Undefeated Cape swimmers snag state title!

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 by the owner of a geriatric-care company in town. Much of the SMAA grant will pay for advertising as well as the creation of a Senior to Senior Web site, an idea Kevin Flaherty says, “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.

Passion and funds increase promise of Senior to Senior’s longevity

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.

TAMMARO plans to extend DANE 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 requested—see PLANNING BOARD, page 18

The Cape boys land second straight Western Class B basketball title

By Mark Dorval

Members of the Cape Elizabeth High School boys’ basketball team gathered 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.
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 dollars when almost everywhere 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 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 advent of modern telephones 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 Anger

SLEEPY EYES

From my vantage point looking across Fort Williams Park and the frozen islands as a backdrop! Some kids were playing in the snow by the bandstand. I could see some skiers up on the southern end of the Cliff Walk. Some funds were being raised to help keep the fort open. And the number of donations so far has increased by more than 10 percent.

Some of these donations will soon be supporting a pilot arboriculture project that will strip away the thick, ugly tangle of invasive plants and beautify the seashore 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

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 effectiv-}
Fast-filling B2B registration is March 15

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.

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“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, 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.

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

By Tina Haraden
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 38 plots for residents, and a long waiting list. But an additional 50 or so new plots will be developed from 10 acres of land donated by the Maxwell family’s fallow farmland off Spurwink Avenue and should be ready for planting in early June.

A 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 contributions. Donations are made 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
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 which the recycling reall y should not be there. Almost everyone, presumably, is familiar with the numbers in triangles at the base of most common plas tic households. 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, everything 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 recy cled 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 for 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 hearing.

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 priority

The cost of solid waste disposal is a major budget item for the town. According to the recycling group’s report, bailing 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 recycled 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 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 devices with plastic housings into the hopper 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 soda bottles, holly, 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, the ecomaine facility in Portland, the 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 eco- friendly 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 of the market, Cape Elizabeth is “partner owner” of that market.

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A group of community gardeners celebrated a successful Plant a Row for the Hungry harvest last year at Gull Crest Field.
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 library 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 if they have questions. Librarians now divide their time between the reference and circulation desks in order to meet increased demand.

“One 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. 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 11 percent over the last three years. In 2008, the Thomas Memorial Library loaned 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 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 magazine 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 stapled 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.)*
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*5 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 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...
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.

“The was just a first stab at bringing folks together,” said Cape Elizabeth Town Council Chair 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. Dist. 7), and Representatives Terry Morrison (Leg. Dist. 122), Jane Eberle (Leg. Dist. 123), Sean Hillfert (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.”

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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Cape, SoPo, Scarborough officials meet, receive legislative update with ‘open dialogue’
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 this 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.

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JUVENILE SUMMONSES

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ACCIDENTS

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2-4 Saco resident, domestic violence

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Matilda is a sophomore majoring in marketing at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

Penelope Schwartz
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.

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.

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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.

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.

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

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 Sportmanship 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.

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.
Pancake breakfast fundraiser planned March 7

Cape Elizabeth High School’s National Honor Society (NHS) will hold a pancake breakfast from 8:30 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 Kaynet child’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 meetings the orphanage provides educational opportunities for as many children as possible.

This is the second year that NHS has chosen to sponsor the orphanage. So far this year, NHS has raised $1,300 for Kaynet through baby-sitting nights and a candy cane and gift 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 fund- raisers, who would like to buy tickets for the breakfast, or who would like to make a donation to the Kaynet Children’s Home, please contact NHS faculty advisor Ginger Raspellier at ginger.raspellier@cape.k12.me.us, or call 799-3309, extension 311.

Author of book on Irish immigrants to speak

Ireland in the mid-1800s, a years’ long rent strike in Ballykine 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 Cape Elizabeth 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.

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.

Engine No. 2 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.

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.


For more information, call Nonesuch at 799-2965, e-mail Jon Platt at jplatt@nonesuchbooks.com, or visit www.nonesuchbooks.com.
Former Ms. America

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.

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 Councillor 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.

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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 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.

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

“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.

Local painter shows landscapes in March
‘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.

Space 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 framin@ smaaa.org.

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 Jane Voelcker 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.

Voelcker 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.

Voelcker 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 Liasion Police Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323 or mark.dorval@capeelizabeth.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. The group will explore history and experience the Southern charm of each location. 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.

Senior Farm Share program benefits both seniors and farms

By Penny Jordan

The Maine Department of Agriculture’s Senior Farm Share program provides a $50 credit for qualifying seniors to purchase locally grown produce. This program benefits both the seniors and the farms. William H. Jordan Farm at 21 Wells Road in Cape Elizabeth accepts applications for over 250 seniors each year. Registration for 2009 will begin in March.

To participate, follow these easy steps:

Step One: Determine if you meet the participation requirements outlined below.

Step Two: Call William H. Jordan Farm at 767-2740 or go to www.jordansfarm.com to obtain forms and where you can register.

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

Step Four: In early July, start using your farm share to purchase fresh local produce at Jordan’s Farm in Cape Elizabeth.

In order to participate in Senior Farm Share, you must...

