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## Superintendent: Reduction in state aid to schools may make staff cuts necessary this school year, or next

Legislature to vote this month on amount, timing of school curtailments

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth School Superintendent Alan Hawkins, who put a freeze on non-payroll spending last month in anticipation of a \$421,572 shortfall in state subsidies, warned school board members early this month that more dire measures, including staff cuts, may be necessary.

"I have been in education for 41 years, and I never remember school systems being in this situation," Hawkins told board members at their Dec. 2 business meeting. "These are very dangerous times, and it is not going to be easy."

School officials await word this month

from the Legislature, which will vote on Gov. John Baldacci's recommendation to reduce aid to education state-wide by \$27 million to offset a projected drop of hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenues.

"There are three things that could happen to Cape Elizabeth. The Legislature could ... decide not to do a curtailment, but in order to do that they have to find funds in other places in order to make that amount up," said Hawkins, adding that, conversely, Cape could stand to lose even more than the 13.7 percent projected to be lost. "The second thing is they could vote

'These are very dangerous times, and it is not going to be easy.'  
—Superintendent Alan Hawkins

for the \$421,572 curtailment for the '08-'09 school year, so it would come out of this current budget... or they could possibly take it into July '09 in the new budget year."

Either of the two worst-case scenarios could mean staff cuts, Hawkins warned.

"If we have to cut \$421,572 this year, I could very easily be coming back to you during the late winter, early spring to talk about the possibility of cutting positions in the school system," Hawkins told the board.

If lawmakers vote to postpone curtailment until the next school year, the district will still take a beating, he said.

"With the money we need to maintain our current level of staffing, if we had a zero-based budget for '09-'10, we would be short \$1,112,000," Hawkins said. "... If we have a 3 percent budget, we would still be short \$518,400."

Cape, along with districts in other towns

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## Public hearing set on new Sawyer Road farm stand; arboretum for park is approved

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Cape Elizabeth Planning Board will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, on a proposal from Sawyer Road resident Jay Cox for a farm stand on his property.

Like his parents, Jim and Evelyn Cox, who own the neighboring Dun Roamin' farm, Cox plans to open a select-and-cut Christmas tree farm on the site. Other uses for the stand may evolve over time, Cox told members of the planning board at their meeting Nov. 18.

The property is situated at 1148 Sawyer Road, near the corner at Fickett Street. The site plan includes adding a 30-by-40-foot barn addition to the existing house, a federal-style structure which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is also known as the Dyer-Hutchinson farm.

The property has an historic easement held by Maine Preservation. While the ease-  
—see PLANNING BOARD, page 22

## Shore Road path plan to change

By Elizabeth Brogan

It is back to the drawing board for Shore Road path designers, who have been asked to come up with an alternative concept plan to maximize safety at several points along the road.

The Shore Road Pathway Committee met on Dec. 3 at the town hall to discuss the outpouring of support—and opposition—generated by the proposal for a path along the length of Shore Road from the old Fort Williams Park entrance to the town center. A design for the path, the work of landscape architect John Mitchell of Mitchell & Associates, was unveiled at a public forum held Nov. 19. Mitchell will work on revisions to the plan, to be reviewed at the committee's Jan. 28 meeting.

### 'Character' a concern, but safety paramount

Concerns discussed focused on the character of Shore Road as well as safety.

The committee was charged with studying the potential for a Shore Road path, "designed with sensitivity to the character" of the road, but committee member Josef Chalal said they could "deal with the physical" characteristics of the road, such as preservation of trees and ocean views, but could probably not resolve less tangible concerns about the character of the road.

"The whole idea of a path is antithetical to [some] people's idea of Shore Road," Chalal said. "The level of feeling on this, for and against, is pretty intense."

Committee member Dena DeSena, who had that day walked the length of the

road, said she believes the path would add "charm" and enhance the character of the road. She called Mitchell's plan "brilliant and sensitive."

Committee member Bill Nickerson, who said he has been "traveling the road for sixty years," and seen a lot of changes already, acknowledged that character was "in the eye of the beholder," but said there will "have to be some compromise" of "rural character" for safety.

Nickerson noted also that "rural character" can mean "not having it become like Route 77" but that it "doesn't mean having it as it was 60 years ago."

Committee member and town councilor David Backer said that safety had to be "paramount" in the overall design.

"Proponents and opponents agreed [Shore Road now] wasn't safe," committee member George Morse said, "but disagreed on whether the path would make it more safe."

"I left the public forum balancing an abundance of comments focusing on safety and aesthetics," Backer said. "From opponents, more than anything, there is a safety concern that the path would create more of a danger. We should address those concerns, recognizing that there will be a trade off."

DeSena said that she had "passed pedestrians of all ages" on Shore Road. "I can't imagine how a path would be more dangerous," she said.

Committee member Suzanne McGinn said she preferred an alternative plan prepared by Mitchell, which would provide

—see PATH, page 22

## Cape filmmaker's 'Walk on By' features local actors, but real star may be Robinson Woods

By Wendy Keeler

Boy meets girl in woods in Cape Elizabeth filmmaker Lisa Wolfinger's award-winning short film, "Walk on By." But the film, which the five-time Emmy-nominated documentarian wrote and directed this summer, is also a love letter to Robinson Woods in Cape Elizabeth, where Wolfinger and her dog have walked daily for years.

"I got this idea walking my dog in Robinson Woods every day about people who pass each other every day in the woods with their dogs, and my idea was for them to form an unspoken attraction," Wolfinger said in early December, right before heading to Los Angeles for the film's third festival screening since its release this fall. "The idea had been noodling in my head ever since."

### Time was right

This summer, when Wolfinger was between documentaries for the National Geographic and History channels, the time was right.

—see WALK ON BY, page 20



Actors in "Walk on By," a film that Cape Elizabeth filmmaker Lisa Wolfinger wrote and directed, stand on a footbridge located on Robinson property in Cape.

## Penny Jordan and Jim Walsh vie for seat on town council in Jan. 27 special election

By Elizabeth Brogan

Penny Jordan of Fowler Road and Jim Walsh of Rock Crest Drive will face off in a Jan. 27 special election to fill the town council seat left open by the resignation of former council chair, Mary Ann Lynch.

Lynch resigned from her seat in October, leaving a term which will expire in Decem-

ber, 2010.

Also on the ballot will be a one-year unexpired term on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees, representing South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. Mark Duval, of Farms Edge Road will appear on the ballot for that seat. The seat was previously held by Peter Larsen, who passed away in Sep-

tember.

The election will be held at Cape Elizabeth High School in Room 102, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Room 102 is adjacent to lobby of the cafeteria and gymnasium. As in past elections, voters should enter the high school at the rear of the building. School will be in session.

Absentee ballots will be available in the town hall, at the town clerk's office, beginning Dec. 29, during regular business hours. To request an absentee ballot, or for additional information, go to www.capeelizabeth.com or call 767-7473.

A town council candidate Q and A will run in the Jan. 17 issue of The Cape Courier.

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**‘I am thankful for my town’ says Cape boy**

I am writing to tell you I am thankful for my town. Sometimes I go to the library. No one is talking and they have good books. I play baseball. It is really fun because you can do Tri-town a year after you do AA or AAA baseball. I go to school to learn and have recesses [during the] day. The Lobster Shack is four blocks from my house. When I go there I get a hot dog.

We have awesome beaches in our town. There is Kettle Cove, Crescent Beach, Two Lights State Park and Fort Williams. Our town is safe because we have a police station and fire station. There are farms so we can have fresh food. I go to Kettle Cove Ice Cream shop. I get mint chocolate chip. I am thankful for my town.

**Jack Misterovich**

**Grade 4 Pond Cove Elementary School  
 Mrs. Bucci’s Class**

**Safe use of public right of way ‘is a priority, not a special interest’**

It was so validating to see a pack-the-room turnout for the Pathway Public Forum, a well run meeting and a show of respect by both sides discussing the pathway concept.

The supporters of the pathway demonstrated that the interest in road safety goes well beyond those who live on Shore Road. People spoke from all neighborhoods and all ages from eight to 80 years old in favor of creating the pathway on Shore Road by over a two to one margin.

The single theme of safety remains the core issue. The town, the citizens and civic organizations have all created more demand for recreational usage along Shore Road with a new 80 acre park (Robinson Woods), new soccer fields (Fort Williams), as well as runners from all over the world coming to the Beach to Beacon each summer.

We are sometimes confronted by issues created simply by growth and success. Shore Road is such an example. I do feel for the older residents that moved to Shore Road when it truly was a sleepy little rural road. The Pathway Study Committee has taken incredible measures to preserve the integrity and rural character while creating a Pathway design for everyone to safely enjoy the beauty of Shore Road.

The overwhelming support by Cape residents at the Pathway Public Forum demonstrated that use of the public right of way for safety, access and recreation is a priority, not a special interest. Let’s make it happen!

**Rory Strunk, Co-Chairperson for  
 S.A.F.E. (Safe Access for Everyone)**

**Association responds to Shore Road rezoning proposal**

This is to let all interested persons who live from the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth line to Mountain View Road know that we have formed an association. The purpose of this association is for: connection and community, to enhance and maintain integrity, health and welfare of the neighborhood, and to monitor transparency and openness of decisions and processes important to the neighborhood. The current topic is the rezoning proposal and expansion of the business zone at 553 Shore Rd. If you are interested in more information or in participating, please feel free to contact Ed or Emily at 799-2658.

**Joyce Freeman**

**‘Lot of misinformation’ about proposed path**

There has been a lot of misinformation heard lately concerning the proposed pathway along Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth. Opponents contend that the project will be unsafe, or that it will somehow ruin the “character” of Shore Road. They are mistaken on both points.

Dan Stewart, who manages the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) believes that this path will make Shore Road safer. He reports that AASHTO, the transportation standards agency, finds that pedestrians are TWICE AS LIKELY to be hit by cars on roads without sidewalks or paths. And many, if not most, walkways are right next to the road and only on one side. Walkways improve safety.

Much has also been said about the road’s “rural” character, but the Maine DOT calls Shore Road a “major urban collector” street. This is emphatically NOT a rural road! Both traffic flow and density of development are at levels more consistent with urban or suburban environments. The path will actually restore some of the road’s “rural character” making it possible for people to walk without taking their lives in hand. Crosswalks will calm traffic. And once the weeds, bushes and alders will return following construction, the path will look like it has always been there.

This project is about improving safety and sending a message to our children that walking is an encouraged activity. I hope that the town of Cape Elizabeth will make a statement for health, safety and access.

**James Tasse**

**Path would be ‘arbitrary misuse of municipal authority’**

There seems to be a spirit in the air in America – a spirit that advocates the means of production, distribution and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole. This is the mindset of the proponents of the Shore Road path.

As a resident of Shore Road whose home is a scant 16 feet from my front door to the road’s edge, taking four feet and four old time Cape trees from my front yard and putting in a path for the potential recreational use of a few is, at best, an arbitrary misuse of municipal authority.

An early argument from the Shore Road Path Committee was that this project would create a sense of community – as you can clearly see by all the rhetoric on both sides, this has not and will not come to pass.

Bring back the days when America’s culture was “to love thy neighbor as thyself” and to “look unto the good of the other” – if my neighbor was opposed to the city tearing apart their property, I would support them.

**Anne Kinley**

**Shore Road rezoning will ‘seriously impact’ adjacent residents**

In answer to Ann Perinno’s letter where she questions anyone opposing the rezoning of 553 Shore Road to business: All she need do is put herself in the position of adjacent residents who will be seriously impacted by the change. I am sure she would not want a business next door to her home.

The fact that the owner of 553 is a long-time Cape resident is beside the point. That individual does not live at 553, but miles away protected from the types of problems we face here.

Ms. Perinno’s employment of 35 Cape people is also irrelevant. Are any of these people negatively impacted in their residential property by adjacent businesses? Probably not.

I have served on the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission, donated artwork to the Thomas Memorial Library outside of which stands my sculpture of Joan Benoit. Yet a sense is being fostered that the abutters of 553 Shore Road are selfish and not civic-minded. Compare us to the residents who purchased the nine acres of commercial property on Route 77, thereby effectively blocking any commercial development in the center of town.

Yet we, in this historic crowded area of Cape Elizabeth, are somehow supposed to sacrifice our financial and emotional well-being.

The Shore Road BA zone should not even exist in today’s environment.

Perhaps the businesses now located there should be there as variances?

**Edward Materson**

**Path would provide ‘safety for those who exercise and commute’**

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed pathway along Shore Road. The problem that our country faces in the obesity epidemic has many roots, but the fact that so many communities do not have options for their citizens to exercise without having to get in their car and drive is one. We have encouraged our kids to walk or bike to school, work, and to their friends’ houses, but each time they leave our neighborhood they must go on a section of Shore Road that only offers them a narrow shoulder to commute. And as the Beach to Beacon has inspired so many in our community to exercise, navigating the curves on Shore Road is very precarious – we need this pathway to provide more breathing room for runners and cars. The fact that Shore Road has been and will continue to be used by pedestrians and bicyclists calls for long overdue action and this pathway is the right action. I encourage others to get behind this proposal as well so that we can provide safety for those who exercise and commute on Shore Road.

**Mary Takach**

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## Resident reacts to businesswoman's letter

As a homeowner directly affected by this "modest growth" I take exception to Ms. Perrino's remark, "I can't understand opposition to positive neighborhood activity" [*The Cape Courier* letters page, Nov. 22]. While I can understand her desire as a business owner to attract more businesses to the area, the idea that a residence converting to business in a densely residential neighborhood is a "positive neighborhood activity" is ludicrous. I think it is time for those few, Mary Alice Reilly, Lee Wilson, Ann Perrino and Ms. Falender, who favor the expansion of the business zone into a residential neighborhood, to realize that the neighbors, i.e., neighborhood, do not want this.

Ms. Perrino's closing paragraph does a great deal to wave the flag, but neglects to point out that the same people she hopes to attract to her business and the other businesses in the area also pay taxes, support Cape schools, contribute both money and time to local charities, and hire Cape residents. These are the same people who are vehemently opposed to the expansion of the business zone.

