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Happy Thanksgiving



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Acting out a Thanksgiving Day meeting of Pilgrims and Native Americans at Pond Cove School around 1920 are, left to right, Tolman Doughty, Herman Peabbles, Charles Crozier, Joseph [last name unknown], Doris McPhee, Lester Jones, Carroll Steward, Wade Gyles, Sherwood Prout, and seated, with white stockings, Robert Pennell.

State champs!



Photo by Beth Rand

Cape Elizabeth High School's state-championship-winning girls' cross-country team, left to right, back row, Catherine Tierney, Paige Kozlowski, Marita Stressenger, Kelsey Barton, Rachel Nichols, Hannah Doss, Emily Attwood, Marisa Turesky; kneeling, Lindsay Rand, Brittany Gregory, Olivia Earnshaw, Caitlin Pomeroy, and Emma Kast won the Class B state championship at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast on Nov. 1. The team is pictured here at the regional championship in Cumberland.

High school's controversial substance abuse policy topic of online survey

By Wendy Keeler

Should Cape Elizabeth High School's substance abuse policy extend beyond school into homes? Should students involved in extracurricular activities be required to "self-report"—turn themselves in to school officials—when they have used drugs or alcohol anywhere and at any time during

the school year?

Cape residents have an opportunity to offer input about the high school's substance abuse policy in an online survey the school board policy committee has posted on the school Web site. The committee is reviewing the existing policy, which has been in place for three years.

Under the policy, students involved in extracurricular programs must sign a contract agreeing that they will not use or possess drugs or alcohol during the school year. Parents also have to sign.

Consequences for breaking the contract become progressively more severe for first-, second-, and third-time offenses, but punish-

ment for students who self-report are lighter.

Parents have strong, varying opinions about parts of the contract, which a "very, very small number" have refused to sign, Superintendent Alan Hawkins said.

The issue of kids reporting themselves and other kids, or parents turning in their

Town council and public at odds on intersection plans

Council agrees to delay decision until spring

By Bob Dodd

At a public hearing that filled the town hall, citizens expressed both support and opposition to plans for a costly redesign of the Shore Road - Route 77 - Scott Dyer Road intersection.

After the hearing, a conflicted town council succeeded in finding some common ground. All agreed that any decision on the intersection should be delayed until the spring. Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta initially made the suggestion to reconsider the project in May "in the context of the budget cycle."

At the Nov. 10 council meeting, well over 100 citizens packed the council chamber. Most were there to hear – and sometimes voice – opinions on a state plan to improve the main town center intersection.

Many speakers expressed concern over the cost of the project. Some questioned the need for another traffic light in the town center district. The town recently installed a new traffic light at the entrance to the high school.

Many also spoke in favor of the project, citing concerns over the safety of the intersection.

The state's proposed intersection redesign is estimated to cost \$1.1 million. About \$363,000 would come from federal and state funds channeled through PACTS, the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Committee.

The town's share for the project would be over \$736,000. Funds to cover the town's share would come out of a portion of the \$2.4 million bond approved by the town and made this spring for infrastructure improvements.

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been working on the intersection redesign with input from a citizen's group – the Road Safety Group. MDOT also held workshops in 2007 and 2008 to get public input.

The redesigned intersection would replace the existing blinking light with a full traffic signal. It also proposes to modify the angles of Shore and Scott Dyer roads so that they match up more directly on each side of Route 77. The plan also includes turn lanes

One seat on town council, one on water district board, to be filled in special election

By Elizabeth Brogan

A special election will be held on Jan. 27 to fill two unexpired terms, one on the Town Council and another on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees.

Penelope A. Jordan of Fowler Road has returned completed nominating papers for the Town Council seat vacated by Mary Ann Lynch in October. That term will expire in December 2010. James T. Walsh of Rock Crest Drive has also taken out papers for the council seat, but as of this newspaper's going to press on Nov. 18 had not yet returned them.

Mark C. Duval of Farms Edge Road has taken out, but not yet returned, papers for a one-year unexpired term on the board of trustees of the Portland Water District representing South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. The seat had previously been held by Peter

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'Passion for Cape' inspires Jordan's run for council seat

My name is Penny Jordan and I am running for the town council seat vacated by Mary Ann Lynch. I am a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth and one of the owners of Jordan's Farm on Wells Road.

I am running for town council for many reasons, but the primary reason is my passion for Cape Elizabeth. I grew up in Cape Elizabeth at a time when the town was going through a significant growth period. I learned to look at change from a positive perspective. One cannot stop change, but you can manage it versus it managing you.

My father, Bill Jordan, was a significant part of Cape Elizabeth's evolution and worked hard to ensure Cape Elizabeth would grow into a well thought out and progressive community. Much of the foundation laid over forty years ago is why Cape Elizabeth is so attractive to people today.

I want to be part of ensuring Cape Elizabeth remains affordable to people who have been here for generations, and I want to ensure that we continue to embrace our farming and fishing heritage while acknowledging the need to address the demands of an ever-changing community. The world we live in is not stagnant. Cape Elizabeth will continue to evolve and change. My goal is to make sure we understand the long-term implications of our decisions and that we strive to create a town for all who want to call it home!

I am available to speak with any group and or individual. I would love to hear your thoughts on what Cape Elizabeth needs as it continues to evolve and change. Please feel free to contact me at pennyjordan@jordansfarm.com or (207) 671-5341.

Penny Jordan

Shore Road 'at risk'

Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth is one of the most beautiful and picturesque coastal stretches in all of Maine, yet I believe it is now completely at risk because of the town's ill-advised plan to carve out a ten-foot swath immediately adjacent to this narrow and intimate stretch of roadway.

The sheer size of this project will take people's breath away. It will require almost two miles of significant building, including culvert extensions, long stretches of pavement or stone dust, new guardrails, retaining walls, cutting and moving trees, possible blasting of ledge, a 30-foot bridge, and wetlands mitigation.

The charge to the committee tasked with making a proposal was to study the possibility of building a path with sensitivity to the character of Shore Road. A path whose stated ideal is five feet wide, plus a five-foot buffer, takes a sledgehammer to the character of Shore Road. I urge residents who value this historic town asset to learn more about the plan, before Shore Road as we know it disappears.

Linda Jacobs

Shore Road resident and business owner sees need to support 'modest growth'

As a Shore Road resident and business owner, I believe it is time for the Town Council and residents to support modest growth and realize the underestimated positive community impact of our neighborhood businesses.

With regards to Mary Alice Reilly's and Lee Wilson's zoning request for 553 Shore Road, I cannot understand opposition to positive neighborhood activity. The loss of the Cookie Jar for two years completely changed the area. Foot traffic virtually disappeared. What had been a gathering place was gone. Speeds of cars increased dramatically. Sadly, we lost our sense of community here, particularly for our oldest and youngest citizens. Like many, I welcome its return wholeheartedly.

Our zoned district, which runs along Shore Road, is quaint yet vital to many. Those in opposition at the last hearing described our site as one entity. In fact, Ann Veronica houses more than 35 local businesses and craftspeople. Eleven of twelve employees are Cape residents – 6 adults and 5 high school/ college students. Annually, we give thousands of dollars to local charities and Cape school groups. We try to serve as a place of connection for Cape townspeople. Do you believe that as fourth generation Cape residents, Mary Alice and Lee will approach any business venture without the same standards?

Impeding modest growth and underestimating the value of local businesses that increase a sense of community, hire Cape residents, sell Cape products and services, pay Cape taxes, and support Cape schools and charities would be a detriment to us all.

Ann V. Perrino
Owner, Ann Veronica llc

Residents urged to pay attention to Shore Road path debate

I have been reading the newspaper accounts about the proposed recreation path on Shore Road, and I have to caution that the air of inevitability with which town officials are discussing the project may be premature. This path will be an enormous undertaking, and it seems to me that the initial concept plan conflicts quite directly with the objectives that the town council set forth for a successful outcome. In particular, the fact that the path comes so close to the road in many locations directly contradicts the stated desire to have a five-foot buffer, protecting a five-foot-wide path, AWAY from the road. Safety is not paramount in this design, and it should be.

This is just one concern that the concept plan has generated. I think Cape Elizabeth taxpayers will have many more. A de facto political action committee to promote the path has been in high gear for many months, but I urge Cape residents who haven't paid much attention yet to start doing so.

As a town I think we've only scratched the surface of what I believe will be a long, protracted and very complex debate.

Faith McLean

Path not a 'done deal'

In addition to the obvious cost, safety, and liability issues, I see unimaginably complicated obstacles standing in the way of building a "recreation" path on Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth, including the ecological damage that the path will most certainly inflict. As examples, several species of birds and small animals nest in the low brush that borders the road and the pond on our property. In addition, the turtles which live in the pond lay their eggs faithfully every year in the shoulders of our driveway where it abuts Shore Road and in our garden which is parallel to the road. Three years ago we installed wooden bollards adjacent to our garden to protect the egg nests and keep cars from parking on the shoulder in which the nests are located. The proposed path would clearly impact bird and animal nesting, including the turtle egg nests.

Twice in fifteen years we have tried to improve the flow of water from the pond, under Shore Road and into Pond Cove. Both the DEP and the town denied our requests to build a simple rock riprap to stabilize the edge of the pond. We were told that the pond is part of a tidal-waterfowl habitat with a 75 to 200 foot buffer, and is therefore "untouchable." In building a two-mile-long path, five feet wide with a five-foot buffer, it will be exponentially more difficult for the town to live up to the same environmental sensitivity that it requires of its residents.

This path is not a "done deal" and I urge Cape residents to learn all the implications of its proposed construction.

Jim McDonough

Coin-collecting students and their supporters commended

The students at Pond Cove Elementary recently completed a coin-collecting mission, one whose success surprised and humbled even its promoters. Scholastic Book Fairs encourages its participants to offer "One for Books" as a way for loose change to go toward putting books in the hands of children in need. For every dollar raised, Scholastic donates one BOOK to the National Center for Family Literacy, Toys for Tots, and/or Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. In just two weeks time – approximately 19,000 pennies, 3,300 nickels, 5,700 dimes and 3,900 quarters later – over \$2,100 was collected. In addition to the books donated by Scholastic, Pond Cove purchased \$500 worth of books for the recently burned-down Swan's Island library, as well as contributing hundreds of dollars to Pond Cove classroom libraries.

I would like to commend all involved in this incredible effort, including the administration and teaching staff at Pond Cove for their involvement; the program's coordinator, Jane Anderson, for her countless hours of counting coins and managing this monumental task; and finally, the children and parents of Pond Cove for their continued enthusiasm and energy for helping others. In a time when many are wondering where they will find funds to cover expenses, our children (and we adults) were shown just how far we can go, penny by penny. Thank you to all for this wonderful reminder of our collective influence.

Christine Mackenzie



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Sherman appreciates election and looks forward to serving

I want to express my appreciation to the citizens of our town for electing me to the Town Council.

I feel fortunate to live in such a great community and look forward to serving on the council.

David Sherman

Resident weighs in on perils of 'bad credit'

What is not being talked about openly is the long-term effect of losing a job and subsequent credit rating. Home Land Security initiatives have been put into place making most employers do full background checks, including credit. A job offer can be withdrawn even if tendered in writing when your credit score is considered low (foreclosures, or other late/missed payments).

This creates a huge cylindrical effect making it nearly impossible to secure gainful employment to repair credit. What needs to be talked about is a bonding system where good people who got caught up in this mess can somehow alleviate a potential employer's fears with some type of state or federally-backed guarantee that someone won't be selling sensitive information because their credit has suffered. Having bad credit doesn't make someone a criminal.

Jim Contardo

'Apologies' extended for small jumping dogs

Last winter at Old Orchard Beach I was working with my newest addition, little Spur, a small mix dog from the Buxton puppy mill "bust." At six months old he had not quite mastered leaping into my arms, yet. My two miniature pinschers learned that easily.

Another dog walker approached, "I teach MY dogs NOT to jump up." I grinned and said I was teaching this pup to jump into my arms. She scowled with clear distaste at my training.

Most people do not want dogs jumping on them. However, people who approach little dogs, whether they mean to or not, encourage them to jump up. Heck, I train mine to!

On occasion it happens that I don't call to my dogs in time and they jump on someone who is clearly annoyed. Darn! I apologize and leash them quickly. I also apologize to my dogs. They could care less, and go off chasing seagulls again. I stop for the occasional teaching sessions with Spur on how to jump up on me. Silly me!

My dogs are well trained to come to me when called. However, if you see me with my three little dogs and they do run up and jump on you, please accept my apologies. Not for their lack of training, but for my poor timing in getting them leashed.

