to be concerned."

Kindergarten bus runs, also problematic

the first week, are now going smoothly, Hoskin said.

"We had several issues there, and ... I think we have now figured out runs," she said. "Now we just need to get parents to know when we're going to arrive, because it has been a different time every day."

School Board member Trish Brigham asked administrators and community members to update the board regularly on the status of school transportation.

"This is really important feedback for us as we draft the calendar for next year," she said.

Bow wow blessing



Photo by Ted Haider

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Pastor Ruth Morrison, left, spends time with each of the dogs and their owners last year.

To honor the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold its fourth annual Dog Blessing and

Walk at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, in the outdoor chapel. The church's Outreach Committee, which sponsors the event to recognize St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment, invites the community to participate. More than 30 dogs have attended the blessing in each of the past three years.

The Rev. Ruth Morrison will bless each dog individually, after which she will offer dog treats and a "dogument" blessing certificate. After the blessing, participants will be invited to join half-mile and 1.5-mile walks through the woods. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road, and the outdoor chapel is in the woods at the far end of the parking lot.

My Sister's Keeper orientation session to be held Sept. 25

My Sister's Keeper (MSK), a mentoring program for women in transition from corrections, will facilitate an orientation session for interested mentors and community volunteers from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church (CEUMC).

Mentor training sessions will follow on two consecutive Thursdays, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

My Sister's Keeper provides mentors for women transitioning from incarceration to the community. Mentors strive to empower women to make positive choices for their spiritual, physical, emotional and mental health needs. Working collaboratively with faith groups, community groups and government agencies, My Sister's Keeper assists women with the resources they need and provides mentors with direction, through training, practical and emotional support.

To register or get more information, please contact Kelly Dell'Aquila, director of services, at 712-5962 or kcoggs@aol.com.

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Four mission retreats to focus on 'four calls of Christian life'

The Rev. Jerome Chavarria will lead four mission retreats, each focusing on one of the four calls of Christian life, from Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 at Holy Cross Church in South Portland and St. Maximilian-Kolbe in Scarborough.

Ordained as a Redemptorist priest in 1984, Chavarria has served in parishes in the South and has done missions throughout the eastern and southern U.S., and in the Dominican Republic. He currently serves as vice-provincial of Richmond.

The "Gather Us" retreat is open to all, whether they have abandoned the religion of their youth, are sporadic church attendees, or are faithful church members. Participants may attend all or any of the 90-minute sessions, which will include music, reading, prayer, and reflection.

Participants who attend the "Holiness" retreat at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28 at Holy Cross should bring bibles and small containers in which to take home holy water. The "Wholeness" retreat is set for 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Holy Cross, and the "Prayer" session will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at St. Maximilian. The retreat focused on evangelization is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 at St. Maximilian.

All evening sessions will be repeated at 8:30 a.m. the following day at St. Maximilian. For more information, please contact Kathy Williamson at 799-5528, ext. 102, or kathy.williamson@portlanddiocese.org.

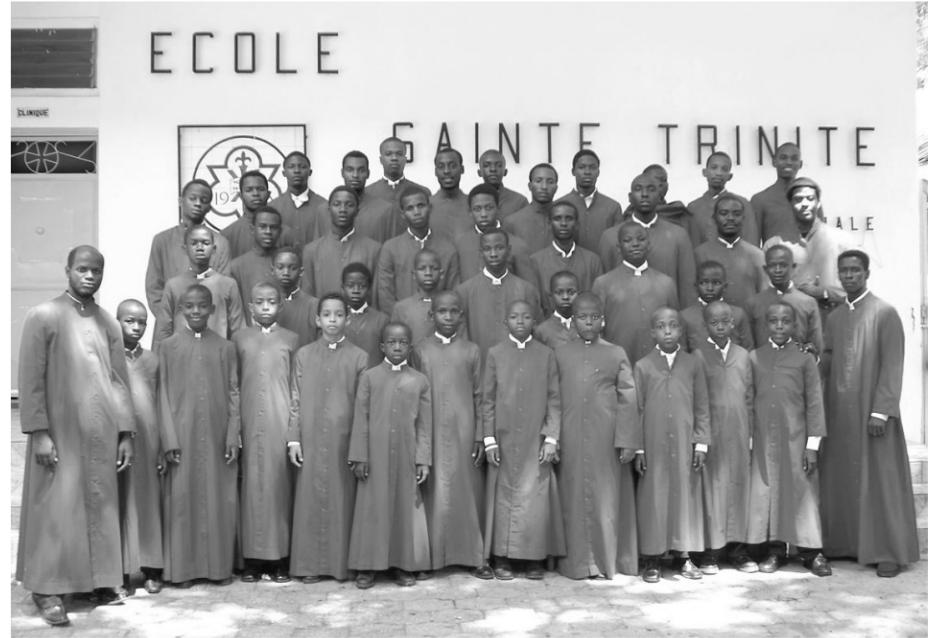
Methodist Church to hold public supper Oct. 4