David W. Freeman

## 'Creeping capitalism' intrudes on Shore Road

The Shore Road entry to Cape Elizabeth occurs roughly just north of the Knitting Mantis. The first house in this area is 551 Shore Road. This is a late 19th Century John Calvin Stevens design, built for a member of the L.L. Bean family. All around this house; beside, behind and below are many residences equal in age, architectural significance, and historical importance.

When most of Cape Elizabeth was farmland this was a viable thriving neighborhood. Because these houses were built for businessmen commuting to Portland by trolley, the lots are quite small and close together. Therefore any change here has a great impact on many residents.

Throughout the country many communities have later regretted destruction of historical places (think Union Station). Grand Central Terminal was only a hair's breadth away from the wreckers ball when a group of concerned citizens and Landmarks intervened.

We should err on the part of caution and not allow a creeping commercialism to intrude any further into the neighborhood of these homes. This is the most frequented entry to our beautiful seaside town. Why not recognize, improve and celebrate this portal? Why doesn't the town at least have a marker of some kind welcoming people to Cape Elizabeth as they do on the entrances on route 77 on Ocean Road and Bowery Beach Road?

Emily Materson

## Proposed path addresses 'safety hazard'

Cape Elizabeth has undergone many changes over the years. This town's growth has been smart and well thought-out. Thankfully, many of the characteristics that make this town special are still a central focus.

I ran the first Beach to Beacon pushing a baby stroller with what now seems like just few other runners. We were giddy with delight knowing we were in on the ground floor of something special. When the Robinson family donated their land to the Land Trust I couldn't believe the amazing gift we all received—one I am still thankful for to this day. I'm still in awe that the Gull Crest Fields development actually increased the aesthetics of that hauntingly beautiful old farm land. The list goes on.

This growth has lured outdoor enthusiasts

## Small businesses on Shore Road 'beneficial'

I am a long-term resident of Cape Elizabeth, and I live on Shore Rd. One of the best qualities of this town has been its diversification. It has many very fine residential houses, but it has also been very proud of its great farming and fishing industry. Now many lifelong residents are being taxed right out of the town they have lived in all their lives. Cape Elizabeth has got to find an alternative to raising real estate taxes for its funding.

I understand that Mary Alice Reilly and Lee Wilson have submitted a zoning request for 553 Shore Rd. I know they are responsible business people, and would do nothing to change the basic character of the area. That

## 'PR consultant' for Shore Road preservationists explained

After hearing the Shore Road Preservation Committee had hired a PR consultant, Town Manager Mike McGovern was quoted in the *Lakes Region Weekly* as saying "that is unusual that they would do that. I've never seen a project at the committee level where folks have hired a PR consultant."

The Path Committee repeatedly told our members at their monthly meetings that they were not receptive to any questions or comments regarding "if" a pathway should be built because their sole mission was only to determine "could" a pathway be built. However, there were too many occasions when Path Committee members' comments at those meetings were incongruous with their mission.

The Path Committee's Public Forum was dominated during the public comment period by advocates for the pathway who spoke almost exclusively as to the need and desirability of the pathway. Advocates made almost nary a question, recommendation or criticism of the pathway plan presented by Mitchell & Associates.

Why or when were the ground rules or the Path Committee's mission suddenly changed? How is it that the route along the proposed pathway is now an unofficially designated recreation area?

The preservationists believe that the rural character of Shore Road and the existence of a pathway are mutually exclusive events. However, as citizens we also believe that a pathway must achieve maximum safety characteristics or it will become a potential disaster in the making.

The preservationists did not have the benefit of the Path Committee's organizational tools and resources, and were thus at a decided disadvantage in dealing with the Path Committee's thinly-veiled advocacy of the pathway. That is why we hired a consultant.

Bill Downes, member of Shore Road Preservation Committee

to come out and enjoy these assets. Runners and walkers take to Shore Road by the hundreds. On many days, hikers and surfers fill the trail head parking at Robinson Woods. I have heard more than one Olde Colony Lane resident wish they could safely access Fort Williams and, along with Sherwood Forest residents, wish they could safely walk to the center. With these attractions comes the responsibility of providing for the safety of all those who come outside to enjoy them. Change is difficult and poses many tough challenges. Proactively addressing a safety hazard is the challenge before us. I sincerely hope we can all agree that the proposed pathway answers that challenge.

Jo Morrissey

location already has some very fine small businesses, a gas station, and (hopefully) The Cookie Jar will be reopening soon. It would be beneficial to our town to attract more clean industry to broaden our tax base. I for one would prefer to see more small businesses, rather than watch our beautiful coastline slowly being destroyed by the number of McMansions being built...mostly by out-of-staters.

Janet S. Houghton

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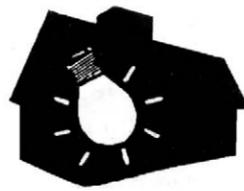
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## Walsh: 'clear thinking' for 'tough decisions'

As a former chairperson of the town council, I know how difficult the next few years will be for members of the town council. The town's revenue sources are restricted and many of the town's expenses, such as the assessment for county government, are not even within the control of the town council.

Also, as we all know, a large percentage of this town's expenditures are for our schools. We all know how important the quality of our schools is to our children and how the quality of our schools has a direct correlation to the value of our homes.

Jim Walsh is a candidate whose background and experience is well suited for this difficult time. He is a former teacher and school principal. Subsequently he received his MBA and had a very successful career in the highly competitive supermarket business. He supervised thousands of employees and was responsible for multimillion dollar budgets. Today Jim runs a small local

business and knows times are tough. Jim's background in education, his extensive management experience and his longtime Cape Elizabeth residency and understanding of the issues facing our town will allow him from day one to be a valuable addition to the town council.

As he has done his entire life, he will work collaboratively with others. He will work to find appropriate solutions to maintaining the quality of our schools and our municipal services in these times when town revenues will be flat or declining.

This is a time for clear thinking as tough decisions will have to be made. Jim has the tools and experience that will enable him to provide meaningful input to the collective decisions of our town council.

Please join me in voting for Jim Walsh for town council.

Joe Groff

## Walsh will bring 'innovative ideas' to council

We are writing in support of Jim Walsh, candidate for the open Town Council seat. Jim and his family have been longtime residents of Cape. He has had his four children attend Cape schools. His business and management experience would be most helpful in these difficult economic times. His record of extensive accomplishments in his professional career has prepared him well for this position. Jim has a broad and diverse background; he has been an educator, a manager and a salesperson. He is fiscally responsible

and has wide-ranging budget experience.

Jim is a leader who will bring his innovative ideas and no-nonsense approach to problemsolving to the Town Council. Jim has the energy and dedication to serve Cape Elizabeth well. We cannot think of a more sensible, reliable and honest person to represent the citizens of Cape Elizabeth. We hope you will join us in supporting Jim Walsh with your vote.

Ellen and Mark Russell

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## Walsh for 'challenging economic times'

As a resident of Cape Elizabeth for over 36 years, I am writing to give my support for Jim Walsh who is running for the open seat on the town council. I am highly aware of the challenging economic times we face as a community and the decisions to be made for the welfare of our citizens and growth of our beautiful town.

I have known Jim for over 20 years both as a business colleague at Shaw's Supermarkets and Weichert-Waterglen Group, and as a friend. I believe that Jim's background in business and finance, his ability to bring people together to work toward consensus for the common good, and setting priorities will serve the council well. As the town struggles with budgets, Jim will be a great resource for rational and creative thinking within the council as they work to balance the needs of our community. Jim has a keen understanding of budget development and implementation from his years as a senior executive with some of the top retailers in the country, Shaw's, PetSmart and Stop & Shop – this is invaluable experience that will benefit our town.

Not only is Jim a longtime resident of Cape Elizabeth, but Jim has served the community at large as well in leadership positions with area organizations such as the Greater Portland United Way, Portland College of Art, Diocese of Portland, St. Bartholomew's Church, to name a few.

Jim, with his wife Kathy, have a history of service with the town, a respect and love for Cape Elizabeth, its schools and its people, that is truly genuine. I highly endorse Jim Walsh and respectfully encourage voters to elect him for town council Jan. 27.

Diane Churchill

## Walsh 'understands the big picture'

Picture "The Little Engine That Could" climbing up the hill, muttering under its breath, "I think I can. I think I can." That engine is Jim Walsh, who armed with boundless energy and a positive "can-do" attitude, would be a wonderful addition to Cape Elizabeth's town council.

During these challenging times, Cape Elizabeth needs a town councilor who understands the big picture. Jim Walsh has had a varied professional career, which will enable him to bring a broad perspective to the town council. As a former school principal, Jim will understand the workings of our school system. As a former senior executive in the supermarket industry and small business owner, Jim will know how to balance the needs and finances of our town. Finally, as an entrepreneur, Jim will look for creative solutions to problems, rather than relying on the same-old, same-old.

The passion that Jim has shown in his professional life he has also shown in his commitment to our community. Jim has been active in numerous civic and charitable organizations, including St. Bartholomew's Church, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, the Zoning Board, as well as the United Way and Maine College of Art in Portland.

If you have never met Jim, you will be struck at once by his warm smile, enthusiasm and genuine interest in you and what you have to say. He is a good businessman, a good citizen and a good person, and he deserves your vote for town council this January.

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# Scott Dyer: Unearthing the road's namesake



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Scott Dyer built this house, located on present-day Scott Dyer Road near Spurwink Avenue, in 1832 in the location of today's Bothel Berg farm, 125 Scott Dyer Road.

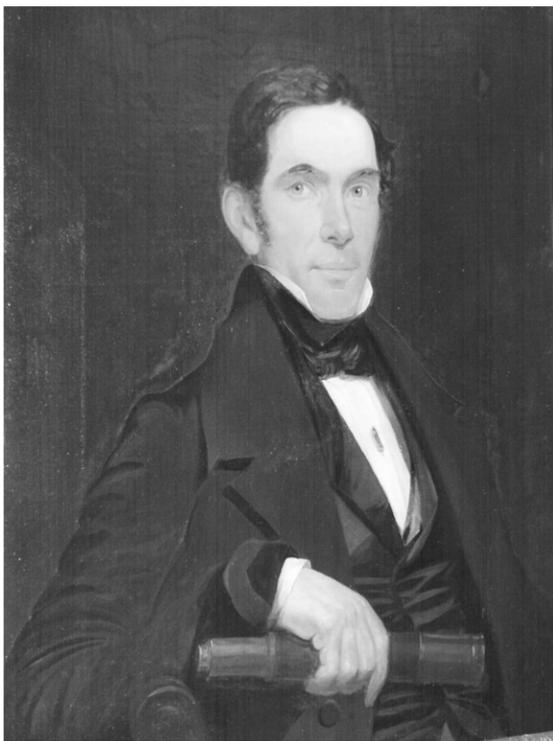
This is one of a periodic series, "Historical Snippets," offering readers a glimpse into Cape's past. Anyone wishing to share information about Cape Elizabeth history or their experiences growing up in town may contact Ellen Van Fleet through The Cape Courier.

By Ellen Van Fleet

Cape residents are all familiar with Scott Dyer Road, but who was the man, Scott Dyer?

We are told Scott Dyer was a highly regarded sea captain, as a portrait which resides in the Thomas Memorial Library's Maine Room certainly confirms. The painting, which came to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society by way of someone's roadside trash, was painted in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1854 when Dyer was 51 years old. He is holding a telescope, appropriate for a sea captain. Any other information about Dyer is contained in one slim file of receipts and deeds in the society's archives.

Dyer's homestead stood on what is now Scott Dyer Road near Spurwink Avenue, generally in the location of today's Bothel Berg Farm, 125 Scott Dyer Road. Dyer



This portrait of Scott Dyer, painted in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1854 when Dyer was 51 years old, hangs in the Maine Room at Thomas Memorial Library.

bought the property on Oct. 21, 1825, at the ripe old age of 22. Thanks to a surprisingly casual deed, we know he purchased 100

acres for \$2,000, including land across the street where Colonial Village now stands. Dyer married Deborah Webster. One bit of domestic trivia: In 1855 the Dyers paid \$6 for "whiting"—or whitewashing, an inexpensive kind of paint—"six rooms" in the house: one dollar a room.

From that file of miscellaneous receipts we know that in 1839, seven years after their marriage, Scott Dyer bought a pew at the South Meeting House (Spurwink Church) for \$37. He must have changed church affiliations, as we have receipts for leasing two horse stalls next to the Free Baptist Church (on Sawyer Road just west of Ocean House), and he also was billed \$116 for his part in the cost of painting that church. One receipt, in 1836, was for a very significant purchase. When he was 33 years old he bought a two-day ship chronometer from Lemuel Moody, the Portland Observatory proprietor, for \$250, a major sum in those days. Could this indicate that he had received his first command of a ship?

Dyer was the fifth child of nine born to Nathaniel and Abigail Dyer, who lived in the beautiful brick cape that stands above Saw-

yer Road not too far from the junction with Fickett Street. When Dyer was 31, he and Deborah had their first child, Albion (1834). Every two years they added a child—first Martha, then Lucia and finally Mary in 1840. Lucia died at the age of 17 and Albion died at the age of 29, yet he already had a wife and two children. Scott Dyer died four years later, in 1867, at age 64. By the 1880 census his wife and spinster daughter, Mary, had moved in with the married Martha. Deborah died two years later. Because we have a five-year lease signed in 1893, we know the family continued to hold on to the homestead after Deborah's death. Our final deed shows that the Dyer homestead was finally sold in 1897 to Fred E. Libby for \$2,800. The house and barn burned in a huge fire in the early 1900s.

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## Slow economy no reason to slow down recycling

By Greg Walsh

Cape Elizabeth's many recycling enthusiasts don't have to worry: Our local and regional system of recycling is alive and well, despite recently diminished markets for recycled materials like paper, cardboard and plastics.

