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School board letter opposes proposed funding curtailment, distribution formula

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth School Board members not only oppose the governor's proposed across-the-board curtailment in education funding, but also the formula by which school funding is determined, board members stated in a Jan. 5 letter to the governor, state commissioner of education, and members of legislative education and finance committees.

"We respectfully request that Maine's leadership revisit the blanket 10 percent cut and lessen the burden on direct public service providers such as our schools," board members wrote in a letter they addressed to Gov. John Baldacci, Maine Education Commissioner Susan Gendron, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

If the Legislature approves the governor's recommendation to reduce local education aid by \$27 million to help offset a projected \$140 million revenue shortfall this year, board members ask that Augusta reconsider the formula by which Maine schools are funded.

Property valuation is the major factor in the Essential Programs and Services funding formula. The Department of Education has raised the mill rate—the amount of taxes paid per \$1,000 of assessed property value—from \$6.55 to \$6.79.

"This methodology ... unduly penalizes a

handful of districts. That some districts see only a 2 percent cut, while others (including Cape Elizabeth) face double digit cuts, does not meet the test of 'fairness,'" board members wrote in their letter. "The governor stated that there would be a 10-percent cut in general fund dollars, and the allocation of cuts to districts should reflect that goal. All districts are equally ill-equipped to handle a cut in promised state funding midyear in its budget cycle."

When *The Cape Courier* went to press on Jan. 13, the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs was holding work sessions on the budget. Cape's elected officials were uncertain about when a final vote would occur.

"[It] could take several weeks before [legislators] arrive at anything close to a compromise," Maine Sen. Larry Bliss said.

Although nothing will be certain until then, it's likely that \$421,000 will not arrive in Cape from Augusta this spring, Kathy Ray, school board member, said.

"The state gives us a check each month, and what they're saying to us is that they're going to make only 10 months of payment for money that's already been allocated, and some of which is spent. We won't receive the last two monthly checks."

In February, the DOE is expected to release subsidy figures for the 2009-2010 school year. Ray didn't want to make a prediction about an amount, however. At a

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Council cuts recycling center hours; okays funds to help schools

By Bob Dodd

The dismal state of the economy was clearly on town councilors' minds at its January meeting.

Starting Feb. 1, town residents will have 10 fewer hours for hauling waste and recyclables to the recycling center.

"The impetus for the reduction in hours is totally economic," said Town Councilor Jim Rowe.

At its Jan. 12 meeting, the town council voted to trim 10 hours off the time that the center will be open. The action closes the center on Thursdays, and eliminates 2 hours from the Wednesday schedule. The changes go into effect Feb. 1.

The new hours will be:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed/Fri/Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun/Tue/Thu: Closed

The reduction in hours is a recommendation contained in the Recycling Working Group's recent report to the council. The group estimated that the reduced hours would save the town about \$14,000 per year. The eliminated time periods were the typically the quieter periods at the center, the report stated.

Council acts to help schools in anticipation of less state dollars

The council also took action to soften the blow to Cape schools of anticipated curtailment of state aid for education in the current fiscal year.

Councilor Ann Swift-Kayatta said that

the General Purpose Aid (GPA) originally budgeted for Cape schools is expected to be reduced by \$421,000. The reduction is part of emergency measures called for by Gov. Baldacci and affects the current school budget.

The council adopted the 4-0 recommendation of its Finance Committee to transfer up to \$200,000 from the municipal undes-

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Beauty in ice



Photo by Claudia Dricot

A branch in ice after the December storm.

Voting ongoing in special election; Jordan and Walsh vie for council seat

By Elizabeth Brogan

The town's special election to fill one town council seat and one seat on the Portland Water District is set for Jan. 27. Absentee voting has been ongoing since Dec. 29.

In the council race, Penny Jordan of Fowler Road and Jim Walsh of Rock Crest Drive are competing for a term left unexpired by the resignation of former Town Council Chair, Mary Ann Lynch. Lynch resigned in October, leaving a term which will expire in December, 2010.

Also on the ballot will be a one-year unexpired term on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees, representing Cape Elizabeth and South Portland. Mark Duval, of Farms Edge Road, will appear on the ballot for that seat.

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 the 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 are available at the town clerk's office in town hall during regular business hours, Mondays 7:30 to 5 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday 7:30 to 4 p.m. Voters may also request an absentee ballot by phone (767-7473) or written request. All absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

Residents not yet registered to vote may also do so at any time through election day.

For more information about absentee voting or registration, visit the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com or call Town Clerk, Debra Lane, at 767-7473.

Q and A for council candidates:

1. What do you believe Cape Elizabeth's priorities should be at this time?

Jordan:

1. Weathering the current economic environment
2. Working together for the town
3. Identifying ways to alleviate our tax burden

Cape Elizabeth is not immune to national and state economic issues; therefore, a key priority is how we respond to the constraints of the current economic environment. Over the next several years, we will see significant budget challenges from a municipal and a school perspective. Citizens will be limiting their spending, and many will not be able to endure a tax increase. I will work to limit tax increases and ensure our tax dollars are spent wisely. We will not be able to do everything and will need to make sacrifices – to identify those sacrifices we must work together.

In order to make the best decisions for the long term, we must focus our energies on common priorities. Basic services that serve all citizens must be maintained. Our schools must continue to provide a well-



Penny Jordan



Jim Walsh

rounded education for our young people. We must think long term while responding to the near-term economic challenges. There will be trade-offs, and projects will be postponed. By working together, Cape Elizabeth will become a better and wiser community.

We must take pressure off residential taxpayers by becoming a more business-friendly town. I recognize we do not want just any business in our town and that we must take a planned approach to these decisions. Nevertheless, we must find ways to bring dollars into our town, create jobs and reduce the distance our citizens travel for goods and services.

Walsh:

The priority for Cape Elizabeth should be to continue to review its short and long term objectives as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan 2007 in light of the current local and national economic conditions. The town's

elected officials and its management team should redouble their efforts to fully analyze the needs and the desires of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth. They will determine how to use our resources to provide both an excellent school system and exemplary municipal services. Proactive local government will listen to its constituents and provide the leadership to deliver quality services at the most reasonable cost.

Communication within our community as to what the people of Cape Elizabeth want is imperative to the decision makers as they approach managing the many challenges ahead. If elected to the town council, I will bring twenty-five years of experience working with similar fiscal challenges in both the for profit and nonprofit worlds.

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Drillen's provides 'utmost attention' to grateful resident during ice storm

On the third day without power as a result of our recent ice storm, I found myself amidst the frenzy at Drillen True Value Hardware, searching for a rare power cord for our generator. Not only did the folks at Drillen's patiently educate me about the type of cord we needed, they subsequently chased me down in the parking lot to tell me that some of the parts had just arrived by truck. They then located the remainder of the parts and sent a truck out to pick them up, holding them until I was able to return.

Based on the comments of another customer (and also on what I have since learned), the power cord components are scarcer than hen's teeth during more normal times, let alone during an ice storm blackout. The Drillen's folks gave me the utmost attention, pausing only long enough to lug a huge kerosene heater to the car of two senior citizens while explaining to them how to safely operate it. No franchise store would have provided anything like this level of service, all with reassuring smiles and good senses of humor. We are fortunate to have a quality business like Drillen's in our neighborhood.

Debbie Mann

Walsh is a 'proven leader' for our town

We are writing in support of Jim Walsh for election to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. Our community is fortunate to have a candidate with Jim's experience, passion, and vision on the upcoming ballot. Jim has shared his talents by serving St. Bartholomew Church, CEEF, the United Way, Maine College of Art, and the Cape Elizabeth Zoning Board.

If Jim is elected, his priorities will be fiscal responsibility, excellence in education, excellence in town government, and working to maintain Cape's unique character. Jim recognizes that the major issue in our town is the many needs of our citizens and limited funds to pay for those needs. State funding is shrinking and the next few years in the current economy will require creative solutions. When facing an issue, Jim's first reaction is to instinctively think outside the box. His ability to weigh all the pros and cons and put them into the proper perspective will result in the best possible decisions for our community.

Jim has continually demonstrated a commitment to young and old alike during his twenty-one years as a Cape resident. He is a proven leader who will bring a fresh voice, creative ideas, and a practical approach to problem-solving to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. In a town consisting of so many capable individuals, we cannot think of a better person to lead at this critical time. Please join us by supporting Jim Walsh on Jan. 27.

Grace and Michael Ott

Endocrinologist: town will 'do the right thing' by supporting Shore Road path

I am very gratified to see the high level of public support for the proposed Shore Road path. As an endocrinologist who has spent most of his professional career caring for people with diabetes, I welcome any community efforts to facilitate active lifestyles for all of our citizens. I am sure that readers are aware of the grim statistics: diabetes prevalence has more than doubled in the past 20 years, largely the result of increasing overweight and obesity (in 2/3 of adults) and sedentary lifestyle. Most alarming are the trends among youth. Although these figures are alarming, there is a solution. Several large research studies have shown that moderate lifestyle changes, including the equivalent of walking briskly for 30 minutes at least 5 days per week, can reduce the incidence of diabetes by over 50 percent.

Given the importance of physical activity, and the fact that 60 percent of U.S. adults are not getting recommended levels of exercise, health psychologists have tried to elucidate the factors which promote exercise. One important determinant is the availability of a safe and physically attractive place to exercise, as advocated by the S.A.F.E. group. Another is self-efficacy, or believing you can perform the activity. One way to do this is to provide models of residents enjoying themselves on public roads, especially if they include families with young children that others can readily identify with.

I am confident that Cape citizens will "do the right thing" for the community and continue to make me proud to be a resident of this well-planned and beautiful town.

John Devlin, M.D.

Jordan is 'keenly aware and concerned' about issues and challenges facing town

I strongly urge support for Penny Jordan for Cape Elizabeth Town Council. I have known Penny for many years, and have had the pleasure of working with her for more than a year on the Cape Elizabeth Agricultural Committee (now the Cape Farm Alliance). I have found her to be not only extremely organized and resourceful, but also keenly aware and concerned about the issues and challenges that face all the residents of our town.

Specifically, she is a skilled organizer, capable of working with a diverse group to generate positive results that reflect the input of all parties.

She is a tireless worker that puts her heart and soul into a project to see it completed well.

As a lifelong resident, she cares deeply about the town and its future. She understands that infrastructure—our schools, parks, roads, farms, businesses, open space and recreational opportunities—are our town's foundation, and must be supported.

As a farmer and businesswoman, she understands the implication of spending on the budget and residents; I believe she will advocate for responsible spending, during good as well as challenging financial times.

Penny will do a great job for us as a councilor; I support her wholeheartedly and encourage everyone to do the same.

Jay Cox

HolidayFest 'dazzled celebrants'

The wintry twilight of Friday, December 5, was brought to life in South Portland's Mill Creek Park as the annual HolidayFest and tree lighting dazzled celebrants with lights, music, food, Santa, and horse-drawn wagon rides around the park.

The traditional event was sponsored by the City of South Portland, the South Portland School Department, the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Community Chamber, the Waterfront Market Association and the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary.