My training is proceeding beautifully now with Spur. He is getting very good at jumping on me, much to my delight!

By the way, my dogs have never been to Willard Beach.

Amy Carlson
Amy's Animal Care

'Amazed' and 'disappointed' by intersection vote

I was amazed, and very disappointed, that the council [at its Nov. 10 meeting], after an almost unanimous negative expression by the public about the traffic light proposal, voted to postpone a decision.

I think that those favoring the light are really misguided in thinking that it would be a solution to (a) traffic problems and (b) the safety issue. Also, they seem to have little regard for the expenditure it would entail, in spite of some federal and state contribution. Just what we need – more taxes either directly or by paying interest on bonds.

We have had delays at the Scott Dyer/Shore Road intersection increase due to the light at the high school intersection. There has already been an accident at the high school location. Research by one of the townspeople indicated that the count on accidents at the Scott Dyer intersection over the years was exaggerated by the proponents.

Nor were those accidents serious.

Regarding the safety issue, many excellent suggestions were made regarding increasing safety at the existing crossing. Why not implement immediately? The emotional argument about not wanting to be responsible for someone being killed at the intersection totally disregarded two points. First, children are frequently the worst offenders about irrational decisions. So, regardless of a light, those who don't obey rules, don't obey rules, and are likely to be hurt. Secondly, those folks disregarded the rule of unintended consequence. That is, the increased chance of accident by drivers running red lights (there have already been instances at the high school) and worse backups of traffic, waste of gas and more pollution.

The amazing thing to me was that the vote was clearly in opposition to the fact that an overwhelming majority does not want the light project to go forward.

Bob Tripler

Proposed path 'falls far short in safety'

It seems to me that the proposed recreation path on Shore Road falls far short in the safety department.

During public comment at the Oct. 29 hearing one Cape resident cited Maine Department of Transportation statistics about accidents on Shore Road. He pointed out that a significant percentage of these accidents involved cars veering off the road. (I've had a great deal of exposure to such accidents on both sides of the road and at all times of year. I've lived on the road for 40 years.)

The proposed path, however, actually comes within a couple of feet of the edge of the road in several places, and for significant stretches, and in many instances without guard rails. If accidents on the road involve cars veering off of it, it makes no sense to build a path that lulls users, especially children, into a false feeling of security in using it.

At one point, the path forces users to cross the road. This makes no sense if the number one concern is safety. If the path has heavy use, this is tragedy waiting to happen.

If the path is not used heavily, then that raises another question altogether, namely, are we building this path for a few special interests?

Paula Elkins

Fall Fest success 'just amazing'

Our hats are off to all of the school community for an awesome turnout of attendees, volunteers and sponsorship support at Fall Fest. This resulted in the production of the most successful Fall Fest to date! Our gross profits, including donations, were just over \$6,400. This kind of revenue



could not have been generated without the commitment made by our local community. We would like to call out a HUGE thank you to the below mentioned local businesses and community organizations. The combined donations for this year's Fall Festival totaled over \$1,125! This is just amazing, especially during these volatile economic times. We ask that you please make a special effort to support these businesses and acknowledge their contributions to our schools and to our

children.

Hannaford -Millcreek, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates, Spirit Halloween Superstore- South Portland, Alewives Brook Farms, The Buttered Biscuit, Jordan's Farm, Magnolia's Café-South Portland., CVS-Millcreek, CVS-Pond Cove, Drillen True Value Hardware-South Portland., Smaha's Legion Square Market-South Portland, Petey's Pastries, Shoppers True Value Hardware-Mill Creek, Sugar Hill Baking Company. A HUGE thank you to all!

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Our Board of Directors would also like to thank the following students and community members for their hard work and spirit, training and practicing as referees for our club this season:

Abigail Armstrong	Thomas Janick	Luke Pfielfe
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You hope and pray they will not go hungry this winter in Maine And you can do more!

Over 150,000 people in Maine face the risk of a severe hunger crisis this winter. Good people throughout Maine are preparing for a winter like none before. Children, adults, the elderly – people of all ages and backgrounds. People who today barely scrape by on little or no income. People on fixed incomes. Families unexpectedly thrown into dire economic circumstances.

People are confronting the prospect of record high food and heating bills, job losses and other major challenges to family budgets that are already stretched to their limits. However, no one should ever have to decide between "heating or eating."

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Residents invited to take online survey on library services

As a part of the ongoing planning effort, the Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee is seeking ideas and opinions from a broad range of people in the community.

The study committee is looking at the nature of the services and facilities the library will need in the future to ensure that it remains a vital community asset.

Any member of the Cape Elizabeth community is invited to participate, whether a library user or not. The Web survey will be available through Dec. 1, 2008, and takes between two to three minutes to complete at <http://www.libraryconsultant.com/TMLWebSurvey.htm>

The Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee appreciates the community's thoughts and opinions about library services.

—*from the town Web site
www.capeelizabeth.com*

Business zone overhaul proposal sent to committee

The town council's ordinance subcommittee will review a package of zoning-ordinance amendments designed to revamp some of the town's business districts into more neighborhood-friendly business zones.

At their meeting Nov. 10, the council referred the recommended amendments to committee. The package was recommended to the council by the planning board last month.

The overhaul of the Business A District is a recommendation of the town's 2007 comprehensive plan, and affects two areas in Cape Elizabeth that are zoned Business

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Shore Road Pathway Study Committee public forum held Nov. 19

The Shore Road Path Study Committee scheduled a public forum for Wed., Nov. 19. (This newspaper went to print on Tues. Nov. 18.) Everyone interested in the potential path

Fort Williams foundation launches annual drive

By Bob Dodd

The Fort Williams Charitable Foundation has begun its 2009 Annual Drive. All who love the park and want to keep it beautiful are urged to donate now. The Fort Williams Charitable Foundation is dedicated to raising funds that will help supplement town funding and keep the park free to future generations of residents and visitors.

In the past, donations to the foundation have helped fund crucial projects such as the recent engineering study for restoring the concrete bleachers. Donations also helped fund new interpretive signs at the fort that will be installed in the spring of 2009.

Future projects under consideration include the repair and opening of Battery Blair, and a demonstration arboretum for preserving the seascape and removing invasive plants.

Watch for opportunities to give through mailings directly to homes and an insert provided in this issue of *The Cape Courier*.

Hearing set on Town Ways ordinance

The town council will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Town Ways Ordinance on Monday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall chamber.

The proposed changes include a number of "housekeeping" amendments, said Public Works Director Robert Malley. But the most significant change is an increase in the liability time for contractors excavating for utilities. The current ordinance makes contractors responsible for the excavation for

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along Shore Road was encouraged to attend and share comments. The committee will take comments from the public forum for discussion at its meeting on Dec. 3, 2008.

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A beaver lodge at Great Pond

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Cape walking tours a 'peaceful reprieve'

By Hunter Howe

"I loathe noise." Caskie Stinnett, the late writer for *Down East* magazine, penned these words in his renowned column, "A Room with a View." If Caskie were here to see the woeful economy, plunging portfolios, and high cost of fuels and goods, he'd welcome the tranquility of his precious island.

But, how can a Caper escape the noise? Easy, just take a walk with Chris Franklin, Executive Director of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT).

And, that's exactly what a group of 14 people did on a chilly, crisp Saturday morning in October. The group met at Portland Head Light for a 7.5-mile, 4-hour trek on the Cross Town Trail – destination Kettle Cove. Chris, with his easy smile, explained that they'd traverse private, greenbelt, and CELT land.

CELT, formed in 1985, owns 566 acres on 22 parcels of unspoiled trails through woodlands, fields, and coastline. Its main objectives are education, stewardship, and land acquisition.

Chris regards land acquisition as his most important responsibility. He said, "It takes patience to acquire properties. Families have a great emotional connection to their land. These are big decisions for them, especially regarding the use and perpetuity of their property." In particular, he appreciates town residents who support CELT and who recognize the good works achieved.

Chris joined CELT in May, 2003. Originally from Lincoln, Massachusetts, he graduated from the University of Colorado/Boulder with a geography degree that emphasized animals, plants, and people. Chris believes that the human component is critical. He and his wife Julie live in Cumberland with their three children, Riley, Jesse and Jacqueline.

Thoreau wrote, "When I would recreate myself, I seek the darkest wood."

To this end, the group left Fort Williams and crossed Shore Road, where a town easement led to the Stonegate parcel. From here, they walked Dyer Pond Road and entered Robinson Woods. Chris pointed out the size of the 200- to 300-year-old trees; unlike much of the Cape farmed by the early settlers, this land was left virtually uncut.

The group continued on the Outer Loop to a dirt road which separated Robinson Woods from the ponds and meadows, still privately owned by the Robinson family. Chris explained that the meadows were originally the Waynflete School athletic fields. A trail led to a wooden bridge spanning a small, scenic

waterfall and to a pond, where the group scampered over planks above the shallow water.

From here, the group took another trail through more private land, ending up at the Methodist church's property and parking lot. Several times, Chris applauded the generosity of the private land owners. The group then walked up Route 77 to the new CELT headquarters.

After a short break, Chris led them across the street and through the high school's athletic fields. Behind Hannaford Field, the group took the Town Center Trail adjacent to the Elizabeth Park neighborhood, crossing over the Spurwink Marsh on the impressive boardwalk to the Gull Crest parcel.

Here, they hiked part of the new Nordic trails, circumvented the recycling center, passed by the community garden and public works building, meandered through the meadows below the athletic field, and entered the woods again at the Fowler connector. This trail led to Fowler Road, where they crossed over to Fenway Road to access Great Pond.

Chris related, "This is a little-used area, but it's accessible for everyone. Historically, alewives swam up Alewife Brook to spawn here. And I love how each season brings a different feel to the pond." The group moved on past a flotilla of discarded canoes, over a bridge and worn walking planks scheduled for replacement by winter. This trail terminated at Golden Ridge Way, across from the Kettle Cove Dairy. The journey concluded at Kettle Cove, where lunch was provided.

Mary Ann Lynch, former town council member, was part of the group. Her enthusiasm for the walk and CELT was infectious. Everyone agreed that their adventure provided interesting information, energizing exercise, and a peaceful reprieve, all for \$15. Now that's a deal!

CELT sponsors approximately 20 different walks a year. Most are listed in the Community Services brochure. The Cross Town Trail walk will resume next May. In addition, Chris encourages townsfolk to check out the CELT Web site, www.capelandtrust.org, and explore the breadth of what they do, notably how to get involved and become a member; and to scrutinize the color maps of the individual properties.

Wordsworth wrote, "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her." Next time you feel the need to escape the noise, take a walk with Chris. You'll be glad you did.

Land trust invites feedback to guide future efforts at Dec. 3 open house

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT), a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation and stewardship of distinctive lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community, extends an invitation to area residents to give feedback on a series of focus areas developed by the land trust to help guide future land preservation efforts.

Maps for the focus areas are being developed to help prioritize the land trust's proactive outreach to landowners in support of its Saving Cape's Great Places strategic conservation planning initiative. After a yearlong effort to inventory remaining natural areas in Cape Elizabeth, maps depicting opportunities for conservation in the areas of habitat, recreation and agriculture will be shared with the public for comment.

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Executive Director Chris Franklin believes this is a very important task. "As we look toward the future and try to envision what Cape Elizabeth will look like in another generation, we are confronted by some sobering scenarios," Franklin says. "When we begin to look strategically at some of the remaining undeveloped lands, we begin to see opportunities to

link together existing conservation lands and to ensure the health of our natural resources."

Area residents are asked to contact the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for more information regarding the meeting, which will be held at CELT offices at 330 Ocean House Road office on Wednesday Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 7 pm.

For more information about the CELT open house, or to volunteer, e-mail chris@capelandtrust.org, or call 767-6054.

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Eighty percent of eligible residents vote in Nov. 4 election, returning incumbents and adding some new faces to town council and school board

By Elizabeth Brogan

Eighty percent of eligible Cape Elizabeth voters cast ballots in the Nov. 4 election. That is 6,411 out of approximately 8,000 eligible voters, according to Town Clerk and Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane.

More than half of the ballots cast, 3,706, or 58 percent, were absentee.

"I am very pleased with the election," Lane said. "It was a challenging time and I am very proud of the 29 election staff who assisted. ... The volume of work that we processed was incredible." Lane also thanked the town and school departments and residents for their cooperation.

"Election officials are now required to administer and staff an election that used to be one day, to now 30 days of voting," Lane

said, noting also that she anticipates "state-wide changes to the election law, and potentially to early voting. "We will wait anxiously to see what the future holds. We will be ready to administer each election and in the manner required by law."