The ongoing worldwide economic slowdown has had a direct effect on the market for recycled materials, depressing the value of those commodities to the point where those in the business are either stockpiling materials or paying for their removal.

However, ecomaine, the Portland-based regional recycling consortium of which Cape Elizabeth is an active participant, is encouraging all of its members to continue their recycling efforts despite the economic downturn.

"We've been through this before, and the markets always rebound," said Alison McCrady, ecomaine's recycling coordinator. "But it still makes sense to recycle because it costs far less for us to store the material or have it trucked away than it would to dispose

of it through the waste-to-energy plant."

Ecomaine, a nonprofit organization, operates a sizable recycling plant as well as a facility for burning trash to produce electricity. Ash from the burning process is deposited in a nearby landfill.

McCrady said she could recall how, in 1996, the market price for recycled cardboard went from \$210 per ton to about \$20 per ton in the course of a month or so.

"The markets always come back," she said. "And that's why we are asking people to please continue to recycle."

In mid-November ecomaine was reported to be paying as much as \$10 per ton to have some of its recycled newspaper trucked away to commodity dealers.

"That's a lot less than the \$88 per ton that the town would have to pay to send it through the waste-to-energy plant," McCrady added. "So in an economic sense it's still cheaper to recycle; plus, in a broader sense, we all want to continue recycling for the overall environmental benefit as well."

### Holiday Recycling Tips

**Re-use or recycle:**

- All gift boxes made of paperboard or cardboard
- Any wrapping paper that is not foil
- Greeting cards without foil
- Paper shopping bags with handles
- Paper or plastic grocery bags
- Gift-box tissue paper

**Holiday items that are NOT recyclable, but are often re-useable, include:**

- Ribbons
- Styrofoam packing material, which can be taken to local UPS stores
- Tinsel
- Strings of lights

**Ways to be a little "greener" during the holidays:**

- Use washable plates and glasses
- If using paper plates, use Chinex brand which are made in Waterville, Maine manufactured from post-industrial paper and are recyclable after use.
- Look for gifts with minimal packaging
- Take gifts out of excess packaging before wrapping, and recycle packaging before the holiday rush
- Have a system in place for recycling and trash disposal, and encourage everyone to participate in recycling this holiday season.

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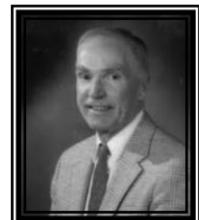


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## New pedestrian safety measures in town center approved; recycling changes suggested

By Elizabeth Brogan

The town council, at its Dec. 8 meeting, approved a set of short-term actions to address pedestrian safety concerns in the town center.

Town Manager Mike McGovern prepared the council-requested recommendations in consultation with the chief of police and director of public works, and with citizen input.

The measures include installation of a new signalized crosswalk, tied into the existing traffic light, across Route 77 at the high school driveway; installation of in-road stanchions at Key Bank and town hall crosswalks reading: "State law, yield to pedestrians within crosswalk" or bearing a similar pictograph message; provision of a bucket of red flags at either side of the three crosswalks for pedestrians to carry from one side of the road to the other; enhancement of the painting of each crosswalk; installation of six signs indicating "No passing in the bike lane;" installation of signs at sides of each crosswalk indicating, "Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks," or similar pictograph message; stronger enforcement of law requiring vehicles to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks; a request to the MDOT commissioner to review the speed limit in the town center area; and convening a working group of two town councilors, a school board member, chief of police and town manager to meet four times in 2009 to evaluate pedestrian issues in the town center, review progress and make additional recommendations.

The total anticipated expense for the measures is \$12,200, but McGovern said that "no

additional appropriation" was being requested. Funding sources will include the 2008 approved bond for the high school crosswalk and a sidewalk maintenance account.

McGovern said that all measures would be taken "right away," with the exception of crosswalk work, due to temperature requirements for road painting.

In a memo to the council, McGovern noted that the measures would not relate to the "level of service" at the town center intersection. The council, at its November meeting, agreed that proposed plans for a signalized and redesigned intersection at Route 77, Scott Dyer Road and Shore Road would be reconsidered in the spring.

### Recycling recommendations made

Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta also presented recommendations from the Recycling Working Group for an enhanced program of recycling education, with an estimated long term savings of \$18,000 per year; a reduction in recycling center hours to immediately generate \$14,000 annually in net savings; and amendments to the solid waste ordinance to require, rather than just suggest, recycling.

The recommendations will be included on the Jan. 6, 2009 council workshop agenda. The proposed ordinance amendment was referred to the ordinance committee. The change in recycling center hours will be the subject of a public hearing at the Jan. 12, 2009 council meeting.

### Rowe elected council chair

New and returning council and school board members were installed. Jim Rowe, was elected council chair for 2009.

## Harry Proudman, CETV coordinator, dies

Friends and neighbors of Harry Proudman, formerly of Clinton Road, gathered for a service of celebration and remembrance of his life on Nov. 29 at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Mr. Proudman died at the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough on Nov. 12, 2008, at the age of 90.

From 1992 to 2004, Mr. Proudman served as coordinator for CETV, Cape Elizabeth's public access TV station. Drawing on his experience as national sales manager for the video industrial division at Sony Corp., and having served locally on the town's CATV Advisory Board, Mr. Proudman ushered the town's public-access TV into the 21st century, upgrading equipment and moving to remotely controlled camera operation and a PowerPoint bulletin board.

He had been a Cape Elizabeth resident since 1982, moving here with wife Valborg

from Connecticut. Mrs. Proudman died in 2002.

The remembrance service, officiated by CEUMC Pastor Ruth Morrison, featured music by Mr. Proudman's children and remarks by his best friend Tony Vigue, coordinator of South Portland Community Television.

The celebration followed his interment at Riverside Cemetery with full military honors. Mr. Proudman served with the U.S. Marine Corps as an aviator in World War II and later in Korea as a pilot and commandant of an early warning radar facility.



Harry Proudman

## Tireless Cape citizen 'Irv' Chappell dies

Irving "Irv" Chappell, a former Cape Elizabeth town council member who won the town's Ralph T. Gould Award for Outstanding Citizenship in 1989 for his years of civic involvement, died on Nov. 8 at Maine Medical Center. He was 88 years old.

Chappell, who was born in Biddeford, served in the Pacific Theater during World War II as a member of the 103rd Infantry, 43rd Division from Maine. He received both Silver and Bronze Stars for gallantry in action, in addition to two Purple Hearts. After the war, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and served in the Maine National Guard. Gov. John Baldacci recently awarded him the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal.

In Cape Elizabeth, he served as director of emergency preparedness for 25 years and on many committees, including the council. From 1956 to 1970 he was scoutmaster of

Troop 80 in Cape Elizabeth. He received the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood from the Boy Scouts of America. For many years, he volunteered for Heifer International in leadership positions and by delivering animals to developing countries.

He also served on the board of Sweetser Children's Home and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Biddeford, from which he received the Veterans Medal for 50 years of service in 1996. He was the owner of Official Fire Equipment Co. in South Portland and co-owned Chappell Land Co. in Biddeford until his retirement in 1990. He then started painting in watercolors, which were exhibited in many local shows. An active member of St. Alban's Church since 1955, he is survived by his wife Priscilla, three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## Real estate transfers April-May

NEW OWNER	PRIOR OWNER	STREET	SALE PRICE	TYPE / USE
AUSLENDER, MARCELO	JOYCE, LOIS	59 HUNTER PLACE	\$235,000	CONDOMINIUM
LANE, CURTIS	BUTTERBAUGH, GRANT J	15 CROSS HILL RD	\$570,000	SINGLE FAMILY
FRANCIS, KARL	STAR HOMES	14 BLUEBERRY ROAD	\$330,700	SINGLE FAMILY
GOULDING, MICHAEL	1199 SHORE RD. RES LD. TR.	1199 SHORE ROAD	\$410,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GILFENBAUM, AMY	AUSLENDER, JOSEFINA	31 TRUNDY ROAD	\$355,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHAMBERS, MARIA	GLEESON, WILLIAM ESTATE	825 SHORE ROAD	\$462,500	SINGLE FAMILY
TADEMA-WIELANDT, M	RIDDLE, THOMAS	26 WOODCREST ROAD	\$356,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JACKSON, DAVID	US BANK NA	920 SHORE ROAD	\$229,900	SINGLE FAMILY
NAPPI, JOSHUA A	PAPI, JAMES J	7 STEPHENSON STREET	\$225,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHENEY, HOWARD G	BARTLETT, SHEILA	55 RESOLUTION PLACE	\$258,000	CONDOMINIUM
PEARSON, CASEY T	KILLIAN, DERMOT N	37 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$200,000	CONDOMINIUM
MCFADD, DOUGLAS	LINEHAN, JOHN R ESTATE	25 BROAD COVE	\$310,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ZHOU, JIA QUAN	CORT, BRUCE	108 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$285,000	SINGLE FAMILY
FAKSH, ARIJ	MULLIN, ELIZABETH	371 MITCHELL ROAD	\$233,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WHITE, JUDITH M	FOX, STEPHEN T	3 STARBOARD DRIVE #3	\$216,900	CONDOMINIUM
CHRISTIE, JOHN C	KLEM, R. CRAIG	6 ALBION ROAD	\$590,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CLARKE, DAVID	PUCKETT, THOMAS S	8 BROAD COVE	\$368,500	SINGLE FAMILY
KUHRT, MATTHEW	CLOUTIER, MICHAEL	6 HAMLIN STREET	\$390,000	SINGLE FAMILY
OSBORN, BRUCE E	PATRICK, CHRISTINE E	17 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD	\$223,250	SINGLE FAMILY
MORRIS, JEFFREY	EARLYBIRD GROUP LLC	6 CLINTON ROAD	\$372,500	SINGLE FAMILY
VILLIOTTE, PHILIP J	BURKE, KAREN A	7 MONTGOMERY TERR	\$565,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ELLIOTT, FREDERICK	HOBSTONE OWNERS ASSN.	30 MERRIMAC PLACE	\$245,000	CONDOMINIUM
RAUPE, EDWARD W	SUPPLE, CHRISTOPHER M	6 WESTFIELD ROAD	\$255,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HOLMES, JOHN W	CARPENTER, BERNARD C	27 VALLEY ROAD	\$245,000	SINGLE FAMILY
PROPP, STEVEN J	SEBOK, EDWARD G	23 LITTLEJOHN ROAD	\$473,225	SINGLE FAMILY

### Holiday hours, closures

#### Dec. 24:

- Town hall closes at customary 4 p.m.
- Library and recycling center also close at 4 p.m.
- Pool and fitness center -No public sessions after 2 p.m.

#### Dec. 25:

- All Closed

#### Dec. 26

- Town hall, library, public works offices closed
- Recycling center- Customary hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Pool - Open until 2 p.m.

- Fitness center - Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Dec. 27:

- Customary Saturday hours

#### Dec. 31:

- Town hall closes at customary 4 p.m.
- Library and recycling center close at 4 p.m.
- Fitness center - Closed at 2 p.m.
- Pool- No public sessions after 2 p.m.

#### Jan. 1:

- All Closed

#### Jan. 2:

- Customary hours

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At their pack meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Pond Cove Cafetorium, Cub Scout Pack 30 presented a pile of gifts to the Marine Corps for their Toys for Tots drive. The Scouts also gathered a large boxful of winter coats and gave them to the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids drive.

### Scouting for food ... and winter coats and toys

During early November, scouts from Boy Scout Troop 30 and Cub Scout Pack 30 participated in the annual Scouting for Food project. On Nov. 1, the Scouts left bags throughout Cape Elizabeth neighborhoods with flyers asking for canned and other nonperishable foods for pickup the following weekend. On Nov. 8, the Scouts returned for the filled bags and brought them to the Lions clubhouse, where the food was sorted and boxed. The boxed food was delivered by members of the Lions Club to needy Cape Elizabeth residents, along with vegetables donated by Alewives Brook Farm



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### Crane-folding Girl Scouts grateful for help

The Cadette Girl Scouts of Troop 2223 would like to thank the members of Cape Elizabeth who helped us meet our Silver Award goal to fold 1,000 cranes and have the displays hung on Election Day in the high school. We hope everyone enjoyed the beauty of the displays of 1,000 origami cranes. If you missed them, they will be displayed in locations around Cape Elizabeth, such as the high school, Community Services, the library, the Lion's Club, Village Crossing, Dr. Sheila Pinette's office, St. Alban's and St. Bart's. The 10th crane display will be sent to an elementary school in Trou Du Nord, Haiti, named St. Lucs. St. Alban's has been sponsoring this school, and members of the parish have visited it. We all hope that our project has benefited you all in some way, whether it be a smile on Election Day or seeing the beauty of the art when you see them throughout town.

Allie Lengyel  
Girl Scout Troop 2223



Gathering at the high school under a display of paper cranes that community members folded are Troop 2223 Girl Scouts, left to right, front row, Hillary Sells, Maggie Jacobson, Tara Pinette, Anna Pezzullo, Allie Lengyel; back row, Tori Russell, Catherine Tierney and Caroline Kelly.

### Shore Road path will make Cape doctor's job of encouraging exercise easier

I am writing in support of the pathway to connect Fort Williams to the town center. I am an internal medicine physician who has practiced for years here in Cape Elizabeth.

One of my most important jobs is to encourage my patients to exercise more. I think this path will remove obstacles for my patients by allowing them a safe, relaxing path to enjoy the beauty of Maine. Many of my patients live on or near Shore Road. This path would be an easy outlet for them so they do not have to get in the car to DRIVE to exercise class. The more we make exercise a daily routine and easily accessible, the more success we can expect.

The percentage of Maine residents that are obese has risen steadily. Obesity is defined as

a body mass index over 30. It was 10-14 percent in 1990 and is now 24.8 percent. That means that almost one in four Mainers is obese, increasing the risk for many chronic health conditions.

