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## Undefeated Cape swimmers snag state title!



Photo by Joan Daly

Gathering Feb. 16 in Brunswick after winning the Class B state swimming title are Cape Elizabeth High School girls' swimming and diving team members, who scored a total 306 points, 27 more than second-place Morse High School. Senior Nora Daly won the 200- and 500-meter freestyles, and senior Rosie Wennberg was first in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events. Wennberg, Daly, Emily MacDuffie, and Heather Kraft won both the 200-meter medley relay and the 200 free relay. Other strong contributors were Lexi Bass, Abby Armstrong, Paige St. Germain, and Noelle Webster. At the boys' state meet Feb. 17 in Bangor, Cape freshman Kevin Flathers came in third in diving. For another photo of swimmers, see page 9.

## Passion and funds increase promise of Senior to Senior's longevity

By Wendy Keeler

Some Cape senior citizens with pristine attics and shoveled walkways lifted nary a finger to do the work—and they're the first to give credit to another group of seniors, members of Cape Elizabeth High School's graduating class who provide free services to Cape senior citizens through the Senior to Senior (S2S) community services program.

Thanks to three one-year grants of \$1,500, Cape senior citizens will likely be calling on Cape high seniors for errands, chores, and even visits during the next three years. At a kickoff at the high

school last month, a representative from the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) presented the first grant check, to be matched in the next two years by sisters Paula Banks and Anne Neelon, who own elder-care companies in town. Much of the SMAA grant will pay for advertising as well as the creation of a Senior to Senior Web site, S2S adult advisor Jayne Hanley says.

### A happy afterward

The program is the happy afterward to a much-publicized Cape story that began nearly a year ago when 10 Cape high seniors did thousands of dollars worth of damage to the school in what they intended to be a school prank. In addition to paying restitution, keeping an evening curfew, and regularly reporting to the district attorney, the "Cape 10" had to do 60 hours of community service work. One student, Alex McFarlane,

decided to go a step beyond the last requirement, however. The owner of Mac and Zac, a junk removal business with many senior citizen customers, McFarlane came up with the idea of Senior to Senior.

"I let all of the senior citizens down who have helped me get where I am today, and I thought this would be a great way to show my remorse in giving back to them as we graduate and move on with our own lives," McFarlane said in the spring.

Seniors last year wasted no time getting down to work: raking, hauling, cleaning, hefting large loads, visiting, playing games with and teaching computer skills to senior citizens.

This summer, Banks, a high school parent as well as the owner of a geriatric-care company, couldn't get the group out of her mind.

### 'Pure genius'

"As a community member and a parent, I thought that it was terrific that these kids turned this situation into a positive, and as a professional who works with elders, I thought it was pure genius," Banks said recently.

So she called Cape Elizabeth High School Principal Jeff Shedd and Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Police Officer Mark Dorval, who works closely with Cape's older residents.

"I said, 'We don't want to take over the program but .... we want to make sure that the program doesn't lose any momentum,'" —see S2S, page 18

Senior to Senior  
is 'pure genius.'  
—Paula Banks,  
elder-care consultant

## Proposed municipal budget calls for reduced spending, reduced taxes

### Regionalized dispatch included in budget

By Elizabeth Brogan

Reduced spending. Reduced services. A reduced tax rate. The proposed 2010 municipal budget submitted by Town Manager Mike McGovern to the town council on Feb. 22 is all about reduction. The budget will be formally presented to the council at its March 9 meeting. Workshop review of the budget will begin March 19.

The budget sets municipal spending at \$8.5 million, a 3.1 percent decrease from this year's budget. According to McGovern, the \$275,837 decline in expenditures, and commensurate two cent or .5 percent decline in the property tax rate, will save the average Cape household \$65 next year, as compared

to this year.

"The budget in no way compromises our ability to provide key services," emphasized McGovern in his annual budget message. But those services may not look and feel the same. "Services are provided with fewer employees, with assistance from regional partners ... For the first time in decades, positions will be eliminated, with employees laid off involuntarily," McGovern said.

Revenue from sources other than property tax are projected to decline by \$300,000, or 8.7 percent, in the coming fiscal year. Sources of decline include excise tax income from the registration of motor vehicles (10.3 percent or \$173,500); Maine State Revenue Sharing (\$71,000); investment income (\$40,000); and building permit fees

—see BUDGET, page 6

## Hearing set on private road application for Maxwell's Farm land

By Wendy Derzawiec

The planning board will hold a public hearing March 17 on an application from Nick Tammaro to build a private road for a single family home he plans to build on what is now part of Maxwell's Farm property.

The hearing is one of three scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, in the town hall chamber, beginning at 7 p.m.

Tammaro plans to extend Dawe Road beyond its intersection with Valley Road to serve a new 2.6-acre lot, part of a 70-acre

farm parcel currently owned by Nate and Kathy Maxwell.

Tammaro is asking for a number of waivers from subdivision ordinance requirements to build the road, in deference to neighbors, to keep costs down, and in an effort to retain the agricultural character of the property. Rather than seek a permit for a smaller private accessway however, Tammaro is seeking permission to construct a private road.

"A private road review has been request-

—see PLANNING BOARD, page 18

## Cape boys land second straight Western Class B basketball title

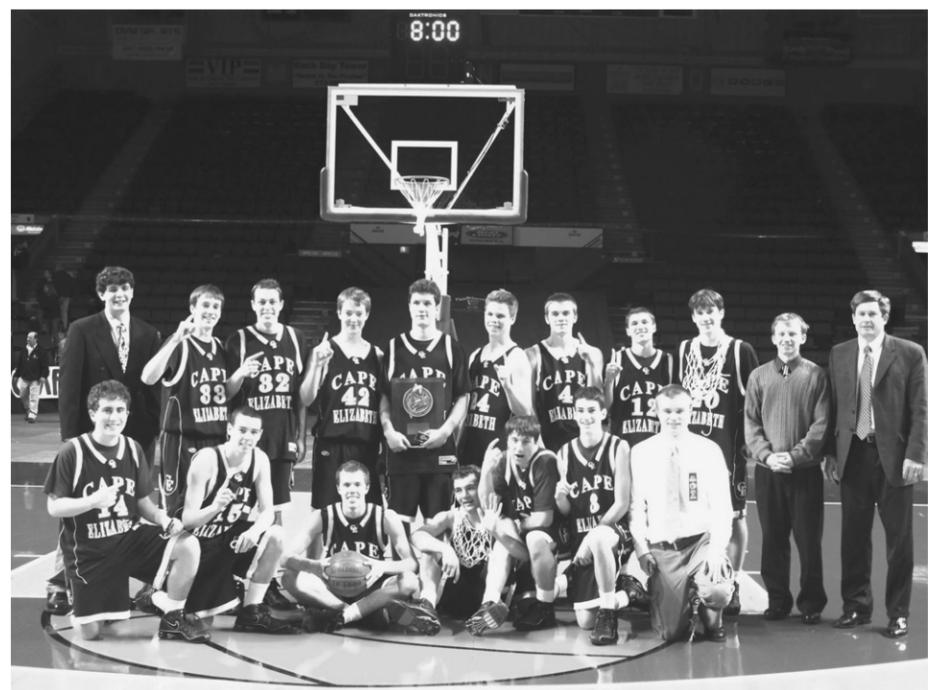


Photo by Pauline Doane

Members of the Cape Elizabeth High School boys' basketball team gather Feb. 21 at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland after winning their second straight Western Maine Class B title. Fourth-ranked Cape beat second-seeded Falmouth 58-48, following a stunning 46-45 victory over top-ranked Greely Feb. 19 in the Western Class B semifinal. "[As a coach] the gift I have is the quality of the kids I am fortunate to work with year in and year out," Coach Jim Ray said. "The kids have such great attitudes and work so hard." In the state game on Feb. 27, undefeated Camden Hills beat Cape 62-49, but the Capers won another honor that night: the conference sportsmanship award. For more about the award and Cape fans, see page 9.

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**‘Shared community responsibilities’ benefit all of us**

The current economic crisis and the debate within our town over budgets and taxes have revealed some cracks in the concept of shared community responsibilities. In this nation and in our society, as well as in Cape Elizabeth, we all have responsibilities to each other. Working people support the incomes of current retirees by paying social security and other taxes. Working people also support the Medicare and pension benefits that current retirees enjoy. When we pay insurance premiums for our homes and cars, we pay with the hope that we won't need those benefits this year, but with the knowledge that if we do, enough others will have paid their premiums so that our claim can be paid. And when we were children, or our children were younger, or in some other community where our grandchildren live today, an entire community paid for or is currently paying for that education.

Our society works because we willingly share these responsibilities, even if we feel that we are not directly benefiting from one of these programs at the moment. As soon as we start thinking in purely personal terms about our community responsibilities, all of these programs are at risk. Imagine if younger families had the option of not paying to support Social Security or Medicare since they are not currently "using" those programs? Or if no one paid an insurance premium until after they were in a car accident? Or if no one supported the fire department unless they had a fire?

In challenging times, it is easy to think only about our own short-term economic interests. These are the times however when it is most important for us to support all of our community responsibilities—we all benefit when we do.

Dan Fishbein

**Supporter of dispatchers has some alternative suggestions**

As a member of Engine Company One for 37 years and, more recently, also a rescue driver, I appreciate the work of Cape Elizabeth's four dispatchers and strongly oppose closing the town's dispatch center.

Here are some of my suggestions for addressing the upcoming budget problems:

1. The town manager is recommending pay increases of 2 percent for many town employees, including fire and rescue workers. No pay increases for nonunion workers.
2. Cut the salaries of the town's highest paid employees, including the town manager, by 2 percent and look for a neutral arbitrator to renegotiate union contracts.
3. Emulate Falmouth. Close town hall on Friday, possibly Tuesday also. Reduce the hours of the town planner and code enforcement officer.
4. Have the fitness center run completely by volunteers. We already do this successfully at Fort Williams at the gift shop.
5. Add more "silver bullets" (or empty them more often). An overflowing silver bullet discourages people from recycling instead of encouraging them.
6. Charge tour bus and trolley visitors to Fort Williams. Let them pass on the expenses to their customers.

Waldeck E. Mainville, Jr.

**Concerned resident suggests budget cuts**

It is town budget time again, and as a twenty-five year resident I have a concern about property tax levels and municipal expenses in a down economy with a projected \$500,000 shortfall in town revenue.

While we live in a marvelous community, there are expenses which could be trimmed as a way to help make up the shortfall. The town attempted to privatize the fitness center and found no takers. Do we need a town fitness center which cost tax dollars when almost everywhere I go in the Greater Portland area there are fitness centers run by private enterprise? That may be a service which tax payers can no longer afford.

We have an excellent Community Services department which in the past has not carried its own weight but now is on a break-even schedule. Let's hope it can continue that way.

Then there is local emergency dispatch. Cumberland County successfully operates a dispatch center for towns like Harpswell, Casco, Naples and most recently Raymond. With the world of modern technology and GPS, a dispatcher can direct a responder right to your living room or bedroom. As Chair of the Cumberland County Space Needs Committee, I have seen the center in action. By our town electing to hire the county's services for dispatch, it appears we may well save \$86,000.

Our community only has two ways to balance the upcoming budget ... raise property taxes or cut some services. While the above thoughts may not be popular with some, they are ways to adjust town-supplied services without harming the fabric of our community.

Jerry Angier

**Departing teacher thanks Cape 'for sharing your children'**

When I began teaching at Pond Cove twenty years ago, I quickly—and happily—learned this was a community that valued education highly, where parents were involved, teachers highly motivated, and the children bright, lively and memorable.