Municipal race results

In the municipal race for town council, Anne Swift-Kayatta won re-election with 3,590 votes and new candidate Dave Sherman was elected with 2,684 votes, both to three-year terms. Evan Livada received

2,084 votes and Mark Zajkowski received 1,971 votes.

In the school board race, new candidate Mary Townsend was elected to a three-year term with 3,787 votes and incumbent Kathy Ray was re-elected to a three-year term with

3,205 votes. Fred Sturtevant received 2,035 votes.

Incumbent Linda Winker was elected to serve the unexpired two-year term of former School Board member, Jack Kennealy. Winker received 2,926 votes. Challenger Pi-

2,108.

Democrat Jane Eberle was re-elected to represent District 123, which includes part of Cape Elizabeth. She defeated Republican challenger Peter Reynolds, with 533 Cape votes cast in her favor and 244 Cape votes cast for Reynolds.

In the race for the District 7 seat in the Maine Senate, Democrat Lawrence Bliss prevailed over Republican Thomas Dunne for the seat vacated by Sen. Lynn



Dave Sherman



Anne Swift-Kayatta



Kathy Ray



Mary Townsend



Linda Winker

otr Stamieszkin received 2,141 votes.

General election results

Democrat Cynthia Dill was re-elected to the State House, District 121, defeating Republican challenger Jessica Sullivan 3,258 to

Bromley. Cape voting, however, had 3,184 votes for Dunne and 2,854 for Bliss.

Voting with the county, Cape voters favored Democrat John O'Brien over Republican Teri McRae for Register of Probate, 3,236 to 2,394. They also favored Democrat Richard Feeney over Republican Nancy Larsen for County Commissioner,



Rep. Cynthia Dill

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Results

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Rep. Jane Eberle

3,365 to 2,335. Cumberland County Charter Commission candidates Mary Ann Lynch and Neil Jamieson received 5,105 votes and 2,830 votes, respectively, in a "vote for two" race.

Cape residents favored successful Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, Chellie Pingree, over Republican Charles Summers, by 3,460 to 2,776.

In the U.S. Senate race, Cape voters favored successful incumbent, Republican Susan Collins over Democratic challenger Tom Allen, 3,316 to 2,950.

Cape voters overwhelmingly favored Senator Barack Obama for president, casting 4,164 votes for the Democratic ticket, and 2,118 votes for Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin. Seven votes were cast for the Green Independent ticket of Cynthia McKinney and Rosa Clemente and 46 votes were cast for the Independent ticket of Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzalez.

Referendum results

Cape voters joined the state in rejecting the beverage tax, by 3,501 to 2,638 and the Oxford County casino, by 3,999 to 2,215. Cape voters also voted with the state in approving a \$3.4 million bond issue for drinking water and wastewater treatment programs, 3,876 to 2,164.

Exit polling reiterates priorities of schools, preservation, taxes

By Elizabeth Brogan

Two hundred and ninety voters who cast ballots at the high school on Nov. 4 chose to participate in exit polling taken by Cape Elizabeth High School government classes, in cooperation with *The Cape Courier*.

More than half (60.2 percent) of those polled felt that government should "do more to solve problems," with 39.8 percent believing government was "doing too many things that are better left to business/individuals."

Almost a full half (49.8 percent) of those polled considered themselves to be Democrats; 30.6 percent self-identified as Independent and 17.1 percent as Republican.

The top three priorities identified by polled voters were "improving our schools and expanding educational opportunities," (56.2 percent) "protection and preservation of natural landscape," (55.5 percent) and "stop the growth of the property-tax rate," (40.9 percent).

Polled voters relied on televised news (87.8 percent), for information about state and local races, with national newspapers a close second (82.1 percent). Voters overwhelmingly relied on their local newspaper for information about municipal candidates (86.3 percent).

More than half (55.6 percent) of those polled were female and more than half (54.7 percent) had a total family income of \$100,000 or more. While all age groups were represented in the survey, there was a decline in participating senior citizens this year, when surveys were performed on laptops. "Our student poll takers expect that there is a bias in the results," said Cape Elizabeth High School teacher, Ted Jordan. "There were senior citizens who allowed government students to help them, but most did not."

Business zone

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A — one along Shore Road at the border with South Portland, and the other along Route 77 between Broad Cove Road to beyond Kettle Cove Road and the Kettle Cove Takout and Dairy Bar.

"The amendments have been drafted to revise the regulations for the Business A District to represent a neighborhood business district, as recommended in the comprehensive plan," said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara, in a memo to the town council. The board voted to send the amendments to the town council after holding a public forum in April, several workshops, and a public hearing.

"The changes include definitions, permitted uses, performance standards and new design standards," O'Meara's memo says.

"The amendments package also includes a recommendation to reduce the wetland setback to 100 feet in the BA District for properties served by public water and sewer," it says.

At a public hearing in October, citizens opposing the amendments had several con-

cerns, including the proposed definition of a restaurant as an establishment where less than 50 percent of sales are from alcohol. The board clarified the definition to say the sales were to be calculated annually.

Neighbors of the BA districts also objected to the wetland amendment, which would allow businesses in the Route 77 district to expand by reducing the wetland buffer.

Neighbors of the Shore Road business district also opposed a proposal to add property at 553 Shore Road to the business zone. At the Nov. 10 town council meeting, neighbors organized as the North Shore Neighborhood Association objected to the rezoning and to asked for less business intensity.

While the amendments propose to expand the business district along Shore Road, they also seek to revert part of the business district along Route 77, behind the former Jordan's Agway, to residential zoning.

The ordinance committee will likely wait until after the town council caucus Nov. 20, when subcommittee members for the year will be named, to schedule their review of the proposed amendments.

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

Town ways

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six months, but the amendments extend that period to three years, to allow for a freeze-and-thaw cycle, Malley said.

Other changes include requiring Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices standard

work zone signage at road excavation sites, something mandated for state road projects, but not currently on town ways. The requirements mirror those in neighboring communities like South Portland and Scarborough, Malley said.

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LETTERS continued

Walk 'makes strides' against breast cancer

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank the Greater Portland area for its generosity and support of the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Approximately 2,500 walkers and volunteers participated, and we raised nearly \$275,000 to fight breast cancer and provide hope for all people facing this disease.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a chance to celebrate survivorship. I want to applaud the many survivors that led the way. These folks are heroes. They are our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives and friends. They are the reason we continue the fight, and they remind us all of a very important message — finding breast cancer early — when it's most treatable — can save lives.

A special thanks to the members of our Planning Committee and all the volunteers

who worked to make this event a success. Sincere thanks to all the businesses that generously supported this event through sponsorship. We could not have done it without you! We also appreciate the generosity of this year's top sponsors — Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Custom Disability Solutions, Elmet Technologies, Maine's Coast 93.1, Portland Pirates, Tanger Outlets, and Tyler Technologies — for their contributions and participation in this year's walk.

As the Portland Strides walk grows, so must the committee that plans it. There are many opportunities. To learn more, make a donation, or for cancer-related information, support and resources call 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit www.cancer.org.

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County budget worth learning about

By Jim Rowe

County government is usually not a hot topic of conversation here in Maine. For most citizens, it is that ill-defined level of bureaucracy somewhere between our town council and the state legislature. At least that was my perception before I was elected to serve on the Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee.

So what does county government actually do?

1) This year, it lays claim to over \$1,000,000 of our town's property tax-generated revenues (nonnegotiable). The level of participation is essentially set by three county commissioners. For fiscal years 2000-2008, Cape Elizabeth's county assessment rose by 73.2 percent. One of our town council goals this year was "to communicate to county officials the need to restrain spending."

2) It provides staffing and support for the Cumberland County Jail.

3) It provides law enforcement and patrol services for several of the county's more rural (and a few not-so-rural) municipalities through a county sheriff's office.

4) It provides prosecutorial services through the District Attorney's Office for crimes and offenses that are not handled in the federal court system or by the Maine Attorney General's office.

5) It processes, records, and stores real estate deeds and transactions throughout the county (some dating as far back as 1760).

6) It handles matters of probate, including estates, adoptions and guardianships, name changes, etc.

7) It provides emergency management services for the county.

8) It operates a state-of-the-art emergency communications/dispatching network.

9) It supports and maintains the Cumberland County Court House, the Cumberland County Civic Center, and other county facilities such as the EMA/communications center in Windham (see 7 and 8 above), a parking garage, etc.

10) It provides a Portland home for the state's district, superior, and supreme courts

11) It provides support for several social and environmental service agencies.

At the last of four Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee meetings on November 6, I proposed that the bottom line tax impact of county spending be limited to +2.5 percent over last year (excluding the increase in jail costs, which are now being borne by the state). The CCBAC ultimately settled on a recommendation of +3.0 percent.

Regarding the sheriff's office: Many communities (including Cape Elizabeth) employ their own municipal police departments and are not patrolled by the sheriff's department. A few smaller communities contract directly with the sheriff for a negotiated level of patrol service. For these towns, this precludes the need for municipal police departments. By statute, the sheriff's office is required to provide a minimal level of patrol service for all other communities in Cumberland County. I found it interesting that the towns of Gray and New Gloucester, for example, neither contract for sheriff services, nor do they have their own police

departments. A portion of the county's tax assessment on Cape Elizabeth is therefore applied to sheriff's department coverage for Gray and New Gloucester. It was my contention in the Budget Advisory Committee meetings that communities like these should be expected to contract for their sheriff services, thereby shifting the costs from the current countywide levy toward a user fee. Our county commissioners will have the final say on this.

I also proposed (and Cumberland County Probate Judge Joseph Mazziotti agreed) that there may be economies of scale if the probate services of two or three southern Maine counties could be consolidated. I urged the commissioners to explore this.

There will be a public hearing on the FY '09 Cumberland County budget on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Scarborough Town Hall. Interested citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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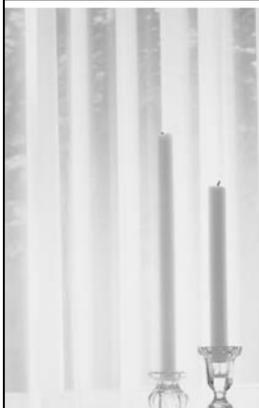
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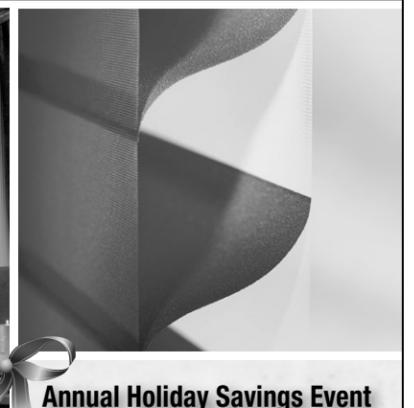
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COMPLAINTS

- 10-16 An officer retrieved an abandoned bicycle from High Bluff and Glenden Road.
- 10-17 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a burglary complaint. Forced entry was attempted, but it does not appear that entry was gained.
- 10-18 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding the theft of a leaf blower.
- 10-19 An officer spoke with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a stolen mailbox.
- 10-20 An officer met with a resident regarding harassing phone calls. The defendant is known to the plaintiff. The plaintiff has been advised of available options.
- 10-22 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area regarding criminal mischief to a car. The entire rear window had been smashed out.
- 10-22 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst area regarding criminal mischief to a motor vehicle. The owner reported damage to the windshield.
- 10-23 A resident of the Elizabeth Park area came to the PD and turned in an eight-speed gray bike he had found by Lions Field.
- 10-25 An officer met with a resident of the Belfield Road area regarding a dog/skunk encounter. The skunk escaped. The dog was quarantined for 45 days.
- 10-25 An officer met with residents in the Longfellow Drive area regarding a noise complaint from the PA system at Hannaford Field. The plaintiffs reported that the system is being used for purposes other than those outlined in the policies for Hannaford Field. The officer made contact with the athletic director regarding the complaint.
- 10-27 A resident of the Mitchell Road area reported a missing surfboard, although it was unknown if it was stolen from his vehicle or if it fell off. The surfboard was later turned in to the PD by a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area. The plaintiff was contacted and property returned.
- 10-27 A resident of the Shore Road area reported the theft of a gray Trek bicycle.

10-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Two Lights Road area regarding a dog-bite complaint.

SUMMONSES

- 10-14 SP resident, operating without a license, Route 77
- 10-18 Cumberland resident, OUI, Ocean House Rd.
- 10-21 CE resident, speeding (43/25 zone), Scott Dyer Rd.
- 10-21 CE resident, keeping a dangerous dog, dog-at-large, Avon Rd.
- 10-22 Windham resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$208
- 10-22 Scarborough resident, operating without license, violation of conditions of release, possession of drug paraphernalia, Bowery Beach Rd.
- 10-25 Scarborough resident, operating after license suspension., Shore Rd.
- 10-26 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 10-28 CE resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 10-28 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Mitchell Rd., \$70
- 10-28 CE resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133

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- 10-18 Possession of marijuana

ARRESTS

- 10-8 SP resident, violation of bail conditions
- 10-13 CE resident, OUI, Chimney Rock Rd.