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold its first public supper of the season from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the church.

The supper will include a buffet-style meal of casseroles, baked beans, salads, breads and desserts, for a price of \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children).

Takeouts also will be available. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

Haitian boys' choir, chamber orchestra to perform at St. Alban's on Sept. 28



Les Petits Chanteurs gather at their school, Trinity Music School, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Les Petits Chanteurs, a choral group consisting of boys and young men from Holy Trinity Music School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will perform, along with their accompanying string quintet, during 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Sept. 28, at St. Alban's Church. In order that the choir may sing additional musical selections in the parish hall between the services, the regular 10:30 a.m. service has been moved back to 11 a.m.

The only music school of its kind in Haiti, Holy Trinity Music School offers music education to a mix of children from different economic backgrounds. The performance at St. Alban's is part of a three-week tour dur-

ing which the musicians aim to raise awareness in the U.S. of the rich musical traditions in Haiti and the importance of the school in the life of the country. At each stop in the tour, choir members are hosted overnight by members of the community.

All in the community are invited to hear the group, which will also perform two concerts on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Falmouth.

Donations will be accepted to support the Holy Trinity Music School Financial Aid Fund. For more information, please call the church office at 799-4014.

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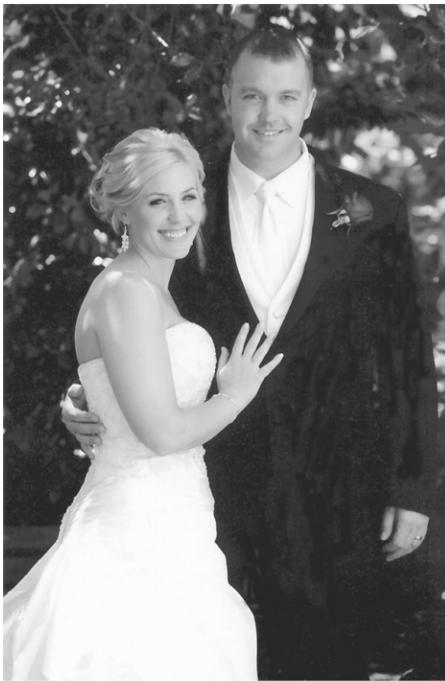
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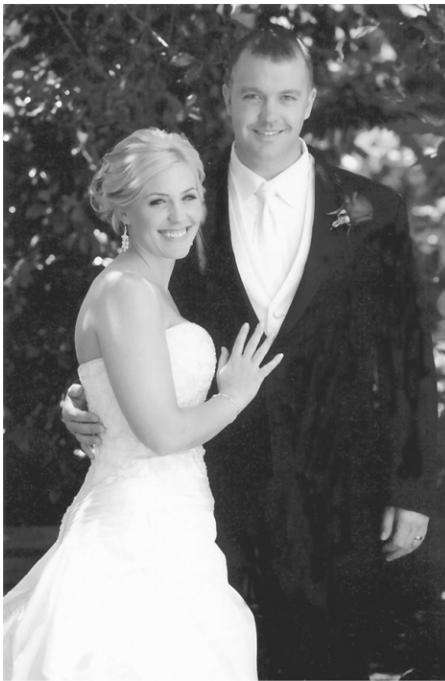
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