Our favorite emcee, MPBN's Jennifer Rooks, along with choral students from Mahoney Middle School, Memorial Middle School, and South Portland High School, held court in the gazebo as the switch was thrown illuminating every tree in the park with "green" LED lights.

Individual members of the Waterfront Market Association and the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Community Chamber donated their time and energy to produce another treasured seasonal family event. Businesses who donated were Maine Bank & Trust, Edward Jones Investments, Shopper's Hardware, The Meat House, Freihofer's Bakery Outlet, Magnolia's Café, Hannaford, Shaw's, The Lamp Repair Shop/The Polishing Shop, Inness Photo, Waterfront Graphics and Printers, and South Port Marine.

Thank you to all for your contributions and participation – "and to ALL a good night"!

Rep. Jane Eberle

Jordan will keep 'diversity' on council

We're fortunate to have two capable candidates running for the open Town Council seat. Having said that, I want to tell you three reasons why I'm supporting Penny Jordan for this position.

As a town councilor, Penny will bring a healthy balance and perspective to the body. She's a successful entrepreneur whose business sense and willingness to change with the times have helped the family farm and farm stand keep thriving. She continually shows that she understands the needs of the farm customers, and works with her family to find creative ways to accommodate those needs. She'll bring this collaborative and creative approach to the council in meeting the broader needs of Cape residents.

She's an environmentalist whose long-term interest in the land helped the William Jordan family craft a multipronged farmland preservation package that includes a conservation easement on 46 acres. She understands the attachment we have to that sometimes elusive "rural character" and knows how to hang onto it.

Penny also has a well-honed sense about people—she genuinely cares about what you're thinking. And it doesn't matter if she knows you or not, if you've been in town your whole life or just a couple of months, if you want to communicate with her face to face or through her Web site, she welcomes your input and the wide range of opinions and perspectives she encounters.

I hope you'll take this opportunity to vote for Penny Jordan for the town council and keep our council reflective of the rich diversity of our residents.

Janet McLaughlin

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sports boosters in town, support and enhance the school sports programs so that the school teams can have a better program at a lower cost than would otherwise be the case. We'll see you all next year.

Phil St. Germain, President, CEHS Hockey Boosters



Cape Elizabeth Boys' Hockey team

Jordan has proven leadership as Cape Farm Alliance chair, 'multiple abilities'

We write in support of Penny Jordan to fill the vacant town council seat. Our personal knowledge of Penny's excellent leadership skills come from her most recent work as chair of the Cape Farm Alliance. Her leadership of this group over the past 18 months demonstrates her multiple abilities. She can take on a project, set goals and time lines, motivate and inspire others to get involved and stay focused on the goal, and can keep everyone on task. She shows great initiative in researching information and keeping everyone informed.

Thanks to Penny's leadership, the Cape Farm Alliance completed an extensive and well-received report for the town council on many aspects of the agricultural community here in Cape Elizabeth that has become

a model for other towns to follow. Penny leads with knowledge, humor, and an ability to work with and listen to others. Her previous work at UNUM over twenty years in systems development and business management as well as her work in the family business, Jordan Farm, have given her the necessary skills to understand the financial aspects of the town council's responsibilities. Penny is well qualified to serve on the town council, and her skills and dedication will make her an asset to the council.

We urge you to support Penny's candidacy and would be pleased to see her continue her father's wonderful legacy of exemplary service to the town.

Nancy and Frank Miles

Walsh: 'seasoned executive, compassionate volunteer, and proven entrepreneur'

As residents and stakeholders in Cape Elizabeth's past, present and future, we believe it's important that our town's elected officials have the proper level of experience, insight and perspective required to keep this a special place. Respect for all who live here, while balancing the needs and wants of today with the past and future legacy of the town and its founders, is critical.

Jim Walsh has been a friend, parent and neighbor in town for over 20 years. Jim has the benefit of unique experience and perspective. He is a seasoned executive, compassionate volunteer and proven entrepreneur who manages by fact and can be trusted

to do the right thing. He is the kind of friend who would provide unconditional support if and when you really needed it.

Sustaining the character and charm of Cape Elizabeth for all residents is of paramount importance. Acting with complete honesty, integrity and transparency are essential elements of town leadership. The challenges and tribulations we will face locally, regionally and nationally demand that our town officials represent everyone's interest consistently and fairly.

Do the right thing. Vote Jim Walsh for town council.

Chris and Ellen Scontras

Walsh has the experience, 'necessary tools' to be effective town councilor

As residents of Cape Elizabeth for over 21 years, we enthusiastically endorse Jim Walsh in his bid for the open town council seat.

We have known Jim for over 15 years and have always been impressed with his knowledge of local, regional, and statewide issues. His willingness to tackle very difficult obstacles is one of the primary reasons for our endorsement.

Jim's business background and managerial expertise is critical in navigating these incredibly difficult economic times. As a for-

mer senior executive of a multimillion dollar supermarket chain to a current-day small business owner, Jim is acutely aware of the importance of balancing wants with needs.

Jim also has an extensive background in education as a former teacher and school principal. These experiences, coupled with his business acumen, give Jim the necessary tools to be an effective member of our town council.

Please join us in casting your vote for Jim Walsh for town council at our special municipal election on Jan. 27.

Terry and Leigh Bagley

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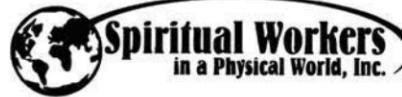
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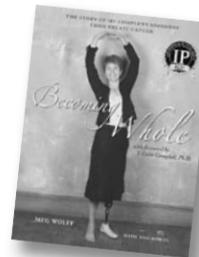


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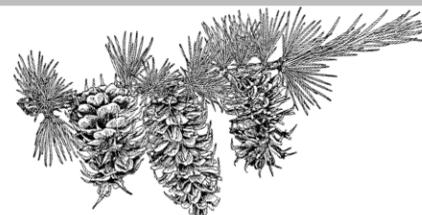


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Walsh has 'the kind of dedication and drive ... we are in dire need of'

I am writing in support of Jim Walsh and his desire to serve the town of Cape Elizabeth as town councilor. I have known Jim for many years. Jim has a balance of character found in very few people. Jim is an astute and intelligent businessman, a dedicated dad and husband, and a servant to his community. Seldom do you find a person with as much active dedication and servitude to his community, as to his own personal needs and desires.

Jim will serve Cape Elizabeth well with the kind of dedication and drive that we are in dire need of in our community. Jim Walsh knows the issues well, but most of all, as Jim listens to others, he really hears what they are saying. Cape Elizabeth needs Jim Walsh in service on our town council.

Steve Etzel

Walsh: 'conciliation and cooperation'

I am writing to express my strong support for the candidacy of Jim Walsh to fill the town council seat that has been held by Mary Ann Lynch. Ms. Lynch's dedication and effectiveness as a town councilor have been exemplary, and she leaves a legacy that will be very hard to fill. However, it is my belief that Jim Walsh is in a position to make a significant contribution to the Town of Cape Elizabeth by serving on the town council, and I would urge voters to support his candidacy.

Jim brings a keen analytical ability to the tasks of the council, and a perspective grounded by the experience of having been both an educator and an entrepreneur. His experiences as a principal will greatly enhance his understanding of the needs of the Cape Elizabeth school system, while his experiences as a manager, executive and entrepreneur will bring pragmatism and fiscal accountability to the discussions entertained by the council.

But it is Jim's intrinsic nature which I believe will be of the most utility to the town: he is blessed with a personality that encourages conciliation and cooperation. He values civil discourse and encourages solution-oriented discussion. He is a man of demonstrated principle and intellect. Having been an active citizen and father of four, he is quite familiar with the town and its history. He is open-minded and keenly interested in both the town and the people of Cape Elizabeth.

His willingness to serve on the town council, and his tremendous capability, are an opportunity that we as citizens cannot afford to miss. Please join me in supporting Jim Walsh for town council.

MaryEllen FitzGerald

Jordan has 'exactly what we need to bring community together'

As a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth, I'm writing to give my support to Penny Jordan, who is running for the vacant seat on the town council. Penny's background and family commitment to the town are exactly what we need to bring this community together during these challenging times.

Penny graduated from Cape Elizabeth High in 1972, receiving her masters from Boston University with a focus on program design and community organizing, therefore she knows the importance of an excellent education. Penny believes every town has an obligation to its young people to provide a well-rounded education that prepares them for the challenges ahead.

Penny worked for UNUM in Portland for 20 years, gaining a firm understanding of organization, facilitation, team building, budget management and other skills that have served her as she transitioned to running her own business.

I personally have known Penny for better than 50 years, having been a classmate in the Cape Elizabeth schools. In 2004, I had the privilege of working with Penny and her family to develop an agricultural easement on their farm on Wells Road and again in 2007 with the development of the Cape Farm Alliance which she chairs. I found Penny's organizational and leadership skills unparalleled. She has a very unique ability of listening to others while engaging the community in order to make informed decisions.

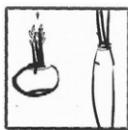
Please join me and others who know Penny Jordan in supporting her for town council on Jan. 27.

Frank Strout

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Christmas tree farm plan approved

By Wendy Derzawiec

Everyone was pleased with the site plan for a Christmas tree farm presented by Sawyer Road resident Jay Cox to the planning board Dec. 16.

"It's a lovely plan, Jay, and good luck — we look forward to seeing it," said board chairwoman Barbara Schenkel.

Neighbor Beth Angle, the only speaker at a public hearing held by the board, put it simply after Cox presented drawings from his laptop computer. "That's beautiful!" she said.

Cox's plan for the tree farm, which includes a 30-by-40-foot barn addition to the historic Dyer-Hutchinson building located on the property at 1148 Sawyer Road, won unanimous board approval.

"Everybody's pleased with what we saw on the site walk," Schenkel said.

Cox said he does not plan to add more lighting to the turf area designated for parking. He does, however, agree that additional lighting should be added to pathway lighting approaching the building, which he will probably add as temporary, solar-powered fixtures. "Basically, with the lighting, I will need to build it and see if it is adequate. If not, I'll come back (to the planning board)," Cox said.

Cox said he began planting Christmas trees for his planned select-and-cut business in 2003. His first harvest should be ready either next season or the following one.

The barn addition would support sales of pre-cut trees and wreaths or other ornamentation.

Angle, who lives across the street from Cox's property at 3 Young Lane, off Fickett Street, said she is a member of the Cape Elizabeth Farm Alliance and has supported local farms such as Cox's, and a tree farm down the road owned by Cox' parents, Jim and Evelyn Cox. "We like using our neighbors to help us, and promote buying local and having local services," she said. "I think this is fabulous — I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

The plan was approved, on condition that erosion control measures be installed during construction and that the sign for the farm be located on the Cox property and out of the town right-of-way.

Eastman Road private-accessway hearing set for Jan. 20

In other matters, the board set for public hearing an application from Allen Pipken for a private-accessway permit for a property at 22 Eastman Road. Pipken plans to create a second lot on his property there, provided the board approves a permit for a private accessway. The second lot would not have sufficient frontage on Eastman Road to qualify for a building permit.