The percentage of Maine residents with diabetes has also increased steadily in lock-step with the rise in obesity. I would love to increase the number of adults walking along Shore Road and make it easier for students to walk to school. In our car-based culture, we often choose not to carve out a space for the lowly pedestrian. This pathway does this well quite well. Other towns and countries make time and space for pedestrians; we should too.

Thomas McInerney M.D.

### Helping hands take a newsbreak in Peru



In between surgeries, Cape doctors, Denise LaRue and Hector Tarraza, catch up on town news in Chulacanas, Peru, a northern Peruvian town of 30,000 where they donated time and services in November through the nonprofit Global Health Ministries, which sends teams of health-care professionals to provincial villages in Latin America and the Caribbean to help people with little or no access to professional health care.

## Public safety log

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

### COMPLAINTS

- 11-3 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. An iPod was taken during the overnight hours from the vehicle.
- 11-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 11-6 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area regarding an alleged assault that is believed to have occurred a year ago.
- 11-6 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a criminal threatening complaint.
- 11-7 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area for a dog bite complaint. The officer met with owners of the dogs involved and advised them that all dogs were quarantined until otherwise determined by the Animal Control Officer.
- 11-8 A resident of the Old Ocean House Road area reported juveniles knocking over real estate signs.
- 11-9 A pair of scuba diver flippers found at the end of Two Lights Road near the rocks was brought to the PD.
- 11-10 A resident of Two Lights Road called and stated that she had a dead fox in her yard and that her dog had had contact with it. A quarantine notice was issued.
- 11-12 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a theft complaint. Several pieces of jewelry were missing from the residence.
- 11-14 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area in reference to credit card fraud. The resident stated that he noticed charges that totaled \$436 on his credit card that he did not recognize and that appeared suspicious. After speaking with his bank, the plaintiff was told that the credit card was used for purchasing airline tickets. The plaintiff had already closed the account.
- 11-14 An officer was dispatched to the area of Mitchell Road for a report of a drunk driver operating a motor vehicle. At the time, the vehicle was heading southbound on Mitchell Road toward Route 77. The complainant stated that she had observed the vehicle swerving in the road, varying speed, leaving the roadway, and striking a large rock on the side of the road. As the officer was en route he was advised by Dispatch that the suspect had pulled into the parking lot of the dentist office at the intersection of Ocean House Road (Route 77) and Mitchell Road. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the driver. The driver was an elderly female born in 1920. It is believed that this vehicle struck a rock and 2 reflector poles on Mitchell Road. There was no evidence of alcohol consumption. An adverse report will be sent to the Motor Vehicle Department.
- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area in the lobby of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department in reference to a lost wallet. The wallet was last in the plaintiff's possession while at the high school, and it contained cash, two credit cards, and a Maine driver's license.
- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area in reference to a fraud complaint. The plaintiff stated he had listed an appliance for sale on Craigslist for a price of \$200. He received an e-mail expressing interest in the appliance. Payment was arranged to take place, with the buyer mailing a money order to the plaintiff. The resident received a letter with no return address, but it originated from Portland, Oregon. The envelope contained three money orders, each worth \$950. The buyer then sent the plaintiff an e-mail saying that she had accidentally overpaid for the \$200 fridge. The buyer then asked that the plaintiff cash the money orders, deduct the cost of the fridge from the total, and then wire the remainder of the money via Western Union to the an address in London. The plaintiff suspected that this was a scam and did not cash the money orders. He brought the original money orders as well as the envelope and e-mail to the station.

- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a stolen car. The car was a Lincoln Continental and was registered in Maine. The vehicle was recovered shortly afterwards by South Portland Police.
- 11-16 A resident of the Bowery Beach Road area brought in an old firearm for disposal which was found in the attic.
- 11-17 An officer met with a resident in reference to disposal of firearms. While tending to a deceased relative's possessions, the resident found some firearms and wanted them disposed of.
- 11-19 An officer met with a representative of Cape Elizabeth High School who stated that he was notified that a laptop had gone missing from the science department on 11/5/08. The computer was a new 13" MacBook 4.1, worth about \$1185.00.

### SUMMONSES

- 11-17 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Scott Dyer Rd., \$70
- 11-17 CE resident, speeding (55/35 zone) Route 77, \$215
- 11-17 CE resident, assault, Fowler Rd.
- 11-18 CE resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Shore Rd., \$185
- 11-18 SP resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$208
- 11-18 Waldoboro resident, speeding (60/45 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 11-19 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 11-22 CE resident, speeding (45/30 zone) Mitchell Rd., \$185

### ARRESTS

- 11-12 CE resident, warrant
- 11-14 CE resident, OUI, Oakhurst Rd.
- 11-15 CE resident, OUI, violation of conditions of release, operating without license
- 11-23 CE resident, assault, criminal restraint, violation of conditions of release

### ACCIDENTS

- 11-17 Stephen Hinman, accident on Spurwink Ave.
- 11-21 James Martin, Carol Christ, accident on Pleasant Ave.

### FIRE CALLS

- 11-15 Cooper Dr., gas spill
- 11-18 Trundy Rd., chimney fire
- 11-18 South Portland mutual aid
- 11-19 Cove View Rd., LP gas alarm
- 11-23 Portland mutual aid

### RESCUE CALLS

There were 11 runs to Maine Medical Center. There was 1 run to Mercy Hospital. There were 4 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

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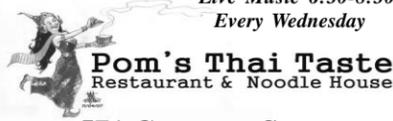
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## Cape Soccer boosters present 'Freakin' Beacon'

Most high school soccer teams score goals with soccer balls. But soccer *beans*?

This fall, in addition to landing balls in nets, Cape Elizabeth High School girls' and boys' soccer players started landing beans in cups with the creation of their own coffee line, Freakin' Beacon.

Cape resident Caroline Raymond, the wife of CEHS boys' soccer coach, Ben Raymond, came up with the winning name for the coffee in a contest open to all Cape soccer boosters. Junior Katie Walsh, a player on the girls' team, created the coffee's light-

house logo. Freaky Bean in South Portland supplied the coffee.

The coffee is available for \$9 per bag at Magnolia's Café, 103 Ocean Street in South Portland. The restaurant is owned by outgoing boosters president Catie Fairbanks-Cliffe, the mother of player Macauley Cliffe, a varsity player on the girls' team.

The coffee is also available through Martha Kelley at [mdkelley@maine.rr.com](mailto:mdkelley@maine.rr.com) or 767-5089, or Kate Thibeault at [athibeau@maine.rr.com](mailto:athibeau@maine.rr.com) or 799-9963.

—Wendy Keeler

## Undefeated season!

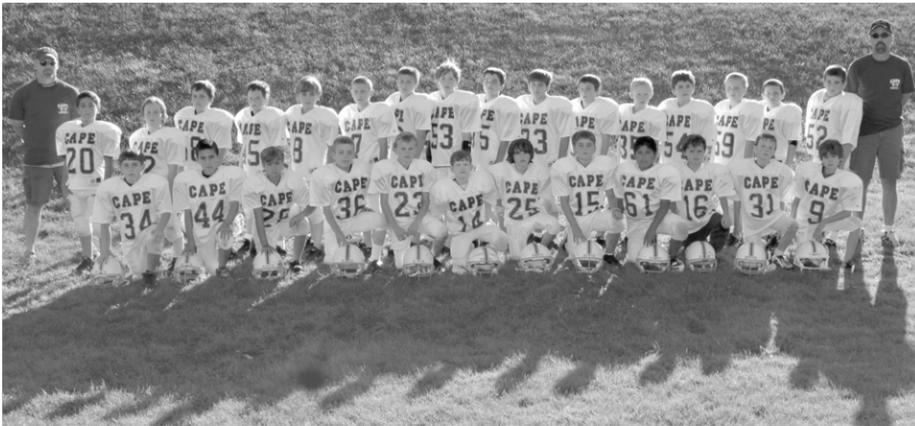


Photo by Ann Kaplan

Fourth- and fifth-graders on Cape Youth Football's junior varsity team had an undefeated, 9-0, season. "The team demonstrated excellent defense, with the starting squad not allowing a point all season, and a multiweapon offense which featured several long touchdown passes," head coach Andrew Ingalls said. Pictured here are, left to right, front row, Casey Cloutier, Vince Tarpo, Jake Nelson, Skylar Black, Evan Concannon, Henry Wasserman, Andrew Flaherty, Jeb Boeschstein, Joe Ingraham, Brett McAlister, Sam Hunter, Will Corsello; second row, Coach Peter Black, Matt Martin, Eli Babcock, Joe Carignan, Max Woods, Nate Ingalls, Jack O'Rourke, Ben Ekedahl, Henry Schroeder, Riley Pillsbury, Nicco Pappas, Peyton Jones, Matt Joys, Tim Corsello, Matt Graham, Peyton Weatherbie, Ryan Harvey and Ingalls.

## CEHS sports teams rack up honors



Gathering in November at an awards banquet at Verillo's in Portland are six Cape Elizabeth football players named to the Class B Campbell Conference All-Conference Team and their coaches, left to right, Patrick Boland, Head Coach Aaron Filieo, Ezra Wolfinger, Tom Foden, Nathaneal LaVallee, Coach Art Jones, Finn Melanson, Coach Chris Mims, Coach Tom Wiley, Coach Ron Kierstead, Coach Jason Allen and Matt Weiss. LaVallee has been named a Fitzpatrick Trophy nominee.

Editor's note: What follows is a roundup of Cape Elizabeth High School fall sports.

### Girls' cross country

The girls' varsity cross country team, coached by Mary Ann Doss, finished first in the Class B state championship, the Western Maine Conference (WMC) Class B regional championship, and the WMC Class B championship. The team went on to place first out of 30 teams at the New England championship.

Marita Stressenger, Emily Attwood, Kelsey Barton, Catherine Tierney, Rachel Nichols, and Hannah Doss were named to the WMC all-star first team, and Paige Kozlowski and Caitlin Pomeroy to the WMC all-star second team. Pomeroy and Olivia Earnshaw made the WMC senior all-academic team. Captains were Marisa Turesky, Stressenger, Earnshaw and Pomeroy.

### Boys' cross country

The boys' varsity cross country team, coached by Dave Weatherbie, finished in second place in both the WMC Class B and regional championships, and senior Matt Rand finished first in both races. The team also placed second in the Class B state championship and went on to finish 14<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams in the New England championship.

Rand and co-captain Chris Flathers were named to the WMC all-star first team and also the WMC senior all-academic team. Peter Brigham, Leo Ledman, and Thomas Bottomley were named to the WMC all-star second team.

### Field hockey

The varsity field hockey team had a 6-8-1 record and made it to the Western Maine Class B preliminary round.

Grace Stack, a co-captain with Colleen Martin and Emma Logan, was named to the Western Maine all-star first team and the Maine Field Hockey Coaches Association's all-star team for Class B. Kelsey Maguire and Katie Mowles earned spots on the Western Maine all-star second team.

Logan, Stack, and Rose Jacobson made the WMC senior all-academic team, and Logan won the Therese Libby award.

The freshman team, coached by Leslie Young and Gina Rozzi, had a 6-1-6 record.

### Football

CEHS football, coached by Aaron Filieo, went 9-2 in the Campbell Conference and was Class B Western Maine region runner-up.

Co-captains Nate Lavallee, a Fitzpatrick Award semifinalist, Pat Boland, and Matt Weiss were named to the Campbell Conference Class B all-star team with teammates Tom Foden, Ezra Wolfinger, and Finn Melanson. Conor Lawler was also a team captain.

The JV/freshman football team, which Art Jones, Jason Allen, and Jim Bump coached, had a 7-1-1 record.

### Golf

The boys' golf team, coached by Nicholas Sansone and Bill McGary, placed fourth in the WMC championship/state championship qualifier, in which the first three teams qualify for the state championship. Co-captains were Conor Moloney and Sean Eubanks, who was named the Maine State Class B individual and made the Western Maine Conference star team.

### Girls' soccer

The girls' varsity soccer team, coached by —see SPORTS ROUNDUP, next page



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## Sports roundup

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Gary Newell, had an 8-9-0 record and made it to the Western Maine Class A quarterfinals.

Co-captains Elsa Mullin and Marisa Barritt were named WMC first team all-stars, and co-captain Haley Thompson, who won the Kevin Brady Spirit and People on the Hill awards, was a WMC honorable mention.

The team, which Morgan Barnes and Gabrielle Loring also co-captained, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association Academic Team.

The girls' JV soccer team, coached by Don Burke and Andy Strout, had a 12-3-1 record, and the freshman team, also coached by the two, had a 4-1 season record.

### Boys' soccer

The CEHS boys' varsity soccer team, which Ben Raymond coached, had a 12-3-2 record, and was a Western Maine Class A semifinalist.

Amo Houghton, a Maine Soccer Coaches Association Western Maine Senior All-Star, made the WMC all-star first team along with Ben Brewster. The two, who were co-captains with Joe Wolanski and Sether Hanson, were also named Maine Soccer Coaches Association WMC Class B regional all-stars. Houghton won both the Kevin Brady Spirit award and the People on the Hill award.

Joe Wolanski and Marcus Goldbas were named to the WMC all-star second team, and Hanson and Zach Breed to the WMC senior all-academic team.

The JV boys' soccer team, coached by David Croft, had an 11-4 record, and the freshman team, also coached by Croft, finished up 4-1.

### Volleyball

In its first year as a school-sanctioned varsity-team sport, the girls' volleyball team, coached by Rob Thompson, finished 2-14.

Emily Richardson and Molly Powell were named to the WMC senior all-academic team.

Richardson, who played in the Maine State Volleyball Coaches Association East/West all-star game, was named to the Maine

## Cheverus ice hockey player, team win tournament

Cheverus High School sophomore Samantha Eubanks and fellow teammates on the Cheverus girls varsity ice hockey team, won the sixth annual Purple & Gold Cup Tournament held Nov. 28 and Nov. 29 in Cumberland County.

The Cheverus girls beat teams from Portland High School; Exeter High School in New Hampshire; and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, N.H. In the tournament, boys' and girls' teams from Maine, New Hampshire, and Canada competed at several local rinks.