ACCIDENTS

- 10-15 Courtney Ward, deer, Old Ocean House Rd.
- 11-3 Jim Toulouse, accident on Spurwink Ave.

FIRE CALLS

- 10-15 Broad Cove Rd., activated fire alarm
- 10-16 Avon Rd., utility pole fire
- 10-20 Two Lights Rd., assist Rescue
- 10-23 Stonegate Rd., smoke detector
- 10-25 Starboard Dr., fuel spill
- 10-27 Woodland Rd., smoke investigation

RESCUE CALLS

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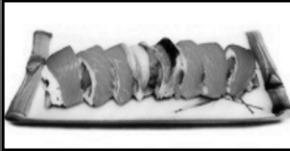
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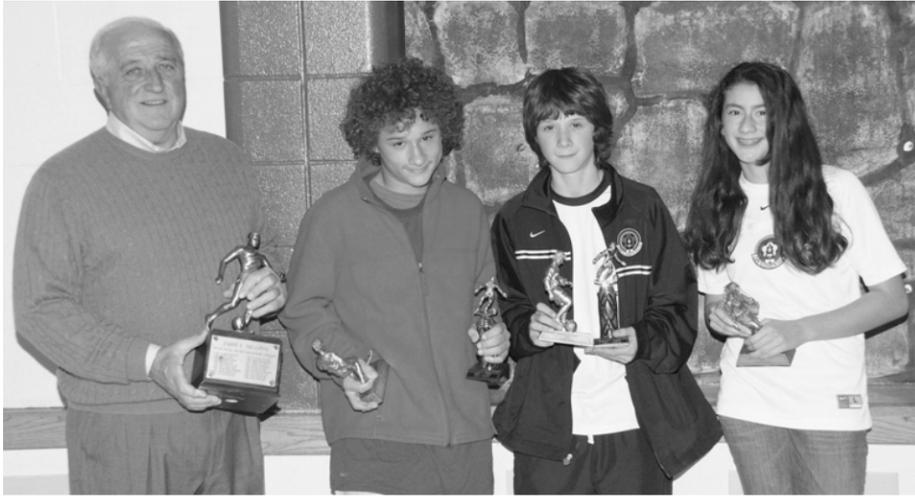


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Three Cape eighth-graders win Jamie Higgins award for citizenship



Gathering on Nov. 13 in the middle school cafeteria are Cape Elizabeth eighth-graders, second from left to right, Stefan LaRose, Brett Parker, and Caroline Gleason, whom Cape resident John Brady presented with Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club's annual Jamie Higgins Award for sportsmanship at the club's soccer recognition night. The award is named in honor of Cape Elizabeth soccer player Jamie Higgins, who passed away when he was 11 years old. Each year since 1985, the award has gone to a player or players on the boys' and girls' Under-14 (U-14) team. Stefan's father, Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club volunteer Dave LaRose, won the club's Skip Houghton Award for outstanding volunteerism and CEHS students Michael Taintor and Karyn Barrett received the club's Referee of the Year awards.

Boys' cross country!



Photo collage by Beth Rand

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' cross-country team finished second in Class B Maine at the state championship on Nov. 1 at Belfast. Two Cape senior runners finished in the top 10: Matt Rand in second place and Chris Flathers in seventh. Freshman Thomas Bottomley finished 14th in the state. The following weekend in Manchester, N.H., the Capers finished 14th overall in New England and second among Maine teams at the New Englands. Pictured clockwise from top left are Ryan Ayers, Spencer Garland, Chris Flathers, Thomas Bottomley, Matt Rand, Sean Thomas, Leo Ledman, Bobby Yokabaskas, Peter Brigham, Coach Dave Weatherbie, Chris Haller (23), Will Kelly (24), John Menz (26), Paul Trantina (30), Tom Robinson, Matt Donovan (117), Niles Bond (15), Joe Atkins (13) and Reid Douty.

Cape Nordic silent auction to be held Dec. 7

Cape Nordic will hold its annual silent auction from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

Up for bid will be game tickets, boat rides, outdoor wear, jewelry, art, and many more items. All proceeds will benefit the Nordic teams at the high school and middle school. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available at the event, at which people can also learn

about ski trails in Cape Elizabeth and get information about Nordic skiing.

To view items that will be available at the auction, go to www.capenordic.com. For more information about the event, contact Karen Kurkjian at jattwool@maine.rr.com or 799-0099 or Ellen Kast at erkast@maine.rr.com or 767-4877.



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Amo Houghton, Haley Thompson win 2008 Kevin Brady Spirit, People on the Hill awards

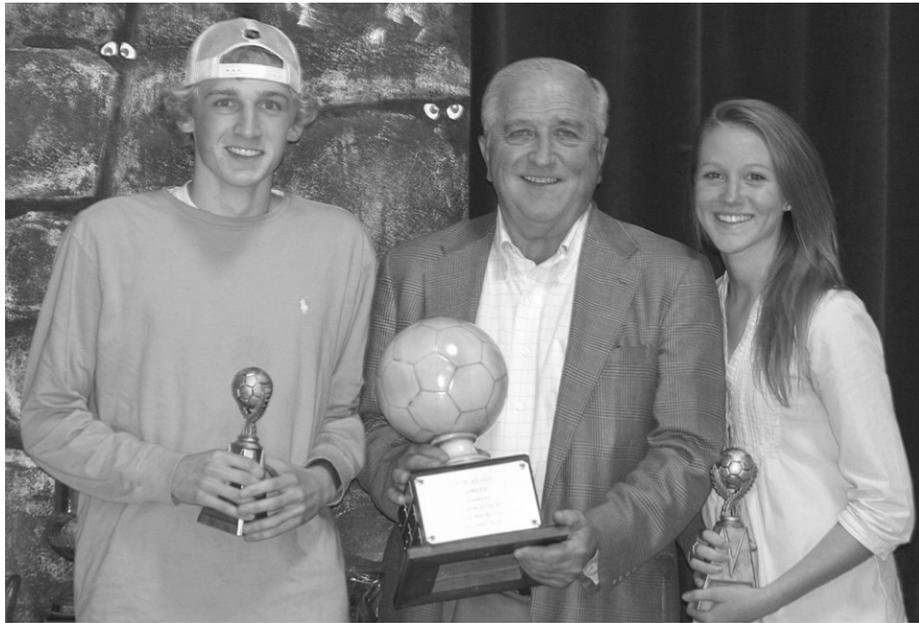


Photo by Alan Thibeault

Cape high soccer players, Amo Houghton, far left, and Haley Thompson, far right, gather with John Brady on Nov. 11 in the middle school cafeteria.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School soccer players Haley Thompson and Amo Houghton won double-headers on Nov. 11 in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeteria, when both received Cape soccer boosters' two player awards. Both seniors won the 2008 Kevin Brady Spirit Award and the People on the Hill award.

The Kevin Brady Spirit award is given to a boy and girl soccer player each year in honor of CEHS soccer player Kevin Brady, who died when he was 17 years old. Award recipients display Kevin's spirit on and off the field.

"Kevin was very intense on the field, but when he was off the field and the game was over, he could see the lighter side of things," John Brady says of his son. "He had a great sense of humor."

Thompson and Houghton also won the 2008 People on the Hill award, given annually to a boy and girl who have distinguished themselves throughout the season by demonstrating the highest qualities of sports-

manship, citizenship and spirit on and off the field.

Parent Catie Fairbanks-Cliffe received the 2008 Rollie Moore award, given each year to a community member who has dedicated time and energy to Cape Elizabeth soccer. Rollie Moore, the award's namesake, was a longtime coach at CEHS and actively participated in the development of youth soccer in Cape Elizabeth. He is currently a soccer official.

This year, Falmouth High School's soccer team won the Brady Cup, also named in Kevin's honor. Each year, the cup goes to the team that has the best season record in games played among the Yarmouth, Falmouth, Greely, and Cape teams.

The four schools used to be members of the Triple C conference before the establishment of the Western Maine conference, in which Cape and Greely are part of Class A and Falmouth and Yarmouth members of Class B.

Last year Cape won the cup.

Soccer players receive academic awards

Cape Elizabeth High School soccer players Zachary Breed and Sether Hanson and Cheverus High School soccer player Catherine Wise received All-Academic awards from the 2008 Southwestern Maine

Activities Association. The awards are given to senior student athletes with a career grade point average of 3.2 or higher through six semesters.

Cape softball players selected for premier team

Cape softball players Helen Gillis, Colleen Martin, Emily Richardson, Allyson Boyington, Lauren Nicholson, Mollie Thibodeau, Tess Haller, Courtney Jones and Megan Nicholson are among 34 out of 100 softball players from around the state selected for 2009 Southern Maine Flame teams.

The Southern Maine Flame, Maine's premier softball organization, has six teams that range in age from under 10 to under 18.

Flame teams have won 11 American Softball Association state championships and three ASA regional championships.

Cape's Kyle Toot rushes to record



After taking the hand off, Kyle Toot slices off-tackle during a Kenyon College game.

By Wendy Keeler

Kyle Toot, a standout running back at Cape Elizabeth High School, is still rushing his way to victory. Toot led the Kenyon College football team this year in rushing with 1,280 yards, finishing first in the North Coast Athletic Conference in rushing yards per game. He now holds the No. 3 single-season rushing record at the Gambier, Ohio, college.

A 2006 CEHS graduate, Toot scored 11 touchdowns this season—10 rushing and

one receiving. At Kenyon's Oct. 4 game in Pittsburgh, Pa., against Carnegie Mellon, Toot rushed for 208 yards, the ninth 200-yard performance in Kenyon sports history.

"Players like Kyle do not come around very often," CEHS football coach Aaron Filieo said. "Typically you have a player that is strong in one area but lacks in others. Kyle was the whole package. He was the best on and off the field. Not only could he run, block, catch and tackle; Kyle was a

—see KYLE TOOT, page 24

Fortieth annual Turkey Trot set for Nov. 23

The 40th annual Maine Running Co. Turkey Trot 5K will happen on Sunday, Nov. 23. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. A kids' fun run is planned at 8:30 a.m.

The race will benefit Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland and Greater Portland YWCA.

The entry fee will be \$16 on race day and \$13 for people who preregister. Kids will run free. Awards will go to the top three men

and women overall, and the top three in the following age groups: 14 and younger; 15 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, and 80 and older. First-place finishers in each age group will receive a turkey, with matching donations to the Wayside Soup Kitchen.

For more information, contact Mark Grandonico at 232-0232.



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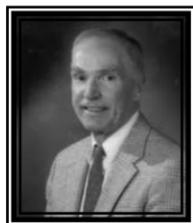
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CAPE CALENDAR

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 22

Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

Christmas Prelude Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road.

Winter Wine Tasting, 7-9 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Pancake Breakfast, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road.

Advent Wreath Making, 1-3 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

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

Wednesday, Nov. 26

School Board Finance Committee, 8 a.m., Superintendent's Office, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

Thursday, Nov. 27, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Holiday. Closures: Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth schools, Donald L. Richards Pool, Recycling Center (closed Thursday, but open Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Monday, Dec. 1

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

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Planning Board workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

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

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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

Thursday, Dec. 4

Pond Cove School Annual Holiday Fair, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Pond Cove School gym, 12 Scott Dyer Road.

Monday, Dec. 8

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., Thomas

Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

Sunday, Dec. 14

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

Ongoing each week

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 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

'Annie Warbucks' features Cape's Howard sisters, Shannon and Colleen



Shannon Howard, left, is Annie, and Gregory Charette is Daddy Warbucks in Lyric Music Theater's "Annie Warbucks."

Cape Elizabeth seventh-grader Shannon Howard stars in the musical "Annie Warbucks," which will run at the Lyric Music Theater through Sunday, Dec. 7. Shannon's sister, Colleen, a ninth-grader at Cape Elizabeth High School, plays Pepper.

The second production of Lyric's 56th season, the family-friendly show picks up where the musical "Annie" left off, when Daddy Warbucks is informed that he must marry within 60 days or Annie will be returned to the orphanage. The plot thickens as he searches for a suitable bride, and there's

an attempt to strip him of his fortune. In the process, he realizes his true feelings for his longtime assistant. Little orphan girls in search of parents add to the mischief in the story. Stacey Koloski directs, and Jamie Lupien is the music director.