Another request for a private-accessway permit from Jeanette Creteau, 112 Delano Park, was postponed, at the applicant's request, to the Jan. 20 meeting of the planning board.

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Cape learns lessons from ice storm

By Michael McGovern, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager

Many Cape Elizabeth homes were without power for up to three days following an ice storm in mid-December. This was the longest known local power outage in decades during a cold month.

Central Maine Power maintained close communication with the town government and followed its protocols in re-establishing power in the community. Yet the power outage still resulted in opportunities to learn from the experience.

Led by Charlie Kennedy, the town's part-time emergency management director, municipal and school officials reviewed all aspects of response to the ice storm at a meeting Christmas week.

There were a number of surprises. A handful of citizens took advantage of emergency shelters. The town was part of a regional shelter in South Portland at the beginning of the storm and opened up its own shelter once the regional shelter closed. The Red Cross has moved to a system of regional sheltering, and more publicity is needed that sheltering is now done regionally.

Many citizens now rely on telephone service from Time Warner and receive news on the Internet and on television. Transistor radios for many seem to be a relic of the past. When technology fails, it is more difficult than ever to reach citizens of the community with news. The town needs to establish a drop-in center during such events for in-

formation relating to any storm. We need to establish a neighborhood watch service to ensure that all citizens are looked after during outages. We need a volunteer corps to come forward during storm events, as municipal employees and rescue volunteers are busy with many emergencies during storms. We need to encourage folks to have an emergency bin at home with flashlights, batteries, candles, a transistor radio and with safety instructions relating to water pipes, furnaces, power surges and generators. The town will prepare a handout with safety instructions.

The use of generators is growing in the community, but many discovered late that the proper transfer switches need to be installed prior to borrowing a portable generator. Fire safety is a major issue with generators as one property owner regretfully learned the hard way. (See story on next page for more about generators.) We are also continuing discussions with CMP, trying to understand why most of Oakhurst was low on the list for regional power restoration.

The town also learned about many issues involving radio communication, the use of the 211 phone lines, the need for reset procedures to be known and the need for the Red Cross to reactivate its cadre of volunteers for shelters. We also learned how helpful the county EMA can be and we saw the dedication of many municipal and school employees and public safety volunteers. Most impressive was the resilience of the citizens of the community in dealing with cold homes.

Town posting correspondence on its Web site

The town of Cape Elizabeth is expanding Web site capabilities by posting all correspondence on public issues online.

While e-mailing municipal officials is currently available, online review of correspondence received is a new addition. Beginning immediately, Cape residents may direct e-mail to the town council and other boards and commissions to the town's Web site. Go to the town Web site at www.cape-elizabeth.com to check for the new e-mail contact page.

Once the e-mail is received, automated confirmation will go out to the sender. The system will accept all e-mails, but will only send one automated reply per sender per day.

All e-mails will then be kept on the Web site and will be available for the public to read. Correspondence must be made available for public review under the right-to-know laws; however, making correspondence available for review on the Web enhances public access.

E-mails will be sorted by the date received. Search capabilities are also available. E-mails will also be archived.

Every effort will also be made to scan and post online any correspondence not received in electronic form. The town has no plans at this time to add comments received prior to Jan. 1, 2009.

Town officials will also be able to read all comments online, resulting in cost savings in copying costs and staff time.

When you are not on the Web

Residents will also still have the option to review correspondence through review of public files in the town hall or other town offices. Where town offices have a computer available for public use, review will be via access to the town Web site. Residents may also access the Internet from the Thomas Memorial Library.

This new system is a "work in progress," and refinements will be made based on experience. Comments on the procedure are welcome.

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

Public budget forum set for Jan. 21

Fiscal Year 2010 promises to be a challenge for officials charged with developing the municipal and school budgets, so both the Cape Elizabeth School Board and the town council are looking for direction from citizens.

Both bodies will host a public budget forum on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the town hall chamber. The forum will be broadcast live over CETV, Cape Elizabeth public access Channel 3.

At a recent meeting of the town council's finance committee, attended by many school board members and administrators, officials agreed on the need to hear from citizens as to what priorities should drive the spending plan for FY 2010.

"We will be faced with a significant loss of revenue," said Town Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta, chairman of the town council's finance committee, in a telephone interview. "The budgets are going to reflect service cuts."

The format of the Jan. 21 forum will be like a public hearing's. It will be an opportunity, Swift-Kayatta said, for officials to hear from citizens about their ideas for town/school revenue enhancements, their preferences or priorities for service cuts, and their

thoughts on the proper level of property taxes.

Swift-Kayatta said that officials are hoping for a good turnout. "We will take into consideration what the people want," she said. "We will have to balance all those priorities and competing needs," including the need to keep a check on property taxes, she said.

Town Manager Michael McGovern has said that he plans to submit a draft town budget to the council that would have no tax-rate increase, but will mean a projected reduction in municipal spending of 3.28 percent. School administrators have been directed, for preparation purposes, to keep draft budgets within a 2 percent increase limit. This scenario would mean a tax increase of 4.4 percent for school services, but an overall tax-rate increase of 2.5 percent, assuming flat spending for Community Services and a reduction in county assessment.

If both the school and town budgets require no tax increase, town spending would decrease by 3.28 percent, and school spending would decrease by .95 percent, according to scenarios presented at the finance committee's Jan. 6 workshop. (Click here to

—see BUDGET, page 6

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view/download scenario spreadsheet (Excel format.)

The calculations take into account projected revenue decreases of \$286,160 in municipal revenue, and \$470,812 in state aid to education, for a total \$720,662 revenue de-

crease for FY 2010.

The council and the school board will meet after the forum to further discuss the budget outlook and preparations. That meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

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Trundy Point shorefront preserved; Pond Cove School's 'Natureland' an ongoing success story

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) announced in December the permanent preservation of a seven-acre shorefront property referred to as the Trundy Point Preserve.

Trundy Point features ledges extending far out into the waters of Casco Bay. The signature stone outcrop and pocket cove that characterize Trundy Point provide views of the beacons at Two Lights as well as Portland Head Light. Further development of the property had long been considered.

Paul Coulombe, a Cape Elizabeth resident, donated the property to CELT after having removed an existing structure so as to restore the Point to its natural state. "Maine is blessed with many scenic areas," said Mr. Coulombe, "And I am personally grateful to be able to ensure that Trundy Point will be cared for and maintained in perpetuity by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust."

"Trundy Point is one of the jewels of Cape Elizabeth," said CELT Executive Director Chris Franklin. "When the Land Trust embarked on its *Saving Cape Great Places* initiative earlier this year, Trundy Point was high on our conservation list for its ecological and habitat value as well as its spectacular natural beauty."

The Land Trust has executed a conservation declaration of trust covering the property and preserving its scenic and natural beauty in perpetuity for public use and enjoyment consistent with its conservation. Located in the Shore Acres neighborhood, Trundy Point is available for limited public daytime use but does not provide a public parking area.

'Natureland' contributors thanked

CELT also announced its appreciation for the community effort which resulted in the success of "Natureland," an outdoor classroom at Pond Cove Elementary School.

In the fall of 2006, the CELT Education Committee began working with the staff at Pond Cove Elementary School to create a natural habitat landscape where teachers could take their classrooms to expand and enhance their science and natural history curricula. The area is also intended as an alternative play space for both structured and unstructured learning.

In January, 2008 the Education Committee, with the leadership of Tony Owens and help of several community volunteers, began work on designing and building Natureland's Outdoor Classroom, a structure designed with input from the Pond Cove teachers as to what would better help facilitate their lessons, activities and curriculum in an outdoor environment. Pat Carroll enthusiastically volunteered his expertise and designed the outdoor classroom and navigated the town planning board approval process. The outdoor classroom is now partially built, stalled by the winter weather. The project will resume next spring, with the hope of completing the classroom by the end of May.

This past spring, three garden beds were designed and built by Beth Owens, a local master gardener. Beth and Susan Long worked with Holly Forsyth's third-grade class and Tara Bucci's fourth-grade class to



Trundy Point

Photo courtesy of CELT

plant vegetables and flowers. The children cared for the garden over the summer. In the fall they harvested the vegetables and made salsa for the school Harvest Lunch held in September. The children look forward to designing next spring's garden over the winter months.

"The children's reaction to the space has been much more positive than we could have anticipated," Suzanne McGinn, co-chair of the Education Committee said. "The outdoor classroom will only further enhance an alternative learning experience."

CELT recognized the generous work and support of many members of the community, including Todd Brydson, of Earhtone Landscapes, who worked with CELT's Education Committee to develop a natural space that best fit the needs and wishes of the teachers; Pat Carroll of Carroll Associates, who generously gave his time and energy to design an outdoor classroom structure that will enhance learning and exploration for the Pond Cove community; and the Outdoor Classroom Project Coordinator, Tony Owens, whose willingness and 'can do' attitude has been a gift.

Organizations providing funding for this project included the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, Pond Cove Parents Association, and Portland Trails. Many other individuals and businesses have continued to contribute time and resources.

To support or get involved with this community project, please contact the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust office at 767-6054.

Call for Submission:

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is planning to sponsor a design contest for a weathervane for the top of the outdoor classroom. The winning entry will be the outdoor focal point for generations of Cape children.



Photo courtesy of CELT

Outdoor classroom at Pond Cove Elementary School

Submissions should be made to the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road. Details will be listed shortly on the Web site www.capeelandtrust.org.

--excerpted from CELT press releases

Public Safety Log

Reported by Debbie Butterworth COMPLAINTS

- 11-20 Four mailboxes were damaged or knocked over on Spurwink Avenue.
- 11-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a domestic disturbance. He met with both parties involved; one party left voluntarily.
- 11-24 An officer heading northbound on Shore Road observed that the mailbox for a residence had been vandalized.
- 11-24 An officer was dispatched to the intersection of Ocean House Road and Scott Dyer Road for a report of a lobster trap in the roadway.
- 11-25 Two officers responded to the Old Ocean House Road area to check on the well-being of a pedestrian. The subject was located and arrangements made for medical assistance.
- 11-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a report of a motor vehicle burglary in progress. The suspect was already gone and nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle. A neighbor's car was also burglarized; the resident reported a missing checkbook.
- 11-26 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary. Missing from the car was a green cell phone and charger valued at \$300.
- 11-27 An officer met with a plaintiff who stated that he was contacted by his health insurance company, that claimed they would be lowering his rate and increasing his coverage. He stated that the subject then stated he would need some information from him to make the adjustments. The plaintiff stated that he was then asked for his social security number, which he gave. He was then asked for his credit card number. The plaintiff then refused and questioned why they would need the number. The caller then stated that they would have to call back for the credit card number. He stated that he then called his insurance company directly to ask about the call. They stated that they were not doing any changes to his account, and that it was very likely a scam. He also said that the insurance company stated it had heard similar reports and was investigating.
- 11-30 An officer was notified by dispatch that a cabdriver on Scott Dyer Road just had his fare jump out of the cab and run off without paying the full amount due. The subject was located and was intoxicated. The cabdriver was paid.
- 12-5 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Taken from the vehicle was an iPod and charger valued at \$350.
- 12-7 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a burglary complaint. Forced entry into the residence had been made but nothing appeared to be missing.
- 12-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic dispute.