State Volleyball Coaches Association all-academic first team, and Shelby Downer, Steph Lawsure, Naomi Odlin, and Molly Powell to the Maine State Volleyball Coaches Association all-academic second team. Alyssa Hilse, Lawsure, and Richardson were co-captains.

The JV volleyball team, which Mary-Ellen Towne coached, had a 4-8 season record.

## Undefeated in Rhode Island!



Cape middle school eighth-grader, Hannah Dineen, back row, fifth from left, gathered during Thanksgiving weekend with fellow Maine Lady Pirates team members in Cranston, R.I., after they won the Rhode Island Panthers Under-14 Tier 2 Ice Hockey Tournament. The team, which went undefeated in the tournament, is sponsored by the Portland Junior Pirates and is made up of the top 13- and 14-year-old female hockey players from across Maine.



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Agendas for Town Council, School Board and Planning Board are available online at: [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com)

### Sunday, Dec. 14

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 16

**School Board Policy Committee**, noon, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

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

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 17

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

### Thursday, Dec. 18

**Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee**, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

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

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 23

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

### Thursday, Dec. 25

**Christmas Holiday**. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center closed. Other holiday closures TBA.

### Thursday, Jan. 1

**New Years Day**. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center closed. Other holiday closures TBA.

### Saturday, Jan. 3

**CEHS Ice Hockey Team Christmas Tree pickup**, FMI 799-2039.

### Tuesday, Jan. 6

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

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

### Monday, Jan. 12

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

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

**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.

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

**Middle School Variety Show**, 2:45 and 7 p.m., Middle School cafetorium, 14 Scott Dyer Road.

### Thursday, Jan. 15

**Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee**, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road.

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

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

### Ongoing each week

**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 Road. 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 Purpoodock 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.

## Five Cape ballerinas dance in 'Nutcracker'



Gathering with other dancers are Cape Elizabeth ballerinas, seated, far right, Vanessa Van Deusen, an angel; back row, far left, Hannah Wallace, a dancer in the snow corps and ribbon candy; and, far right, Rachel Lockwood, a mouse and court herald. Juliet Tunstall-Weiner, a court herald and Arabian attendant, and Kelsey Krull, a member of the Russian corps, are missing from the picture.

Five young Cape Elizabeth ballerinas will dance in Portland Ballet's "The Victorian Nutcracker" on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Cape cast members are Juliet Tunstall-Weiner, a court herald and Arabian attendant; Kelsey Krull, a member of the Russian corps; Rachel Lockwood, a mouse and court herald; Vanessa Van Deusen, an angel; and Hannah Wallace, a member of the snow corps and ribbon candy. This performance features professional dancers from the Portland Ballet Company as leads. Set in Victorian Portland, set designs are inspired by rooms in Portland's Victoria Mansion, and costumes and characters are based on local

historical figures such as Mayor James Phinney Baxter, Ruggles Morse and Hermann Kotschmar. Portland Ballet dancers bring this tale to life, accompanied by the Portland Ballet Orchestra. Dressed in Victorian costume, the Victorian Nutcracker Festival Singers will sing carols to audience members as they enter the lobby.

Tickets, which are \$17 to \$47, are available through PortTix at [www.porttix.com](http://www.porttix.com), at 842-0800, or between noon and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the PortTix box office at 20 Myrtle Street, where Merrill Auditorium is located. For more information about Portland Ballet, please go to [www.portlandballet.org](http://www.portlandballet.org).

## 'Magic of Christmas' to feature Cape performers

Twenty Cape Elizabeth musicians will help put the magic in the Portland Symphony Orchestra's 29th annual "Magic of Christmas," which will run through Dec. 21 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Two Cape Elizabeth residents, first violinists Holly Ovenden and Joanne Woodward, will perform with the PSO.

Four Cape singers, June Berry, John Leasure, Judith McManamy, and Patti Roderick will perform this year with the all-volunteer "Magic of Christmas" chorus.

This year's "Magic of Christmas" will also include Portland Ballet Club dancer Hannah Wallace performing "The Chinese Dance" from "The Nutcracker."

There will be morning, afternoon and evening performances. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.porttix.com](http://www.porttix.com), at the the box office at 20 Myrtle St. in Portland, or by phone at 842-0800. Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more.

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Dec. 23 - 7 p.m.

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Dec. 24 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
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## Rotary Club annual Christmas tree sale supports charities

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's annual Christmas tree sale is underway at Mill Creek Park in South Portland. Since 1962, the club 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," Rotary Club President and Cape resident Janet McLaughlin said.

## Artascope holiday show runs through Dec. 24; silent auction to raise funds to pay for housing, food, clothes, health care

Cape and South Portland artists and teachers from Artascope Studios are raising money to help community members in need pay for housing, food, health care, and clothing, through a silent auction and holiday sale featuring items handmade by the artists.

Auction items will be shown during Artascope's third annual holiday sale, which will run through Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the studio, located at 352 Cottage Road in South Portland. Items include paintings, handbags, silver jewelry, placemats, gift certificates, batik, fiber arts and more.

"In this economy, the emphasis has shifted from giving stuff to giving meaning" said Catherine Bickford, Artascope's founder. "Artascope offers the opportunity for people to buy directly from local artists rather than give something that was made thousands of miles away."

## Hockey team to collect Christmas trees in Jan. 3 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 recent 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.

## Free demonstration spinning class Dec. 17

Community Services will offer a free demonstration indoor cycling class from 5 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the lower level of the Community Center. Shaun Richardson of the Cape Elizabeth Fitness Center will lead the spinning class. Participants should bring water and a small towel to class.

Although there is no fee for the class, registration is required by calling the Community Services office at 799-2868.

## Renaissance Voices' annual Christmas concert to be held Dec. 20

Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Kawamoto is part of the 21-voice a capella ensemble, Renaissance Voices, which will present a holiday concert, "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland.

The group will perform selections that span time, from the plainsong of Medieval Europe, through the motets and carols of Renaissance England, Germany and Holland, to the Christmas songs of Colonial America, and beyond.

Renaissance Voices, which Harold Stover directs, was formed in 1994 and has since performed throughout Maine and on Maine

Public Radio. "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" has become a holiday tradition for Maine music lovers.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets, at \$12, can be purchased in advance at Starbird Music in Portland; Books, Etc. in Falmouth; or at [www.renaissancevoices.org](http://www.renaissancevoices.org). Admission will be free for students who have valid identification. The audience is invited to a reception after the concert.

St. Luke's is located at 143 State Street between Congress and Spring streets. For directions to the concert, or for more information, visit the group's Web site or call 729-4958.

## 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 pick-

ings 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](mailto:bananafrittergirl@yahoo.com) or Caitlin Pomeroy at [caitpom1@aol.com](mailto:caitpom1@aol.com).

## WETeam to hold annual New Year's dip at Kettle Cove

The Cape Water Extrication Team (WETeam) will hold its annual WET Dip at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1, at Kettle Cove. The fundraiser, held each New Year's Day, benefits Project Graduation and other causes.

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For more information, please contact WETeam Capt. John Norton, 831-5714.

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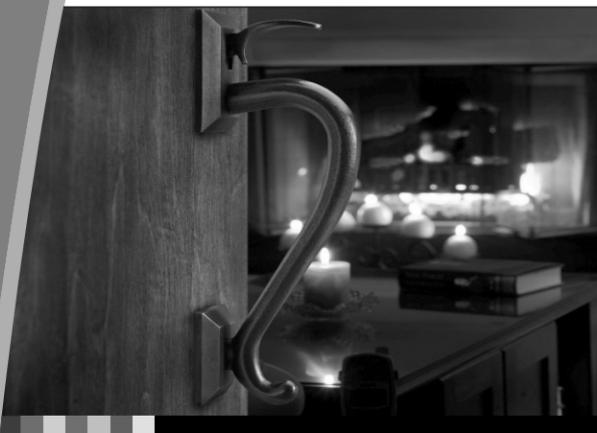
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## Shady Oak Farm photo exhibit continues at library through January

Photographs and essays about Kelly and Andy Strout's horse farm off Fowler Road will remain on display at Thomas Memorial Library through Jan. 31.

The exhibit, "Shady Oak Farm: A Dream Shared, A Cape Legacy Preserved," is by local photographer Patricia McCarthy, who received a Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission grant for the project. She spent 15 months, from September 2007 to November 2008, photographing the many aspects of the farm.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Shady Oak Farm and the people involved with it over the course of this project. It's a wonderful place, and the Strouts love sharing it," says McCarthy. "This experience has reinforced my strong belief that we, as a community, must do everything we can to preserve Cape's farms and other open spaces. I hope this exhibit helps get that message across, and



In this Patricia McCarthy photo, "Love Bug," on display at Thomas Memorial Library, Lynn Tarbox of Cape Elizabeth has a tender moment with Bug, a 17-year-old dark bay Morgan she has owned for two years.

that people enjoy learning more about this incredible asset in our town."

McCarthy, who lives in Cape Elizabeth with her husband and three daughters, will post the exhibit photos at her Web site ([www.patriciamccarthy.com](http://www.patriciamccarthy.com)) in January.

## Cape Anime Club to meet Dec. 17

The Cape Anime Club will meet on Wed. Dec. 17 from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Community Room at the Thomas Memorial Library. "Full Metal Alchemist Vol. 2 - Scarred Man of the East" will be shown, courtesy of Funimation's "Operation Anime."

Participants are invited to discuss "manga," (Japanese graphic novels) and share their anime/manga artwork. Food donations

will be gratefully accepted.

While the club is designed to appeal to both middle school and high school students, parents are advised that many programs shown by the club are rated for ages 13 and over due to animated violence or language.

The Cape Anime Club is led by Thomas Memorial Library adult and young adult librarian Kevin Goody.

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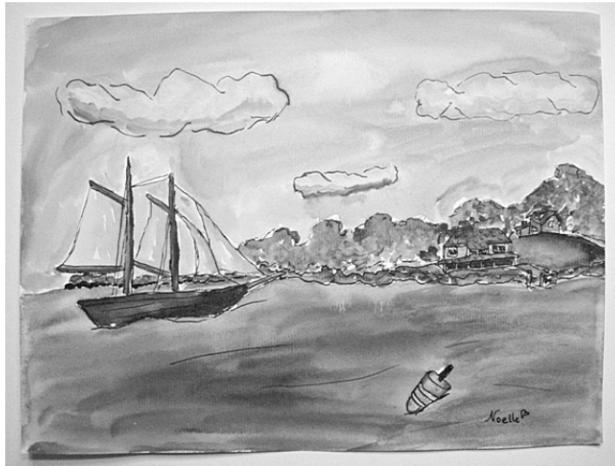
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A painting by Cape Elizabeth High School freshman, Noelle Webster, titled, "Sailing Past Peaks," received an honorable mention on Dec. 6 from the Maine Maritime Museum (MMA) in Bath. The piece, part of the museum's Young Maritime Artists show, will be on display through Jan. 9.



Noelle Webster's "Sailing Past Peaks"

"One gorgeous Sunday in October when fall foliage was in full bloom, we took the ferry, and Noelle took her camera over to Peaks Island to walk around and have lunch," Noelle's mother, Beth Webster said. "She took some nice shots and used one for her watercolor."

Awarded tuition to an American Society of Maritime Artists (ASMA) painting workshop, the young artist also received one-year

memberships to both ASMA and the MMA, and her work will hang in the 2008 New England Regional Exhibition at MMA.

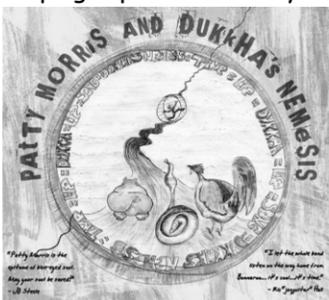
Webster has won previous awards for both painting and photography.

Gathering at the Museum of Science in Boston last month are members of Girl Scouts Troop 2222, left to right, front row, Grace Stoughton, Grace Carignan, Kelly O'Sullivan; Natalie Gale; back row, Hannah Bosworth, Kinnon McGrath, Lily Mackenzie, Maggie Gleason, Kate Ginder, and Taylor Young. The girls, who pooled their own toys and books, sold them at the Dec. 4 Pond Cove holiday fair, where they raised \$125 to buy holiday presents for children in need.



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**Jonathan Brogan**, a lawyer at the firm of Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, was selected by peers for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *New England Super Lawyers & Rising Stars*. He was recognized for his work in the area of personal injury defense.

**Gabrielle Alfiero**, daughter of **Linda and Mike Alfiero** of Peabbles Cove Road, and a 2003 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, recently accepted a position with the *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) in New York City.

A 2007 dean's honors graduate of Connecticut College in New London, Conn., where she majored in English, Gabrielle will coordinate projects for clients in the newspaper's sales and editing departments, and proofread text prior to publication. Previously, Gabrielle worked for New Line News, a global print management company based in Manhattan and Los Angeles.

Gabrielle currently lives in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn.

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## CEEF awards \$25K in grants to schools

By Christine Mackenzie

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) recently awarded more than \$25,000 in grants to Cape schools. Established in 2001, the nonprofit organization has a mission of funding innovative programs that fall outside the Cape school budget.

Pond Cove School received funds to continue its therapeutic horseback riding program, Riding to the Top.

The middle school received \$3,870 for a full-day field trip program for the entire seventh grade to visit the Museum of Fine Arts and the Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library, both in Boston. Additionally, a grant of \$2,500 was awarded to fund visiting artist, Gan Xu, who will share his experiences growing up under Communist rule in China and will teach brush painting techniques and philosophy to middle school students.

At the high school, an \$11,350 grant was awarded for a collaborative partnership with South Portland High School to enroll Cape

students in "Virtual High School" online courses. CEHS also received funding to upgrade software for the robotics program and to buy cutting-edge interactive "clickers," to be used in science classrooms to provide immediate classwide feedback.