And so it is. We've still got great schools, teachers, administrators, parents and children. My teaching years here have been challenging, satisfying, and unforgettable. And fun.

I will not be returning to teach next fall, however. To whatever degree I taught effectively in the past, it was due to the sheer exhilaration of teaching, and the opportunity to share my days with your bright-eyed children. But times change, people change. I changed.

For the past eight years, my wife Peggy and I have operated a part-time used and rare book selling business in our home. I am currently taking an unpaid year leave of absence from teaching, graciously granted to me by the school board. Dealing in antiquarian books quietly moved from part-time interest to part-time obsession, and I wondered if it would be possible to turn part-time obsession into full-time livelihood. Turns out, with enough obsessive work, it is.

Perilous times to jump out of the security net and into the fire, I know. But life is short, and if you don't follow your dreams, where are you going? Following the passion led me to Cape Elizabeth schools in the first place, so I know that course serves me well. Now it leads elsewhere.

Thanks, Cape Elizabeth, for sharing your children for twenty years. I miss them already!

Ogden Williams

**Fort Williams foundation appreciates increased donations for park preservation, enhancement**

A few days ago, I strolled over to Fort Williams Park to watch the kids play. What a setting for sledding it is! A woman was walking her dog up the hill by the lighthouse. Some kids were playing in the snow by the bandstand. I could see some skiers up on the next field.

All this with steaming Casco Bay and the frozen islands as a backdrop!

The Fort Williams Charitable Foundation was established in 2004 to "preserve and enhance the unique qualities of Fort Williams Park." My personal motivation for joining the foundation's board was also to help raise the funds needed to keep the park free.

Based on this year's Annual Appeal for the FWCF, it is clear there are many in town and the surrounding communities who are similarly motivated to either help preserve the park, or to help keep it free, or both. Or maybe for yet some other reason.

Regardless of the motivation, and despite

the dire economy, people have responded to this year's Annual Appeal in large numbers. Donations have risen by nearly 20 percent over last year. The average gift amount has gone up. And the number of donations so far has increased by more than 10 percent.

To date, people have responded to this year's appeal with gifts totaling over \$27,000!

Some of these donations will soon be supporting a pilot arboretum project that will strip away the thick, ugly tangle of invasive vines and beautify the seascape around the southern end of the Cliff Walk. Some funds will be put toward the repair and opening of Battery Blair. Some will go into a growing endowment fund to assure funding for future projects.

To all who have responded or plan to, thanks for keeping this special place beautiful and accessible to all!

Bob Dodd

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# Fast-filling B2B registration is March 15



Photo by Ann Kaplan

The "pack" at the start of the 2004 Beach to Beacon

Runners, take your mark – and mark your calendars for noon on Sunday, March 15. That's when online registration for the 2009 TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon 10K is set to begin.

Race organizers expanded the field size to 6,000 this year – an increase of 500 runners – but still anticipate the race filling up as soon as or sooner than last year's record of 26 hours.

"We are encouraging – make that urging – anyone who wants to participate in the race to go online and register soon after it opens on March 15 because there's no way to know how long it will take before it fills up," said David Weatherbie, the race president.

Online registration is the only way for runners to enter the popular international road race, set for Saturday, Aug. 1, along the Cape Elizabeth coast. Race organizers stopped using optional paper registrations in 2008.

Runners register by going to the race Web site at [www.beach2beacon.org](http://www.beach2beacon.org), where they also can find more information and further instructions. The 2009 race entry fee is \$35.

Also new this year, race organizers have moved the popular Kids Fun Run to the Friday (July 31) before the race. In past years, the kid's event was held at Fort Williams Park following the road race and before the award ceremony. Registration will begin online on March 15 as well. The location and time of the kids' event is still to be determined.

"We decided to give the Kids Fun Run its own day to showcase the event and give it its own place in the sun," Weatherbie said. "We also see this as another way to give the TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon more of a race weekend feel."

The growing popularity of the TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon prompted race organizers to increase the field size by 500. By moving the kid's race to Friday, they also are confident the increased number of runners

will be more easily absorbed at the finish in Fort Williams Park.

"With demand so great, it made sense to try to accommodate more runners, which we feel can be managed without impacting safety and the quality of the race," Weatherbie said.

The field size has doubled since it began with 3,000 runners in 1998. The race grew to 4,000 in 1999, 5,000 in 2002, and 5,500 in 2006.

Even with the increased field sizes, registration for the race has consistently closed sooner and sooner each year. In the early years, the race did not fill up until June. By 2007, it closed in 10 days. Last year – the first year of online-only registration – it filled in a mere 26 hours.

The TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon is one of Maine's premiere sporting events and one of the most popular events on the U.S. road race circuit. The race draws runners from throughout the region and the world to Cape Elizabeth. Thousands of spectators cheer on the runners along the course and at the finish, and more than 800 volunteers help ensure a smooth operation.

The race begins near the Crescent Beach entrance on Route 77 and ends in Fort Williams Park at Portland Head Light.

More than \$60,000 in prize money is awarded to the top finishers and place winners in the various categories for men and women. For more information, visit [www.beach2beacon.org](http://www.beach2beacon.org).

TD Banknorth is the title sponsor of the race founded by Joan Benoit Samuelson, the Olympic gold medalist from Cape Elizabeth who also serves as a spokesperson for the bank during the year to promote the race and the bank's giving programs, which benefit Maine youth with sponsorship programs and charitable donations.

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## Community Garden grows to include new plots at Maxwell's Farm

By Tina Harnden

More Cape gardeners interested in growing their own organic food will have the opportunity to do so this summer with the expansion of the Community Garden at a second location at Maxwell's Farm.

The current garden at Gull Crest Field has



A group of community gardeners celebrated a successful Plant a Row for the Hungry harvest last year at Gull Crest Field.

38 plots for residents, and a long waiting list. But an additional 50 or so new plots will be developed this spring on part of the Maxwell family's fallow farmland off Spurwink Avenue and should be ready for planting in early June.

The list of gardeners eager for a place in the sun has grown each season since the Community Garden opened its gates in 2002. Garden Committee Chair Nancy Miles noted that this year, whether it's the economy or the increasing interest in locally grown organic produce, the waiting list was close to 30, with little hope of more than a handful of plots turning over at the Gull Crest location. (Gardeners can continue to use their plots year after year if they choose.)

The committee had been hoping for some time to find a spot suitable for expansion, but no parcels of town land fit the bill for flat, accessible acreage with water and parking. The Gull Crest site can't get any larger; it's bordered by wetlands, ledge, and athletic fields. Miles said the opportunity to garden at Maxwell's Farm couldn't have come at a better time.

"The Maxwell's land seemed to be an ideal location, and we're grateful to their family for making this a reality. Word is traveling

fast and already we've signed up new gardeners above and beyond those on our waiting list." (At press time, there were still plots available.)

The new garden will be planted on a half-acre parcel behind the former market building that now houses a day-care center, and Miles said several plots would be set aside for use by those children and their families. Ken and Elsie Maxwell own this portion of the farm and are enthusiastic supporters of the project. Nate Maxwell has offered to plow the land, and a newly expanded garden committee will organize fencing, water-line installation and marking off the 15'x15' plots.

The organic garden at Gull Crest provides 12' x 12' plots, along with multiple water spigots, compost and fertilizer, woodchips for paths, wheelbarrows, and tools available for patrons in a garden shed. Plans for the plots at Maxwell's include the same supplies and conveniences. Donations are being sought for hoses, tools and wheelbarrows in an effort to keep start-up (and user) costs reasonable.

As at the Gull Crest site, gardeners at Maxwell's must use only organic gardening practices and will be required to contribute six volunteer hours each season. Miles said there would be lots of help needed to get the garden underway before planting can even begin. Gardeners will also have the opportunity to fulfill their volunteer hours assisting with the Plant a Row for the Hungry program (PAR). The Gull Crest garden has donated over 1700 pounds of produce to local soup kitchens and pantries, and plans call for Maxwell site gardeners to plant two plots for PAR.

The initial, one-time fee to join the garden at Maxwell's will be \$20, with an additional annual plot fee of \$30. All levels of experience are welcome, but the number of plots is limited and available to Cape residents only.

Gardeners interested in joining the community garden at either of the two sites, should contact Miles at nmiles@maine.rr.com.

## Plastics not all equal in the eyes of recyclers

By Gregory Walsh

In a recent confession, my wife reminded me that she was one of the original recycling 'scofflaws' right here in Cape Elizabeth. Her great crime against recycling took place roughly 10 years ago, when we were in the process of filling in and terminating an old swimming pool. While jettisoning all pool-related items from the garage, she coiled up a 20-foot length of blue, plastic pool-cleaning hose, secured it with string, and then stuffed the entire coil into one of the Silver Bullets at the Transfer Station.

"What the heck, it's plastic," she proclaimed. "It must belong there."

While my wife, hopefully, has been forgiven for her crime, there are still today plenty of plastic and inappropriate items tossed into those Silver Bullets.

In fact, if you look down this chute next to one of the moving conveyor belts where much of our household refuse is sorted, you can watch a dumpster on the floor below slowly filling up with rejected items: plastic dolls, soccer balls, old shoes, plastic coat hangers, odd pieces of Styrofoam, plastic serving trays and the full array of electrical devices with plastic housings.

All of these things, and plenty of others, were mistakenly dumped into the recycling containers. When the Silver Bullets are emptied out at the ecomaine facility in Portland, things that don't belong there tend to stand out.

As for those items that really are recyclable, it helps to keep in mind that ecomaine, as the nonprofit, community-owned waste management organization, functions as a recycling business as much as it does as a waste-to-energy factory. Almost all of the Silver Bullet materials are processed and then sold into the recycling market, which is international in scope. Sales of recyclable materials contribute substantially to the organization's budget, and as an active member, the town of Cape Elizabeth is "part owner"

of that budget.

So when those plastic Barbie dolls and old shoes get dumped into the Silver Bullets, it costs money to get rid of them and the result is a diminishment of the net revenue stream.

Inappropriate plastics may be tops on the list of things on the conveyor belt that really should not be there. Almost everyone, presumably, is familiar with the numbers in triangles at the base of most common plas-

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tic household containers. The numbers – 1 through 7 – are there to identify the type of plastic used in production of the container. They also help consumers keep track of which products can or can't be recycled.

At its simplest, anything marked with the number 1 through 7 can be recycled, except Styrofoam. You won't find a number within a triangle on any part of a Barbie doll. Nor will you find one on trash bags, potato chip bags, hard plastic items like that serving tray or on a length of plastic wrap, nor on a plastic garden hose, nor an old blue pool hose, for that matter. None of these can be recycled according to current market conditions. The same goes for Styrofoam products, even those that contain the number 6 within a triangle as do some egg containers. Most recycling facilities today simply do not have a market for Styrofoam products.

The good news is that there is a market for plastic grocery bags, as well as plastic bags used in newspaper deliveries. These are the only plastic bag items currently accepted for recycling at ecomaine.

And if any of you are planning to demolish your outdoor pool, you would do better to give your old pool hose to a friend or neighbor rather than waiting until dark so that no one will see you cramming it through the little windows in the Silver Bullets.

## Education, mandatory recycling recommended over curbside pickup and pay-per-bag options

By Bob Dodd

Cape residents may soon have a recycling educator watching over them at the transfer station. If so, just what will this person's role be?

"Is that person going to be a policeman or an educator?" asked Richard Dunham at the recent public hearing on the proposal.

The group recommended that the town test the enhanced education option and amendments to the solid waste ordinance requiring recycling rather than switch to pay-per-bag or curbside pick-up approaches.