The show runs Nov. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30; Dec. 5, 6 and 7. Shows are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. An extra matinee is also planned at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for —see 'ANNIE WARBUCKS', page 15

Local artists' silent auction, holiday sale, to benefit local Community Crisis Ministries Fund

Local artists and teachers from Artascope Studios will be donating their handmade items to benefit the Community Crisis Ministries Fund of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth this season.

"Gathering donations of unique handmade work from local artists is an effective way for us to give back to our community" said Suzanne Kiertianis, Manager of Artascope Studios. "We began collecting donations last month and have already received over \$1200 in donations." Items include paintings, handbags, silver jewelry, placemats, gift certificates, batik, fiber arts and more.

The public can see the items available for bidding at Artascope Studios which is located on 352 Cottage Road in South Portland starting on Nov. 12. One hundred percent of the funds generated from the auction will go toward helping members of the community pay for basic needs such as housing, food,

health care, and clothing. Anyone wishing to donate an item can contact Artascope Studios by telephone at 207-799-5154 or by e-mail at suzannek@artascope.com.

The auction items will also be shown during Artascope Studio's Third Annual Holiday Sale which runs from Fri., Dec. 12 through Wed., Dec. 24. All funds raised will benefit the Community Crisis Ministries Fund of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, administered by the First Congregational Church on Cottage Road. This is the third year in a row that Artascope Studios has organized a fundraising effort to benefit the Community Crisis Ministries Fund. The fund was started in 1999 with an anonymous donation and a stipulation that all the money be given to individuals, not charities. Over the past eight years more than 900 families have received assistance from the fund. In 2007, more than \$83,000 was given to over 150 families.

CAPE CABLE GUIDE

CHANNEL 3

Words of Peace

Nov 22 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Nov 23 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Nov 29 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Nov 30 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Black Nativity - In Concert.

A Gospel Celebration

Nov 22 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Nov 23 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Nov 24 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Nov 28 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Nov 29 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Nov 30 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 1 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 5 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 6 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 7 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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School Board (live)

Dec 2 - 7 p.m.

School Board replay

Dec 3 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Dec 4 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Town Council (live)

Dec 8 - 7:30 p.m.

Town Council replay

Dec 9 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Dec 10 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. For an up-to-date listing, check the program guide cablecast on Channel 3.

Portland 'Black Nativity' on CETV this month

CETV, Cape Elizabeth public access cable Channel 3, will broadcast "Black Nativity - In Concert. A Gospel Celebration," a documentary on the making of the celebrated Black Nativity performed at Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland.

The presentation features live performances of the Black Nativity recorded live on Dec. 11, 2004, as well as interviews with members of the church choir and the production's director, conductor-pianist Aaron Robinson.

Through the Black Nativity, Robinson shows how music is both universal and inclusive, encompassing no barriers of race, creed or color.

The original Black Nativity, a compilation of gospel songs and poetry by African-American poet Langston Hughes, premiered on Broadway on Dec. 11, 1961, and closed after only 50 performances. However, a re-

ording of the show was made.

Robinson, a Maine native, tells of his formative years as a musician inspired by the recordings of African-American styles of jazz, ragtime and blues. As a non-African American, Robinson began to realize in his childhood that music is music, and that regardless of race, any soul with a willing spirit can breathe as one with the music.

"Black Nativity - In Concert. A Gospel Celebration" runs 1 hr. and 8 min., and will be presented on CETV at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on these dates: Saturdays, Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Sundays, Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28; Mondays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 15, 22 and 29; Fridays Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Presentation of Black Nativity on CETV is sponsored locally by Reef Road resident John Serrage.

Rotary Christmas tree sale to begin Nov. 28

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club will receive its first truckload of Christmas trees early Friday, Nov. 28, and begin sales at 9 a.m. that day at Mill Creek Park in South Portland. Since 1962, the club, which this year ordered about 2,100 Maine-grown trees, has sold Christmas trees to raise money for community charitable causes.

"We all look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors, watching the children's excitement as they search for the 'perfect' tree, and spreading the holiday spirit," said Cape resident Joan Frustaci, who is heading up the tree sale. "Best of all, every penny raised is returned to the community in the form of scholarships, local improvement projects, and donations to needy charitable programs."

Because of demand in past seasons, trees will continue to be primarily in the six- to eight-foot range. There will also be some in the five- to six-foot category, some nine- to 10-footers, and some tabletop trees, too.

"We appreciate the support of the community and are looking forward to another great season. On Dec. 6 and 7 and especially on Dec. 13 and 14, we will be having our busiest, and most fun, weekends," Rotary Club President and Cape resident Janet McLaughlin said.

Art for Dog Sake show to be held Nov. 23 at Sprague Hall

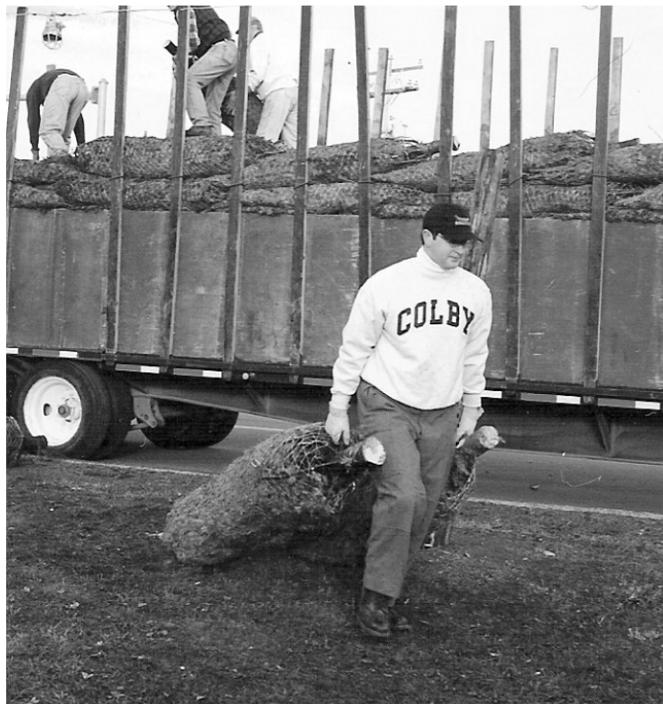
Artists from around the state, including Cape Elizabeth, will hold their third annual Art for Dog Sake show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23, at Sprague Hall in Cape Elizabeth.

A \$2 donation at the door will go directly to Maine-based Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit rescue organization dedicated to freeing chained dogs and putting them into homes and families. In 2007, the Maine chapter placed 171 forgotten dogs into loving homes.

Cape native and CEHS graduate Nina Houghton creates sea-glass jewelry and belts. Cape Elizabeth artist, Jim Williams, who owns Mainely Labs Studio in Portland, creates acrylic paintings featuring bold color images of Labrador retrievers, as well as prints, greeting cards, mugs, T-shirts and other gifts. Jenny's Chickens Natural Sauces are created in Cape Elizabeth with natural ingredients and no preservatives.

Paintings, calendars, ornaments, earthenware, cookbooks, posters, silver jewelry, and skin products will also be featured at the event.

For more information, e-mail festivefish@aol.com. For more information about Dogs Deserve Better, visit www.dogsdeservebettermaine.petfinder.com.



A Rotary Club volunteer drags Christmas trees just unloaded off a wagon at last year's Rotary Christmas tree sale in South Portland's Mill Creek.

Hockey team to pick up trees in fundraiser

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team will collect discarded Christmas trees as a fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 3. Players continue an annual tradition started by Girl Scout Troop 1402 members, who provided this community service in re-

cent years.

Money raised through the fundraiser will help defer costs of the CEHS hockey sports program. Anyone interested should watch for information to be posted in neighborhoods or call Betsy St. Germain at 799-2039.

School officials ask residents to enroll 2009-2010 kindergartners now

Because enrollment projections are crucial to school budget planning, school officials ask parents of 2009-2010 kindergartners to enroll their children now at Pond Cove School by calling 799-7339.

Children who will be five years old by Oct. 15, 2009, are eligible.

School officials also request parents of children currently attending other schools to contact them if they plan to send their children to Cape schools next year.

"Please also pass on this request," Pond Cove secretary Barbara McLean said.

Garden Club meeting set for Dec. 3

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold its last meeting of the year on Dec. 3 at the home of Nancy Atwell on Scott Dyer Road. A holiday greens workshop is planned. Members should bring greens, decorations, and wreath or other bases to use in making their own arrangements. Centerpieces for the

Community Center Senior Dinner will also be created at this meeting.

The garden club meets monthly from April through December. Individuals interested in learning more about the garden club or becoming a member of the club may contact Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

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Library offers new 'Playaways' for audiobook listening

By Rachel Davis, Children's Librarian, Thomas Memorial Library

The library is introducing a new collection of Playaways – pre-loaded MP3 players, designed to carry just one complete book in a portable, small, high-tech package. Playaway is the newest format of audio, combining a wide variety of content with an easy-to-use player all in one small unit. When you borrow a Playaway, all you have to do is press play to start listening immediately – there are no CDs or cassettes, and there is no need for a separate player. Just attach ear buds or headphones, put the Playaway in your pocket or a cell-phone holster, and go!

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These little audio book players are ideal for taking to exercise classes, walking, working in the yard, or in your truck or tractor, when it is hard to listen to other kinds of stereo systems.

For our initial collection, the library staff decided to purchase titles that would appeal to a broad range of audiences. Classic children's titles, and those with some appeal for teens and adults, were selected, as were young adult titles with adult appeal. Titles for adults were selected to appeal to high school students as well as adults. Some of the library's new Playaway titles include: "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger; "Animal Farm," by George Orwell; "Pride and Prejudice," by Jane Austen;



Susan Samberg, circulation librarian, demonstrates the use of the library's new Playaway audiobooks. Playaways are pre-loaded, self-contained MP3 players that each contain one entire audiobook.

"Bridge to Terabithia," by Katherine Paterson; "Leaping Beauty," by Gregory Maguire; "The Wind in the Willows," by Kenneth Grahame; and "Death of Gentle Lady," by M. C. Beaton.

The library will circulate the Playaways with batteries, and users can either supply their own earbuds or headphones, or purchase a pair at cost from the library. Because Playaways will work with any device designed to be used with a headphone jack, they may be used with portable speakers, cassette adapters or FM transmitters for car use. The library has purchased sets of these devices which users may borrow.

If you like the new Playaway audio books, be sure to tell a librarian! Playaways are a surprisingly affordable and durable way to listen to a book – comparable to the price of a book on CD – and they cannot be scratched! The library's initial Playaway collection is made possible through the Barbara and Marion Chase Funds with additional support from the Friends of the Thomas Memorial Library. For a complete list of Playaway titles currently available at the library, please visit the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.



Kelly Strout works with Morgan horse, Ty, in this photo by Patricia McCarthy.

December photo essay exhibit to highlight Cape treasure: Strouts' Shady Oak Farm

A photographic essay exhibit titled "Shady Oak Farm: A Dream Shared, A Cape Legacy Preserved," will be on display at Thomas Memorial Library during the month of December.

An opening reception will be held Friday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The exhibit is the work of photographer Patricia McCarthy, a recipient of a Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission grant. McCarthy has spent 15 months photographing the many aspects of Kelly and Andy Strout's horse farm on Fowler Road.