Another CEEF grant will pay for guest speakers and conferences for students involved in the World Affairs Council, and CEEF will also provide funds for dance instruction for physical education students.

The high school also received money to pay for an expert to speak to students about the perils and realities of social networking Web sites. Additionally, Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education (HOPE), the newly-founded town substance-abuse awareness program, was awarded \$500 to help fund the creation of a Web site.

For more information about these and past grants, visit the CEEF Web site, [www.ceef.us](http://www.ceef.us).

## Impressionistic afternoon



Gathering in November in front of the Portland Museum of Art are Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grade French students, who took in a show called "Landscapes from the Age of Impressionism," featuring masterpieces by artists such as Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, John Singer Sargent, and their peers—whose works students have been studying. "It was wonderful to see the expressions and listen to the comments made by the students when they saw the 'real thing,'" said French teacher Lisa Leonard about the visit to the museum, which admits students free of charge.

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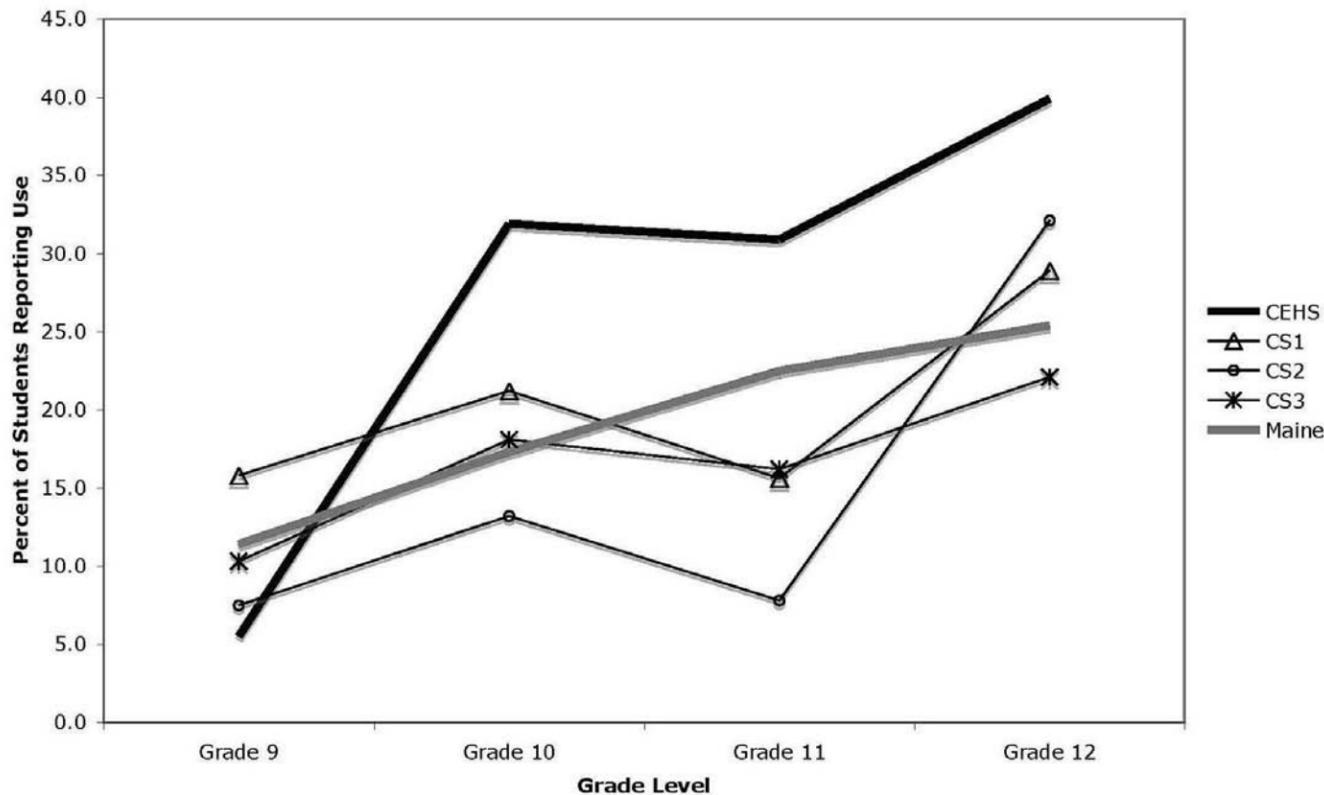
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# Substance abuse expert warns Cape parents, students about long-term consequences of adolescent marijuana usage

Marijuana Use Previous 30 Days



In a graph showing data from the Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey (MYDAUS), which Cape Elizabeth High School students took this past spring, the thick line represents CEHS students' use of marijuana. The gray line represents the state average, and the remaining three lines represent usage rates in three comparable Cumberland County schools with which CEHS has traded data. "Our students' rate of use is the lowest, by far, in grade 9, rises to the highest one year later, and stays the highest throughout the remainder of high school," Principal Jeff Shedd wrote to parents in an e-mail this month.

## By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School students, who smoke marijuana at a higher rate than other Maine students, according to a recent survey, are at increased risk for addiction and stand a greater chance of developing lifelong emotional, cognitive and social problems, an internationally renowned drug abuse expert told 300 students and parents at a lecture held Dec. 3 in the CEHS auditorium. The High School Parents Association and the community action team HOPE co-sponsored the event.

"Cannabis [marijuana] use, especially in adolescence, interferes with normal ... development and is closely associated with both psychiatric disorders and health problems," physician Mark Publicker, medical director of Mercy Hospital Recovery Center, the state's largest substance-abuse center, told the audience. "Use in adolescence is one of the strongest predictors of lifetime development of drug dependence. The earlier the exposure, the greater the risk. This is a biological fact."

## Drug and alcohol survey

CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd and Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly opened the event with discussion about data from the Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey (MYDAUS), which Cape students in grades six through 12 took in the spring. The survey asks questions about all drugs and alcohol, but administrators mostly addressed the topic of marijuana usage, the focus of the event.

"Comparison to [three] demographically

similar schools in Cumberland County indicate that by grade 9, just over 5 percent of our students reported using marijuana, the lowest rate among the comparison schools," Shedd said. "By grade 10, over 30 percent of our students are using marijuana, compared to just over 20 percent for the next highest school ... a six-fold increase. By grade 12, nearly 40 percent of our students ... are using marijuana, compared to the next highest rate among comparison schools of just 32 percent."

## Myths about marijuana

Longstanding myths exist about marijuana that contribute to its high usage across the country, Publicker said in his lecture, which he called "fundamentally a science-based presentation based on research findings ... over the last five years."

One myth—that marijuana is nonaddictive—has persisted for decades.

"My patients struggle more mightily to give up cannabis addiction than they do to give up heroin addiction, cocaine and alcohol addiction," said Publicker, adding later in the evening that the marijuana that parents smoked in their youth is "qualitatively and quantitatively ... a different drug" from today's marijuana, which is 10 times more potent.

Another myth—that pot is a "benign" drug—also persists, despite scary data to the contrary.

## Depression and schizophrenia

"In young women ... who smoke cannabis on a daily basis, there is up to a two- to five-fold increase in panic disorder, anxiety

disorder, and major depressive disorder that persist ... even after the drug is no longer being used," Publicker said.

Teenagers who smoke pot once or more a week double their chance of developing depression and anxiety some time in their lives, he said. But perhaps "most alarming" is the

two- to six-fold increase in the development of schizophrenia among daily marijuana smokers in their teens, Publicker said.

Adolescent marijuana usage also causes loss of motivation and pleasure in life.

"Probably the most common disorder among people who smoke pot is ... [they] lose the motivation and interest to achieve," he said. "Cannabis actually hijacks our reward system, which drives motivation for achievement."

## Impaired learning skills

Pot smoking also causes health problems among teenagers.

"It impairs short-term memory, attention, judgment, coordination and balance, increases heart rate ... and causes bronchitis, emphysema, and cancers of the head, neck and lungs."

Teens who smoke pot regularly may have noticed changes in their learning ability, Publicker said.

"If you're having trouble [academically] and you're disinterested in school, it just might be the pot smoking," he told students.

## Risk factors

Adolescents who suffer from attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder are seven to nine times more likely to become addicted than others. Social factors also lead to addiction, and one factor surprised some parents: having an after-school job.

"After-school jobs take young people away from highly supervised activities ... and put them in contact with older [teens and 20-year-olds] who are using drugs and alcohol," Publicker said.

Availability, another risk factor, is high in Cape Elizabeth, 44 percent of CEHS students reported in the survey, compared to 36.5 percent in the state.

Another risk factor is what kids perceive to be their parents' attitudes about pot smoking.

—see MARIJUANA, page 18

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## Marijuana

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ing, Publicker said.

In the survey, 52.3 percent of CEHS students reported "a parental attitude favorable to drug use," compared to 38.8 percent in the state, survey results show.

"This doesn't mean that parents favor drug use," Shedd said. "These are students' perceptions of their parents' attitudes. The message might be mixed, so the risk factor goes up."

### Caveat

At the start of the lecture, Shedd gave a "caveat" about the survey.

"The people who administer the survey prefer that schools give them 30 days before or after a holiday," Shedd said, "... but because of schedules we actually gave the survey within 30 days of April vacation ... so

there is that factor of uncertainty."

Questioning how seriously students take the survey, some parents and students have expressed doubt about data, Shedd said.

But survey-makers expect "silliness," he said. "There are questions embedded in the survey to figure out the students who are not taking [questions] seriously, and those [surveys] are thrown out."

### Where to get help

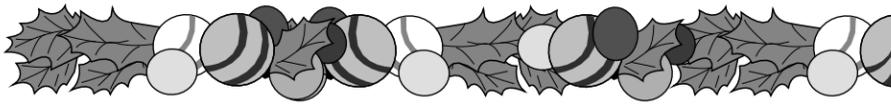
As of this year, CEHS has a substance abuse counselor for students struggling with drugs or alcohol abuse: Katie Hynes, who can be reached at [katie\\_hynes@cape.k12.me.us](mailto:katie_hynes@cape.k12.me.us) or 799-3309.

A meeting of Families Anonymous, a support group for parents of adolescents and adult children with substance abuse problems, is held at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Mercy Recovery Center, 40 Park Road in Westbrook.

## Joyful work!



Cape Elizabeth High School student, Greg Gulino, who works at Shady Oak and Turkey Hill farms in Cape Elizabeth in his life-skills class, heads to feed the chickens at Turkey Hill Farm last month. "At Turkey Hill Farm, I like to go see the chickens to see if they have laid any eggs, and I like to feed them," Greg wrote in an e-mail to The Cape Courier. "At Shady Oak Farm I clean the horses' water buckets. ... Betsy the goat always puts her head up over the door to the barn to say hi to me."



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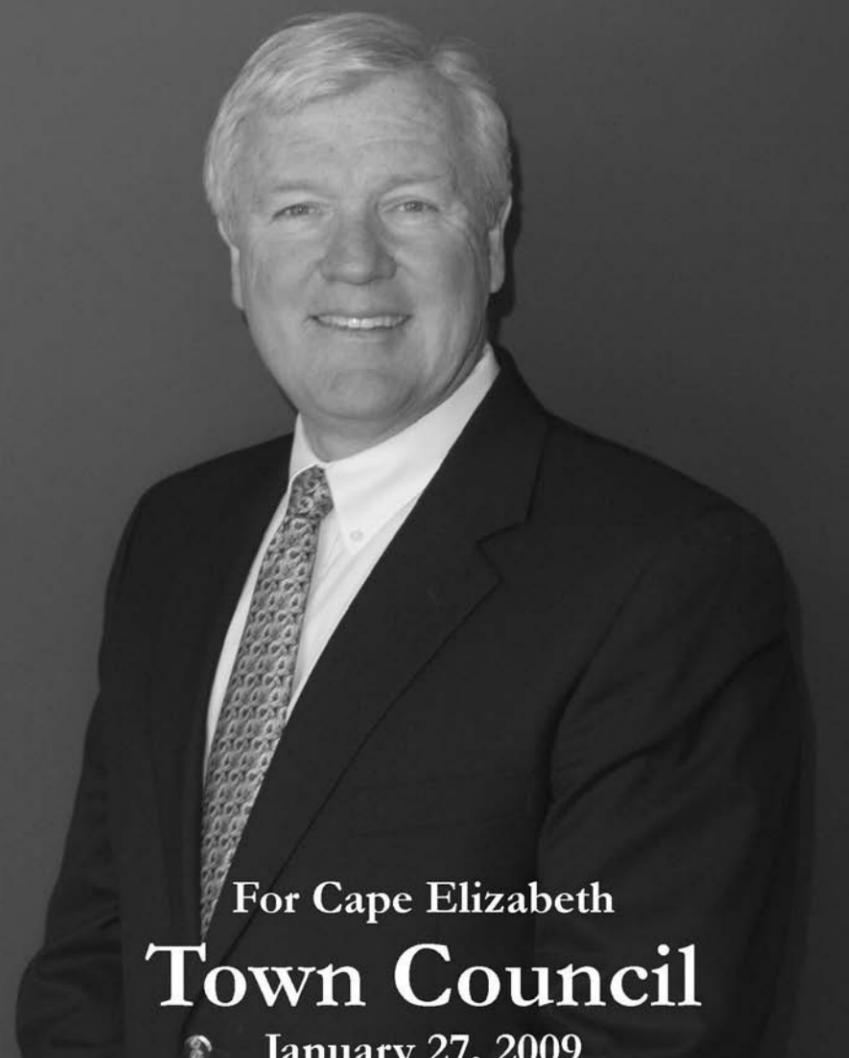
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## Cape Elizabeth High School honor roll for the first quarter

### Seniors

**High Honors**—Jonathan Aronson, Luc Cary, Nora Daly, Olivia Earnshaw, Sether Hanson, Emily MacDuffie, Caitlin Pomeroy, Meredith Sells, Michael Taintor, Michael Takach, Patricia Thibodeau