At the Feb. 9 town council meeting, councilors sought citizen comments on findings and recommendations of the Recycling Working Group. The group, consisting of some councilors, town officials and members of the Recycling Committee, was formed by the council in the fall of 2008.

Most who spoke at the hearing supported the group's recommendations. After the hearing, the town council voted to refer the proposal, along with other working group suggestions, to the council's ordinance committee.

In anticipation of eventual approval of

the group's ideas, the council also directed Town Manager Mike McGovern to include a recycling educator staff position in his 2009-2010 budget proposal.

### Costs of waste disposal making recycling a priority

The cost of solid waste disposal is a major budget item for the town. According to the recycling group's report, hauling and placing the town's solid waste to the ecomaine regional waste facility is \$180 per ton. This compares to \$38 per ton to bring recyclable materials there.

The group found that every ton of waste shifted to recyclables saves the town \$142. Every one percent increase in the recycling rate saves \$4,643.

"Waste disposal is one of the biggest, if not the biggest line items in the budget," said Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta, the working group's chair.

The group's goal of increasing recycling rates by an additional 25 percent would amount to a savings to the town of about \$116,000.

### Mandatory recycling options reviewed

In its December report to the council, the working group looked at three options to increase the recycling rates. While Cape's recycling rate through the silver bullets has increased by 35 percent since FY 2007, the town still lags behind nearby towns that have adopted some form of mandatory recycling.

Cape Elizabeth places currently places 3.1 pounds of waste into the hopper for every 1 pound of recyclable material placed in the silver bullets. For peer communities in the ecomaine system, according to the report, the ratio is 2.26:1.

The three options reviewed to increase recycling were curbside pickup, pay-per-bag, and recycling education.

Curbside pickup, according to the group, would increase recycling rates but at a substantial cost. The collection system would cost the town about \$560,000, with a net cost of about \$450,000 after adding in savings from increased recycling. Adding in savings to individual residents in gasoline costs, the net increase was still about \$200,000.

In opting not to go the curbside pickup route, the group also noted that prior citizen surveys indicated support for "maintaining

the framework of the current system we now have."

A pay-per-bag system at the transfer station would generate projected revenue of \$390,000, a cost borne by Cape residents in after-tax costs. Waste management now is paid for through deductible property taxes. The bottom line after considering all expenses and savings: a savings to the town of about \$19,000.

Councilor Swift-Kayatta noted that the cost savings essentially shifted these costs from the taxpayers to the transfer station users.

The group also found that this figure was not far from the projected savings from a stepped up recycling educational effort. Using the target increase in recycling rates of 25 percent, the group calculated that savings, offset by the cost of the recycling educator staff position, would yield a net savings of about \$18,000.

Among the recommendations of the group was a change in recycling center hours that was approved by the council in January. The change is expected to save the town about \$14,000.

# Library sees increased demand as economy falters, a 'typical day' is recorded

By Rachel Davis, Children's Librarian

While the stock market goes down, library usage at the Thomas Memorial Library has dramatically increased. The library's popularity is evident on a day-to-day basis—in the large crowds at story times, the continual usage of the library's public-access computers, filled-to-capacity seating of after-school students, and an average increase in circulation of 15 percent over last year. Many people who have rarely or never used the library are discovering that borrowing the library's bestsellers, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and other resources can save them money. Currently, we issue an average of 12 li-

brary cards per week to new library users—an increase of almost percent compared to last year. We have made some changes in response to this increased demand, such as offering more story times per week to cut down on crowds, and making adjustments to staff schedules and duties.

Recently, library users may have noticed signs at the two reference desks directing users to the front desk for assistance. In August, library director Jay Scherma changed the way the library's public desks are staffed in an attempt to accommodate the increase in demand. It used to be that one person was assigned to each of the library's three public desks at all times. Now librarians assigned to work at the two reference desks leave their posts every other half-hour in order to assist at the front desk.

Activity can be particularly hectic when the library's daily delivery of interlibrary loans shows up. The library participates in Minerva, a resource-sharing consortium that includes more than 80 other public, academic, and school libraries. Library users can request books, audio books, movies, music and other items from member libraries, and those requested items are delivered each day by a courier service contracted by the Minerva consortium. When the delivery arrives, each item must be scanned and processed, and the requesting library users must be notified (by phone or e-mail) that their items have arrived. In addition, library staff process returned items belonging to other libraries each day, packing them in delivery bags

that are taken away by the courier service when the delivery arrives.

It is a very efficient system, but a time-consuming and labor-intensive one as well. Library users have become increasingly proficient at using the Minerva system. Last month approximately 800 holds were placed by the library staff for our patrons. In addition, about 1000 holds were requested directly by our patrons through online requests made either in the library or from home. The data collected for last year shows an increase in interlibrary loan use of 111 percent over the last three years. In 2008, the Thomas Memorial Library lent 14,103 items to other libraries, and our own users borrowed 14,955 items from other libraries in the consortium (the system is load-balanced to ensure that each library borrows roughly the same number of items that it lends.) In January of this year, the library loaned an average of 54 items per day to other libraries, while Thomas Memorial Library patrons borrowed an average of 60 per day from other libraries. This represents an increase of more than 30 percent over January of last year.

In order to create a picture of just how busy the library is these days, I decided to choose one typical day to record all that goes on. Although Tuesdays and Saturdays tend to be busiest, the day I chose for this experiment was a Wednesday in February. On that one day:

- \*274 items were borrowed by 79 people (an average of almost 10 people per hour);
- \*42 children and caregivers attended a toddler story time;
- \*15 babies and caregivers attended a baby story time;
- \*15 adults attended a book group discussion;
- \*Two people reserved the library's mu-

seum passes;

- \*135 interlibrary-loaned items were delivered and processed for 130 Thomas Memorial Library patrons, which included, 87 books, 27 movies, seven music CDs, 13 audiobooks, and one Kill-a-Watt Energy Detector;

- \*71 items owned by Thomas Memorial Library were returned from other libraries;

- \*One person inquired about the library's delivery service to homebound patrons;

- \*Volunteer Jane Downes covered 28 books with protective laminate or mylar covers;

- \*Volunteer Linda Surabian stamped and processed numerous old magazines for withdrawal from the library's collection;

- \*Library technical services staff cataloged and processed 36 new books, eight new audiobooks, and two new DVDs;

- \*Library technical services staff also edited 91 catalog records in the Minerva shared database. (The database, which consists of the holdings of all member libraries, needs constant maintenance to ensure that the information contained in the catalog records is

accurate and consistent.);

- \*15 books needing repair were mended;

- \*Library users asked for, among other things: contact information for free tax help, the location of our statue of Joan Benoit to take photographs for an article on the Boston Marathon, information about reserving the library's community room for a meeting, the location of the library's tax forms, help finding a specific tax form online, help using the photocopiers, and instructions for using the library's wireless network with a laptop.

On my typical Wednesday, a walk around the building at 3:30 in the afternoon revealed 25 people—14 children or teenagers and 11 adults—sitting at library computers, at tables, or in chairs using library resources or personal laptops. It is not uncommon for adults to use the library's computers, or to simply sit and read newspapers or magazines—in fact, there are several people who come to the library every morning to relax and read the paper. A number of people regularly check

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"Ike the Dog" in the children's library directs library users to the front desk if they have questions. Librarians now divide their time between the reference and circulation desks in order to meet increased demand.



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## Cape, SoPo, Scarborough officials meet, receive legislative update with 'open dialogue'

Cape Elizabeth Town Hall was the scene of a meeting on Feb. 25 that brought together 23 municipal and school officials from Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, and Scarborough, as well as five legislators who represent these communities in Augusta. The purpose of the meeting was to create an opportunity for open dialogue among local decision-makers. The goals of the meeting were to generate ideas on how the three communities might better collaborate and to explore ways to enhance legislator, local official, and citizen connectivity.

"This was just a first stab at bringing folks together," said Cape Elizabeth Town Council Chairman Jim Rowe, moderator of the meeting. "It's something I have felt has been long overdue. I think there is probably a 'gravitational pull' between Cape, Scarborough, and South Portland that is not there with many neighboring towns. And it just makes sense that we should be looking at more ways to work cooperatively."

The meeting began with brief legislative updates from Senator Larry Bliss (Sen. Dis-

trict 7), and Representatives Terry Morrison (Leg. Dist. 122), Jane Eberle (Leg. Dist. 123), Sean Flaherty (Leg. Dist. 127), and Cynthia Dill (Leg. Dist. 121). Then attendees broke into smaller groups and had very free-wheeling discussions on a number of topics, some centering on municipal issues, others focused on education-related areas. The groups also talked about some steps that could be taken to help enhance the effectiveness of local legislators in Augusta.

"It was not the meeting's intent to solve problems, only to open doors that might in turn lead to windows of opportunity down the road," Rowe said. "This was brainstorming, pure and simple. We came up with a number of solid ideas. It will now be the job of each attendee to take what we came up with back to their respective groups and to see if there is widespread buy-in. If there is, we will then decide how best to proceed. Initial feedback on the meeting was very positive, and I was very encouraged by the turnout and by the level of energy."

## Bed and breakfast changes approved

By Bob Dodd

The town council approved ordinance changes permitting the creation of bed and breakfast operations in residential zones at its Feb. 9 meeting.

The establishments must face onto Shore Road or Route 77. The new laws also set standards for lot sizes and parking availability.

Two sections of Shore Road and Route 77 are not included in the amendments, however. The town's Business A districts were not included in what was approved. Business A districts include the areas near the Irving gas station to the South Portland line along Shore Road, and along Route 77 from the area near Broad Cove Road to Kettle Cove Road.

B&Bs were already allowed in the town center district. The changes permit B&Bs meeting several requirements to be located

in residential zones A and C. For any B&B in a residential zone, the live-in operator must also be the owner.

The unanimous action came after a public hearing that generated both support for and opposition to the proposed ordinance changes.

Some who spoke were opposed to any changes to the current ordinances, and others felt the ordinances didn't go far enough in allowing B&Bs in other areas of town.

The council considered tabling any action on the amendments until the Business A district issues could be resolved. In the end, councilors decided to move ahead on the limited changes to the residential zones.

"I think it's a good first step to see how it works out," said Councilor Paul McKenney.

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## Cold news



Phyllis and Bruce Coggeshall, and The Cape Courier, visited Petermann Island, Antarctica in January. Above, their penguin friends await a turn with the paper.

## Budget

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(down \$22,000 from the amount budgeted in FY 2009). McGovern anticipated some revenue increases for past-due taxes, but recommended few fee increases due to the current recession.

### Regionalized dispatch

The budget includes a proposal for regionalized public safety dispatching, to save an estimated \$132,000 per year. "The town is actively studying two options for consolidation as of the time this is being written," McGovern said in his Feb. 22 budget message. "One option is to join the Cumberland County center and the other is to merge with Portland and South Portland. The savings is known for the county option but more numbers are still being evaluated for the metro option."

Cape Elizabeth currently has four full-time dispatchers at a cost of \$360,000 for this year. The proposed budgeted cost for 2010 is \$168,000 with an additional cost of about \$60,000 for a new police department clerk to be on duty eight hours per day.

Other budget cuts include reduction of police overtime, with the police captain and other personnel working shifts now covered by overtime; reduction of the full-time facilities manager position to half-time; and consolidation of positions in town hall, with no position primarily designated as "town clerk." The budget anticipates a 5 percent reduction

in overall salary and wages, \$231,609, with the decrease in positions. Retirement and disability costs will also decrease under this budget, by an estimated \$16,000.

The budget also includes the elimination of heavy-item pickup and leaf collection and a reduction in the number of street lights by just under 100.