- 12-8 An officer met with a contractor at a construction site regarding a theft of tools, including sanders, nail guns, and routers with an approximate value of \$1200.
- 12-11 An officer spoke with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a loose dog complaint. The owner of the dog(s) was identified and contacted.
- 12/15 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a barking dog complaint. Contact was made with the owner.
- 12-16 Two officers met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a missing person report. The missing person arrived home while officers were meeting with the plaintiff.
- 12-17 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a missing person. The subject was later accounted for.
- 12-18 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding an assault complaint involving juveniles. All subjects and parents have been contacted.
- 12-18 An officer responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area regarding a possible eBay scam. The plaintiff attempted to purchase a car through eBay and wired the money to the seller's bank after an agreed price. The officer contacted the bank, and it agreed to put a hold on the money in the seller's account and made contact with the seller. The seller contacted the officer, and arrangements were made for the return of the plaintiff's funds. The money was returned.
- 12-19 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area regarding the theft of a woodstove. The theft occurred during the past couple of days, and is valued at \$100.
- 12-22 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding unauthorized use of a bank card.

SUMMONSES

- 12-2 CE resident, speeding (37/25 zone) Scott Dyer Rd., \$137
- 12-2 CE resident, operating to the left of a traffic island, Scott Dyer Rd., \$165
- 12-3 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 12-3 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$171
- 12-3 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Rd., \$122
- 12-3 CE resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Rd., \$122
- 12-3 SP resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Rd., \$171
- 12-4 Falmouth resident., failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Rd., \$171
- 12-4 SP resident, expired inspection sticker, Scott Dyer Rd., \$133
- 12-4 Yarmouth resident, uninspected commercial trailer, Route 77, \$122
- 12-5 SP resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Rd., \$122
- 12-10 Portland resident, failure to provide insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 12-17 Buxton resident, theft, receiving stolen

—see PUBLIC SAFETY LOG, page 12

Fire Chief cautions against improper use of portable generators

By Peter Gleeson, Chief of Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

In light of the ice storm we had in December, the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department would like to cover the proper use of portable generators. Portable gasoline powered generators are very useful when temporary electrical power is needed, but they also can be hazardous if not used properly. The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, fire and burns.

When used in a confined space, generators can produce high levels of carbon monoxide within minutes. When you use a portable generator, remember that you cannot see or smell carbon monoxide. Even if you do not smell exhaust fumes, you still may be exposed to carbon monoxide.

Follow these safety tips to protect against

carbon monoxide poisoning.

- * Never use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces or sheds even when operating fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.

- * Follow the instructions that come with a generator. Locate the unit outdoors and far away from doors, windows and vents that may allow carbon monoxide to enter the home.

- * The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends never trying to power your house by plugging a generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "backfeeding." This very dangerous practice presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer.

- * Always have a licensed electrician install the proper connections.

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Cape Elizabeth High School alumna **Jeanne Lambrew** has been chosen by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as deputy director of the White House Office of Health Care Reform. She will serve under former Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who will head the Department of Health and Human Services and the newly created Office of Health Care Reform. Lambrew will be in charge of planning.

The president-elect praised Lambrew as having "a personality perfectly suited to reaching out and building consensus," when he announced her appointment last month. "She treats people well."

From 1997 to 2001, Lambrew served as program associate director for health at the Office of Management and Budget and as senior health analyst at the National Economic Council.

A nationally recognized expert on Medicare, Medicaid and children's health care, she is an associate professor of public affairs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. With Daschle, she co-wrote a book called "Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis."



Jeanne Lambrew

Evergreen Credit Union, which has a branch in Pond Cove Plaza, recently donated \$10,000 toward the Campaign for Ending Hunger in Maine. The funds were raised this fall by credit union members and staff. Recipients included Preble Street, Windham Food Pantry, South Portland Food Cupboard and families in need in Cumberland County. Launched by the Maine Credit Union League in 1990, the campaign has donated more than \$2.7 million throughout Maine.

Cape Elizabeth attorney **Leonard Gulino** has been selected for inclusion in the *New England Super Lawyers and Rising Stars* directory, which identifies lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Gulino specializes in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

Cape residents, **Janet Brown** and **Caryn Treister**, sales representatives for Reliv International, a nutritional supplement company, were praised by the company for helping to raise money to provide Reliv supplements to more than 42,000 people, mostly children, in 270 programs in more than 10 countries. Money raised by Reliv salespeople has also helped build food centers for impoverished citizens of the Philippines and Haiti.

Bruce Balfour was named broker of the year or 2008 in the **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate office for the 10th consecutive year.

Capt. Jeffrey Monroe, USMM (United States Merchant Marine), of Cape Elizabeth, received a meritorious public service award from the Coast Guard last month in recognition of "notable services that have assisted greatly in furthering the aims and functions of the Coast Guard," a press release from the Coast Guard states. The award was presented at a meeting of the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) in Washington, D.C.

Monroe was recognized for his nine years of service on the council, three of them as chairman. During his term as chairman, he oversaw the migration of the Inland Rules of the Road to the Federal Code of Regulations, reviewing 58 resolutions. Also during that time the council set standards for the electronic chart display system, differential global positioning systems, Loran, aids to navigation, the automatic identification system and high-speed ferry operations. The Coast Guard adopted many of the council's resolutions as policy for national navigation safety.

Monroe is vice president of transportation services for the MacDonnell Group, which is headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has a Portland office. He is former director of Ports and Transportation for the city of Portland, former deputy port director for the Massachusetts Port Authority and was a professor at Massachusetts and New York Maritime academies. He holds an unlimited master mariner's license and a master's degree in transportation management. He also serves as a maritime and port chaplain for the Anglican Church in America and is vicar of Holy Trinity Parish in Fairfield, Maine.

Monroe also serves on the secretary of Homeland Security's Maritime Security Advisory Council.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Adam Panzica**, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the 2008 spring-semester dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. He is the son of **Patria Lennon** and **Jack Panzica**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Samuel C. Townsend** has been appointed executive director of the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2 Tech), a statewide organization of more than 150 businesses, entrepreneurs and professionals working on growing Maine's green economy.

Townsend, who has had a career in the petroleum sector, was a consultant to the chairman of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) for several years. He is guest editor of *Maine Policy Review's* special issue on climate change and energy, which will be published in February 2009.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Peter Clifford**, an attorney at Hodsdon & Clifford in Kennebunk, was selected for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers and Rising Stars* in the category of personal injury plaintiff-general. The annual guide recognizes lawyers in New England, based on a statewide, peer-reviewed survey of lawyers.

In 2007, Clifford was appointed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to serve on its advisory committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure. In 2004, he was appointed by the court to serve on the fee arbitration commission of the board of overseers of the bar, where he now serves as chair of the York County panel. He has served on the board of governors of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association since 2000 and will become president this year.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Saad Albeshir's** Portland restaurant, the StarEast Cafe on Forest Avenue in Portland, just celebrated its first anniversary. At his restaurant, Albeshir, who moved to the U.S. from Iraq 16 years ago and to Cape in 2002, serves Middle Eastern, Arabic, and American food, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Albeshir also does catering and bakes bread to order.

The Portland public relations firm, gBritt PR, which is led by Cape resident **Gillian Britt**, earned three awards from the Maine Public Relations Council at the Golden Arrow Awards ceremony held Dec. 4. This is the fourth consecutive year gBritt has earned Golden Arrow Awards.

The company earned honors for its work in event planning and communications. gBritt specializes in event planning and publicity for the arts, entertainment, and hospitality industries. Clients include the Camden Harbour Inn, the Portland Harbor Hotel, Portland Symphony Orchestra, Portland Ballet Company, Back Bay Grill, LeRoux Kitchen, Diageo, Bull Moose, Key-Bank and others. Gillian Britt's husband, **Jim**, also works for the company.

In December, Cape resident **Steven P. Lavallee** purchased the Mortgage Office, located at 360 U.S. Route One in Yarmouth. He has been with the company, which was founded in 1995, for five years. In addition to continuing its mortgage services, the Mortgage Office has expanded its offerings to include insurance services.

Cape Elizabeth Town Manager **Michael McGovern** was elected vice chairperson and clerk of the Cumberland County Civic Center board of trustees last month.

Members of the board of trustees are appointed by Cumberland County commissioners. McGovern represents District Two, which includes South Portland and Cape Elizabeth.

Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty, which is owned by Cape resident **Chris Lynch**, experienced a 35-percent increase in business in 2008 and plans to expand. Lynch announced the first week of January. Legacy's Camden office celebrates its first anniversary this month, and the three-year-old company, which also includes offices in Portland, Kennebunk, and Camden, is the leader in luxury property sales in Maine.

Cape resident **Don Fibich** has joined KG Partners, a Portland-based advertising, public relations, and interactive agency, as creative director. Fibich most recently worked at St. John & Partners in Jacksonville, Fla., where he served as executive vice president and executive creative director. Previously, he held senior creative positions at Doner Advertising, Bozell Worldwide, Campbell-Ewald and Publicis Mid America and has worked on campaigns for Blockbuster, Iams, Coca-Cola, NBC, Anheuser-Busch, Chevrolet, Chrysler and Jeep.

Fibich studied at Kent State University in Ohio and Cleveland Institute of Art. He is a former professional firefighter and animal care specialist at SeaWorld.

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Walsh is 'a man of integrity,' with 'energy to work positively'

I am writing to endorse Jim Walsh for the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. I have known Jim for close to twenty years as a neighbor and friend. Jim has always been an energetic leader within our community and would be a valuable addition to the council.

When I first met Jim it was through our children, as several were classmates at Cape middle and high school. At that time Jim and his wife Kathy had organized a neighborhood parents' group to meet and support our adolescent children at school. Jim led a valuable communication group among concerned parents. This is just one example of Jim's leadership and his "go to" attitude in approaching concerns.

Jim has always been concerned with our town and where it is going. As an active parent, coach, and mentor, he has been a leader in several booster and fundraising efforts for Cape Elizabeth. He was instrumental in the Turf Field project and has been a supporter of the Gull Crest Trail work and other worthy efforts.

He also brings to his candidacy a breadth of business experience and leadership. Jim has been involved in several very successful business and corporate ventures and now during these challenging economic times his experience, management style, and energy would be an asset to the council.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Jim is a man of integrity who is not afraid of hard work! He is a wonderful family man, who understands the workings of our town, and yet has an energy to work positively during these financially difficult times. I can think of no better candidate for the town council going forward.

Muzzy Barton

Walsh impresses Cape teacher with 'level of commitment'

My name is Ben Raymond and I am a teacher at Cape Elizabeth High School. I have known Jim Walsh for 15 years and in that time I have consistently been impressed with his level of commitment to everything that he does; his professionalism, enthusiasm, and his extremely strong dedication and support to his family and the community as a whole. Jim Walsh has been an important part of the Cape Elizabeth community for many years, and I have had the privilege of coaching all of his three boys. Throughout all of my interactions with Jim Walsh, I always knew I could count on getting an honest opinion from him. It might not have been always what I wanted to hear, but I always knew it was an honest view, an accurate assessment of the situation which had nothing to do with putting his children and their playing time ahead of anyone else's, but had everything to do with what would be better for the entire team.

