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School board adopts \$20.2 million budget, up 1.93 percent over this year's

By Wendy Keeler

School board members, who got good news last month about the restoration of state education aid and other savings, on March 10 adopted a \$20.2 million 2009-2010 school budget, up \$381,007, or 1.93 percent, from the current budget. If it is approved, property taxes for education will go up .77 percent, but Cape residents will not see their tax bills rise if the proposed municipal budget, which calls for a .58 percent reduction in taxes, also gets the nod.

The school budget proposal now moves to the town council for consideration later this month. Cape residents are scheduled to vote on a school

budget on May 12, with two additional dates planned in the event that citizens reject the first proposal.

Board members voted 6-1, with Peter Cotter opposing, in favor of the budget proposal, which is \$14,745 lower than Superintendent Alan Hawkins' initial budget plan in February. The earlier budget would have had taxpayers pay more but would have funded less for technology, textbooks, and professional development.

'Rather remarkable'

"When we started this process, I felt nothing but despair with the knowledge that we were going to have at the very start \$1.1 million increases reflecting the negotiated contracted salaries and benefits—and what that would mean to the budget as a whole in

this economic environment," board member Rebecca Millett said at the meeting. "To be looking at a budget of a 1.9 percent increase with a .77 percent impact on mills raised without having completely devastated our schools, I think, is rather remarkable."

Favorable winds

Favorable winds started blowing into Cape in late February. After learning that the new federal stimulus package will provide money for education, school officials got

news reversing the state's fall announcement that it would impose a \$421,572 aid curtailment this school year, next year, and possibly even the following year. Although details about the stimulus formula haven't been clarified

and Cape hasn't received firm aid figures from the state, Hawkins said he's confident the district will get its general purpose aid through the end of 2010-2011.

This month the school department locked in diesel fuel spending at \$20,000 less than budgeted originally. After learning that insurance premiums would go up less than 10 percent—not the 20 percent originally anticipated—Hawkins was able to subtract \$163,500 from insurance expenditures in the amended budget.

Six days after the budget adoption, Hawkins found out there will be a zero percent increase in insurance premiums, which means an extra \$163,500 in the budget. The school board finance committee was scheduled to

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Every part of [the budget] does have a person attached to it, so it is very difficult ...

—Linda Winker,
school board member

Daly wins Class A 'Swimmer of Year' award



With her Cape Elizabeth High School swimming coach Ben Raymond beside her, CEHS senior Nora Daly shines brightly after winning the Maine Class A "Swimmer of the Year" award at the Maine Interscholastic Swim League banquet in Augusta earlier this month. Coaches at all Maine high schools vote on the award. "To put [Nora's] swimming in perspective: We have had some pretty good swimmers at Cape Elizabeth over the years, and Nora Daly will be considered one of the best to pass through the Donald Richards pool," Raymond said when presenting the award. "... I will miss Nora a great deal next season, not for the fact that she is such an outstanding swimmer, but for the fact that she is such an outstanding person."