**Honors**—Marisa Barritt, Clare Boland, Ryan Boyington, Zachary Breed, Alyssa Cameron-Hilse, Matthew Dickinson, Una Donegan, Shelby Downer, Sean Eubanks, Christopher Flathers, Sara Friedman, Katherine Gibson, Andrew Guay, Julia Haltof, Laura Hayes, Rose Hewitt, Michael Holden, Victoria Howe, Rose Jacobson, Hannah Johnson, Jozef Jurkiewicz, Lisa Kaplan, Renee LaPlante, Nathanael Lavallee, Stephanie Lawsure, Thomas Lishness, Emma Logan, Michael Long, Gabrielle Loring, David Luongo, Morgan Mancall, Colleen Martin, James McKinney, Brandon Meagher, John Messina, Kathleen Mitchell, Steven Monaghan III, Katherine Mowles, Kayla Munson, Rachel Muscat, Evan Negele, Jacqueline Newell, Graham Nichols, Jonathan O'Hearn, Bradley Page, Andrew Pezzullo, Ross Phillipps, Molly Powell, Matthew Rand, Holly Register, Shannon Rhys, Lucas Richards, Emily Richardson, Paige St. Germain, Grace Stack, Marita Stressenger, Kathleen Takach, Marisa Turesky, Anna Vallely, Shea Watson, Nathaniel Weatherbie, Rosalie Wennberg, Joseph Wolanski

### Juniors

**High Honors**—Peter Brigham, Jay Cushing, Graham Findlay, A. Tess Fiser, Abigail Flynn, Tanner Garrity, Alicen Johnson, John Menz, Samuel Naseef

**Honors**—Emily Adams, Emily Atwood, Brockton Barritt, Peter Barton, Emily Beringer, Niles Bond, Amelia Bothel, Devon Bottomley, Elisabeth Brewington, Benjamin Brewster, Elizabeth Briggs, Nell Britton, Macauley Cliffe, Olivia DeSena, Bailey Dittrich, Gabrielle Donahue, Matthew Donovan, Hannah Doss, Samuel Eisenberg, Matthew Feeman, James Fisher, Alexander Frustaci, Spencer Garland, Zachary Gavin, Emylee Goodine, Russell Hamerski, Elizabeth Hobbs, Stephen Homa, Matthew Hubbell, Kristin Kerney, Gregory LaTorre, Kath-

erine Lavallee, Emily Leighton, Christopher Makrides, Rebecca Manning, Elizabeth Marcuse, Angelina Marino, Holly McIntyre, Finn Melanson, Adam Moyer, Harrison Otterbein, Owen Pearson, Paige Pendarvis, William Pierce, Morgan Pillsbury, Kyle Piscopo, Maxwell Pulsifer, Meredith Riker, Trillium Rintel, Michael Seltzer, Brenden Shields, Madeleine Spagnola, Julia Springer, Samuel St. Germain, Kylie Tanabe, Brendan Taylor, Colleen Thibeault, Colleen Whitcomb, Megan Winker

### Sophomores

**High Honors**—Kelsey Barton, Willard Bollenbach, Allison Chase, William Daly, Alexander Diaz, Skyler Dunfey, Peter Governali, Rachel LaPlante, Andrew Lynch, Kelsey Maguire, Jack Queeney, Brendan Stewart, Hannah Wallace

**Honors**—Olivia Amorello, Abigail Armstrong, Sydney Banks, Karyn Barrett, Lydia Berman, Emmet Boland, Theodore Bowe, Allyson Boyington, Camille Braun, Anna Britton, Alana Cooper, Sarah Cummings, Anna Darling, Bradley Dickinson, Emily Donovan, Reid Douty, Tori Downer, Alexandria Dutton, Victoria Etzel, Elise Galgano, Andrew Grennon, Christopher Haller, Miranda Hanson, Rebecca Hayes, Lucy Hewitt, Emily Hollyday, Sarah Klopp, Kelsey Krull, Aubrey Landsfeld, Joseph Long, Robert Macdonald, Donal Martin, Ian Mayo, John McDonald, Matthew Miklavic, Rachel Nichols, Lauren Nicholson, Benjamin Norris, Casey O'Donovan, Alexia Pappas, Lauren Perrino, Catherine Powell, Samantha Quimby, Lindsay Rand, Nicholas Rhys, Wesley Richards, Benjamin Richardson, Jackson Roos, Ross Sherman, Mary Elizabeth Simms, Katherine Sullivan, Keely Sutherland, Emily Taintor, Timothy Takach, Lynn Tarbox, Sean Thomas, Cameron Thurston, Alexandra Weatherbie, Paul Wennberg, Nicole Yim

### Freshmen

**High Honors**—Ian Andolsek, Vanessa Blair-Glantz, Dylan Bruns, Ethan DiNinno, John Harrison, Charlotte Ruddy

**Honors**—Jessica Allen, Max Aronson, Noah Backer, Blake Barritt, Thomas Bot-

tomley, Nicholas Breed, Brian Brett, Victoria Brigham, William Brooks, Christopher Burke, Peter Campbell, Shelby Cogan, Olivia Cooper, Shannon Daly, Alexandra Dutton, Rebecca Eisenberg, Alexander Enna, Theodore Farnsworth, Kevin Flathers, Alyssa Freitas, Adam Gale, Maxwell Gore, Emily Ham, Paul Hamerski, Forest Hewitt, Julia Hintlian, Thomas Janick, Alexis Johnson, Zoe Johnston, Caroline Kelly, Sasha Kohan, Timothy Lavallee, Alonso Lizano, Connor Logan, Sara Macdonald, William McCarthy, Ian McInerney, Edward Melanson, Ziana Merlim, Georgia Morris, Maria Morris, Claire Muscat, Emily Muscat, Miranda Newman, William Norris, Katherine Page, Matthew Pierce, Matthew Propp, Maggie Rabasca, Kayla Raftice, Jonathan Rice, Isabella Robinson, Victoria Russell, Charles Salerno, Hillary Sells, Luke Sisselman, Elin Sonesson, Thomas Spagnola, Timothy Stack, Lindsay Stephen, Melissa Stewart, Macklin Sweeney, Catherine Tierney, Jacob Wasserman, Noelle Webster

## NYA student selected to perform at District 2 Honors festival

At auditions held Nov. 18, North Yarmouth Academy student Maeve Stier was selected to perform at the District 2 Honors Vocal and Instrumental Festival, to be held on Feb. 7 at Leavitt Area High School in Turner. A junior, Stier is a member of the NYA chorus.

About a quarter of students who audition for District 2 Honors festivals are accepted. District 2 covers schools from Portland to Lewiston-Auburn and Bethel. Stier is a junior at NYA.

## Parents raise funds for textbooks, supplies

Although a freeze on nonpayroll school spending is in progress, Cape Elizabeth Middle School parents are determined to get students and teachers the textbooks and supplies they need.

Members of the Middle School Parents Association, who will man the bottle shed at the transfer station in January, are looking for people to sign up to work two-hour stints in the shed. MSPA members also encourage Cape residents to donate bottles to the shed that month. Funds raised through bottles will purchase both traditional and electronic textbooks.

All who want to sign up can go to [http://my.calendars.net/bottle\\_shed\\_oct\\_/d01/01/2009](http://my.calendars.net/bottle_shed_oct_/d01/01/2009). For more information about the bottle shed fundraiser, please contact Linda LeBlond at [lleblond@maine.rr.com](mailto:lleblond@maine.rr.com) or Trish Brigham at [pbrigham@maine.rr.com](mailto:pbrigham@maine.rr.com).

Parents can e-mail their children's teachers to find out about classrooms supplies they need. To access e-mail addresses by grade, go to [http://capedistrict.learningnetworks.com/Pages/MS\\_Teachers/mslist](http://capedistrict.learningnetworks.com/Pages/MS_Teachers/mslist).

## Kindergarten registration underway

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.

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## 'Walk on By'

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In the past couple of years, Wolfinger has devoted more and more time to supervising and managing Lone Wolf Documentary Group, the South Portland-based film company she owns with her husband, Kirk, an Emmy-award winning filmmaker. But filmmaking is her love.

"In the last two or three years, the documentary industry has shifted, and everybody wants science programming and reality shows, so fewer people are commissioning the kind of docudramas that I built my reputation on," said Wolfinger, who has been making films for 20 years. "I love working with actors and telling stories, and you can't do that in the documentary world anymore."

### Crew and locations

Wolfinger's crew, made up of local actors, including dogs; actor friends from New York; a director of photography from California; and Emmy-winning Lone Wolf co-workers, filmed "Walk on By" in three days.

In addition to locations in Robinson Woods and on Robinson family property,

scenes were shot at Cape resident Lisa Silverman Gent's house and in front of Cape resident Catie-Fairbank Cliffe's restaurant, Magnolia's, in South Portland.

### Film festivals

Before its screening at the Women's International Film and TV Showcase in L.A., "Walk on By" was featured at the Hartford Film Festival in Connecticut and at the Phoenix Film Festival in Portland, where it won first place. Wolfinger is waiting to hear if it has been selected for other festivals, including Sundance and Tribeca.

Down the road, Wolfinger is likely to create more narrative films.

"My passion is history and telling stories," she said. "I've done big docudramas, which are the marriage of the documentary form and the narrative form, so doing a straight narrative piece is just a natural progression."

### Where to get the film

To buy a copy of "Walk on By," for sale for \$10, go to [www.lonewolfdg.com](http://www.lonewolfdg.com) and click on the photograph at left, or go to Lone Wolf's offices at 10 Cottage Road in South Portland.

## CEHS senior Michelle Munger to attend presidential inauguration, meet president-elect

In January, Cape Elizabeth High School senior Michelle Munger will join other high school students from across the United States to take part in the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States.

"I anticipate this will be an amazing experience and am very much looking forward to attending the presidential inauguration and all of the events associated with it," said Michelle, who will participate in a five-day program, the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC), which is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of the history behind the electoral process and traditions surrounding the presidential inauguration. Inaugural scholars will have the opportunity to interact with the president-elect, White House officials, Congressional staff members, political experts and other VIPs, such as former Secretary of State, General Colin L. Powell, and former Vice President Al Gore. After the inauguration, students will watch the inaugural parade, as the president, vice president and their families make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the U.S. Capitol to the White House. They will also attend a black-tie inaugural ball.

To be nominated as a PYIC scholar, students must first be nominated as Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) scholars and complete at least one CYLC program. CYLC is a nonpartisan, independent, educational organization.



Photo by Sasha Chipman

Michelle Munger

dent, educational organization.

Munger has participated in two CYLC conferences: a 10-day conference in Washington, D.C., in 2007; and a 13-day conference in 2008, in which participants traveled to Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary; and Prague, Czech Republic.

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207-799-3692

[www.capenazarene.org](http://www.capenazarene.org)

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Prayer: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Sermon recordings available to download

### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
207-799-8396

Chapel Service: 8:15 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. service  
Child care: 10:00 a.m. service  
Audio tapes of services available

### Cape Shore Assembly of God

536 Cottage Road, South Portland  
207-799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Family Bible Studies: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Sermon recordings available to download

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

29 Ocean House Road  
207-767-5000

Sacrament Meeting: Sunday 10-11:10 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.-noon  
Primary: 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Relief Society, Priesthood: 12:05-1:00 p.m.

### Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook Street, South Portland  
207-879-0028

[www.bethaam.org](http://www.bethaam.org)

Worship: Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Family Shabbat services:  
Second Friday 6:30 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of South Portland

879 Sawyer Street, South Portland  
207-799-4565

[www.spfbc.com](http://www.spfbc.com)

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Awana Clubs (grades 3-8) Tuesday 6:20 p.m.

### First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland  
207-799-3361

[www.fccucc.org](http://www.fccucc.org)

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.  
Preschool Childcare: 10:00 a.m.  
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### Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

885 Shore Road  
207-799-4014

[www.stalbansmaine.org](http://www.stalbansmaine.org)

Rite I: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Rite I: Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Rite II: Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Rite II: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
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## Congregational Church plans pageant, Vespers and Christmas Eve services

The First Congregational Church has several Christmas services planned. The church will hold a Christmas Vespers service at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, to which all are invited. The evening of music and poetry will include music by Choir Director Shirley Curry, members of the Meetinghouse Choir, and special guests. A reception in the Wright Pavilion will follow immediately after the service.

The church's Christmas Pageant is set for 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, in the sanctuary. The First Congregational Church will hold three services on Christmas Eve: a 5 p.m. family service, and services at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road on Meeting House Hill in South Portland. For more information, please call 799-3361.

## Methodist Church to hold two Christmas Eve services

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will have Christmas Eve services at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. The 6 p.m. service will be a family service with a traditional Christmas pageant. The 11 p.m. service will be by candlelight and will offer communion.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. The Rev. Ruth Morrison is minister.

## St. Alban's to host two fireside discussions entitled 'Now I Become Myself'

This holiday season, St. Alban's will host two fireside discussions entitled "Now I Become Myself" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Dec. 8 and 15, in the church rectory. At the discussions, participants will together consider the question: "How do I become the person God dreams for me to be?"

Discussion will incorporate Scriptures, the writings of contemporary poets and theologians, and scenes from contemporary films to provide a common touchstone. The Rev. James Adams will facilitate the series. All are welcome and invited. For more information, please call the parish office at 799-4014 or [stalbans@stalbansmaine.org](mailto:stalbans@stalbansmaine.org).

## St. Bartholomew fund 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.

"In this way we hope to establish a fund of \$15,000," Mary Ellen Whiteman of St. Bartholomew stated in a press release.

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.

Checks should be made out to "St. Bartholomew Parish" and should indicate that the funds are for "heating assistance."

## St. Alban's Church to offer three Christmas Eve services

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will hold three Christmas Eve services on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The first, an informal family service planned at 4 p.m., will include Holy Eucharist, a children's sermon and the singing of familiar Christmas carols. The service is especially suited for families with young children.

A traditional Christmas Eve service, which will include a sermon and the singing of Christmas carols, is planned for 6 p.m.