I strongly feel that during these difficult economic times we need a leader like Jim Walsh on our town council. I know Jim will use his numerous years of experience as an executive, teacher, small business owner, and, most importantly, father and community leader to guide our community in the right direction. I encourage all of you who want the best for our community to vote for Jim Walsh for town council in the Jan. 27 election.

Ben Raymond

Jordan: 'vibrant energy and commitment'

I have had the privilege of knowing Penny Jordan since the fourth grade when all Cottage Farms School students were sent over to the big Pond Cove School complex. Penny has always been a kind and thoughtful person willing to help and lend a hand to any of those who may be in need.

Following in her father's footsteps as a member of the town council just seems to be a part of the natural order of life. Penny has been witness to the many changes that have taken place in the town and has an excellent outlook onto what path the town needs to follow to remain as the place we love and

all call home.

I have firsthand knowledge that she has done an exemplary job in heading up the movement to try and save what little is left of the farming heritage that has been a large part of the town's history. This vibrant energy and commitment she is ready to extend to all matters that will pass by the town council.

I hope that you will join me in supporting Penny as she tries to help us all in keeping Cape Elizabeth the place we all have fallen in love with and are proud to call home.

Patricia Corrigan Jordan

Walsh is a 'problem solver who cares deeply'

These difficult economic times call for innovative solutions and real experience in dealing creatively with limited resources. We urge you to vote for Jim Walsh for town council. We have known Jim both personally and professionally for the last fifteen years and know him as a tireless fundraiser for various school and community projects as well as a leader in the business community. From his early years as a school principal to

his work in the corporate world and his most recent ventures in creating jobs locally in the various businesses he has helped initiate, Jim has consistently made a difference. Jim is a problem solver who cares deeply about Cape Elizabeth, and it will be a real advantage to bring his voice and commitment to our town council. Please join us in supporting Jim Walsh for town council on Jan. 27.

Kathy and Ken Johnson

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CAPE CALENDAR

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

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

Monday, Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Holiday, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

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

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Town Council/School Board Budget Forum, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road

Saturday, Jan. 24

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Tuesday, Jan. 27

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

Wednesday, Jan. 28

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

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

Town Council/School Board budget workshop, 7 p.m., High School cafeteria, 345 Ocean House 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 Rd. Volunteers assist with information searches. Public welcome. Meetings are **first Monday** of the month, 7 p.m., at the library

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., **first and third Tuesdays** (except July and August) at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, head of Two Lights Road. For more information about the Club, contact Kim Brooks, 767-2733, or Bruce Balfour, 799-4221

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

Scrapbooking Sessions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **first Saturdays** except July and August, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Cost is \$15, to benefit Cape Elizabeth Lions local and international activities. Participants should bring own supplies. For more information call Kim Brooks, Lions president, 767-2733

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each **Wednesday** at 6:15 p.m. at the 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

Rotary clubs' Jan. 25 PolioPlus fundraiser to feature pizza from eight pizza places



Cape Elizabeth resident, Janet McLaughlin, dispenses a polio vaccine to an Ethiopian child in October.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has offered a \$100 million challenge grant to Rotary International and individual clubs to help end polio worldwide. To help meet the required match, the Rotary clubs of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough seek to raise \$1,000 annually over the next three years.

Community members can help while enjoying pizza. To raise funds, members of the two Rotary clubs will hold a "Pizza Bowl" from noon to 2 p.m. at the Southern Maine Community College dining hall on Sunday, Jan. 25.

For \$7, diners will eat and vote on pizzas made by eight pizza places: Ocean House Pizza, Papa John's, Ricetta's, Rudy's of the

Cape, Thorntons, 3 Brothers Eatery, Uno Chicago Grill, and Willow's.

Tickets will available at the door, and reservations can be made at 799-6190.

Since Rotary's PolioPlus program was started more than 20 years ago, local Rotarians have contributed money and volunteered time to the cause. In October, two members of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Marge Barker and Janet McLaughlin, worked on a National Immunization Day program in the western part of Ethiopia.

"We saw firsthand the logistics and intense planning that make these immunization efforts a success for about 60 cents worth of vaccine per child," McLaughlin said.

Retiring with a splash



Caryn Treister, far right, who taught Community Services' "water works" class at the Richards pool for nine years, speaks in the pool lobby on Dec. 17, as Karen Allen, Community Services' adult programs coordinator, and pool supervisor Donna Weatherbie cheer her on at a retirement party they threw for her. "Many residents of Cape Elizabeth have participated in Caryn's pool program over the years," Allen said.

Lions Club hosts spaghetti dinner Jan. 24

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host a spaghetti dinner on Sat. Jan. 24 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bowery Beach School

House on Ocean House Road.

The dinner will be "all you can eat," with spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and soft drinks. Customers may also bring their own beer and wine.

The cost for adults and children over 12 will be \$10. The cost for children 12 and under will be \$5.

All proceeds will benefit Cape Elizabeth Lions Club charities.

The "storm date" for the event is Jan. 31.

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CHANNEL 3

School Board replay

Jan. 17 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Planning Board (live)

Jan. 20 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay

Jan. 21 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Jan. 22 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

Jan. 27 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board replay

Jan. 28 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Jan. 29 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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

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Community Services' registration underway for adult, youth, after-school programs

A second chance to register for Community Services' youth and after-school enrichment programs is underway at the Community Center during office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. No mail-in registrations will be accepted for after-school enrichment programs, but they will be for other youth programs. Out-of-town residents will be able to register for adult and youth programs beginning Jan. 20.

Jan. 21 CELT program to explore winter camping basics

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) volunteer Tony Owens will present a program outlining the basics of warm winter camping with a large tent and woodstove on Wednesday, Jan. 21. The event, which will go from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will be held at the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road.

In addition to a slide show and introduction to the basics of winter camping, the evening will include a "show-and-tell" of snow shoes, bindings, and apparel. Owens will also lead a "tour" of a tent and a demonstration of a woodstove outside the CELT office, followed by discussion and refreshments.

All interested may register for the presentation, which will cost \$6 per person, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center at 343 Ocean House Road. For more information, please call the CELT office at 767-6054.

Registrations for adult classes for the winter/spring 2009 season are also underway. Residents may register for adult programs by mail or in person at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

In-person registrations are given priority, and one check may be written for multiple classes. Separate checks for each class are required for mail-in registration.

More information is available from Community Services, 799-2868.

'La Cage aux Folles' to run through Feb. 1

The musical, "La Cage aux Folles," will run at the Portland Players through Feb. 1. Genney Myers, who graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2008, plays the part of Anne Dindon. Myers was Cinderella in the Portland Players' production, "Cinderella," in 2007, and she was active with the CEHS drama program.

A gay couple's domestic tranquility is shattered when their straight son decides to marry the daughter of a bigoted politician. Hilarity ensues as the couple tries to play it "straight." The show is appropriate for those 13 and older.

Show times are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. To

make reservations, call 799-7337 from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays; from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays; and 90 minutes before show times on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland. For more information, go to info@portlandplayers.org.

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Joe Groff (former Town Council Chairman)

"I strongly feel that during these difficult economic times we need a leader like Jim Walsh on our Town Council. I know Jim will use his numerous years of experience as an executive, teacher, small business owner, and most importantly father and community leader to guide our community in the right direction."

Ben Raymond

"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 — this is invaluable experience that will benefit our town."

Diane Churchill

"Jim recognizes that the major issue in our town is the many needs of our citizens and limited funds to pay for those needs. When facing an issue, Jim's first reaction is to instinctively think outside the box. His ability to weigh all the pros and cons and put them into the proper perspective will result in the best possible decisions for our community."

Grace & Michael Ott



If I have the honor to serve you, my priorities would be:

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- **Promoting excellence in municipal government and schools**
- **Facilitating open citizen communication**

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Jim Walsh

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Unemployment compensation filing available by phone or online

By Sen. Lawrence Bliss

It began during the Great Depression. Through the Social Security Act of 1935, unemployment insurance, the means by which individuals are granted income while they are unemployed and job searching, became a national policy. During the Franklin Roosevelt administration, Frances Perkins, a native of Maine and the first female to be appointed to a Cabinet position, was the drafter of the Social Security Act and many of our modern-day labor laws, including unemployment compensation.

Unemployment compensation is an insurance program that serves as an economic stabilizer to workers, their families and communities when jobs are lost. The program provides temporary income to workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Unemployment insurance is a federal-state program jointly financed through federal and state employer payroll taxes. When the economy is growing and more people are employed, the unemployment insurance program revenue rises through increased tax revenues while spending for the program falls as fewer workers are unemployed and in need of benefits. This creates a slight cushion from which to draw when the economy is weaker and the demand for unemployment compensation increases.

Tighter economic times are clearly where we find ourselves today. The holidays are over, and workers temporarily hired to help during the holiday shopping season are now without a paycheck. Maine's unemployment system, administered by the state Department of Labor, is processing an extremely high volume of claims. Their call center has been stretched beyond its limit since this fall; many individuals report trying to get through well over a dozen times before success. On

a particularly busy day this past December, roughly 25,000 calls went unanswered. The federal government has provided funds for more staff to be added, at no cost to the state or Maine taxpayers, and roughly twenty more employees will be added this month. With such tremendously high call volumes, people wishing to file for unemployment, may want to consider filing another way.

You can file online at any computer connected to the Internet. If you do not have computer access at home, free access is available at any public library or CareerCenter across the state.

Our closest CareerCenter is located on Lancaster Street in Portland and can be reached at 771-5627. The online service allows individuals to file new unemployment claims, reopen an existing account, or file a weekly unemployment claim. The Web site is www.fileforui.com.

When filing for unemployment, the following information is needed: your Social Security number or Alien Registration number; the business name, address and telephone number of each place you worked during the past 18 months; and the jobs you held and the dates you worked (for each employer).

If you do not have the ability to file online and are still interested in filing over the phone, that remains an option. The Unemployment Claims Center can be reached toll-free at: 1-800-593-7660 or for the hearing impaired TTY: 1-888-457-8884.

In closing, if I can ever be of any assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at home in South Portland at 799-8229 or in Augusta at 287-1515 or toll free at 1-800-423-6900, and always on the Internet at lawrence.bliss@gmail.com.

WINTER LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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Visit the library online at: www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

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Tales for Tots

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

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

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

Story Garden

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

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

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

Family Story Time

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

Jan. 18 - 24:

Home, Sweet Home

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Jan. 25 - 31:

A World of Color

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Anime Club for Teens

The club will meet in the library community room on Wed., Jan. 28 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. "Spiral, vol. 2: Disarming Fate" will be shown, courtesy of Funanimation.