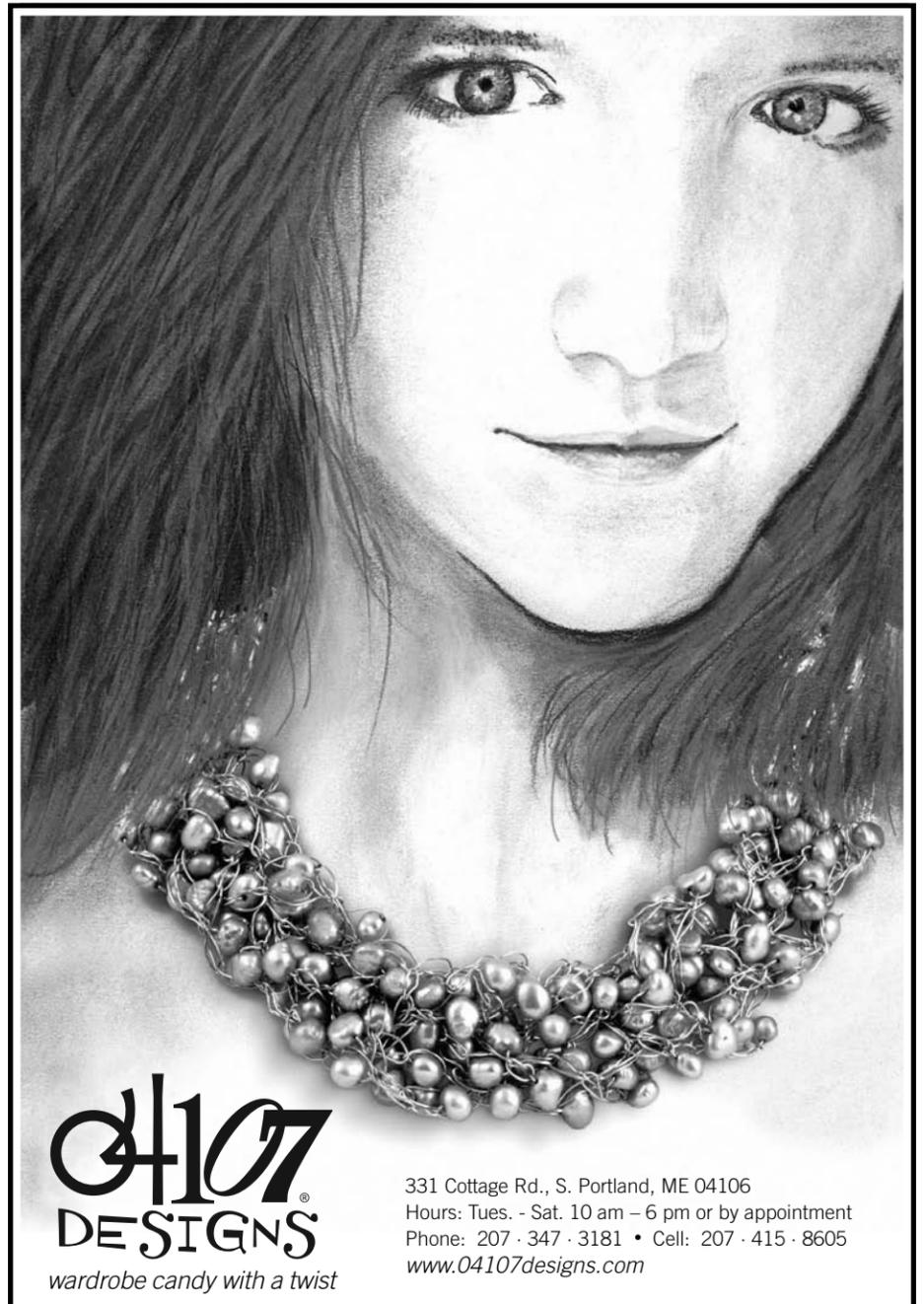
"I hope my photo essay opens a window into one of Cape's most beautiful and important assets," says McCarthy. "The Strouts are lifelong Cape Elizabeth residents. They've worked so hard over the years to meet the

many challenges of the farming industry and have created such a wonderful place. And they're generous about sharing it with this community."

"I hope people come away from this exhibit with more of an understanding about how vitally important it is to preserve Cape's remaining farms. I'm so grateful to the Arts Commission and to the Strout family for being given a chance to explore this amazing place and to share what I've discovered."

McCarthy lives in Cape Elizabeth with her husband, Ed Murphy, and their three daughters, Kelley, Annie and Caroline – all of whom have also made many delightful trips to the farm over the past year.

McCarthy will post the exhibit photos at her Web site (www.patriciamccarthy.com) in January.



FALL LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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Visit the library online at: www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

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Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Tales for Tots

Songs, stories and movement for toddlers 18 to 36 months.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Story Garden

Songs, stories and movement for preschoolers 3 to 5 years.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

Songs, stories and movement for toddlers and preschoolers.

Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Theme for Nov. 23 - 29:

What's Cookin'?

Get ready for Thanksgiving with stories about food and cooking.

Nov. 27-28:

No Story Time

Library closed for Thanksgiving

Theme for Nov. 30 - Dec. 6:

A Gift for You

Stories about giving to celebrate the season.

Winter Story Time session begins Jan. 4

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SMCC luncheon for Cape seniors planned on Dec. 3

Community Services invites senior citizens to have lunch in Southern Maine Community College's dining hall on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Located on the college's campus in South Portland, the dining room overlooks Casco Bay and has a panoramic view of the inshore islands and Portland Headlight on a clear day. Community Services will provide transportation to and from the luncheon, but seniors who want to take their own cars are welcome to do so. However, because of student parking, spaces in the dining room parking lot are limited.

Buses will leave the back of the Cape Community Center at 11:15 a.m. The \$12 fee, which is all-inclusive and includes dessert and beverage, is due when reservations are made. Please make checks available to "Cape Elizabeth Community Services" and send them to 343 Ocean House Road, or drop them at the Community Center.

Holiday party for seniors set for Dec. 11 at Community Center

Community Services will hold a holiday party for seniors at the Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 11, featuring a catered lunch by the Buttered Biscuit in South Portland, entertainment by Cape school children, and floral decorations by the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club.

The luncheon, which will begin at 11:30 a.m., will feature a green salad, chicken divan, jasmine rice, cranberry relish, biscuits, assorted desserts, and beverages.

A guest from each table will go home with one of the fresh floral centerpieces by the Cape Garden Club that will decorate every table.

The cost for the luncheon is \$11, and the deadline for registration is Monday, Dec. 1. To reserve a place, please call 799-2868.

Volunteers needed to help with events for senior citizens

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

All interested should contact Community Services' Adult Programs Director Karen Allen at 799-2868.

"Annie Warbucks"

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children younger than 12.

For reservations, call 799-1421 or 799-6509. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays.

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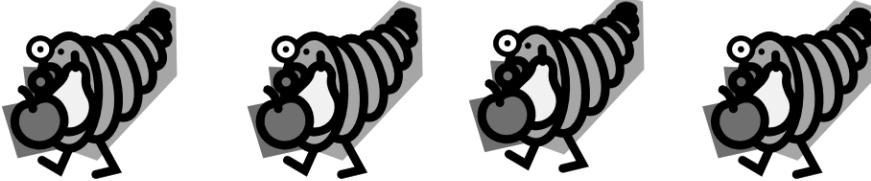




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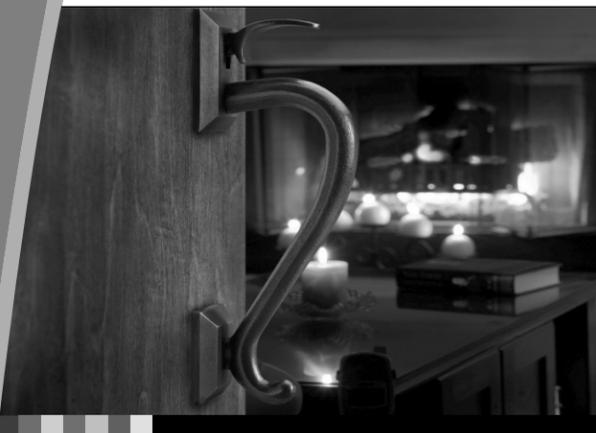
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'Beauty and Beast' to run through Nov. 26

Cape Elizabeth High School theater's "Beauty and the Beast" will run through Wednesday, Nov. 26, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

The work of 100 Cape community members, the production stars Sarah Friedman as Belle, Charles Colburn as her father, Casey Oakes as the Beast, Sawyer Theriault as Gaston, and more than 50 other cast members, including Pond Cove students.

Flash Allen leads the student pit band, which includes Luc Cary and Mary Eliza-

beth Simms. Marcus Goldbas and Harrison Otterbein light the sets, and 20 students, including Lewis Gillies and Nick Martin, have had a hand in designing, building, and painting the sets.

Showtimes will be 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21; Saturday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Nov. 25; and Wednesday, Nov. 26. A 2 p.m. matinee is planned Sunday, Nov. 23. Tickets, \$9 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, will be sold only at the door.

Safe Passage Club holding school supply drive

The Safe Passage Club at Cape Elizabeth High School, which raises funds and supplies for a school in Guatemala City attended by children whose families subsist off pickings from the city dump, is holding its annual school supply drive from Dec. 8 to Dec. 18. Drop-off boxes are located in the main office areas of Cape middle school, Pond Cove, and the high school, as well as in the

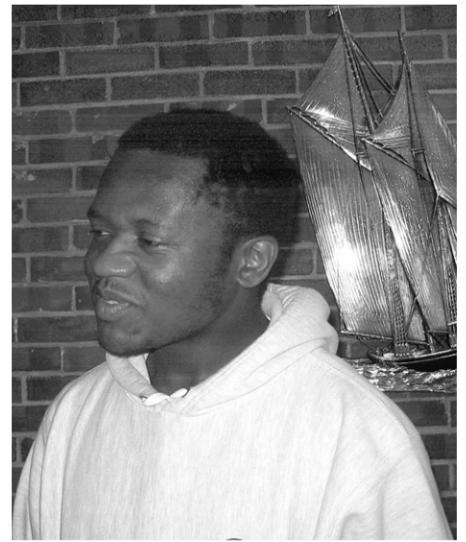
language rooms of the high school. The club will welcome pencils, colored pencils, glue, glue sticks, backpacks, lunchboxes, erasers, binders, folders, markers, staplers, and other school supplies.

For more information, please contact Katie Takach at bananafrittergirl@yahoo.com or Caitlin Pomeroy at caitpom1@aol.com.

CEMS French students have Haitian visitor

Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth- and eighth-grade French classes had a special visitor from Haiti last month. Jean Tortelus, who is living in Maine while studying to take his GED (General Educational Development) exam so that he can get a better job to support his family in Haiti, told students about his life in Haiti, taught them some new French words, discussed the importance of learning another language, and encouraged students to work hard in school.

"It was so much fun to watch Jean as he interacted with the students," Cape Elizabeth Middle School French teacher Lisa Leonard said. "He was a natural teacher when he stepped into the classroom. ... It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about another culture from an inspiring young man."



Jean Tortelus

Pond Cove Holiday Fair to be held Dec. 4

Pond Cove School's annual Holiday Fair will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Pond Cove gym. The fair will feature gifts, products and services from local artists, small businesses, and nonprofit charitable organizations. Prices will range from economical to more pricey for items that will include handmade jewelry, painted Adirondack chairs, health and beauty products, frames, mirrors, scrapbooking materi-

als, bags, belts, clothing, vintage signs, stationery, ceramics, photography and art.

Money raised at the fair, which is being organized by the Pond Cove Parents Association, will go directly to PCPA grants that fund programs and events at the school.

For more information about the fair or volunteering, contact Andie Mahoney at andiema-honey@maine.rr.com or 741-2482, or Amy Lombardo at ajlombardo44@yahoo.com.

Funny Farm receives top honor from state

Funny Farm School received the state's highest award for excellence in early care and education this fall. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services' early childhood division recognized the school in several areas: meeting accreditation standards from five national early childhood education associations; having teachers with backgrounds in higher education and with early-childhood education training; and for implementing a salary scale for teachers

based on professional qualifications.

"Funny Farm School is pleased to receive this award," said Funny Farm Program Administrator Heidi Topchik. "... What this means for families are more and better educated teachers working at our center, a commitment to making early learning an important part of our program and a higher degree of professionalism all around."

Scott and Lisa Rockwell own the school, which is located on Old Ocean House Road.



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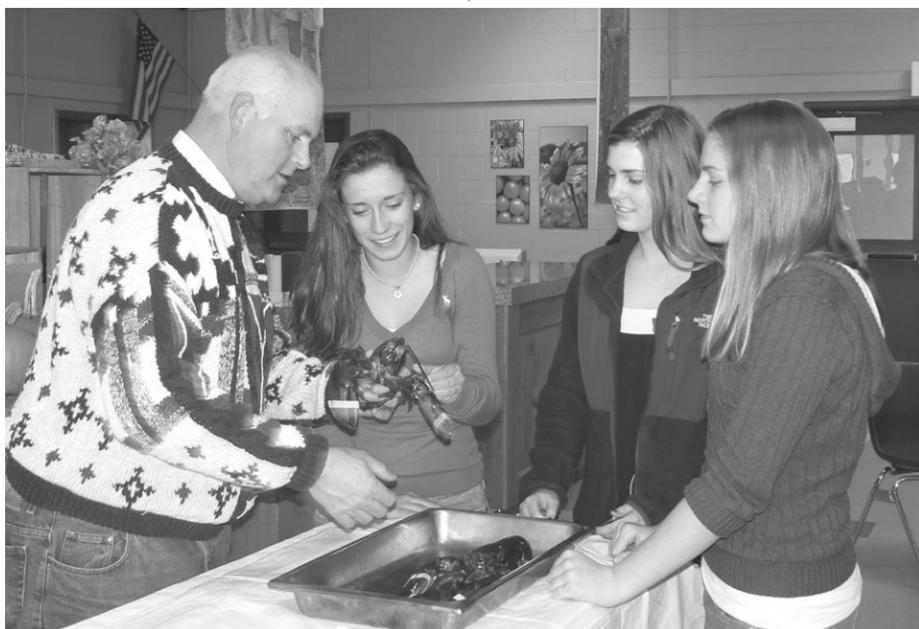
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Feasting Fridays: Experience what it would be like to be a real chef. Learn some nutritious and delicious recipes and have an opportunity to create some scrumptious treats of your own. Foods from other cultures will be introduced as well.