### Fort Williams to be self-sustaining

The proposed budget recommends that Fort Williams Park become self-sufficient in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. "My specific recommendation is that all funds generated within Fort Williams Park remain in the park for park maintenance, park operation and improvements," McGovern said. The town council is asked to work with the Fort Williams Advisory Commission "to approve income-generating measures in the next few months," with all revenue generated in FY 2010 to "provide the corpus for the new fund and assist with implementation cost."

### Online info and budget blog

The budget and extensive related documents, as well as a budget review schedule, are available on the town Web site at [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com). Go to "Budget 2009-2010" on the menu to the left of the screen. A new electronic interactive feature available through the Web site is a town budget Weblog, or "blog." To access the town's budget blog directly, go to <http://capeelizabethbudget09-10.blogspot.com/> or click on the link provided in the budget section of the town Web site.

## Library

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stocks, using the library's weekly subscription to *Value Line*. There are many people in town with no computer or no Internet service at home, and they rely on the library's computers. Some families have chosen to cancel their Internet and cable service in order to save money, relying instead on library computers and DVDs for entertainment. People who used to buy books are also using library resources more, curbing book buying as a way to save money. One frequent library user told us that he used to spend \$500 to \$600 a month on books, but now he uses the library's resources exclusively.

The library also serves as a regular meeting place for students to meet with tutors. Library staff are occasionally asked to proctor exams for homeschoolers, students, or adult learners taking correspondence courses. Several Cape residents are currently working on book projects, and regularly ask

library staff for assistance with research materials or books on the publishing process.

The library's board of trustees recently used a tool called the "Library Use Value Calculator" provided by the Maine State Library to calculate the town's return on investment in library services. Taking into account the number of items the library lends, and the programs and other services it provides, the calculator showed that Cape residents receive \$9.23 in services for every municipal dollar spent. Individual residents can calculate the value of the library for their own use by visiting the library's Web site at [www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org](http://www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org).

Although we are busy, the library staff welcomes the increased use, and we particularly enjoy helping new library users become acquainted with library resources and our exemplary interlibrary loan system. We hope that library users will keep letting us know how we can improve the services we offer and the materials we provide so we can do our best to meet increasing needs in these difficult economic times.

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**Reported by Debbie Butterworth  
COMPLAINTS**

- 1-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for report of a burglary in progress. The homeowner was inside and heard the unlocked rear door being opened and contacted police.
- 2-2 An officer met with a juvenile at the PD regarding needing a place to stay. A parent was contacted and arrangements were made for further assistance.
- 2-2 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an attempt to withdraw funds fraudulently from the plaintiff's account. The bank representative told the plaintiff that a caller had tried to convince them that she was speaking on behalf of the plaintiff as the plaintiff was too ill to speak on the phone and that the withdrawal was for medical expenses. The caller wanted the funds to be wired to a checking account out of state. The bank was highly suspicious and denied the request, largely because the bank employee that spoke with the caller knew the plaintiff personally. There had been another fraud attempt against the plaintiff's checking account in the recent past, but the plaintiff never got a new debit card or had the account numbers changed. It was suggested that the plaintiff do so now and also obtain a credit report and check to make sure there were no new accounts or anything that the plaintiff did not recognize.
- 2-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for report of an assault in progress. Upon arrival they met with 3 family members who had been involved in an altercation. They met with all parties involved and advised them of available options. One party left for the evening.

**SUMMONSES**

- 1-30 CE resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Rd., \$133
- 2-4 CE resident, domestic assault, Mitchell Rd.
- 2-4 Saco resident, domestic assault, Mitchell Rd.

- 2-9 CE resident, speeding (60/45 zone) Route 77, \$185
- 2-9 Gray resident, possession of marijuana, Route 77
- 2-9 Portland resident, possession of marijuana, Route 77
- 2-9 Windham residents, possession of marijuana, Shore Rd.
- 2-11 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$77

**JUVENILE SUMMONSES**

- 2-11 Possession of marijuana
- 2-13 Possession of marijuana

**ARRESTS**

- 2-4 CE resident, domestic violence
- 2-4 Saco resident, domestic violence

**ACCIDENTS**

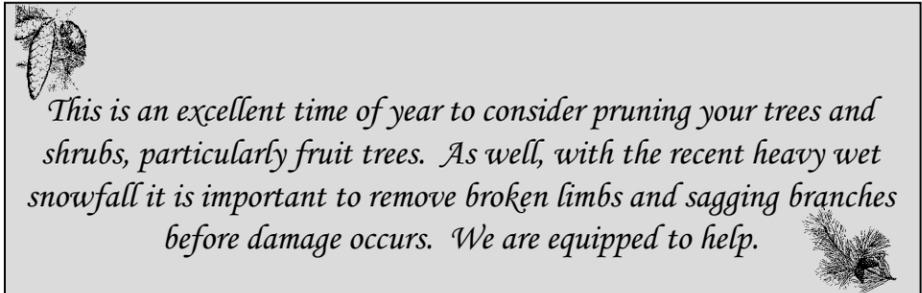
- 2-6 Anthony Welch, accident on Spurwink Ave.

**FIRE CALLS**

- 1-31 Jewett Rd., woodstove problem
- 2-5 Charles Rd., structure fire
- 2-6 SP coverage during structure fire
- 2-6 Spurwink Ave., motor vehicle accident
- 2-12 Stonybrook Rd., water problem

**RESCUE CALLS**

There were 16 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 5 runs to Mercy Hospital. There was 1 patient treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.



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Margaret is a graduate of North Yarmouth Academy, the University of Chicago and the University of Iowa. She teaches communication studies at Fordham University in New York City.



Matilda Violet Schwartz

**Purpoodock Club** is currently undergoing the largest expansion in the club's 87-year history. When the clubhouse, which closed in October, reopens in May, it will house a dining and lounge area three times its former size, a significantly expanded pro shop, redesigned men's and women's locker rooms, and a new, large-capacity function/banquet room with a private entrance. The outside of the building will have extensive decking overlooking the 18-hole golf course, which has been the site of a Senior PGA tour event and a number of major New England and Maine tournaments.

The third oldest golf club in the Greater Portland area, Purpoodock has the only golf course in Cape Elizabeth. In 1922, when the club was founded, the Hannaford homestead farmhouse was converted into the first clubhouse.

Five Cape students at Northeastern University in Boston were named to the fall-semester dean's list. **Dustin R. Turin** is majoring in international affairs. **Danielle Beaumont** is majoring in nursing. **Carolyn N. Riker** is a student in the university's five-year nursing program. **Chelsea J. Pizer** is a psychology major. **Jacqueline Fabricius** is majoring in finance and insurance.

**Sarah Elizabeth Brazell**, the daughter of **Robert and Colleen Brazell**, was awarded first-year honors for outstanding academic achievement for the 2008 fall semester at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va., where she is pursuing a double major in psychology and French.

Two Cape Elizabeth High School grads were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. **Devon Jude Freitas** is a sophomore majoring in management. **Amy Elizabeth Sturgeon** is a sophomore majoring in marketing.

**Cindy O'Rourke** has joined the Portland office of Charter Oak Capital Management as a senior vice president and senior financial advisor. O'Rourke, who has more than 20 years of investment experience, is responsible for client relations, advisory and portfolio management.

For the past 17 years, O'Rourke has been a vice president and senior account executive for Fidelity Investments' Private Client Group in Portland.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., O'Rourke is a certified financial planner and holds numerous securities designations and insurance licenses from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Cindy, her husband Jim and their three children, reside in Cape Elizabeth.

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Cindy O'Rourke

**Mary Walker** was named January broker of the month at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate in Cape Elizabeth. Walker and her husband live with their two sons in South Portland.

Two Cape Elizabeth students who attend Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., were named fall 2009 honor students. Junior **Edith G. Iyer-Hernandez**, the daughter of **Christine Iyer**, was named to the high honor roll, and junior **Grant S. Backer**, whose parents are **Suzan and David Backer**, was named to the honor roll.

**Katherine King** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., where she is a junior majoring in fine arts. She is the daughter of **James and Deborah King**.

**Sean Meagher** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., where he is a first-year student majoring in applied exercise science.

**Skye McIlvaine-Jones**, daughter of **Bruce McIlvaine** and **Hannah Jones**, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she is a freshman studying fine arts and communications.

## Young poet's piece posted on 'first-100 days' blog among works by established poets

By Wendy Keeler

A poem by 22-year-old Lindsey Wallace was selected for a blog that features a new poem for the first 100 of President Obama's days in office. Wallace's piece, "System Error," which ran on Tuesday, February 24, the 36<sup>th</sup> day of Obama's presidency, is the only work on the post by an unpublished poet.

The site, [www.100dayspoems.blogspot.com](http://www.100dayspoems.blogspot.com), features works by some distinguished poets, including the editors of both "The Oxford Book of American Poetry" and "American Poetry Review"; a National Book Award winner; and English professors at universities that include Columbia, Notre Dame, Rutgers, Cleveland State, Florida State, and the University of Vermont.

"The day before the inauguration we sent out a call to poets we admire to write poems that respond, however loosely, to the presidency, the nation, the government or the current political climate," poets Arielle Greenberg and Rachel Zucker state on the blog.

The daughter of Marialice and Kevin Wallace, who live in Cape Elizabeth with their three younger children, Ian, Hannah, and Jenna, Wallace went to Pond Cove through third grade and finished her schooling in Arizona. This spring she graduated from Fordham University in New York, where her major was visual arts and her minor was creative writing. Wallace is currently living in

New York City, she works as a baby-sitter while awaiting news from graduate schools. Wallace plans to pursue a master of fine arts degree in poetry.

The following is her poem:

*System Error*

*We are sorry for the inconvenience.  
There has been a problem with the database.  
An internal error has occurred  
or there may be too many users on the server.*

*There has been a problem with the database  
but you made a prettier constitution  
or there may be too many users on the server.  
We cried when you spoke clearly*

*but you made a prettier constitution.  
We believed in your honesty  
and we cried when you spoke clearly.  
We may have lied about our habits*

*but we believe in your honesty.  
Our last days as children  
we may have lied about our habits.  
Ask the family about their home*

*or our last days as children.  
An internal error has occurred--  
ask the family about their home,  
we are sorry for the inconvenience.*

Two students from Cape Elizabeth were named to the 2008 fall-semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston. **Elizabeth Dunham** is a senior majoring in nutrition and dietetics. **Abigail Delahanty**, who is a junior, has not declared a major.

**Elizabeth Kautz** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., where she is a senior majoring in materials engineering.

**Casey Jordan** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at New England College in Henniker, N.H., where he is a junior.

**Daniel P. Goldstein** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, where he is a sophomore majoring in chemistry. The son of **Steven Goldstein** and **Mary Pinto**, he is a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Eleven students from Cape Elizabeth were named to the dean's list at the University of Maine at Orono: **Theodore Haffenreffer**, **Patricia Lyons**, **Kristyn Frohock**, **Elizabeth Knue**, **Victoriya Maslova**, **Adrian Fiser**, **Natalie Cohen**, **Shannon Lyons**, **Elise Littlefield**, **Valerie Antonio**, and **Kyra Tuttle**.

## Cheverus athlete named to All-Academic team

Catherine Wise, a Cape resident and Cheverus High School basketball player, was named to the Southwestern Maine Activi-

ties Association All-Academic Team. To be named, a player must have a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher during seven semesters.

## Pinewood proud



Gathering at Cape Elizabeth High School Feb. 21 are winning members of the 2009 Pinewood Derby from Cape Elizabeth Cub Scout Pack 30, left to right, Brett McAlister, Andrew Hartel, Alex Depke, Stephen Murray, Holden Hess and M.A.K. O'Brien. The derby is a 50-plus-year-old tradition in which Scouts across the country build cars from wood and then race them. Some older racers—fathers and brothers—brought their own cars to race at the end of the event.