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday..... 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday..... Closed

Library plans knitting group, seeks input

The Thomas Memorial Library would like to offer a new knitting group for adults who would like to meet on a regular basis to work on individual projects. The exact plans for the structure of the group and meeting times will be determined by interested members. If you would like to help the library plan this group or are interested in participating,

please come to an informational meeting in the library's community room on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, but are unable to attend the informational meeting, please contact Joyce Lourie at 799-1720, jlourie@thomas.lib.me.us

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Public safety log

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- property, unlawful possession of scheduled drug, Mitchell Rd.
 - 12-17 Buxton resident, receiving stolen property, Mitchell Rd.
 - 12-18 CE resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Eastman Rd., \$131
 - 12-24 CE resident, operating after license suspension
 - 12-24 Hollis resident, expired inspection sticker, Fowler Rd., \$133
 - 12-25 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Rd., \$208
 - 12-26 Scarborough resident, failure to provide insurance, Route 77
 - 12-26 MD resident, speeding (61/45 zone) Route 77, \$185
 - 12-28 SP resident, speeding in excess of 30 mph
- ARRESTS**
- 11-28 SP resident, Shore Rd., OAS
 - 11-29 MA resident, Route 77, OUI
 - 12-1 CE resident, OUI, operating without a license, Spurwink Rd.
 - 12-17 Buxton resident, receiving stolen property, probation hold
 - 12-17 Buxton resident, theft, receiving stolen property, possession of scheduled drug
 - 12-29 SP resident, exceeding speed limit by more than 30 mph, Sawyer Rd.

ACCIDENTS

- 12-2 Mike Mowles hit a deer on Spurwink Ave.
- 12-9 Stephen Page, hit a curb on Birchwood Rd.
- 12-9 Laura Morris, hit a deer on Route 77
- 12-10 Timmy Williamson, hit stone wall on Route 77
- 12-17 Christopher Cedrone, hit a utility pole on Route 77
- 12-18 Linda Sanborn, Donna Posner, accident at Fort Williams
- 12-20 Christopher Bowe, Joseph Dell' Aquila, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 11-25 Algonquin Rd., wires down
- 11-26 Two Lights Rd., fire alarm
- 12-1 Pheasant Hill Rd., carbon monoxide incident
- 12-1 Vernon Rd., good intent call
- 12-6 Ocean House Rd., electrical problem
- 12-7 Olde Colony Lane, odor investigation
- 12-8 Bowery Beach Rd., fire alarm
- 12-12 Peppergrass Rd., carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-12 McKenney Rd., carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-12 Old Ocean House Rd., Brentwood Rd., wires arcing
- 12-13 Meadow Way, electrical problem
- 12-13 Mountain View Rd., gas alarm
- 12-13 Ocean House Rd., Linwood St., Pilot Point Rd., water problems
- 12-13 State Ave., water problem
- 12-14 Lawson Rd., wires and trees down
- 12-14 Meadow Way, Hannaford Cove Rd., wires and trees down
- 12-14 Cranbrook Dr., Mitchell Rd., wires down
- 12-14 Cheverus Rd., structure fire
- 12-14 Ocean House Rd., structure fire
- 12-14 Woodland Rd., odor investigation
- 12-14 Pleasant Valley Rd., wires arcing
- 12-15 Orchard Rd., wires down
- 12-18 Orchard Rd., electrical fire
- 12-24 Ocean House Rd., odor investigation
- 12-25 Route 77, utility pole fire
- 12-27 Hannaford Cove Rd., water problem
- 12-28 Davcarley Rd., odor investigation
- 12-28 South Portland, Mutual Aid
- 12-28 Delano Park, water problem
- 12-29 Portland Jetport, plane in distress

RESCUE CALLS

There were 24 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 8 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 9 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

Whooo came to Pond Cove?



Photo by Karen Abbott

A guide from the Chewonki Foundation shows first-graders, including Violet Grimsley, left, and Julia Mukai, how thick the barred owl's feathers are by sticking her finger into the plumage. In December, all six first-grade classes at Pond Cove spent an hour with Chewonki guides, who brought three owls—barred, great horned, and screech—to school in a program funded by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

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Hanging up the keys



Barbara Smith, left, and Judy Gray share a happy moment on Dec. 18 at a retirement party at the Community Center that the Community Services staff threw for the two bus drivers, who hung up their keys last month. Gray drove Cape school buses for 31 years and Smith, who was at the wheel in Cape for five years, had an 18-year career as a bus driver.

Three ways to help schools with Box Tops

Community members can raise money for Cape Elizabeth Middle and Pond Cove schools when they shop through the Box Tops for Education program.

Every Box Top for Education coupon clipped from hundreds of grocery products made by various companies earns 10 cents for either school. To donate, send the coupons to school with students or drop them in the Box Tops collection bins in the middle school or Pond Cove School lobbies. When dropping off coupons at IGA, the Community Center, the Transfer Station, or Thomas Memorial Library, people should indicate which school should receive the donation. Unlabeled donations will be divided equally between the two schools. Coupons must be turned in by February.

At www.btfe.com, community members can also raise Box Tops money by shopping at participating department stores, which will donate a percentage of money to the schools. The schools will also earn a percentage of money spent for book purchases at the "Box Top Reading Room," which is also located at www.btfe.com.

"There is earning potential of up to \$20,000 with this program," Box Tops collection chairman Joanne Sullivan said. "This truly is an easy and free way to earn money for the schools, and with the current budget cuts and the present state of the economy, it's a no-brainer."

For more information, contact Sullivan at jsull@maine.rr.com or 799-4525.

—Wendy Keeler

Kindergarten registration underway

Parents of 2009-2010 kindergartners should enroll children now at Pond Cove School by calling 799-7339. Children who will be five years old by Oct. 15, 2009, are eligible. Parents of children attending other schools should also notify school officials if children will go to Cape schools next year.

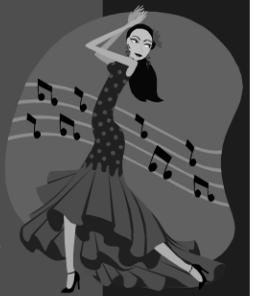
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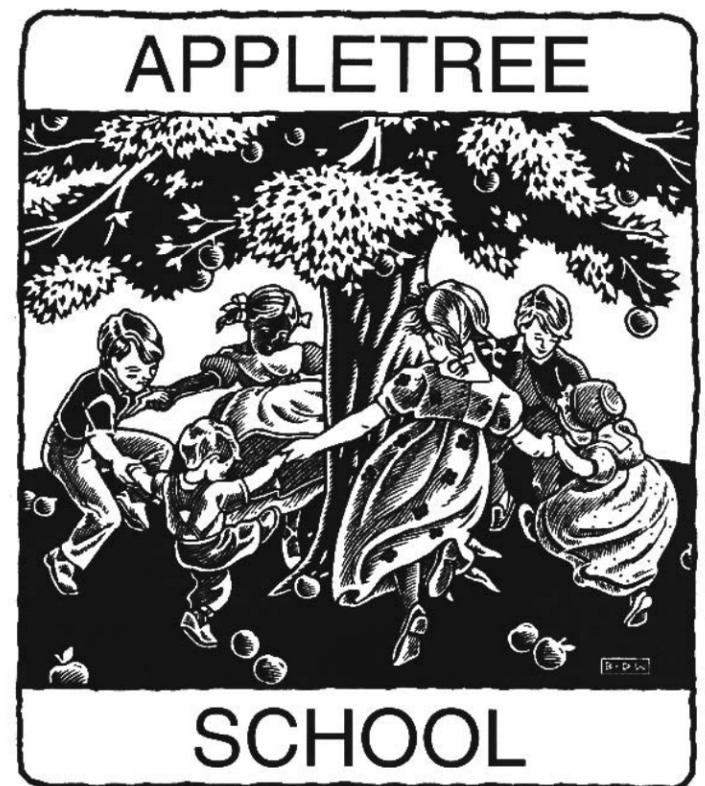


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CEHS speech team to hold N.F.L. Night



Gathering recently at a statewide tournament at Deering High School in Portland are Cape Elizabeth High School speech team members, left to right, front row, Tara Pinette, Colleen Howard, Peter Campbell, Charlotte Rutty, Kelsey Krull, Lily Kalikow, Ally Boyington, Brendan Stewart; second row, Ali Dunton, Sasha Kohan, Luke Sisselman, Elizabeth Marcuse, Shannon Rhys, Hannah Towers, Paige Pendarvis, Marisa Turesky, Emily Hollyday, Coach Lisa Melanson, Melissa Stewart; back row, volunteer coach Dick Mullen, Alex Enna, Julia Haltof, Charles Colburn, Sawyer Theriault, and Tom Campbell. Not pictured are Tom Janick, Nick Rhys, Liz Briggs, Asa Wolfinger, and volunteer coach Cindy Stephanus. Others on the team who have attended tournaments this year include Sean Abernethy, Nicole Alves, John Menz, Ian Robinson, Tori Brigham, Reid Connolly, and Emily Muscat.

Cape citizens often brave rain, cold, or heat in order to watch their young people compete in outdoor sports. Another "sport" will be on display in the cozy confines of the high school auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 29, when Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team holds N.F.L. Night. The event, which will run from 7 to 9 p.m., will be free.

The evening is so named because of Cape's affiliation with the National Forensic League, which will hold its national tournament in June. Some CEHS speakers will perhaps earn a place at Nationals, but for now the speech team's focus is on speaking skills of about 40 Cape students. The night offers an opportunity to all community members to see what the speech team is all about, but

without the competition, which comes later when Cape vies for honors against other high school teams from throughout Maine.

N.F.L. Night will open in the auditorium, with a sampling of some of the speaking categories. Then, during the second hour, team members will simulate tournament competition, using classrooms for individual events. All N.F.L. categories will be offered: dramatic and humorous interpretation, duo interpretation, oratorical declamation, original oratory, storytelling, prose and poetry reading, original works, extemporaneous speaking, and ensemble.

The evening will conclude with a reception in the cafeteria.

—Lisa Melanson

CEMS guidance counselor to lead book discussion for parents

Cape Elizabeth Middle School Guidance Counselor Gretchen Earle will lead discussions for parents and CEMS staff about the book, "The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids," written by adolescent psychologist Madeline Levine.

Sessions will be held at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10, in the CEMS library. At previous meetings, the first quarter of the book was discussed. The Jan. 27 gatherings will focus on the second quarter of the book, and the Feb. 10 meetings on the final half.

Books are available at a discounted rate at Nonesuch Books at Mill Creek in South Portland, where they are being held on a special book-group shelf behind the counter.

To sign up, please contact Earle at gretchen_earle@cape.k12.me.us or 799-8176.

Teacher seeks artists to talk to students about importance of art in their lives

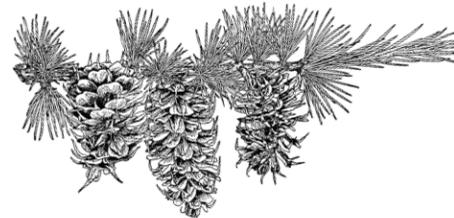
Cape Elizabeth Middle School Art Teacher Marguerite Lawler-Rohner is looking for Cape artists and people who use artistic skills in their daily lives to talk to students about why art is an important part of their lives: photographers, illustrators, graphic designers, architects, costume designers, metal-smiths, fashion designers, interior designers, sculptors, performance artists, painters, and environmental artists are invited.