Cape's 'Of Mice and Men' wins Regional One Act Festival

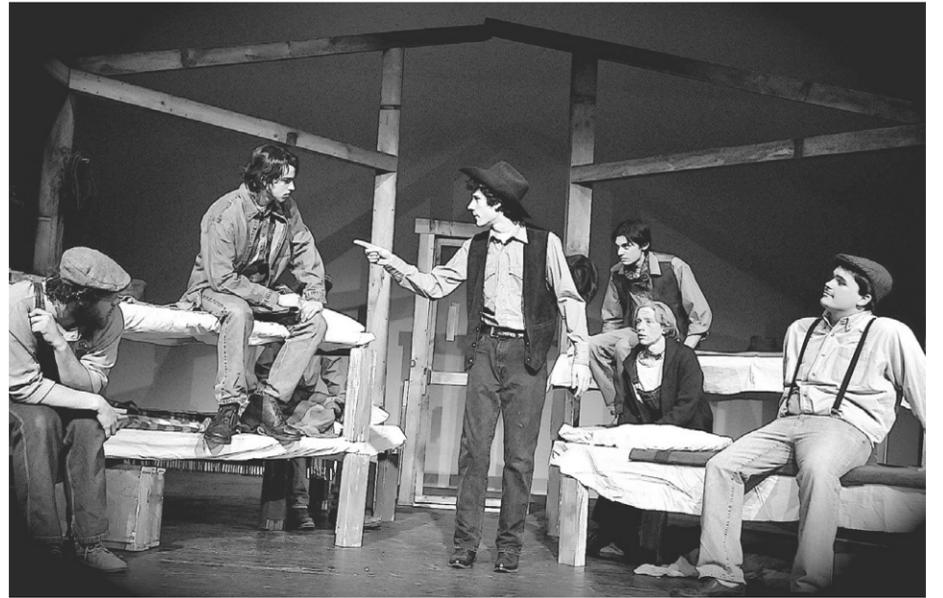


Photo by Jenny Campbell

Performing in Cape Elizabeth High School's "Of Mice and Men," which won Cape its fourth straight regional Maine One Act Festival award earlier this month, are left to right, Charles Colburn, Sawyer Theriault, A.J. Frustaci, Nick Rhys, Tom Campbell, and Casey Oakes. "I was blown away," one festival judge proclaimed after seeing the show, which will be performed March 27, 28, and 29 at Cape Elizabeth High School. For more details about the festival and upcoming Cape performances, see page 13.

Municipal budget cuts proposed to avoid property tax increase

By Bob Dodd

The annual budget process for Cape Elizabeth has hardly ever been a stroll in Fort Williams Park. But to Town Manager Mike McGovern, none has been more difficult than this year's.

"The budget process this year was about as challenging as it's ever been," said McGovern. The town manager formally presented the budget to the town council at its March 9 meeting.

"The difference this year from last," said Jim Rowe, council chair, "is that this year everybody gets it." Rowe was referring to the public's keen awareness of the current economic crisis.

McGovern said the combined proposed school and municipal budgets would mean no increase in property taxes for 2009. He based this on a school budget that had been submitted by the superintendent to the school board, but not acted upon at the time of the council meeting. (See separate report, above, on the proposed school budget passed the following evening.)

The proposed budget for municipal services remains faithful to the goals McGovern set out to the council in December. At that time, he said he would submit a budget with reductions in expenses and services—and in the tax rate. But at a significant cost.

"For the first time in decades, positions will be eliminated with employees laid off involuntarily," said McGovern.

The proposed municipal budget is for \$8.5 million, about a \$276,000 reduction from last year's, or about 3 percent lower. At the meeting, the council referred the budget to the finance committee for review.

When combined with the proposed \$20.2 million school budget passed by the school board on March 10, and the budgets for the county and Community Services, the overall budget would mean no increase in property taxes for the next fiscal year.

Public hearings on the municipal and school budgets are scheduled for April 13.

The council has set April 30 for a special meeting to vote on the combined budget. The citizen school budget validation vote is set for May 12.

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Needs, early ideas for library presented

By Elizabeth Brogan

Good, but not great, is library consultant Bill Wilson's assessment of the Thomas Memorial Library.

The library consulting firm of Himmel & Wilson, of Milton, Wisc., partnered with Casaccio Architects of Haverton, Pa., and LMA Techwork of Rockford, Ill., has been working with the Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee since August 2008 to conduct a needs-assessment study and design concept for improving the library. Wilson presented the team's findings, and introduced some preliminary designs, at an open meeting held in town hall on March 2.

Interactive charrette sessions were held all day at the library on March 3 for residents to review, discuss, and contribute to the design concepts.

Funding for the study came from the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation as

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Eberle encourages senior participation in FarmShare program

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With all the snow covering our frozen ground, it's a bit hard to conjure up those images. But thanks to the 2009 Maine Senior FarmShare program, now accepting applications, we can look forward to another bounty of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

Everyone should have the chance to enjoy this benefit of living in Maine.

Unfortunately, in light of current economic times, we may see more people, especially seniors, who are unable to enjoy the harvest. That is why the program is especially important this year. It will allow lower-income seniors to be paired with local farms for the opportunity to enjoy free, fresh, local produce each week for 10 weeks during the growing season – a \$50 value.

To be eligible, seniors living alone can earn up to \$19,420 and those living with a spouse or partner can earn up to \$25,900. They must be 60 or over, a Maine resident, and not an immediate family member of the farmer. If you're not sure, the local area agency on aging can help you determine if you are eligible. It can be reached toll free at 1-877-353-3771.

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**Rep. Jane Eberle, D-South Portland/
 Cape Elizabeth**

Correction: A caption in the March 7 Cape Courier incorrectly named the conference in which Cape High School swimmers compete. Not only are Cape's girls' and boys' teams members of Class A, but the girls' team won Class A's 2009 championship last month.

Imagine Suzanne McGinn's surprise! The Cape resident was walking in Robinson Woods on March 9 when she came upon, and photographed, a pay phone in the woods, at right and below. The college student and photographer who appears in the photo below told McGinn he has been on a picture-taking tour of New England—with the pay phone.

Credit goes to Chris Franklin for his headline idea!