More Neighbors on page 20

## Capers keep their four-square groove going at fifth annual World Championships



Gathering at the fifth annual Four Square World Championships on Feb. 28 in Bridgton are, left to right, front row, Audrey Castro, Senior Women's World Four Square champion; former Junior World champ Anthony Castro; Jacob Allen; Matthew Fishbein, 2009 "Audience Choice" champ; 2009 Junior World champ Matthew Reale-Hatem, who was the only non-adult to make it to the men's finals; back row, David Allen; Paul Brahms; Debbie Allen; and Dan Fishbein. About 200 players competed in the tournament, and they came from as far away as Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Florida.

After winning her third straight Four Square World Championship title in the senior women's division on Feb. 28 in Bridgton, Audrey Castro experiments with a new trophy usage: a face frame. "White and sparkly" and equally as "hideous" as her past trophies, the 2009 trophy just might make it as good a doorstop as its predecessors have.



Photo by Sean Effel

## Captains of the pool!



Gathering with their coach, Ben Raymond, after winning the North Southwestern's girls' swimming and diving championship at Davan Pool in Westbrook on Feb. 7, are senior captains, left to right, Morgan Mancall, Emily MacDuffie, Paige St. Germaine, Nora Daly, and Rosie Wennberg. For a photo of the entire team, which went undefeated this season, see page 1.

## Training class for lacrosse referees planned April 5

A certification course for people interested in officiating at Maine boys' lacrosse will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, at the Community Center. The program is open to anyone in eighth grade and older, including parents and coaches.

The cost is \$36 per person, to be paid in advance, which covers instruction, certification materials, a rules book and refreshments. To sit in the class for a rules refresher costs \$10.

Participants should bring lunch. For additional information, or to sign up, please contact Amy Bates at bates7994@hotmail.com or 730-1054. The registration deadline is March 20. U.S. Lacrosse membership is required for certification and in order to obtain insurance. To register for USL, please register online before the clinic at [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org).

## No. 1 to Cape snowmen and fans, No. 1 in sportsmanship



Photo by Pauline Doane

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' basketball team may not have taken home the Class B state title on Feb. 27, but even before the game, which Camden Hills won 62-49, the Cape boys were victors. In a pregame ceremony, the team won the 2009 Western Boys' Class B Basketball Good Sportsmanship Award. For a team picture, please see page 1.



Even Cape snowmen made the "No. 1" finger sign for the high school boys' basketball team the last week of February. On Mitchell Road, Cape middle school student Gabe Brewington and his CE-hat-wearing snowman showed their support for the team on the Feb. 23 snow day, two days after the Capers' victory over Falmouth to win the Western Class B championship for the second year in a row.



Photo by Ann Kaplan

Johnny Messina drives past a Camden Hills defender at the state championship game on Feb. 28 at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

**CAPE CALENDAR**

By Wendy Derzawiec, 767-4074  
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Agendas for town and School Board meetings  
are available online at: [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com)

**Sunday, March 8**

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Adults \$5; children younger than 12, \$4.

**Monday, March 9**

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

**Tuesday, March 10**

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

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

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

**Thursday, March 12****School Board Human Resources**

**Committee**, 8 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

**Middle School Basketball Bonanza**, 6:30-8 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Middle School, 14 Scott Dyer Road.

**Tuesday, March 17**

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

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

**Thursday, March 19**

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

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

**Town Council Finance Committee**, 7:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Rd.

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

**Ongoing each week**

**Al-Anon**, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at

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

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

**Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society**, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer 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.

**Pancake breakfast fundraiser planned March 7**

Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society (NHS) will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Ocean House Pizza in Pond Cove Plaza. The group's biggest fundraiser of the year, the breakfast will benefit Kayanet Children's Home in Eldoret, Kenya, which is home to 15 orphans and offers home-based support services to another 300 orphans living with relatives. In addition to meeting basic needs, the orphanage provides educational opportunities for as many children as possible.

This is the second year that NHS has cho-

sen to sponsor the orphanage. So far this year, NHS has raised \$1,300 for Kayanet through baby-sitting nights and a candy cane and gelt sale. The group's goal is to raise \$5,000 for the orphanage by the end of the school year.

Tickets for the breakfast, which are \$5, can be purchased in advance or at the door.

All who have ideas for additional fundraisers, who would like to buy tickets for the breakfast, or who would like to make a donation to the Kayanet Children's Home, please contact NHS faculty advisor Ginger Raspiller at [ginger\\_raspiller@cape.k12.me.us](mailto:ginger_raspiller@cape.k12.me.us), or call 799-3309, extension 311.

**Author of book on Irish immigrants to speak**

Author Mary Lee Dunn will speak at the Greater Portland Genealogical Society's Saturday, March 7, meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Cape Elizabeth. Dunn will talk about her book, "Ballykilcline Rising: From Famine Ireland to Immigrant America," published in July 2008 by the University of Massachusetts Press. The presentation will start at 1 p.m. after refreshments at 12:30 p.m.

The book covers the Great Famine in

Ireland in the mid-1800s, a years' long rent strike in Ballykilcline in the Roscommon county of Ireland, and evicted emigrants' arrival in New York City in 1847 and 1848. Dunn will share research tips as well.

A former journalist, Dunn, an Alfred resident, is a graduate of the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., and received her master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Admission will be free. For more information, visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com).

**CEHS class of 1994 to hold weekend reunion**

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 1994 will celebrate their 15th reunion on Saturday, August 29, and Sunday, August 30.

For more information about activities planned during the weekend, please contact Stacia Davies at (818)-749-8345 or [staydavies@gmail.com](mailto:staydavies@gmail.com).

**Adult open basketball sessions held twice a week through April 9**

Community Services is offering open basketball sessions for adults twice a week in the high school gym through April 9.

Sessions are held from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and sessions are \$4 per person. Players pay at the door. For more information, please contact Community Services at 799-2868.

**'I remember Cape Elizabeth' series to start up again in April**

Cape Elizabeth photographer and writer, Jan Reale-Hatem, a member of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, will present her free, informal series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories," again this spring. The sessions, planned from 10 to 11 a.m. on April 28, May 5 and May 12, are designed to give participants an opportunity to record their memories and help preserve Cape Elizabeth history.

Registration is encouraged. For more information, please contact Reale-Hatem at 799-2457 or [realephoto@maine.rr.com](mailto:realephoto@maine.rr.com).

**Engine No. 2 to face off against CEHS hockey team**

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department will face off against the Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team on Saturday, March 21, at 8:15 p.m. at Portland Ice Arena. All proceeds will go to Cape Elizabeth Engine Company Engine No. 2.

Tickets, which are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults, will be sold at the door. Donations also will be accepted, and a 50/50 raffle will be held. For more information, or to buy tickets, please call Ben Davis at 232-5384.

**Cape author to sign copies of book at Nonesuch**

Cape resident Penelope Schwartz Robinson will sign copies of her book "Slippery Men," on Saturday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nonesuch Books and Cards in Mill Creek Shopping Center in South Portland.

A collection of essays about "slippery men"—lovers, preachers, swamp-muckers, and fathers—the book won the Stonecoast Book Prize in 2007. New Rivers Press published "Slippery Men" in October 2008.

Robinson, who has been published in numerous literary journals, received the 2008 Individual Artist Fellowship in Literary Arts from the Maine Arts Commission.

For more information, call Nonesuch at 799-2965, e-mail Jon Platt at [jplatt@nonesuchbooks.com](mailto:jplatt@nonesuchbooks.com), or visit [www.nonesuchbooks.com](http://www.nonesuchbooks.com).

**Lions Club pancake breakfast March 8**

The Lions Club will hold its monthly pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, at the club's Bowery Beach Schoolhouse off Two Lights Road.

Breakfast will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children younger than 12.

For more information about the breakfasts or about the Lions Club, please contact Cape resident and Lions Club President Kim Brooks, at 767-2733.

**CAPE CABLE GUIDE****CHANNEL 3****Town Council (live)**

March 9 - 7:30 p.m.

**School Board (live)**

March 10 - 7 p.m.

**Town Council replay**

March 11 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

March 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

**School Board replay**

March 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

March 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

**Planning Board (live)**

March 17 - 7 p.m.

**Planning Board replay**

March 18 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

March 19 - 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.*

**Cape Farm Alliance survey on Web site**

The Cape Farm Alliance invites residents to take a survey available on the organization's Web site, [www.capeelizabethfarms.com](http://www.capeelizabethfarms.com).

Among other questions, the survey asks what people produce on their land and what services they have to offer Cape farmers and gardeners.

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## Former Ms. America to speak about toxic chemicals in cosmetics

Cape residents Colleen Myers, Anne Cranshaw and Sarah Kinsella, along with their colleague Suzanne DuBois, are organizers of an evening with former Ms. America Susan Jeske, who will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, at the University of Southern Maine's Abromson Center on Bedford Street in Portland. The Cape businesswomen invited Jeske to Maine to tell her personal story and address the topic, "Are skin care and personal-care products safe? The ugly side of the beauty industry and how to avoid it."

Several years ago, Jeske, who spent more than 20 years in the beauty, cosmetic and personal-care products industry, developed severe health issues that led her to a holistic doctor. From the doctor she learned that beauty products, which often include toxic chemicals, were making her ill. Jeske set out to learn why there is no regulation in the United States on cosmetics and personal-care items, and examines why cosmetic companies can put labels of "natural" and "organic" on products that contain toxic chemicals.

Jeske has written about the topic for newspapers and magazines and has appeared on radio and television worldwide. Seating at the event is limited, so advance registration is required. To reserve a spot, call 767-4622. There is a \$5 fee for the event.

## My Sister's Keeper to offer training sessions for mentors-to-be

My Sister's Keeper (MSK), a mentoring program for women in transition from corrections facilities, will facilitate an orientation session for interested mentors and community volunteers from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday March 5, at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Mentor training sessions will follow on three consecutive Thursday evenings – March 12, 19, and 26 – at the church.

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

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

## Town council considers national climate-protection agreement

Consistent with measures already being taken by the town, the town council is considering joining the more than 1,000 communities nationwide that have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The council voted to refer a proposal to sign the agreement, promoted by a local citizen group and recommended by the town's Alternative Energy Committee, to a future workshop.

The agreement not only urges the federal government to enact laws and implement strategies for reducing global warming, but pledges local efforts and resources to combat climate change locally.

"I think the goals as laid out in the climate protection agreement are good goals," said Town Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta, referring to a 12-point plan of action that member communities agree to undertake locally. "But I think it's important that we understand all of the implications of this list," she said.

Some of the pledged actions, such as retrofitting buildings with energy-efficient lighting and urging employees to save energy, have already been started by the town. But others, such as conducting an inventory of emissions, may have implications in terms of cost and use of personnel.

"I want to be sure I understand the implications—costwise and workwise—for town staff on some of these things," Swift-Kayatta said.

The council is already planning to hold

a workshop to discuss preliminary findings of the Alternative Energy Committee, presented to the council in January. "It seems to me that would be an appropriate time for us to discuss with the (town) manager some of the specifics and how to implement them," Swift-Kayatta said.

Signing the agreement would not only pledge Cape Elizabeth to taking measured steps to reduce global warming, but would make Cape Elizabeth a "Cool Community." As such, the town would join a network of cities and towns across Maine and across the nation that have committed to battle climate change.

Valley Road resident Carol Hubbard, representing the citizen group "Cool Cape," gave the council an overview of how Cape Elizabeth's work toward sustainable energy is consistent with the goals of a Cool Community.