"Students need to know that there are careers in art, and that art is a way of life for many," Lawler-Rohner said.

Artists can visit a Friday class or spend the whole school day on a Friday, she said.

The class times are 8:30 to 9:35 a.m., sixth grade; 11:50 a.m. to 12:46 p.m., sixth grade; 12:50 to 1:35 p.m., seventh grade; and 1:35 to 2:20 p.m., fifth grade.

For more information, please contact Lawler-Rohner at marguerite_lawler-rohner@cape.k12.me.us.



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Sweet on charity



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Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society (NHS) raised more than \$375 for charity by delivering candy canes and Hanukkah gelt—Kosher chocolate coins—to staff and students on Dec. 19. NHS members soon will choose a charity to "adopt." Last year, NHS raised about \$4,000 for Kayanet Orphanage in Kenya, which the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club matched dollar for dollar. Rotary members Janet McLaughlin and Marge Barker, who visited the orphanage in the fall of 2007, will make another trip this spring. They are offering CEHS seniors, whom they will chaperone and provide with scholarship money, the chance to work at the orphanage for seniors' traditional spring project.

Former CEHS standouts coach girls' hoops

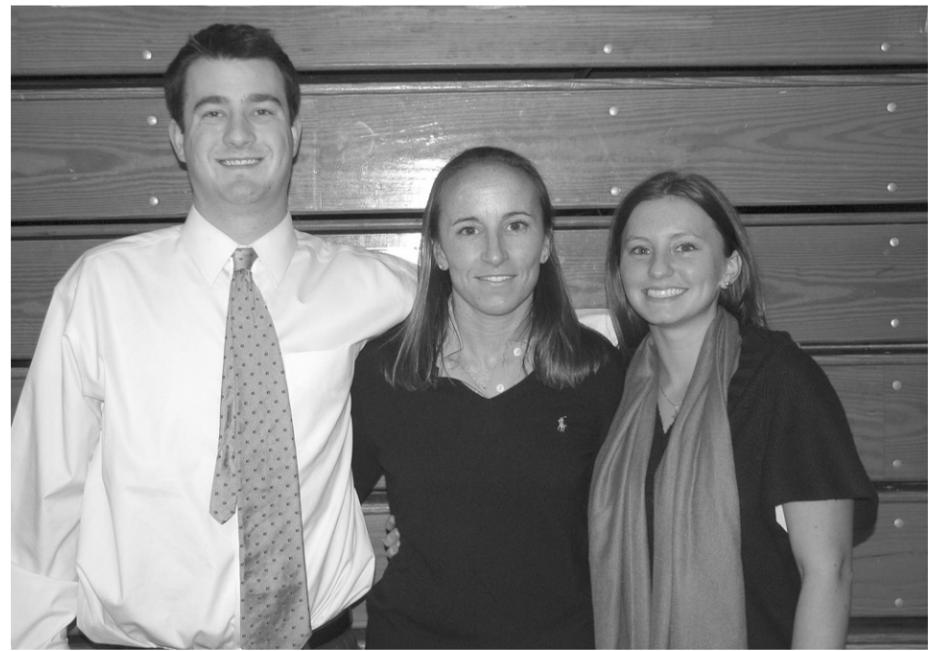


Photo by Karen Johnson

Girls' basketball coaches are, left to right, Aaron Spaulding, Chris Roberts, and Margie Reid.

By Wendy Keeler

In addition to the 400 or so points they have scored this season, players on the Cape girls' varsity basketball team have thousands of points of experience coaching them from the sidelines. Head coach, Chris Roberts, and assistant coach, Aaron Spaulding, each scored more than 1,000 points when they played for Cape. Junior varsity girls' coach, Margie Reid, also scored for the girls' varsity team during her years at CEHS.

This year's CEHS varsity team, which finished 1-17 last year, is 4-5 so far this season. But what the threesome bring to the Cape girls' team goes beyond points, said Roberts, who graduated from CEHS in 1996, and who coached Spaulding, a 2002 alum, in CapeAbility camps, and Reid, a 2003 grad, in Saturday morning basketball programs.

"I feel extremely lucky to have Aaron and Margie working in the girls' program," Roberts said. "Both are a huge asset to the program. Having known both of them for many years, it's a very comfortable situation. We

all love basketball, really enjoy the girls we have in the program, and are invested in seeing the girls' program become competitive and successful."

Chris Roberts

At CEHS, Roberts played for current CEHS boys' varsity coach Jim Ray during two of his years coaching varsity girls. Three out of Roberts' four years on the team, Cape made it to playoffs, and during her final two years the team made it to the Western Maine finals. After CEHS, Roberts played basketball for two and a half years at Colby College, and in 2005, she got her law degree from the University of Maine Law School.

Although she's a member of the Maine Bar, Roberts doesn't practice—law, at least. Roberts now does just what she always wanted to do: coach.

"My desire to coach at Cape is in large part a desire to let my girls experience what I did [at CEHS], because not only did I learn a ton vis-a-vis basketball, but I also developed

—see **GIRLS HOOPS**, page 17

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Little League registration from Jan. 17 to March 1

For the second year, Cape Elizabeth Little League (CELL) will hold online registration for spring baseball and softball at the CELL Web site, www.cape-ll.com. Online sign-ups for new and returning players of all levels—T-ball through Juniors softball and baseball—will start Saturday, Jan. 17, and

continue through Sunday, March 1. CELL also plans an in-person registration for parents who have questions or would like to talk to league directors, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the middle school cafeteria.

Ages for T-ball, which includes both girls and boys, as well as for baseball, are determined by how old kids are as of April 30, 2009. The determining date for softball is Dec. 31, 2008. For more information about the different leagues and appropriate levels for children, visit the CELL Web site.

Softball clinics started in January, and baseball clinics will begin in February. For information about registering for them, call Community Services at 799-2868, or go to the office at 343 Ocean House Road.

Nearly 500 Cape boys and girls participate in Little League every year, CELL Information Officer Blaine Riggle said. About 150 five- and six-year-old boys and girls learn how to play baseball in the T-ball program at Fort Williams.

After T-ball, girls go to 7/8 softball, followed by 9/10, 11/12 and then Juniors softball, which is for 13- to 14-year-olds.

From T-ball, seven- and eight-year-old boys move up to AA. Then, depending on their individual level of development, they move to AAA for nine to 11-year-olds, or Majors, which includes boys between nine and 12. Juniors is for 13- and 14-year-olds.

Parent volunteers are always needed.

"If you are willing and able, we have something you can do, regardless of how much time you can give," CELL President Mark Hare said.



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'Disciples in Mission' to be held during Lent

St. Bartholomew Parish is planning the second "Disciples in Mission" program during Lent and Easter season. The year's mission is for parishes and individual Catholics to be more welcoming and inviting to people looking for a church home, who want to return to the Catholic Church, or want a deeper experience of the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives, said Mary Ellen Whiteman of St. Bartholomew.

Small faith-sharing groups will meet weekly, and all are invited. Registration will be held Jan. 24 and 25 and the weekend of Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. For more information, contact Kathy Williamson at 799-5528 or kathy.williamson@portlanddiocese.org.

Girls' hoops

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a strong work ethic and learned many, many life lessons along the way," Roberts said. "I received such a solid understanding of the fundamentals of the game and what it takes to succeed, both on and off the basketball court. I want to impart all these things to the girls that come through my program."

Working with Spaulding and Reid is a dream-come-true, Roberts said.

Aaron Spaulding

"Aaron is a bonus to the program. His work ethic is top notch," Roberts said. "His knowledge and understanding of the game [are] immense. And his passion for all things basketball is enormous," she says.

Spaulding was the first boys' basketball player in Cape school history to break the 1,000-point barrier, and he went on to score more than 1,500 points at CEHS. In Cape he racked up numerous honors: Most Valuable Player twice, Western Maine Conference first-team selection twice, and the Robert E. Butler award, given each season to the Western Maine Conference's outstanding scholar-athlete.

At St. Michael's College in Colchester Vt., where Spaulding received a degree in American studies in 2006, two knee surgeries cut his basketball career short before he graduated. But his love for the sport has never waned.

"I love being around the game and teaching the game," said Spaulding, who by day works in Portland for an information-technology staffing company. "This experience has been unbelievable."

Margie Reid

Reid, who graduated from Emmanuel College in Boston in 2007 with a degree in political science and English, is now at the University of Maine Law School, where she is slated to graduate in 2010. Roberts is thrilled to be working with her.

"She is enthusiastic, supportive, a great teacher, and gets along great with the girls," Roberts said. "She sets a great example and has high standards and expectations for her team."

The players

Only 19 girls are involved in the varsity and JV program, but "these players are dedicated. They want to learn," Spaulding said. "They were all there during the summer, practicing three times a week and playing games two times a week against Class A schools."

It's paying off, Spaulding said.

"This is one of the most successful seasons the girls have had in the last decade," he said.

Roberts concurs.

"This year we're seeing the strides the kids have made, and the result is a much more competitive product being put on the floor," she said. "These players have great attitudes and never quit. These girls are spectacular, a very special group of kids."

LETTERS CONTINUED

Cape would 'benefit greatly' from election of Walsh

I am writing to express my support for Jim Walsh and his candidacy for Cape Elizabeth Town Council.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with Jim for the past few years at Weichert, Realtors-Waterglenn Group in Portland. Jim has a strong work ethic, staying on task until the job is done. He has an impressive talent for developing creative solutions to complex problems and I find his positive, upbeat attitude inspiring.

Our cities and towns face very difficult decisions as declining property values and state contributions result in decreased revenues while energy and health costs continue to increase. Jim has been a resident of Cape Elizabeth for over 25 years and his four children have all been through Cape schools. He understands and appreciates the distinctive character of Cape Elizabeth and the delicate balance between maintaining the quality of education and town services while keeping the tax rate manageable.

Jim's experience as supermarket/retail executive has given him real world skills to deal with conflicting budget demands. His experience as a teacher and principal gave him valuable insight into how school departments can be effective and efficient. As broker/owner of a real estate agency, he has demonstrated his ability to run a successful business based on exceptional service to our clients. He is a successful businessman with a unique combination of skills, temperament and attitude that will serve the town well. Cape Elizabeth will benefit greatly by electing Jim Walsh to the town council.

Andrew Snyder

Shore Road site walk raises questions

On Friday Dec. 19, there was a site walk of 553 Shore Road by neighbors, ordinance committee members, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara and the owner of 553, Lee Wilson, who has requested this historic building be rezoned business.

During this walk Ms. O'Meara explained other changes that could take place in this BA area of Shore Road.

They include apartments above the Cookie Jar, the Irving building moved further into the point of land bordered by Preble and Shore and sidewalks along the west side of Shore road in this area. Ms. O'Meara declined to answer a question regarding the possible loss of a beautiful rose hedge to accommodate these sidewalks.

Nine acres zoned commercial in the town center are privately owned and were purchased to prevent business use. In order to make up for the loss of this potential business development, the other two small BA districts in the town must be encouraged to grow. Theoretically, in the Shore Road area, that would mean conversion of residential properties to business, house by house, down both sides of Shore Road to Stonybrook, which is approximately nine acres.