Choirmaster Jim Strand and the Saint Alban's Chancel Choir have prepared a musi-

cal feast for the 10 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, which will include Eucharist, the singing of Christmas carols, and special choral and organ music. The choir will begin the festivities at 9:40 p.m. and the service will begin at 10 p.m.

Childcare will be available in the nursery during both the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. services. The church does not have a Christmas Day service.

St. Alban's is located at 885 Shore Road. For more information, call the parish office at 799-4014.

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## Schools

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with high property valuations, will lose a bigger percentage of state education aid than other Maine communities.

The Department of Education, which determines funding based on each district's cost of essential programs and services, has raised the mill rate—the amount of taxes paid per \$1,000 of assessed property value—from \$6.55 to \$6.79, an increase of 24 cents for every \$1,000.

If curtailments go into effect during this school year, Hawkins said he first would go to contingencies, then funds set aside for supplies and equipment, and then money earmarked for programs. But that money still wouldn't add up to enough, he said.

"We have about \$70,000 in contingency. We have about \$100,000, more or less, in the areas of equipment, supplies, and that kind of thing; and we have ... approximately \$20,000 to \$22,000 in staff development... so we are not at a point where there is \$421,572 out there above salaries and fringe benefits," Hawkins said.

Currently, the DOE is considering ways to reduce the impact on school districts.

"I understand that the commissioner [Susan Gendron] is looking at mandates that are unfunded to see if some of those might be cut to save dollars for individual school systems," Hawkins said.

Financial help for the schools from the municipal side makes sense in Cape Elizabeth, which operates under a "one-town" concept of shared delivery of school and municipal services," school board member Karen Burke said.

"It would be nice ... given the fact that this is something that was thrown at us, and we had done a responsible job budgeting for the year, depending on certain things coming in, especially from the state," Burke said.

### Declining revenues

Town Manager Michael McGovern "has

been very open to discussing how the town might be able to help out," Hawkins said.

But the municipal side also faces challenges, McGovern stated in a Dec. 4 e-mail.

"The income from excise taxes was over \$1.8 million in fiscal year (FY) 2006. In FY 2009, we are projecting income of less than \$1.6 million, and in FY 2010 the income from excise taxes will be about \$1.5 million. We are also dealing with declining building-permit income, reduced investment income and projected shortfalls in state revenue sharing," McGovern said, adding that total nonproperty tax revenues in FY 2010 are projected to be \$3.1 million, compared to revenue of just over \$3.9 million in FY 2006.

"The budget outlook is bleak as there is little citizen appetite for tax increases to fill the gap caused by other revenues declining. We need to cut municipal expenditures," McGovern said. "Our cooperative approach needs to deal with both the short-term problem of revenues declining midway through a budget year and a school year and the slightly longer term issue of needing to lay the groundwork for next year's budget as we face the realities of these times."

### Reopening employee contracts

School board member Peter Cotter suggested the possibility of reopening and renegotiating staff and teacher contracts.

"Not to speak for school employees, but I'd much rather pay another \$25 a week toward my Blue Cross than lose my job. ... It just seems more palatable than layoffs."

The degree to which layoffs this year would make a financial difference is questionable, board member Rebecca Millett said.

"I'm not so sure there are that many creative ways to make cuts, given that we have a 90-day waiting period for teachers, and there's probably a waiting period for other employees that are shorter, but there are still waiting periods," Millett said.

one last look any place we can logically make that trade-off [for safety]," Backer said.

### Park section of path to change

The committee also asked Mitchell to come up with a plan for moving the section of the path which runs inside Fort Williams Park to outside of the park, a change which could involve moving part of the fence which surrounds the park. Committee members were particularly concerned that with the park closed from dusk to dawn, a path within the park would not be fully accessible.

Committee member Andie Mahoney, who runs along Shore Road from the north side of town nearly every morning, said she would prefer to see the path run continuously on the "land side" of Shore Road from the north side of town all the way to the town center. The land-side path currently begins at the old entrance to Fort Williams (by the pond and tennis courts), requiring a road crossing from the park to the path.

Mahoney said that she believed school children would use a path to go to school and other neighborhoods, and noted that the schools already have a popular walk/bike-to-school-day once a month.

Though other committee members agreed that a longer and continuous path would be ideal, Mitchell said that there had been no survey work done on the land side of the park between the old and new entrances. The committee agreed to suggest the study of further extensions of the land-side path to the town council.

### Other changes and decisions

Other changes requested by the committee included moving a planned crosswalk, close to the town center, to be near Julie Ann Lane. This would allow for a five-foot path, on the water side of the road, but would require the cutting of at least several trees and

## Planning board

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ment does not prohibit alteration, Maine Preservation has agreed that the proposal is within historically sensitive restrictions.

Cox told the board that he plans to begin selling trees either next season or the season after, with hours of operation yet to be determined. Board members asked that a lighting plan be shown on the drawings, to accommodate customers after dark.

So far, public feedback for the farm stand has been very positive, said board chairwoman Barbara Schenkel. "We're all anxious to support our farms," she said.

In a telephone interview, Cox said no new trees have been planted at the Dun Roamin' farm since he started planting his own. He anticipated a "hand-off" of business from his parents' farm when his is ready to open.

### Fort Williams Arboretum plan approved

In other matters, the board unanimously approved plans for an arboretum at Fort Williams Park, consistent with the park's master plan.

The arboretum project identifies 15 areas within the park that have been run over with invasive, nonnative vegetation. The goal of the project, initiated by private citizens and funded by donations, would be to rid those areas of invasive plants and to replace them with native vegetation.

After a public hearing, the board voted to approve the arboretum plan, provided that each phase of the project is recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Commission and approved by the town council, and that funding is available for the completion and maintenance of each phase.

Public Works Director Robert Malley would oversee construction of each phase.

Kathryn Bacastow, speaking for the citizen group calling itself the Ad Hoc Arboretum at Fort Williams Park Committee, told the board that a group of current and

the eventual moving of utility poles.

Likewise, Mitchell was asked to look at possibilities for widening the path to five feet at Dyer Pond, where the path is currently drawn at four feet to minimize wetland impact.

The committee agreed that asphalt would be the best material for the length of the path, outside of Robinson Woods, where the Land Trust will allow only non-pavement material. Stone dust or other crushed material options require more maintenance and are prone to "migration" from the path to abutting lawns.

As of the Dec. 3 meeting, the committee was still awaiting a final decision from the Land Trust regarding the path crossing at Robinson Woods.

### Comments taken, meetings scheduled, FAQ to be posted

The public was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments at both the start and the end of the meeting.

In response to a question about cost, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said that the total cost for the feasibility study so far was \$35,000, \$7,000 of which came from town funds and \$28,000 from grants. O'Meara said "there is a 99 percent chance that that's it," although work of the committee and Mitchell & Associates was continuing.

Paul Bulger, a resident and attorney for Maren and Tim Robinson, reminded the committee that trees within the right-of-way are still "in someone's front yard," raised regulatory issues relating to wetlands, and suggested that alternatives to roadside paths, such as woodland trails, be considered.

Another resident, who identified himself as a "bike educator," said the path would cut in half the likelihood of a pedestrian's being hit, "send a message that it is good to

former residents, bound by a love of Cape Elizabeth, Fort Williams and horticulture, got together approximately two years ago to address the problems of invasive plants in the park. Many areas have become overrun with invasives such as bittersweet, in many cases obstructing views for which the park is known.

The group hopes to begin its project next spring at a demonstration site located next to Ship Cove.

Rick Churchill, who served as tree warden for approximately 10 years, is a member of the group and said he has probably looked at every tree in Fort Williams Park. "It became very apparent to me that there was a battle going on that wasn't going to be won by existing vegetation," Churchill said. He called the current predominance of red oak and birch trees a "monoculture," and encouraged the re-establishment of different, native species.

Although he no longer has personal ties to Cape Elizabeth, Churchill said, "It's the Fort. It's worth doing something for."

Most speakers at a public hearing agreed with and supported the plan.

One speaker, Starboard Drive resident Betty Crane, lauded the work of the citizen group, but said she believed Fort Williams had funding needs more pressing than its horticulture. "I'm very much afraid that donor dollars are going to be used for this, that would normally be used for (other) park projects that are under study at this time," she said, citing the Goddard Mansion, bleachers, and the different battery areas as examples. She said she believed the beauty of Fort Williams could be preserved in its natural state.

Other speakers, however, said the horticultural project would attract a specific group of supporters, and that other projects would gain the attention of a different sector. "There are different groups of people that are interested in different things," said Fort Williams Advisory Commission Chairman Chuck Wilson, adding that the commission was unsure as to when the other projects would begin. "We do know that we need to do a lot of work with the invasive plants, and we don't have the dollars in the budget to do it," he said.

The Fort Williams Advisory Commission is the citizen group appointed by the town council to advise them specifically on matters regarding Fort Williams Park. The commission unanimously approved the plan after a seven-month study, Wilson said. The town council gave an initial approval in July of this year and will review the demonstration site proposal again before work can begin.

Organizers anticipate a cost of nearly \$60,000 over three years for the demonstration site, including labor and materials.

be active," and was supported by both the Southern Maine Agency on Aging and a bike coalition.

The committee agreed to meet briefly on Dec. 11 to review a set of frequently-asked questions, and agree on answers to be posted on the town Web site at <http://www.capeelizabeth.com/aSurePath.html>. Some committee members were particularly concerned about "false information being perpetuated." Rumors and reports mentioned as false included a \$10 million dollar path price tag, and the taking of property and destruction of stone walls.

The committee will meet on Jan. 28 to look at revisions to the plan for approval. The committee plans to prepare a cost estimate at a Feb. 28 meeting and to have both a plan and cost estimate ready to submit to the town council at its final meeting on March 25. Backer said that the council would be busy with budget work in March and that any path proposal would likely not be put on the council agenda immediately.

## Path

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for a more consistent five-foot path and a three-foot esplanade between the path and the road, but would entail the loss of an additional 27 trees. The plan presented by Mitchell at the public forum called for the cutting of only 15 trees. That path is five feet wide in some parts, but narrows to four feet in others, and some parts of the path are flush with the road, without a buffering esplanade.

"The first plan was weighted to preserving features at the expense of safety, to a certain degree," McGinn said. "I like the idea of a plan with a minimum of a three-foot buffer the entire length and a change in elevation in other places. I don't mind taking a few additional trees to bring the buffer to a minimum of two to three feet."

Most committee members echoed McGinn's concern that the path did not have a consistent five-foot width, with some more interested in changes in elevation to enhance safety. Mitchell's alternative plan called for more tree removal to increase the width of path and buffer but did not include elevation changes.

The committee reached a consensus that at seven short (10 feet or less) stretches in the path, where just a solitary tree was an obstacle to a five-foot path, the original plan would suffice, so that trees could be saved. For longer stretches of path, flush with the road and only four feet wide, the committee agreed "safety wins over trees." The two main areas of concern were opposite Smugglers Cove and at the Robinson family property. Options of path widening and elevation changes at these stretches will be explored by Mitchell in a new plan.

"We probably have an obligation to take

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**Maureen McQuade** won the Maine Innkeepers Association Hall of Fame Award on Oct. 28 at the organization's 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and conference at Sebasco Harbor Resort. The award is presented to a retired tourism professional who has contributed, through personal commitment, to the lodging/hospitality industry in Maine over a period of years.

A graduate of Boston University, McQuade began her career at the Bangor Holiday Inn, later forming her own hotel management company, Preferred Management. In 1990, McQuade took over operations at **Inn by the Sea** and later purchased the property with business partner Larry Mahaney. McQuade was innkeeper/owner of Inn by the Sea for 17 years before retiring.

A Cape resident, McQuade is a past president and chair of the Maine Innkeepers Association, and in 2007 was awarded the Innkeeper of the Year Award. She also served on the boards of New England Inns and Resorts, Discover New England, and the marketing committee of the Maine Office of Tourism, and was an active hospice volunteer.



Maureen McQuade

Two Cape Elizabeth lawyers with Portland-based Drummond Woodsum law firm have been recognized in the 2009 edition of "Best Lawyers in America" for their accomplishments in their practice areas:

**David Backer** in trusts and estates and **Rob Gips** for Native American law. Backer lives on Rugosa Way with his wife, **Suzan**, and Gips resides at Delano Park with his wife, **Karen Harris**.

**Patrick Cooper** was named "Broker of the Month" for October at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Real Estate** for outstanding sales.

Cooper, who relocated with his family to Cape Elizabeth eight years ago, worked as an independent contractor specializing in renovation and restoration before turning to real estate full time in 2006. He and wife **Summer** have two children.

**Colin Whiteman** appeared this month in Purchase Opera's production of Giancarlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Purchase College State University of New York in Purchase, N.Y.

Whiteman, a student in the university's Conservatory of Music Voice and Opera Studies program, graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in June.

**Katie and Chris Gillespie** announce the birth of their third child, **Cullen Gillespie**, born Sept. 4 at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Her arrival was celebrated by grandparents Jim and Jackie Gillespie of South Portland, Sue Curtis of Gorham, and Bob and Phyllis Curtis of Limerick.

"Older siblings Ethan and Maddie are very excited that she has finally arrived," Katie Gillespie said.



Cullen Gillespie

## Bottle-begotten bulbs



Cape Elizabeth fifth-grader, **Maddie Murphy**, plants bulbs in November in the dragonfly garden at Pond Cove School. The bulbs were a gift to Murphy and fellow fourth-graders in Tara Bucci's Pond Cove class last year from **Tijmen vanRietbergen**, an 11-year-old Dutch boy who a year ago this month found a message in a bottle from Maddie and classmate **Sonja Borgmann**. Maddie's father, **John Murphy**, a ship engineer, had dropped 10 bottles with messages from Bucci's class into the English Channel on Thanksgiving night 2007. After his discovery, the Dutch boy had responded enthusiastically, sending the students a five-page letter, including photos, a map, and details about himself, his family, and his country. When Tijmen visited John Murphy's ship this summer in Germany, he brought gifts, including the bulbs.

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