"I am not an expert on this stuff," said Hubbard, a pediatrician. "But it certainly doesn't take an expert to realize how compelling these issues are and how really significant this issue is," she said. Global warming, she said, has been called the most important moral issue of our time, as significant as slavery to times past.

Hubbard and two representatives from the Maine Partners for Cool Communities outlined for the council the benefits of becoming a Cool Community, and described some of the actions being taken throughout

Maine. "One of the roles we've been playing in the state is helping communities to celebrate (successes) with one another, and publicize to one another and network with one another, so we aren't re-inventing the wheel all the time," said Andy Burt, one of the Maine Partners for Cool Communities representatives.

Hubbard reviewed for the council some of the steps Cape Elizabeth has already taken toward sustainable energy, including passage of windmill legislation for public and private property and, under the auspices of the Alternative Energy Committee, an energy audit of town and school buildings, a planned site survey and engineering analysis of wind speeds in town, and a recommendation to participate with the Greater Portland Council of Governments in a baseline assessment of greenhouse gases.

Another recommendation of the Alternative Energy Committee is that the town sign the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Becoming a Cool Community, Hubbard said, is one of Cool Cape's hopes for Cape Elizabeth. "We're already doing so many good things in terms of energy efficiency, and this is a way to be recognized for that and to join this greater community that exists," Hubbard said.

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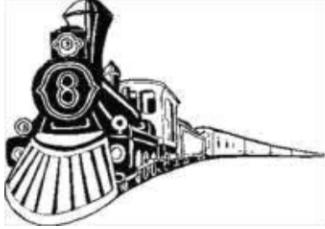
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### Themes

March 8 - 14:

### Choo Choo!

Stories about trains to take us out of winter and into spring!



### 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

## Of fairies, genes, and healing waters: author Patrick Tracey to speak at library

The Thomas Memorial Library will host Boston author Patrick Tracey on Saturday, March 21, for an afternoon reading and discussion of his latest book, "Stalking Irish Madness: Searching for the Roots of My Family's Schizophrenia" (Bantam, 2008).

Generations of Irish Americans have made the journey back to Ireland for their own reasons, but usually with one guiding principle: to physically connect with their ancestry, to come home. But for author Patrick Tracey, 50, this common rite of passage was a far more wrenching undertaking because he was to confront what he calls the genealogical mystery of schizophrenia that has haunted his family for generations.

"Like most people, I was fairly witless about the whole issue of mental illness. I had to go to Ireland to find the roots of the disease and also to discover that Irish researchers are actually leading us out of the darkness. It was an Irish research team that first cracked the schizophrenic gene code, an enormous discovery."

Filled with history, science, and lore, "Stalking Irish Madness" is an unforgettable chronicle of one man's attempt to make sense of his family's past and to find hope for the future of schizophrenic patients.

Patrick Tracey's talk will begin at 3 p.m., followed by a discussion until 4:30 p.m. The



Patrick Tracey will read from, and discuss, his latest book at the library on March 21.

event will be held in the library's community room. The event is free and open to the public. The author invites attendees to come to a reception following the talk at Rudy's in Cape Elizabeth, beginning at 5 p.m. The reception will be hosted by Nora Nora Contemporary Irish Imports.

## Local painter shows landscapes in March

"Shorelines and Forest: Observations in Color," an exhibit of oil paintings by Michelle Leier, is on display through the end of March at the Thomas Memorial Library.

Leier says that she enjoys painting the landscape from direct observation, and that her paintings are "not meant to capture a photographic appearance, but rather express a feeling or mood that the particular place held at that time." Many of Leier's paintings were completed on site at Two Lights State Park.

Leier resides in Cape Elizabeth after living in such diverse places as Slovakia, Montana and Chicago. She is currently pursuing a masters degree in fine art through the Massachusetts College of Art low-residency program. When not painting or studying, she is working in the local school systems and, she says, "enjoying the area's wonderful trails and beaches."

"Spring on Dusty Ridge," at right, is among the oil paintings by Michelle Leier on display at the Thomas Memorial Library in March.



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## 'Matter of Balance' class to help seniors improve balance

Cape Community Services will offer a four-week program, "A Matter of Balance," for senior citizens interested in improving their balance, flexibility, and strength. The class, which will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from April 27 through May 20 at the Community Center, is geared toward people who have concerns about falling and who might restrict activities because of a fear of falls. Long-time Community Services instructor, Kathy Hackett, will lead the program, assisted by Community Services Adult Programs Director, Karen Allen.

To sign up for the class, which has a \$22 fee, please call Community Services at 799-2868 to be placed on the list of participants.

## Ice skating for older adults planned March 21 at Family Ice Arena

Older Cape adults are invited to go ice skating at Family Ice Arena in Falmouth on Saturday, March 21, at 4:50 p.m.

The event is offered through "Take It Outside: Easy Adventures for the Fifty Plus or Minus Set," a new program organized by Cape Community Services, Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), and other recreation departments. The program encourages people to be physically active outdoors in fun, but not extreme, activities. Members of the Easy Adventures group will have the ice to themselves.

Skates will be provided. The cost of the activity is \$10. Registration forms can be obtained at the Community Services office at 343 Ocean House Road.

For more information, contact Fran Martin at SMAA at 396-6583 or [fmartin@smaaa.org](mailto:fmartin@smaaa.org).

## Community Services plans trip to Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida

Cape Community Services will lead a group trip to South Carolina, Georgia, and St. Augustine, Fla., from Oct. 11 to Oct. 17.

Trip-goers will explore history and experience "Southern charm" during the tour, which will start in Charleston, S.C., and then go on to Beaufort, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Jekyll Island, Ga.; and then St. Augustine, Fla. The group will fly from Portland to Charleston and return home from St. Augustine.

For all who are interested in attending, trip fliers are available at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. They can also register there for the trip. For more information, call Community Services at 799-2868.

## Wellness professionals to present March 26 TRIAD senior forum

At Cape Elizabeth TRIAD's March 26 senior forum, which will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Town Center Fire Station, chiropractor Janel Voelker and her team of wellness professionals from Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic in Cape Elizabeth will share tips and advice on keeping active and healthy well into the aging years.

Topics will include chiropractic care of the geriatric population, acupuncture, naturopathic medicine, therapeutic massage, and counseling. Speakers will discuss how stress affects aging, and the importance of eating healthily and exercising safely while the body ages.

Voelker is a summa cum laude graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She graduated as valedictorian of her class and was also selected by the faculty to receive the clinical excellence award for her class, based on her clinical skills, patient interactions and leadership capabilities.

Voelker practices several techniques, based on what is best for individual patients. She also uses computerized technology in evaluating patients' conditions and progress.

For more information about the forum or about TRIAD, please contact Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Police Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323 or [mark.dorval@capeelizabeth.org](mailto:mark.dorval@capeelizabeth.org).

## Community Services to host adult 'date night' dance March 7

Community Services will host an adult dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Community Center.

During the first hour, dance instructor Patty Medina will offer a beginner mini-dance lesson, which will be followed by social dancing and light refreshments from 8 to 11 p.m. No ballroom dance experience is necessary. A professional DJ will provide music.

Jeans should not be worn. The cost for the evening will be \$15, and \$25 per couple. Space is limited, and reservations must be made by Feb. 23 at Community Services, 343 Ocean House Road. For more information, please call 799-2868.

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## Senior Farm Share program benefits both seniors and farms

By Penny Jordan

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**Step Three:** Attend one of the registration sessions and fill out a form.

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We look forward to seeing the many people who return each year to participate in this program, and as always, we welcome new participants so they too can enjoy fresh local produce throughout the growing season.

## Community Services to take group to 'Out of Sterno' on March 19

Community Services will take a group of senior citizens to a 2 p.m. matinee performance of the Portland Stage Company's "Out of Sterno" on Thursday, March 19. Wide-eyed innocence and perfect pedicures collide in the comedy, in which Dotty, who is happy but ignored by her husband, timidly ventures out into the world and finds out what it means to love and be a "real woman."

Tickets, which are \$22 per person and payable with reservations, include school bus transportation to and from the show. Theater-goers, who will meet at the back of the Community Center, will depart for Portland at 1 p.m.

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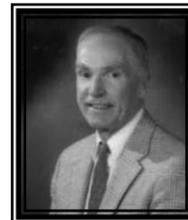
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## Twenty-nine community members discuss their careers with seventh- and eighth-graders

Twenty-nine community members—from veterinarians and food stylists to musicians, pilots, and television reporters—provided career possibilities and inspiration to Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders on Feb. 5 at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Career Exploration Fair.

"They encouraged students to trust themselves, to be honest and brave about what they liked, and to work hard," said fair organizer, Gail Schmader, who is director of volunteer services in the Cape schools. "The students repeatedly heard, 'Listen to what you like and what you want to do. If it's worth your while, work hard at it, and do it well.'"

Presenters, who represented 22 different careers, included Continental Airlines pilot Peter Allen; Tony Boffa of the Boffa School of Contemporary Music in Westbrook; Audrey and Byron Castro, owners of the small business, The Buttered Biscuit, in South Portland; Cumberland Animal Clinic veterinarian Patricia Chase; photographer Patty McCarthy; Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Police Officer Mark Dorval; food stylist Lorrie Dorrance; Stacey Koloski and Michael Donovan of STAGES Performing Arts Academy for Kids in Scarborough; physician Mark Earnshaw of Maine Medical Center; cook and chef David Turin of David's 388 restaurant in South Portland; computer specialist Chris Falk of Reliable Networks in Portland; marine biologists and educators, Steven Eays and Shelly Tallack of Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland; *Portland Press Herald* sportswriter Glenn Jordan; WPBN TV reporter Jennifer Rooks; graphic designer Sarah Lennon; personal trainer Susan Poulin; retired U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Wyman Briggs and



Photo by Beth Rand

Professional photographer Patricia McCarthy shows her camera to Cape eighth-grader Nolan Chase.

U.S. Military Lt. j.g. Mason Wilcox; lawyer Peter Cary of MittelAsen; jewelry designer Lisa Gent; writer and Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly; Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher Stephen Price; Cape Elizabeth Fire Chief Peter Gleeson; Cape paramedics Lynn Klugg-Jordan and Ernie MacVane; and on-call Cape firefighter Ben Davis.

In collaboration with the CEMS guidance department, Cape school district's volunteer services sponsored the fair, an integral part of the career exploration and educational planning unit based on the Maine State Learning Results.

## Aronson, Muscat, Pomeroy, Taintor named Presidential Scholar candidates

Four Cape Elizabeth High School seniors have been selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program: Jonathan G. Aronson, Rachel L. Muscat, Caitlin R. Pomeroy and Michael S. Taintor. Established in 1964, by executive order of the president, the program recognizes and honors the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Annually, up to 141 students are chosen from among outstanding graduating seniors to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The White House Commission on Presi-

dential Scholars will make the final selection of scholars. Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas—academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community. Five hundred semifinalists will be selected in early April, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Presidential Scholars in May. Scholars are invited to Washington, D.C., in June to receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony and participate in activities with their elected representatives, educators and other leading individuals in public life.

## Basketball Bonanza, MSPA raffle drawing set for March 12; many items to be raffled

The Middle School Parents Association will hold its annual Basketball Bonanza from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, in the middle school gym.

At the event, eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball team players will take on coed CEMS faculty teams, and the always popular foul-shot contest will occur at halftime.

The evening will also include the drawing for the MSPA's annual raffle fundraiser. Among the items being raffled off this year are lower box-seat tickets to a Red Sox game from the Brigham family, a birthday party for six at the Maine Rock Gym from the McGinn family, and an iPod from a group of CEMS parents. Other raffle items include

a gift basket of hair products and a \$50 gift certificate to Calm Waters Salon from the Connell family; a four-hour offshore fishing trip from Offshore Adventures Sports Fishing from the Pappas family; Pirates game tickets from the Dineen family; a \$50 gift certificate to Dwelling's, Inc., in Falmouth from Marybeth Otterbein; a pink and green bag from Ann Veronica; and more.