Lobster lessons, lobster lunch!



By Wendy Keeler

Cape lobsterman Greg Griffin gives Cape Elizabeth High School students, left to right, Emily Taintor, Katherine Sullivan, and Sarah Cummings a hands-on lobster lesson on Nov. 12 in the CEHS cafeteria. Griffin and fellow Cape lobstermen, John and Brendan Ready, Frank Strout, Stuart Jones, and Paul Fischer, donated dozens of lobsters, which CEHS Food Services Director Sue Buckley King turned into lobster stew for students and for Cape senior citizens, who dined that day in the cafeteria. Middle school teacher Andy Strout, who is also a lobsterman, coordinated the lobster donations, and Cape resident Penny Jordan coordinated dessert, apple-cranberry crisp. The CEHS wellness committee organized the event.

Eight Middle Eastern women talk to CEHS students about their region



Photos by Wendy Keeler

Student Olivia Earnshaw, far right, poses a question to eight Middle Eastern women and an interpreter, who visited the high school Oct. 30.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Lisa Kaplan will not soon forget Oct. 29, when eight Middle Eastern women visited Cape Elizabeth High School during a three-week U.S. stay organized by the State Department.

"It was probably the most valuable experience I've ever had in the Cape school system," said Kaplan, a member of the CEHS World Affairs Council, which sponsored the event.

The women — educators, journalists, politicians, political party officials, activists, teachers, businesswomen, and women's rights experts from Lebanon, Qatar, Yemen, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia — answered students' questions about their countries. They spoke about women's rights and human rights, political systems, and Islamic religious law, or "sharia." They spoke about historical turning points, terrorism, and how people in their countries view the U.S.

After arriving in the U.S. in mid-October, the women, along with two others from the Middle East and two interpreters, spent two weeks in Washington learning about the American political system. In Maine, they studied state government before heading to



May Tony, far left, and Sumar Sleem, who are both from Lebanon, speak to a student after the panel discussion.

Seattle, where they witnessed Election Day and the days leading up to it. CEHS is the only high school in the U.S. the women visited.

What Lebanese women had to say about two groups, Hamas and Hezbollah, particularly struck students, some said after the event. Based in Lebanon, Hezbollah is an Islamic political and paramilitary organization. Hamas is a Palestinian paramilitary organization and political party that holds a majority in the elected legislative council of the Palestinian National Authority.

The U.S. considers both to be terrorist groups. But three Lebanese women at the event asked students to consider why some in the Middle East might hold different opinions about the organizations.

"During the Second World War when Hitler invaded France, [members of] the French Resistance were considered terrorists by the

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The fair will be open for senior citizens and preview shopping from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, and from noon to 5 p.m. for the public. On Saturday, Holy Cross students will entertain with holiday music from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The fair that day will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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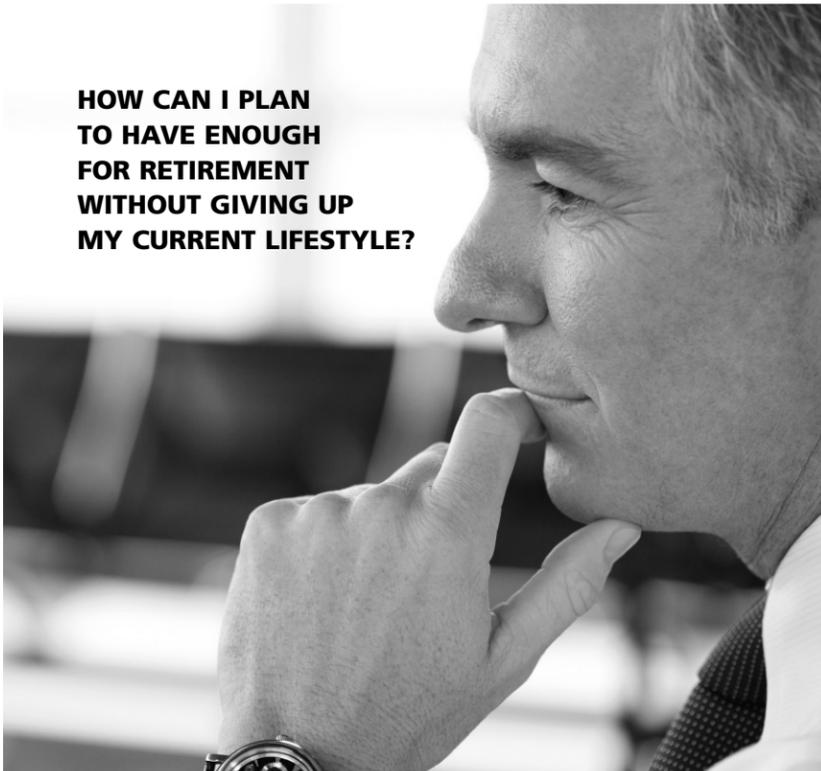
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**Middle East**

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German regime. But after the war, nobody considered them anything but heroes," said Lebanese lawyer Sumar Sleem, a member of the Free Patriotic Movement party. "For a big number of Lebanese people, [Hezbollah] are heroes. ... We do not consider them as terrorists, although some Lebanese will consider them that way. For us they are the people who defended the land, the people who freed the land."

In some parts of the country, Hezbollah has done a better job providing for citizens than the government, which Sleem said is rife with "corruption."

"When you have no health care, no good school, no education system, no security measures, no police available to protect you in the south and even in some parts of Beirut in the capital, and you have a certain party that will undertake all these projects ... then if you have democratic elections, people will go and vote for them," Sleem said.

Fellow Lebanese, May Tony, who is currently foreign press secretary for former Lebanese Prime Minister, Gen. Michel Aoun, and who plans to run for Parliament as a member of the Free Patriotic Movement party, advised students to consider point of view.

"... Really the issue of whether a group is terrorist or not depends on the perspective that you view this group from ...," said Tony, who doesn't consider either group terrorist.

"As people living in the Western world, we too have our own biased opinions, and maybe if we lived in that part of the world we might feel the same way about Hezbollah and Hamas," senior Shea Watson said.

For Kaplan, who visited Israel this summer, the women's views drove home the complexity of international relations, in which she plans to pursue a career.

"I obviously don't agree with the women when they talk about Hezbollah as freedom fighters, but to hear their explanations just showed that it's not as simple as black and white," Kaplan said. "The values they have are so different from ours because of the way they were raised. To work together to solve these kinds of humanitarian issues, you have to be so open-minded to all sides of the problem."

Terrorism was only one of many issues covered by the women. The countries' election processes also fascinated students.

"One of the things they said was how a lot of politicians in those countries would own TV stations and newspapers, which is

kind of interesting when [you consider how we] think that attack ads on TV are so biased," Watson said. "How can we compare ... our TV stations being liberal or conservative when politicians there actually own TV stations?"

What the eight women had to say about women's rights also interested students. On the one hand, women in the Middle East have experienced great progress in their rights.

"With regard to equal protection, there has been a serious change through what we call the Family Law that was established, and also the law of naturalization [through which] women now can naturalize the husband or the kids," said Ghizlan Mamouri of Morocco, a political communications expert who plans to run in Morocco's upcoming elections.

At the university where Faeza Farag Ahmed Bamatraf teaches in Yemen, the majority of graduates are women, Bamatraf said. But certain jobs are not open to women. "Males have opportunities to pursue different kinds of jobs. They go into the military, they go to the police, they establish their own businesses, or they go to pursue their education abroad. Women they do not have that opportunity. Just the education is left for women."

In general, women in the countries have more human and political rights than students believed before the event.

"I was surprised that under sharia women have more rights than I thought they did," sophomore Rob Macdonald said. "Their input turned around some of my biases."

Throughout their discussion, the women drove home the degree to which U.S. policy has affected their regions.

"The historical events that have had the largest effect on my region, the Gulf States, have been the war between Iran and Iraq in the 80s, followed in 1990 by the war between Iran and the international community ... and then the war between Iraq and the U.S.," said university professor Suaad Zayed Ibrahim, who plans to run for parliament in the next election in the United Arab Emirates. "We experienced rapid change because of oil, and then the war. Now there is potential of conflict between the U.S. and Iran. That's what everybody is scared of. The war's affect ... our everyday lives, so we are suffering. ... We don't want war anywhere. We don't want the war between Iran and the United States to happen in our time. ... So that's my message to [your] generation. You will carry out the responsibility, in the future, of the United States."

CEHS guidance counselor receives 'Rising Star' award for national guidance work

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School Guidance Counselor Brandy LaPointe is one of three guidance counselors in the U.S. to receive a Rising Star Award this year from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

The award honors individuals and programs that "exemplify excellence and dedication to serving the needs of students in the transition from high school to college," a NACAC press release states.

A national assembly delegate and member of the government relations committee for NEACAC, the New England affiliate of NACAC, LaPointe attends association meetings four times a year and travels to Washington, D.C. every March to meet with Maine representatives. This March, she met with Sen. Olympia Snowe, Sen. Susan Collins, and aides to U.S. Rep. Tom Allen to express NACAC concerns and propose changes.

One change, calling for measures to simplify financial aid forms, is already underway, LaPointe said.

"We asked for it to be simplified down to nine or 10 questions, and I think it was," LaPointe said in her office on Nov. 6.

Other NACAC concerns this year include increasing the federal Pell Grant program, which awards students college grants that don't have to be paid back.

Of special concern to LaPointe is the establishment of graduate-level coursework in college admissions, specifically for school counseling degrees.

"There should be classes that teach how to counsel students on college admissions, and including something about writing col-



Brandy LaPointe

lege letters of recommendation would be important," said LaPointe, who said she had training most guidance counselors don't get. "I was fortunate enough to go to a summer institute before I ever started [at CEHS], so at least I got a crash course in it, but a very small number of people have that opportunity."

As a result, only some U.S. high school students have access to good college counseling. NEACAC members would like that to change.

"Basically we're asking for federal support to give incentives to colleges and universities to develop graduate course work in college admissions counseling. ... It should be required," LaPointe said.

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Middle School

Getting involved:

- 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:

- Squishy "stress" balls
- Knitting needles in sizes 8, 9, 10
- Adult wheelchair
- Yarn
- Small couch or loveseat; small, old kitchen table; desk resembling one from the 1800s, if possible, but not necessary, all for the middle school play
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United Way of Greater Portland President **Meg Baxter** received the Salvation Army's highest recognition in early November at a ceremony attended by more than 275 people. Recipients of the "Others Award" exemplify an "extraordinary spirit of service to others," a press release from the Salvation Army, Portland Corps, states.

Baxter has served as president of the United Way of Greater Portland since 1989.



United Way of Greater Portland President **Meg Baxter**, left, stands with **Suzanne McCormick**, the chief executive officer of People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP), at a Nov. 6 breakfast.

Margo B. Sullivan, a first-year student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, participated recently in the college's "White Coat" ceremony, where students are formally recognized as they make the transition from lay persons to those assuming the responsibility of physicians.

Margo is the daughter of **Harold and Jessica Sullivan**.



Margo Sullivan

Miles Kelley and Annamae Reed, both 2008 Cape Elizabeth High School graduates, will spend the next six months working on service projects with AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), a residential national service program created to assist with disaster relief, improve the environment, enhance education, increase public safety, and address unmet human needs.

Kelley and Reed recently arrived at NCCC's southwest region campus in Denver, Colo., to begin training. As corps members they will be responsible for completing a series of six- to eight-week-long service projects as part of 10- to 12-person teams. Fifteen of the NCCC's 24 teams will support the Federal Emergency Management Agency with continuing Hurricane Ike recovery projects in Texas. Four of the teams will travel to ongoing Hurricane Katrina recovery projects in New Orleans. The five remaining teams will stay in Colorado. One will work with a conservation program in Boulder, another with the American Red Cross, and three will begin training as wild-land firefighters with forest service personnel.

All NCCC members, who are 18 to 24 years old, complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange, they receive \$4,725 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, and leadership development.

"I wanted to do something before I went to college and this looked like a good thing to do," said Kelley, the son of **Ed and Karen Kelley**.