National Honor Society appreciates support, commends Maria Doudakis

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society would like to thank everyone who helped us with our successful pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 7, at Ocean House Pizza, where we raised a total of \$1,685 for Kayanet Orphanage in Eldoret, Kenya.

Thanks to Hannaford's, Shaw's, Tim Horton's, Freaky Bean, Dunkin' Donuts, Oakhurst, Sam's Club, Wendy's, and McDonald's for their generous donations and to Saint Bartholomew Church for lending us pitchers, carafes and coffee pots. Thanks to Leslie Young for getting fliers to all students in kindergarten through eighth grades. A very special thank you goes to the Doudakis family for hosting the event at their restaurant, and for ordering supplies and supervising the whole event. And thank you to all of the

attendees; this event would not have been possible without you! The best news is that every dollar raised by NHS this year will be matched by the Cape Elizabeth/South Portland Rotary Club, and all of the money will go directly to the Kayanet Orphanage.

The NHS has been busy fundraising all year, but one member has shown outstanding dedication and raised \$250 on her own for the Kayanet Orphanage. Maria Doudakis started a fundraiser earlier this year when she sold homemade cookies at her family's restaurant. The money raised by this generous act will certainly go a long way next year in Kenya. Great job, Maria!

**Nora Daly and fellow members of the
 National Honor Society
 Cape Elizabeth High School**

When nature calls



Oil contracts: reading between the lines

By Sen. Larry Bliss, District 7

Just this past July, people were in a frenzy. Oil prices were high and were projected only to get higher. Gas-guzzling vehicles were being traded-in at a record pace, people were scaling back their road trips, and everyone was scrambling to lock in their fuel prices for the coming winter months. Locking-in at \$4.25 or \$4.50 per gallon was a deal and people were happy to do it.

Economists and some of our country's greatest minds projected oil to reach \$6 a gallon by winter. Smart people were locking into budget plans and if you were fortunate enough to be able to pay upfront, you did. And, we all know what happened. The market collapsed and oil prices took a nosedive. Just last week, the average price per gallon of heating oil was hovering right around \$2.15.

This session, I submitted LD 355, "An Act to Protect Consumers of Home Heating Fuel." This bill developed out of frustration experienced by a constituent of mine because she was unable to extricate herself and her family from a contract for home heating oil. She was having trouble making the payments on her contract, and could purchase oil at a much cheaper rate if she could just get out of the contract. I advised her to talk with the company representative, and to request a copy of their contract termination policy.

I learned that there was no termination option in the contract, and that she was just "stuck." I have since learned that lots of Maine families were similarly stuck, when their contracts became burdens because the price of home heating oil dropped so dramatically.

The bill I submitted amends the appropriate statutes to require that contracts include a conspicuous cancellation clause that clearly states the terms and conditions by which a



Sen. Larry Bliss

consumer may be released from the obligations of the contract, including any fees, penalties, notice provisions and deadlines that might apply.

I'm not suggesting that dealers should be forced to take a loss. I'm not suggesting that dealers should do anything except include in their contracts the manner in which the customer can withdraw. If the penalty to withdraw is the payment of a ten percent penalty or a two hundred percent penalty or something in between, that's up to the dealer. But whatever it is, it should be clearly spelled out for the customer.

The bill had a public hearing before the Legislature's Business, Research, and Economic Development Committee in late February, and just last week the committee voted to "carry the bill over" to the next session so they can see what the Maine Oil Dealers Association does at their annual meeting in April to encourage their members to clarify their contracts. It's a positive step in the right direction.

In closing, if I can ever be of any assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at home in South Portland at 799-8229, or in Augusta at 287-1515, or toll free, 1-800-423-6900. I look forward to hearing from you.

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New recycling center fees go into effect May 1

For the first time in five years, the town council has adopted a new fee schedule for items brought to the recycling center.

There will still be no charge for rubbish disposal, but residents dropping off tires, propane tanks, concrete, bricks, and masonry material may be charged a fee beginning May 1, 2009.

"We now pay a fee to dispose of these materials," Public Works Director Robert Malley said in a memo to Town Manager Michael McGovern. "I have also proposed an additional fee for contractors who try to load more than a reasonable amount of material that a vehicle and/or trailer would normally carry," Malley wrote.

Many fees under the new schedule remain the same, but others, most notably furniture, and items with freon, will cost more to leave at the Recycling Center. Leaving larger amounts of asphalt shingles, roofing and gypsum board will also cost more, but residents who bring smaller amounts of those materials, as well as brush and wood waste, will not be charged.