* Be age 60 or over (age 55 or over if Native American)
* Be a Maine resident
* Not live in the same house as the farmer
* Not be an immediate family member of the farmer
* and you must meet one of the following criteria:
* Live alone and your yearly income is below $19,240.
* Have a combined yearly income (with a spouse/partner) below $25,900.
* You have established eligibility in one of the following:
* MaineCare
* Supplemental Security Income
* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
* Low Income Drug Program

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 this 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.

For more information, contact Community Services at 799-2868. Reservations should be made immediately.

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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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 12th 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 Eayrs and Shelly Tallack of Gulf of Maine Research Institute; graphic designer Sarah Lenzie MacVane; and on-call Cape paramedics Lynn Klugg-Jordan and Erin Rooks; Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly; Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher Stephen Price; Cape Elizabeth Fire Chief Peter Gleeson; Cape paramedics Lynn Klauge-Jordan and Erin MacVane; and on-call 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 Presidential 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 medalion 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 teams will take on the CEMS faculty teams, and the always popular foul-shot contest will occur at halftime.

The evening will also include the drawing of the MSPA’s annual raffle tickets. 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, a $25 gift certificate to 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 Dinnen family; a $50 gift certificate to Dwelling’s, Inc., in Falmouth from Marybeth Otterbein; a pink and green bag from Ann Veronica; and more.

Raffle-ticket buyers do not have to be present at the event. 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 bought at the Basketball Bonanza or in advance. Interested should contact Trish Brigham at 677-1393, 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 the 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.

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 Dinnen family; a $50 gift certificate to Dwelling’s, Inc., in Falmouth from Marybeth Otterbein; a pink and green bag from Ann Veronica; and more.

Raffle-ticket buyers do not have to be present at the event. 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, 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.
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 20th 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 Dvorznik. “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.”

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 Cainos at peteros@s@thompsonbowie.com or 767-4815.

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 restructured, 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.
School dramatics 80-plus years ago

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 Sweett, Barbara Leighton, Leland Murray, Herbert Stout, Dwight [unknown last name], Ernest Foss; back row, Stanley Prout, Elizabeth Bishop, Lilian [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

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 Halhoff, 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.
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.

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. The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland.

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Evening Prayer: 7:00 p.m.
Sermon recordings available to download

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Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. service
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Cape Shore Assembly of God
536 Cottage Road, South Portland
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81 Westbrook Street, South Portland
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Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church
855 Shore Road
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Rite I: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Rite I: Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Rite II: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Rite II: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Christian Education: Sunday Preschool-6th grade: 9:00 a.m.
Nursery available: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church
8 Two Lights Road
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Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Service:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

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Senior to Senior

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Grant request

Knowing that SMAA provides seed mon-
ey 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 take 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 el-derly mom.’”

The SMAA funds will go through the end of the school year. Next year, Banks’s com-pany 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 Shedl, Dorval, Jayne Hanley, Banks, her assistant Shannon Saxby, and a few other adults, is figuring out how best to organize the program, because, as Shedl says, keep-ing track of the scheduling of 145-plus stu-dents 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 possibil-ities about building some generational bridges in Cape Elizabeth,” Shedl 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 De-cember, 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 se-niors 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 Mau-reen O’Meara in a memo to the Planning Board. Generally, O’Meara said, private accesses 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 Max-wells 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 subdivi-sion plans but never constructed. The re-mainder is on property currently owned by Maxwell.

While planning board members under-stood Tammaro’s intention to preserve ac-cess 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 exam-ple, 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 mix 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 gravel operation to continue the use of the Max-well 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,” Tam-maro 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 drain-age. Board member Elaine Falender voted against completeness.

Tammaro said he hopes to complete con-struction of the home, barn and fencing be-fore the end of the next construction season. “It’s an ambitious goal, but it’s what I’m go-ing 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 ap-plication from Delano Park resident Jeannette Creteau for a private-access permit for a neighboring lot at 112 Delano Road.

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

“What we are proposing here is a little unique,” said architect John Mitchell of Mitchell & Associates. “Instead of a typi-cal 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 Pro-tection, and by the town Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Mitchell said.

The Creteau lot, grandfathered before shoreline regulations, already has more im-pervious surface than shoreline zoning al-lows. “We don’t want to increase the imper-vious 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 pro-posing 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 Al-len Pipken to create a second lot at 22 East-man Road.

A public hearing on Eastman Meadows, a proposed 63-unit condominium project planned for Eastman Road, had been sched-uled for Feb. 23 but was postponed at the request of the applicant, Wyler Enterprises LLC. The hearing will likely be held at the March 17 planning board meeting. Devel-oping Joel Fitzpatrick is seeking final subdivi-sion approval for the project.
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Eliza J. Roberts and Corey N. Sides were married on Sept. 20 at Prouts Neck Country Club in Scarborough. The groom is the son of David and Jodine Sides, also of Cape Elizabeth. The bride is the daughter of Tony and Jeri Sides, also of Cape Elizabeth. The Rev. Carol Karr officiated at the seaside ceremony.

The bride’s sisters, Lindsay Perry of Saco and Christine Roberts were the matron of honor and maids of honor, respectively. Honorary attendants were Erin Pond, Whitney Wong, Kristin Graffam, 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.

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