Buyers of raffle tickets should circle the prize they want on each ticket, which may be bought at the Basketball Bonanza or in advance. All interested should contact Trish Brigham at pbrigham@maine.rr.com or 767-1393, or Denise Mitchell at ax2dt@aol.com or 767-1644.

## March 27 Bingo Night to include raffle drawing

The Pond Cove Parents Association's Family Bingo Night, to be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, in the school cafeteria, will include prizes for bingo winners and the drawing of the PCPA's annual raffle.

Many items will be raffled this year: a half-hour jazz concert performed in the winner's home by high school musicians; a two-and-a-half-hour lobster boat excursion aboard *Tilly* with Capt. Jeff Croft; horseback riding lessons at Shady Oaks Farm in Cape Elizabeth; a family portrait session with professional photographer, Patty McCarthy; a Duchess T-shirt; a \$50 gift certificate to Flatbread Pizza; and a splash party at the Richards Pool. Also up for raffle: specialty desserts prepared once a month for three

months by chef Mary Godfrey; a sterling silver crocheted necklace with pearls and sea glass by jewelry artist Anne Ingalls; and two trips provided by Helping Hands, which offers driving services around Cape Elizabeth and South Portland.

Raffle-ticket buyers do not have to be present at the drawing. Proceeds will help fund Pond Cove Arts Day, when Pond Cove students are exposed to art in its many genres for a whole school day.

Raffle tickets, which are \$2 apiece, can be printed off the PCPA Web site, [www.capepcpa.org](http://www.capepcpa.org), and sent to Rebecca Millett, Pond Cove School, 12 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107. Checks should be made payable to "PCPA." For more information, contact Millett at [rmillett@maine.rr.com](mailto:rmillett@maine.rr.com).

## Box Tops raise \$3, 200 for Pond Cove, CEMS

This year students, faculty and community members have raised \$2,468 for Pond Cove School and \$730 for the middle school in the Box Tops for Education program. The Pond Cove money will help fund a full school day devoted to the arts this spring. Money raised for the middle school, which hasn't participated in the Box Tops program until this year, will fund grants.

The program offers three ways of raising money for the schools. Ten-cent coupons can be clipped from grocery items and dropped at collection bins in both schools' lobbies,

IGA, Thomas Memorial Library, the Swap Shop, and the Community Center.

At the Box Tops Web site, [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com), community members can also raise money by shopping at participating department stores, which will donate a percentage of money to the two schools, or by buying books at the site's "Box Top Reading Room."

There are two coupon collections each year, but they can be collected throughout the year.

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—see BOX TOPS, page 15



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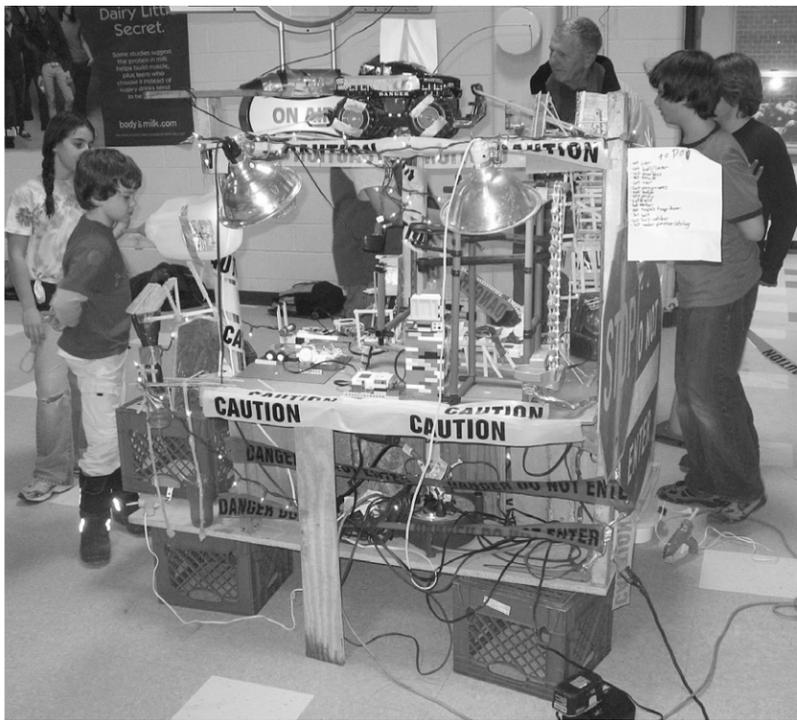
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## Rube Goldberg machines wow, delight crowd for second year in row



Sixth-graders, left to right, Amelia Morrissey, Julia Ginder, Katie Ewald, Hunter Kent, and Lily Jordan, pose on Feb. 26 with their Rube Goldberg machine. The contraption was one of three entries in the contest named after cartoonist Goldberg, whose cartoons in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century depicted complex devices that performed simple tasks in indirect, convoluted ways.



Anthony Castro, at right with hands behind back, looks at the first-prize-winning machine that he made with Alex Conrad, standing to his right, and Luke Dvorzaniak. "Once again this year it is fantastic to see students work outside of the classroom on their machines," organizer Charlie Carroll said. "In today's 'instant gratification' culture, the students had to work for hours as a team to overcome challenges and failures. Every group completed the task and can consider themselves successful."

Cape Middle School seventh-graders Stuart Rutty, left, and Liam Simpson stand behind their Rube Goldberg machine, constructed entirely from recyclable materials. According to the rules specified by organizer Charlie Carroll, students had to create over-engineered machines able to perform at least 10 tasks in a chain reaction, concluding with pouring a drink of water. Each task a machine performs earns points.

Photos by Charlie Carroll



## CEHS has three upcoming music events

Cape Elizabeth High School's annual midwinter concert is set for March 10. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the CEHS auditorium. The high school's annual Jazz Cabaret events are planned at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 5.

For more information, please contact music boosters president Paul Catsos at pcatsos@thompsonbowie.com or 767-4815.

## Box Tops

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num for each of the three components of the program," Box Tops coordinator Joanne Sullivan said. "Don't forget to save up over the summer and submit that big bag of Box Tops in the fall. With the current economic state, the goal is to have our totals go up each year."

For more information, contact Sullivan at jsull@maine.rr.com or 799-4525 or go online to www.boxtops4education.com.

## School Board revises structure of committees, approves appointments

By Wendy Keeler

In an effort to focus school board work where it belongs, the board has revised its committee structure.

Board members on Feb. 10 voted to reclassify some standing committees as advisory boards, change the roles and names of others, increase membership in one, and create a new standing committee. The same night, the board approved members' appointments to committees and boards.

"The reclassifications of [some] committees from standing to advisory was an effort to really focus our efforts on what the school board is charged with doing rather than spreading ourselves too thin, doing work that technically should be done by school administration or other personnel," School Board Chair Trish Brigham said.

### Board goal for 2009

The restructuring, which meets a 2009 board goal to "review and update, as necessary, its committee structure," includes reclassifying five standing committees as advisory boards: communications, strategic planning, wellness, extracurricular, and positive action. The boards will no longer have meetings at set times each month.

"The advisory committees will meet to address specific topics, but not necessarily meet on a monthly basis as our standing committees do," Brigham said.

### Teaching and learning committee

The human resources committee replaces the personnel committee, and a newly established teaching and learning committee will review and evaluate both curricular and extracurricular educational programs.

"The goal of the committee will be to provide leadership and support in areas which are at the heart of education: curriculum, student learning, teachers and teaching," Brigham said.

### Standing committees

The board now has four, instead of nine,

standing committees. The finance committee, which used to have three members, now includes the entire school board. Chaired by Kathy Ray, meetings are now held at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in the high school library before the board's monthly workshop. Peter Cotter and Linda Winker co-chair the human resources committee, which also includes Mary Townsend. Policy committee members include Rebecca Millett, who chairs, and Ray and Winker. Winker, Millett, and Townsend serve on the newly established teaching and learning committee, which Karen Burke chairs.

### Advisory committees

Advisory committees include Townsend and Millett for communications; Winker and Cotter for extracurricular; and Burke for Sports Done Right. Burke chairs the wellness committee, on which Townsend also serves. Both Millett and Townsend serve as legislative liaisons. Membership on both the positive action and strategic planning committees has not yet been decided.

Ray has been appointed to work on alternative energy and technology and to serve as the Portland Arts and Technology High School representative. Burke is the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation board representative. A delegate to the Maine School Management Association will be appointed.



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## School dramatics 80-plus years ago



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In the 1920s, no Maine One Act Festival [see adjacent story] happened every year, but thespians still got their ovations. Proudly posing are cast members from a 1926-1927 school pageant, left to right, front, Frances Johnson, Cecelia Sweetsir; Barbara Leighton, Leland Murray, Herbert Strout, Dwight [unknown last name], Ernest Foss; back row, Stanley Prout, Elizabeth Bishop, Lillian [unknown last name], Janet Brown, Amber Jordan, Eva Crozier, and Grenville Jordan. "Grammar school pageant: Historic Tableau," reads a sentence on the back of the picture.

## 'Of Mice and Men' to run through month



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Sawyer Theriault, right, plays Lenny, and Charles Coburn plays George in the high school's one-act play, "Of Mice and Men," which will open on March 3.

Cape Elizabeth High School's one-act play, "Of Mice and Men," will have 7 p.m. performances in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium on March 17, 18, and 19, with additional dates to be added. Based on author John Steinbeck's 1937 novella of the same name, the play tells the story of George Milton and Lennie Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers during the Great Depression in California.

Each year, CEHS and other Maine high schools perform one-act plays in March during the Maine One Act Festival. Eighty-four high schools from across the state are showcasing programs this year, and in April two of them will advance to the New England One Act Festival.

Cape actors in the production include Sara Friedman, Casey Oakes, Sawyer Theriault,

Hannah Towers, Charles Colburn, AJ Frustaci, Tom Campbell, Jon O'Hearn, Emma Goldbas, Nick Rhys, Johnny Messina, and Marisa Turesky. Production crews include stage manager Lewis Gillies, designer Julia Haltof, light technician Marcus Goldbas, and sound technician David Luongo.

For more information about the show, less than an hour long, or about additional performance dates, call the high school front office at 799-3309. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, will be available an hour before each show at the auditorium door.

The show will be performed March 7 at the regional One Act Festival at Noble High School in Berwick. If "Of Mice and Men" moves on to the state festival level of competition, it will travel to Rockland later in March.

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## Public supper to be held March 7 at Methodist Church

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, March 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The supper will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts, all for \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children).

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. For more information, please contact Ted Haider at [indyhaiders@aol.com](mailto:indyhaiders@aol.com).

## Congregational Lenten discussions based on book, 'Climbing the Sycamore Tree'

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ will offer Lenten discussion groups based on material from the book, "Climbing the Sycamore Tree," by Ann Hagmann, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday nights during Lent.

Among the questions that Hagmann addresses in her book are "Do you make everyday economic decisions that reflect your Christian faith and values, or are you living large in a material world?"

Hagmann uses both scripture and current consumer statistics to show how buying habits can marginalize certain people and perpetuate systems that contradict good stewardship and love for God's creation. Following the experience of the tax collector Zaccheus, the study seeks to deepen the link between the faith people profess and their lifestyles.