The fee schedule adopted by the town council March 10 shows no fee for such

materials brought in automobiles, but a \$5 charge if brought in an SUV or minivan. Malley explained that the recycling center attendant will have discretion as to whether loads brought in larger vehicles necessitate the \$5 charge.

Also new to the fee schedule is a year-round permit fee for commercial haulers of leaf and yard waste, both resident and non-resident.

Malley credited collaboration with two Cape Elizabeth commercial haulers for a new fee schedule that's fair for the town, and works for commercial operators. "It's been a very good process I think," Malley told members of the town council. "I think we've got a very comprehensive schedule that will work well for us," he said.

The last recycling center fee schedule update was in 2003, Malley said. Since that time there have been changes in disposal and hauling costs to the town for some materials.

To view the complete new fee schedule visit the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com.

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

Town to collect castoff computers at transfer station

By Gregory Walsh

I admit that I put off writing this particular recycling story until I could get all those computers out of my basement. I figured that when word gets out that Cape residents can unload their computers almost any day for free at the town transfer station there would be a stampede of old computers headed that way and I, once again, would be the last one in line.

It really is true. Thanks to a fast spreading joint effort by Dell Inc. and Goodwill Industries, Cape's transfer station has become a collection point for old computers and computer monitors. Residents can bring in these items during normal hours whenever the transfer station is open. Cape is among the newest of hundreds of designated-collection points for this program in key municipal areas around the country.

"It's something rather new for us," said Bob Malley, director of public works for the town of Cape Elizabeth. "Previously we collected old computers during our e-waste days twice each year, but now we are able to do this on a daily basis." Goodwill Industries, for its part, has scheduled pickups at Cape twice a week.

Dell, a Texas-based maker of personal computers, reports that it collected 102 million pounds of cast-off computer equipment from its customers in 2007, and collections have been growing steadily since. The program, called Reconnect, also involves Goodwill Industries, which describes itself as North America's leading nonprofit provider of education, training and career services for people with disadvantages. Goodwill has a strong presence in the Portland area and already maintains a collection bin for clothing at the Cape transfer station.

Items that can be dropped off at the Cape transfer station include computers, monitors, printers and fax machines, according to the public works department. Computer towers or other items that have heavy metal structures, should be dropped into the metal bin, according to recycling managers. Televisions are not accepted as part of this program.

The drop-off point, as of mid-March, is located adjacent to the main collection hopper at the transfer station. And if you look closely, right there at the bottom of the bin can be found a trunkload of ancient computing devices that once did noble work in my own basement.

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Jordan's Farm to offer Community Supported Agriculture options

By Penny Jordan

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a way for buyers to develop a relationship with a farm and become an integral part of ensuring the viability of family farms. At the same time, CSA participants enjoy fresh local produce and get to know the people who grow their food.

Over the past several years at Jordan's Farm, our customers have asked why we do not offer CSA. This question has become more prevalent over the past two years because of the local food movement and recognition by the community as to its role in maintaining farms. We are excited to say that this season Jordan's Farm will offer a limited number of CSAs and they will be able to be used for any product we sell (e.g. compost, flowers, produce, etc).

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2. Prepay box plan. Participants prepay in \$100 increments. Throughout the season,



Heads of crisp green lettuce will be among the offered produce at the William H. Jordan Farm.

the participants will receive a list of available products via e-mail. They can then select from the list, send their selections via e-mail to the farm, and the products will be ready for pick-up. If the total amount of the prepaid amount is depleted, the participant can invest again at any time. This is great for people who want to enjoy local food and support local farms, but are always on the go! (15 will be offered)

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PEN New England award-winning author Tracey to read, speak at library on March 21

Boston author Patrick Tracey, who just learned that he will receive the PEN New England Nonfiction Award for "Stalking Irish Madness: Searching for the Roots of My Family's Schizophrenia" (Bantam, 2008), will read from and discuss the book from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, in the community room at Thomas Memorial Library.

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 a chronicle of one man's attempt to make sense of his family's past and to find hope for the future of schizophrenic patients.

Tracey will formally receive the PEN New England Award on March 29 at John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. Past recipients include E.B. White, Andre Dubus, Susan Cheever, Tracy Kidder, Mary Oliver,



Author Patrick Tracey, who will speak in Cape on March 21, "stalks madness" in Roscommon, Ireland.

Anita Shreve, Stanley Kunitz, K.C. Frederick, Sebastian Junger, and Louise Glick.

After the Thomas Memorial Library event, which will be free and open to the public, attendees are invited by the author to a 5 p.m. reception at Rudy's hosted by Nora Nora Contemporary Irish Imports, which Cape resident Colleen Boland owns.