The only way growth can happen here is increasing the density of existing business lots (apartments above the Cookie Jar) or converting residences to business (553). Is this really what we want for our town?

Edward Materson

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Election

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2. How should the tension between rising taxes and school budgetary needs be resolved?

Jordan:

I believe we all want good schools for our young people and that none of us wants to raise taxes. So, how do we minimize the tension?

1. Engage more people and provide easy access to information

I feel one way to minimize tension is to engage more people in the budget process. We can hold a multitude of meetings, but the bottom line is—people are busy. They have limited time with their families and they must continually balance their time. I propose we find ways to leverage technology to make it easy for people to engage in the budget process without having to leave their homes. Rather than have people come to the information, we must push the information out. The information must be presented in a way to allow people to delve as deeply as they want.

2. Identify other ways to increase revenue

We have resources in town that could potentially become self-sustaining and thus free up tax dollars. Fort Williams is a prime example. I believe there are events that could be held at "The Fort" that could raise dollars. We have the Beach to Beacon each year and there are many people in town during the weeks leading up to the race—is there a way to leverage this opportunity and hold a concert or festival?

3. Become business-friendly

Promote Cape Elizabeth as a business-friendly community to attract businesses that will benefit our citizens. I recognize that we must take a thoughtful approach to business growth, but we need to find ways of expanding our tax base to reduce the pressure on the residential homeowners.

Walsh:

There is a healthy tension between the costs associated with running an excellent school system and the ability of our citizens to pay their real estate taxes. All of the citizens in Cape Elizabeth benefit from the reputation and the quality of the education we provide to our children. The impact that this has on our real estate is inextricably tied together.

As a former school administrator, I have prepared many school budgets. I have first-hand experience implementing mandated tax limitations. The current fiscal challenges that we face here in Cape Elizabeth require that elected officials and professional managers question everything we do and why we do it. Our decisions must coincide with what the community wants and what the town can afford.

Fundamentally, I am an optimist and believe that good things will come from hard work and dedication. Already, the town council chair, the school board chair and their respective finance chairs are meeting to develop a strategy to deal with the current fiscal crisis. I want to be a part of this team so that I can contribute real solutions to keep our town moving forward in a positive way.

3. Do you favor proposed changes to our town center intersection?

Jordan:

I recognize that most of the dollars for the intersection would not come out of town funds; yet, there will be some cost to the town. We need to be conservative at this time with any expenditure. Therefore, my position is that we need to address the safety and traffic flow issues that are associated with this intersection in a cost-effective manner. Before we invest in a traffic light and redesign of

the intersection, we should continue to seek less costly alternatives to ensure people can safely cross the intersection and that traffic flows smoothly at peak times.

Walsh:

As a town councilor I would request the best information available from all sources to ensure that the decision that we make as a community about the intersection at Shore Road and Route 77 is well thought-out and deliberate. The goal should be to improve the safety and traffic flow of the gateway to our town center. Current data indicates that the intersection is not as dangerous as previously portrayed. In our current fiscal situation, it is premature to spend over \$800,000 on a project that needs further research before implementation. The town council, with citizen input, has taken intermediate steps and will revisit this important decision in the coming year. If elected, I will study the questions and evaluate the data before voting.

4. Do you favor the building of a path along Shore Road?

Jordan:

I am not 100 percent opposed to the Shore Road pathway; I am willing to listen and weigh the pros and cons. What I ask is, because dollars are tight and will continue to be over the next several years, are there roads in town requiring maintenance that should be a higher priority?

I have heard that the pathway can potentially be built without Cape Elizabeth's tax dollars, but this may not be the case. There may have to be some contribution by the town. If so, is this where we want to spend our dollars at this time?

I recognize the safety issues when running or biking on Shore Road because it is narrow, and people speed. I believe in the interim, to make the road safer, we may need to take steps to slow the traffic.

To learn more about my views go to www.pennyjordan.net and feel free to contact me at pennyjordan@pennyjordan.net.

Walsh:

Fundamentally, I favor any action that provides better access to the wonderful outdoor resources we have here in Cape Elizabeth. I was pleased with the work of the Pathway Committee under the capable leadership of Paul Thelin. We are fortunate to have so many talented people in town who are willing to look at this project in detail. I concur with the premise that walking along Shore Road is a safety issue and that a path would alleviate this concern. On the other hand, I do not believe that this pathway provides 'connectivity,' which is a goal of the Comprehensive Plan. We have a network of streets, roadways and sidewalks so that the path in and of itself is not a solution.

The larger question for our community is the cost in both dollar terms and natural resources that this project will require.

As an avid outdoors person, I have logged many miles riding my road bike on Shore Road. I am glad that we have a well-developed plan to work with going forward. With all of the competition for the limited dollars that we have available, I ask myself, "Can we afford this project at this time?" Has the community considered a public/private partnership similar to that for the Turf Field, the Gull Crest trails and some of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust acquisitions to finance/build out this project? Maybe there are alternative ideas we have not yet explored to get this project completed.

For election results after polls close on Jan. 27, go to www.capeelizabeth.com

Town Council

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ignated surplus to the school department's undesignated surplus. It also voted to limit the transferred amount to no more than 50 percent of the curtailment in the event the actual figure is lower than anticipated.

The vote was 4-2. Councilors Sara Lennon and David Sherman favored keeping the transfer amount at \$200,000 regardless of the actual curtailment amount.

The actual curtailment will probably not be decided by the legislature until the end of January or mid-February, Swift-Kayatta said. She also noted that legislators are indicating that this reduced amount is likely to be all the town can expect from the state in the next fiscal year.

Undesignated surplus is essentially the town's working capital, funds that are budgeted to make it possible for the town to pay expenses between the two dates each year when taxes are collected. The town budgets 1/12 of the annual operating expenses as undesignated surplus.

Council accepts bond issue expenditure revisions

Town manager Mike McGovern, requested and received council okay to revise the use of funds financed under a 2007 bond issue for about \$2.5 million.

Approximately 52 percent of the proceeds from the bond issue have been expended.

The most significant change, said McGovern, is to eliminate the redesign of the town center intersection where Shore and Scott Dyer roads meet Route 77. The redesign also included a proposed traffic light for the intersection.

When residents were invited to comment on the revised plan, MaryAnn Lynch, a former councilor, said she strongly opposed dropping the traffic light project for safety reasons.

McGovern also proposed "freezing" \$300,000 in unspent funds for infrastructure improvements to be identified at a later date. He felt this action was needed to re-evaluate needs as the uncertainties of the economy unfold.

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meeting she and other school board members attended in Augusta on Jan. 7, people who said they had spoken directly to DOE officials gave contradictory reports about '09-'10 subsidies, Ray said.

In December, the school board voted to increase the 2009-2010 budget by no more than 2 percent. To do so will mean cutting salaries and benefits, Ray said.

"There is no other place to cut than sala-

The council accepted McGovern's recommendation to proceed with several projects that were originally part of the bond issue. This includes \$425,000 for the stabilization of the Spurwink Church foundation and other work recommended by the Spurwink Church study committee.

The Spurwink Church work was originally budgeted at \$300,000, but the estimate was increased by a subsequent engineering study. McGovern said a favorable bidding climate might actually bring the project back closer to the original amount budgeted.

The council also accepted McGovern's recommendation to proceed with repairs to the parking lots and roads on high school grounds. Councilor Lennon questioned whether these repairs were needed and whether they served to encourage students to drive to school rather than take the bus or walk.

Councilor Swift-Kayatta argued that as long as school policies allow students to drive cars to school, the town has the responsibility to maintain the roads and parking lots to keep them in safe condition.

Cape loses Winnick Woods namesake

At the start of the meeting, Council Chair Jim Rowe noted the recent passing of a resident who made an exceptional impact on the community.

"2008 was another year in which Cape Elizabeth sadly felt the passing of several notable residents," said Rowe. "Unfortunately, we were not able to finish out the remaining days of December—those since our last town council meeting—without the loss of yet another.

"I refer to Louis Winnick, patriarch of his family and father of Alice Larrea, who donated to the town the 70 acres of land we now call Winnick Woods. Winnick Woods, once farmed by Mr. Winnick, has become a living memorial, if you will, to a man's and a family's strong interest in conservation and love for animals of all kinds.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Lou at the dedication of the Winnick Woods trail system in September. What a wonderful man. He was 95 years old."

ries and benefits. You can take away all the pencils you want," she said at a Jan. 6 meeting of the town council's finance committee, which school board members and administrators attended.

The council and board will host a public budget forum on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Town Hall. The meeting will air live on CETV, Cape Elizabeth public access Channel 3.

For more information, see page 5 of town Web site report, "Public budget forum set for Jan. 21."

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A graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and the University of New Hampshire, Kelly is currently attending Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Starkville. She will receive her DVM degree in April 2009.

Daniel is a graduate of West Point High School in West Point, Miss., and Mississippi State University. He is employed by Heritage Properties in Starkville.

The wedding will take place on July 11 2009 at the Harrasekett Inn in Freeport.



Kelly Collins and Daniel Norris

Kristen E. Uhuad was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of New England in Biddeford, where she is majoring in medical biology and medical sciences. Uhuad is a member of the class of 2009.

Doria Y. Valley recently received her master's degree in elementary education from Wheelock College in Boston. She graduated from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2002.

The daughter of **Deborah and Jack Valley** of McAuley Road, Doria currently lives in Sydney, Australia.

Abigail Delahanty has been named to the fall-semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston, where she is a junior majoring in psycho-biology with graduate plans in physical therapy. A varsity swimmer for Simmons, Abby was honored as a student-athlete by being named to the Great Northeast Athletic Conference's 2007-2008 Academic All-Conference Team. She assisted Simmons in winning the GNAC Conference Championship and qualified for the New England College Swimming Championships in February in her two breaststroke events. She is the daughter of **Brenda and John Delahanty**.

Nathaniel F. Gray, the son of **Kenneth Gray**, recently performed on tenor saxophone with the Kenyon College saxophone ensemble in Gambier, Ohio.

The ensemble performed works by Jean de Smetsky, Karl Jenkins, and George Gershwin. A graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, Nathaniel is a junior majoring in political science.

Double delight



George and Marianne Schuman of Eastfield Road joyfully announce the July birth of their twin grandsons, Jonah Doyle and Micah Asher Schuman, pictured here, in Nashville, Tenn. Their parents are Ted Asher Schuman and Tessa Doyle Schuman. The boys' maternal grandparents are Elona and Harry Thomason, and Dan and Donna Doyle, all of Richmond, Va. Great-grandparents are R. Leo Radich of Emerald Isle, N.C., and Gerda Roehl of Virginia Beach, Va. Proud aunts are Lauren Schuman of Atlanta, Ga.; Lucky Hoppe of Mechanicsville, Va., and Attie Doyle of Richmond, Va. Their dad, a 1999 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, is currently completing a five-year residency in otolaryngology at Vanderbilt University Hospitals in Nashville, Tenn.

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