The Lenten season also includes activities and programs planned by the church's small groups. To learn more about the opportunities, including the Parenting Potluck, the Hilltop Guild and the Eskimo Men's Club, please call the church office at 799-3361 or visit the church Web site, [www.fccucc.org](http://www.fccucc.org).

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## Senior to Senior

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Stephen Monaghan, president of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2009, far left, accepts a mock \$1,500 grant check for the Senior to Senior program last month from Ann O'Sullivan of Southern Maine Agency on Aging, far right, in the high school cafeteria.

Banks said. "As a business person, I know it takes money to keep programs going ... so I thought the best way for Paula Banks Consulting and [my sister's company] Two Lights Homecare to help was to try to get a grant for seed money and funding for the program."

### Grant request

Knowing that SMAA provides seed money each year to programs that assist family caregivers, Banks wrote a grant request.

"SMAA's question to us was, 'How does this program help family caregivers?' Our response was 'If you go to Mrs. Jones's house and rake her yard and haul away her trash, you have just given her adult daughter who's attending to everything else the rest that she needs to continue to take care of her elderly mom.'"

The SMAA funds will go through the end of the school year. Next year, Banks's company will contribute \$1,500, and Neelon will chip in the same amount for the 2011-2012 school year.

### More than 400 hours

Already this year, all but a few of Cape Elizabeth High School's 145-plus seniors year have signed up to do more than 400 hours of community work.

Currently, the S2S advisory board, made up of Shedd, Dorval, Jayne Hanley, Banks, her assistant Shannon Saxby, and a few other adults, is figuring out how best to organize the program, because, as Shedd says, keeping track of the scheduling of 145-plus students for jobs is no small task. But it's not a

bad problem to have to solve, he said.

### Breaking down stereotypes

"I am very excited about the potential of the program. I was very excited when it was created last spring and I saw some neat possibilities about building some generational bridges in Cape Elizabeth," Shedd said. "We have great kids here but sometimes there are stereotypes that elderly people might have about adolescents and that adolescents might have about senior citizens, and I think this has great potential to begin to break down some of those stereotypes."

CEHS senior Maggie Darling, 17, who will volunteer for Senior to Senior later this month, looks forward to connecting again with some of Cape's older citizens. In December, she and other seniors helped put on a holiday party at Village Crossings Assisted Living Center.

"It was really nice to be able to interact with senior citizens, because they're such a part of history that we just kind of forget about, and we need to always make time to connect with them," said Darling, who spent a long time visiting with one resident. "It was great to hear her story and hear all the things that she's been doing. She said that sometimes she feels alone and that it was really nice to have someone visiting."

Banks has heard great reports from Cape seniors who have called upon Senior to Senior.

"Do you know what it means to one of my seniors when they see a beautiful, fresh face walk through the door?"

## Planning board

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ed because Dawe Road is an access point to a very large lot," said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara in a memo to the Planning Board. Generally, O'Meara said, private accessways belong to the owners of the lots they serve. If Tammaro were to obtain only a private-access permit, a future owner could conceivably deny the use of that access to the adjacent Maxwell farmland.

With a private road, however, the Maxwells could retain ownership of the road. "In the interest of promoting interconnectivity and minimizing dead-end conditions, every access point to the Maxwell land should be preserved for potential future use," O'Meara's memo says.

Tammaro currently intends to have the road serve his one lot, and is asking waivers from requirements for sidewalks and asphalt paving, and a 40-foot right of way rather than the required 50 feet.

Tammaro is proposing a 185-foot private road extending north from the intersection of Dawe and Valley roads. The first 100 feet are a "paper street" already recorded on subdivision plans but never constructed. The remainder is on property currently owned by Maxwell.

While planning board members understood Tammaro's intention to preserve access to the farmland with a private road, they struggled with finding Tammaro's "home-grown" application, done without benefit of professional preparation, complete at their Feb. 23 meeting. Information on drainage issues and how Tammaro plans to address them, was one consideration that the town's engineer, Oest Associates, said was lacking.

"We're trying to do this on a very low budget," Tammaro told members of the board. He said he was concerned about neighbors and water issues, but that he did not submit proposed culvert sizes, for example, because he did not have a study done. "Obviously we didn't spend the money for somebody to do a drainage plan," he said. The additional \$10,000 it would cost for a professional study "would nix the project for us," Tammaro said.

While his plans for the property have no bearing on the private road application, Tammaro did say he thought his application was unique in that he plans a small farming operation to continue the use of the Maxwell property. "I'm a relatively young Cape graduate working with a farmer who doesn't farm as much as he used to—I mean that's a unique characteristic in my opinion," Tammaro said.

Board members, by a 5-1 vote, agreed to deem the application complete, on condi-

tion that Tammaro submit a letter from the town engineer approving plans for drainage. Board member Elaine Falender voted against completeness.

Tammaro said he hopes to complete construction of the home, barn and fencing before the end of the next construction season. "It's an ambitious goal, but it's what I'm going for," he told the board.

### Delano Park private access up for hearing

In other matters, the board scheduled a public hearing, also next month, on an application from Delano Park resident Jeanette Creteau for a private-access permit for a neighboring lot at 112 Delano Park.

The lot is in the Residence A district, and in the shoreland zone.

"What we are proposing here is a little unique," said architect John Mitchell of Mitchell & Associates. "Instead of a typical bituminous concrete pavement, we're proposing a permeable paver," he said. The paver allows stormwater to infiltrate through the surface, minimizing run-off, he said.

The material has been approved by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and by the town Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Smith, Mitchell said.

The Creteau lot, grandfathered before shoreland regulations, already has more impervious surface than shoreland zoning allows. "We don't want to increase the impervious surface ratio," attorney Bob Danielson told the board. Danielson said he has worked with the Delano Park association, which governs the private subdivision, on behalf of Jeannette Creteau to ensure agreement on maintenance of the private access and other matters.

Mitchell is proposing access within an existing 120-foot, 20-foot-wide right of way — less than the 30-foot width required by ordinance. In exchange, the applicant is proposing a 10-foot easement along the first 10 feet of road, bringing that part of the right of way to 30 feet. The proposed paved area would be 12 feet wide with 1-foot shoulders on each side.

### Eastman private access, Eastman Meadows hearing

In other matters, on Feb. 23, the board approved a private-accessway permit for Allen Pipken to create a second lot at 22 Eastman Road.

A public hearing on Eastman Meadows, a proposed 63-unit condominium project planned for Eastman Road, had been scheduled for Feb. 23 but was postponed at the request of the applicant, Wyley Enterprises LLC. The hearing will likely be held at the March 17 planning board meeting. Developer Joel Fitzpatrick is seeking final subdivision approval for the project.

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**Julianne H. Nickerson and Jerome L. Graffam** were married on Nov. 15 in Cape Elizabeth. The ceremony took place at St. Alban's Church with a reception immediately following at the Portland Country Club in Falmouth.

The bride is the daughter of **William and Linda Nickerson** of Cape Elizabeth. She is also granddaughter of **Lorraine Staszko** and the late **Julian Staszko** of Cape Elizabeth and Emery and Katharine Nickerson of Scarborough. The groom is the son of Ward and Linda Graffam of Portland and Camden.

The Rev. James P. Adams officiated at the ceremony. Elizabeth Sides was matron of honor, and Amy Carignan was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashleigh Hurtubise-Bill, Kristin Graffam and Kristen King. Isabelle and Amelia Graffam were flower girls.

The best man was Ward Graffam, Jr., and groomsmen were Geoffrey Nickerson, Daniel King, Robert F. X. Hart, and Scott Morelli. Christopher King was ring bearer, and Maryanne Aldrich and Michelle Kays were readers.

The bride graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 1995 and attended St. Lawrence University before graduating with a bachelor of science degree in business from the University of Southern Maine. She is employed by TD Bank, NA. The groom attended Waynflete School before graduating from The American School in London, England, and the University of Southern Maine with a bachelor of arts degree in English. He is employed by Unum.

The couple, who honeymooned in Disney World, lives in South Portland.



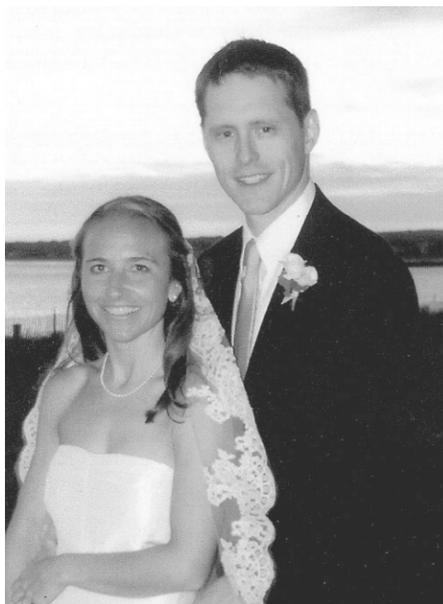
Julianne and Jerome Graffam

**Elizabeth J. Roberts and Corey N. Sides** were married on Sept. 20 at Prouts Neck Country Club in Scarborough. The bride is the daughter of **Bryce and Meredith Roberts**. The groom is the son of **Tony and Jeri Sides**, also of Cape Elizabeth. The Rev. Carol Kerr. officiated at the seaside ceremony.

The bride's sisters, Lindsay Perry of Saco and Christine Roberts were the matron and maid of honors, respectively. Honorary attendants were Erin Pond, Whitney Wigton, Krista Sahrbeck, Shana Maldonado, Ellen Morrison, Julie Graffam and Sarah Wendel. The groom's best man was Daniel Osborne of Virginia.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and Connecticut College. She is employed by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Corey is also a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, the University of Michigan, and Tufts University School of Medicine and is currently a fellow in Neuroradiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Elizabeth and Corey honeymooned in Bar Harbor and now live in Boston.



Elizabeth and Corey Sides

**Daniel E. Austin**, a junior at Colby College in Waterville, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester. The son of **Stephen and Randi Austin**, he is majoring in biology and philosophy. Daniel is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

**Steven and Mary Martin** are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Megan Marie**, to Brian Barry Holbrook, son of Brian and Carol Holbrook of Lowell, Mass.

Megan is a 1997 graduate of South Portland High School, a 2001 graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., and received a master's degree in business administration in 2008 from the University of Southern Maine. She is employed as a production underwriter at Willis HRH of New Hampshire in Portsmouth, N.H.

A 1998 graduate of Lowell High School in Lowell, Mass., Brian is a 2002 graduate of Providence College in Providence, R.I., and received a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in 2004. He is employed by the North Hampton, N.H., Police Department.

The wedding will take place on May 23 in Cape Elizabeth.



Brian Holbrook and Megan Martin

**Jim Walsh**, a broker and president and partner in Weichert, Realtors-Waterglen Group, tied for highest sales volume for January in the group. Walsh works with both residential and commercial brokers.

**Melissa Homa**, the daughter of **Bill and Carolyn Homa**, is a freshman at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz., where she was named to the dean's list with distinction for the fall semester by earning a 4.0. She is majoring in retailing and consumer sciences with a minor in business.

**Peter and Jackie Coy** are pleased to announce the birth of their newest grandson, **Crosby Bruce Ney**, born Dec. 18 to **Brian and Karen Ney** of Portland. Brian is a 1992 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Crosby's maternal grandparents are Bruce and Susan Felmy of Manchester, N.H. His great-grandmothers are Elizabeth Ney of Portland and Judy Forrest of Cumberland, R.I.



Crosby Bruce Ney

**Jackie Moran** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology. She is the daughter of **Janet and Dick Moran**.

**Daniel Jackson** has been named to the fall-semester dean's list Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

**Sage Hunt** was named to the honor roll at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., where she is a member of the class of 2012. Sage's parents are **Chris and Betsy Hunt**.

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