"I decided national service is a wonderful way to experience new things and learn useful skills while helping those in need," said Reed, the daughter of **Sherry Watkins**.

Chris Stevenson has joined Drummond Woodsum in Portland as a member of the firm's business services, practicing primarily in the area of tax law. A certified public accountant, Stevenson spent four years in public accounting before attending law school. While at the University of Maine School of Law, he was awarded the Hon. Daniel E. Wathen Legal Writing Prize. He was also awarded the Kenneth Clegg Memorial Writing Award from the Maine State Bar Association and the York County Bar Association for his article, "Maine's Dynasty Trust Statute: The Product of an Informed Judgment?" published in the Maine Bar Journal. At graduation, Stevenson received an award for outstanding scholastic achievement for his work in the area of tax law. He and his wife, **Jill**, reside on Longfellow Drive.



Christopher Stevenson

Election watching at the Embassy



Cape resident **Bob Schatz**, far right, gathers in Costa Rica earlier this month with U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, former Maine gubernatorial candidate, **Peter Cianchette**, second from left, and two Maine business associates. "On Tuesday [Nov. 4] we watched the election results with the ambassador and other foreign diplomats at an embassy reception," said Schatz, who also visited the ambassador's residence in Esacazu. Schatz has a business partnership with real estate holdings in Costa Rica and considers the country "a second home."

Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is collecting unwrapped gifts for children in its annual holiday toy campaign. Gifts will go to Portland-based Youth Alternatives of Maine, which provides services to children, youth and families with services that range from child abuse and neglect prevention to intensive intervention.

Coldwell will collect gifts through Tuesday, Dec. 9. Youth Alternatives will give the toys to children during the holiday season. For more information, call **Kathy Duca** at 799-5000.

Jubal Zimmerman, a licensed real estate agent, recently joined Weichert Realtors-Waterglen Group, which is based in Portland and owned by Cape resident **Jim Walsh**. Zimmerman works with home buyers and sellers.

Zimmerman moved to Maine more than six years ago from Texas, where he was an engineer in the gas and oil industry. In Cape Elizabeth, he volunteers for his children's school activities and sports. He is also an avid sports enthusiast with particular interest in running, kayaking, skiing and biking.



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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.
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St. Bartholomew raising funds to provide heating assistance to needy

St. Bartholomew Parish has set aside \$7,500 to use as matching funds to provide heating assistance to people in need this winter.

"Each contribution the parish receives, whether from parishioners or others, will be matched in an equal amount up to a total contribution ... of \$7,500," Mary Ellen Whiteman of St. Bartholomew stated in a press release. "In this way we hope to establish a fund of \$15,000."

Half of the fund will be turned over to the town of Cape Elizabeth for people in need in town. The other half will be turned over to St. Anthony Parish in Jackman, Maine, one of the neediest regions in the state, to be used for heating assistance by people in Jackman and surrounding communities.

Contributions can be large or small. If the parish reaches its \$7,500 target, people may still donate but contributions will not be matched, Whiteman stated.

Checks, which should be made out to "St. Bartholomew Parish" and indicate that the funds are for "heating assistance," can be sent to 8 Two Lights Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107.

Holly Daze Bazaar at Congregational Church on Nov. 22

First Congregational Church in South Portland will hold its annual Holly Daze Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22. Wreaths, gifts, fair fancy, candy, baked and knit goods, jewelry, books, Christmas items, and "trash 'n treasures" will be featured.

A luncheon of haddock chowder, lobster, crab meat, chicken salad, and apple crisp will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church, which is handicapped accessible, is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland. For more information, contact Gloria Dinsmore at 799-4001 or rogd1@surfglobal.net.

Pancake breakfast, Advent wreath making planned Nov. 23

St. Bartholomew Parish in Cape Elizabeth will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by advent wreath making.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, and \$15 per family. Children two years old and younger will eat free. For more information please visit www.saintbarts.com or call 799-5528.

St. Bartholomew wine tasting to benefit Holy Cross School

A "Winter Wine Wonderland" wine tasting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at St. Bartholomew Parish. The evening will feature an assortment of wines, cheeses, chocolates and desserts. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School in South Portland.

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Intersection

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to access the roads from Route 77 as well as pedestrian improvements.

Councilors joined the public in expressing both support for and opposition to the MDOT proposal.

"I will never, *ever* regret a vote I make in support of your safety," said Council Chair Jim Rowe in addressing the public. "On the other hand, if a tragedy occurred at that intersection and I knew I had made a conscious decision to ignore the recommendations of professional traffic engineers, then I would have a very difficult time coping."

Councilor Cynthia Dill, in an e-mail sent after the meeting, acknowledged that "anecdotal evidence about the safety of the [existing] intersection is conflicting," but also called it a "death trap for people and kids trying to navigate through."

"The experts who have studied the intersection and all the town committees who have studied it have concluded the intersection is unsafe," said Dill, who lives near the intersection. "I believe it is reasonable for the town to invest tax dollars in infrastructure that makes our community safe. That's the fundamental purpose of government."

Survey

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own or other kids troubles some parents, both Hawkins and School Board Policy Committee Chair Trish Brigham said.

"We have heard from parents and students that some people disregard the policy and don't report violations, so that the impact of the policy is being felt unequally among students," Brigham said.

"[For parents refusing to sign the contract] the biggest issue was if the contract is being enforced once it's signed," Hawkins said. "The question was, 'If my child admits they did something but someone on the same team who did the same thing doesn't admit it, how will that all play out?'"

Hawkins said that parents have another concern about reporting: the future.

"I think the reason that self-reporting or someone reporting someone else is one of the greater issues for parents is connected to [the question,] 'If we report, will that be known to colleges and on my child's record?'" Hawkins said. "My sense is that it doesn't, but I think parents get very nervous once their children get to high school about what their [children's] next steps are going to be when they graduate."

The CEHS guidance office does not disclose disciplinary violations to colleges unless asked specifically by a college admissions officer, CEHS guidance secretary Rennie Donovan said.

"The Common Application," a college admissions application for students that 346 U.S. colleges and universities use, asks applicants: "Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at an educational institution...? ... If you answered yes ... please attach a separate sheet of paper that gives the approximate date of each incident and explains the circumstances."

The reach of the substance abuse policy is also a hot issue, Brigham said.

"Most parents have said that obviously the policy should cover the school dance or a mock trial event, but we have heard from some parents that it's not the school's place to go beyond school events. ... We struggled with that [three years ago]," said Brigham, who explained the intent of the policy.

"One of the reasons the policy is so far reaching is to give kids an excuse to say no to alcohol and drugs. Another reason is that it's a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities, and at all times students are representatives of our schools," Brigham said.

Councilor Sara Lennon said that she opposed the intersection for three reasons: its cost under current economic conditions, the need to test lower cost strategies first, and her sense that the majority of citizens opposed the MDOT plan.

Councilors David Backer and Paul McKenney, joined by Lennon, initially suggested killing the proposal. They supported searching for lower cost ways to make the intersection safer.

"I supported the tabling action because we do not have a viable alternative solution to the safety and other issues involving the intersection at this time," McKenney wrote in an e-mail. "If we rejected the plan outright, we would lose any possibility of completing the project as currently planned for years to come. We would have turned back all outside dollars without any options to address the intersection issues."

After the meeting, Rowe reiterated his support for tabling the decision.

"I am very hopeful," he said, "that the tabling motion not only gives us time to successfully develop an alternative plan, but it also applies pressure to make this happen sooner rather than later. Otherwise, the traffic light idea will be revisited in May."

"Many other communities have far-reaching policies similar to ours. Our concern for the safety of our students doesn't stop when they leave school for the day. The overriding intent of the policy is to keep our students safe and support them in making good decisions." [To read the policy, JICH, in full, go to www.cape.k12.me.us/policies/JJICH_substance_abuse.html.]

The survey includes 10 questions. The final question, which has five parts, asks: "To the extent that the policy does not fully achieve its mission of giving students an excuse to say 'no' and protecting their health and safety, which of the following factors would you agree explain that?"

To the following, survey-takers choose from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree" or "don't know": 1. "School administration does not enforce the contract when they have evidence of violations; 2. Parents are unaware of violations by their children; 3. Parents are aware of violations but do not report them to the school; 4. Parents do not believe that the school should have a role in non-school-related events; and 5. Parents are afraid that if they report their child, they will be ostracized by other students who may also be violators."

To take the survey, go to the town Web site, www.capeelizabeth.com, and click on "Schools," which offers a link to www.capeelizabeth.k12.me.us. A red-lettered link to the survey is at the top of the school home page.

Special election

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Larsen, who passed away in September.

Nominating petitions for the town council and the water district board are available at the office of Town Clerk and Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane. Lane's office is located in town hall, 320 Ocean House Road, and is open Monday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nominees must be at least 18 and registered to vote in Cape Elizabeth. Nominees

for the town council seat must gather 25 to 100 signatures from persons registered to vote in Cape Elizabeth. Nominees for the water district board must gather 35 to 50 signatures from registered Cape voters as well as 100 to 150 signatures from registered South Portland voters.

The deadline for returning completed nominating papers is Dec. 1. Any questions about the nominating process or special election should be directed to Lane at 799-7655 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org or in person at her office.

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Jay and Lynne Cross announce the birth of their daughter, **Emerson Paige Cross**, on Oct. 7. Emerson was welcomed home by her older brothers, **Ben Rautenberg**, a 2006 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and **Mason Cross**, who is 21 months old. Emmi's grandparents are **Beth and Dave Schroeder** of Cape Elizabeth, Martha and George Weimer of Gorham, Dave and Janet Brannen of Windham, and Richard Cross of Canaan, Vt. Her great-grandparents are John and Eleanor Downes of Portland. Emmi's mother, whose maiden name was Brannen, graduated from CEHS in 1983.



Emmi Cross

Jonathan Shapiro, managing director of Moss Shapiro in Portland, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Shapiro was recognized for his expertise in labor and employment law.

Kyle Toot

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class act who was a leader on the field, in the classroom and in the community. On the field he had a combination of speed, power and finesse and off the field he had the great balance of humor, compassion and a strong work ethic."

While at Cape high, Toot also played baseball and was a sophomore when the CEHS baseball team won the Class B state championship. At Kenyon, he is majoring in theater.

Stephen M. Birmingham has been promoted to senior investment officer at Maine Bank & Trust, where he has worked since 1995. A graduate of Bates College, he is responsible for managing portfolios for individual and institutional relationships. He also serves as a member of the corporate-wide task force charged with evaluating the bank's core portfolio management, performance measurement and reporting systems.

Birmingham received the "2006 America's Promise Volunteers Award" from the Maine Bankers Association for making a difference in the lives of children in the Greater Portland area. He was recognized for his work with the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts, and he also volunteers with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he is the staff officer responsible for finance.



Stephen Birmingham

Hannah Laverty a politics major at Bates College in Lewiston, is studying in Athens, Greece, through the Bates junior semester abroad program. Students at Bates have the option of taking a semester or full year in a foreign country. Hannah is the daughter of **William and Paula Laverty** and a 2006 graduate of The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn.

Two Cape students were named to the spring-semester dean's list at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.: **Elizabeth Allen** and **Mark Barrett**.

Chelsea Stephenson, a junior at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she is a member of the swim team, won the 500 free event at Wheaton's meet against Worcester Polytechnic Institute in October.

Debbie L. White has joined Portland's Choice Realty as a sales agent. White, who owns her own mortgage company, **DLW Financial, LLC**, based in Cape Elizabeth, has 18 years of experience in residential lending. In her new post, White will do double duty as a real estate agent and mortgage broker.

Swords for cents



Gathering recently with his sons, Dylan Swift, far left, and Henry Adams, is Cape resident Rafael Adams of Rafael Adams Custom Furniture in South Portland, who turned his woodworking skills toward the creation of one-of-a-kind wooden swords for young dragon-slayers, knights, ninjas and pirates at a fundraiser for the Southern Maine Down Syndrome Family Network. The "wooden sword extravaganza" raised \$500 for SMDSFN.

Walking for autism



Cape Elizabeth residents, left to right, Colleen Myers, John Cranshaw, Sarah Kinsella and Anne Cranshaw gather in October in Orlando, Fla., after participating in a 5K walk for Defeat Autism Now, which educates parents and clinicians regarding research, appropriate testing and safe and effective interventions for autism. The fundraiser was held in conjunction with the 2008 North American convention for Nikken, a global wellness company committed to helping people change their lives, including those whose lives are touched by autism.

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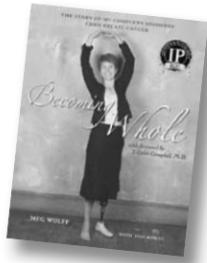
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