Cape artist exhibits oil paintings at library through end of March

"Shorelines and Forest: Observations in Color," an exhibit of oil paintings by Cape artist 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 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."

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Maine Handicapped Skiing named beneficiary of B2B

Maine Handicapped Skiing has been named the charitable beneficiary of the 2009 Beach to Beacon road race. TD Banknorth, through the TD Charitable Foundation, will provide a cash donation to Maine Handicapped Skiing of \$30,000. The organization will also benefit from fundraising activities and publicity associated with the race.

Maine Handicapped Skiing is the largest year-round adaptive recreation program in the state of Maine for children and adults with physical disabilities. It provides over 3,700 lessons in winter and summer, free of charge and with the help of over 390 volunteers. Lessons include alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, cycling, golf and paddling at venues throughout the state.

For more information about the organization, please visit www.skimhs.org.

B2B fills in 1.75 hours

Registration for the 12th annual TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon 10K closed in yet another record time – just 1 hour and 45 minutes after it opened at noon on March 15.

Online registration closed at 1:45 p.m. after reaching the expanded 6,000-runner capacity for the August 1 road race.

The field size was increased by 500 runners this year.

“It’s a great race that has been strengthened by our community, sponsors and volunteers,” Joan Benoit Samuelson, founder of the race and 1984 Olympic gold medalist, said Sunday afternoon. “Runners this year were ready to register at noon and many were able to register with no issues. I wish we could accommodate everyone. We cap the field size at 6,000 to provide the runners with a memorable experience and safe passage.”

Race organizers have doubled the field size since the 3,000-runner limit for the first year of the race in 1998.

Public safety log

Reported by Debbie Butterworth COMPLAINTS

- 2-14 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a harassing phone call.
- 2-24 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint.

SUMMONSES

- 2-17 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Sawyer Rd.
- 2-20 Portland resident, burglary, assault, domestic violence, criminal trespass, violation of conditions of release, Oakview Dr.
- 2-25 Portland resident, littering on Crescent Beach

ARRESTS

- 2-20 Portland resident, burglary, assault, domestic violence, criminal trespass, violation of conditions of release

ACCIDENTS

- 2-26 Stephen Young, Suzanne Lacognata, accident at CEHS

- 2-26 Sean Roy-Becker, Darrell Davis, accident on Star Rd.
- 2-28 Randi Sheehan, Caitlin Gentilini, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 2-17 Scarborough station coverage
- 2-23 Ocean House Rd., Fowler Rd., power lines down
- 2-23 Scott Dyer Rd., burned food
- 3-2 Scott Dyer Rd., fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 7 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

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Sisters' relay team sets state swimming records

Cape swimmers Madeline and Heather Kraft, who competed at the Maine State Swimming Championships held March 5 through March 8 at the University of Maine at Orono, were part of two relay teams that set Maine state swimming records.

Representing the Westbrook Seals, with whom they have been swimming for a year, the girls' 200-meter medley relay team set a record in the 13 to 14 age group with a time of 1:54:31. Heather swam the 50-meter breast stroke with a split of 30.70, and Madeline

swam the 50-meter free with a split of 26.01.

The girls' 200-meter free relay team broke a 14-year-old state record for the 13 to 14 age group with a time of 1:42:83. Heather's split was 24.70 and Madeline's was 26.45.

Heather also placed third overall in the 13- to 14-year-old girls' group.

The sisters were important contributors at the Class A state swimming finals held Feb. 16 in Brunswick, where the Cape Elizabeth High School girls' swimming team captured the title.

Cape Nordic youth teams blaze through abundant snow, great season



Members of the Cape Elizabeth Middle School girls' Nordic team line up at the start of the Riverside Classic, held at Riverside Memorial Golf Course in Portland in January.

With the addition of a new elementary school group, Cape Elizabeth Nordic youth programs spanned grades one through eight this year. Skiers of all ages blazed through abundant snow that kept coming all season.

The middle school team, coached by Carrie McCusker and Jayne Thomas, welcomed 35 sixth- to eighth-graders and 13 fifth-graders for a lot of great skiing on the Gull Crest Trails. The team raced on trails at Pineland in New Gloucester, Twin Brook in Cumberland, and Riverside in Portland, and finished the season with the Maine Junior Ski Club finals at Starks Hill in Fryeburg. At the finals, Cape boys took third place overall while the girls' squad, which was short on numbers on race day, finished fifth.

Everyone had solid results, but James

Yokabaskas and Dana Hatton stood out for their consistent top-five finishes throughout the season. Because the middle school has enough boys skiing in the alpine circuit, Cape Elizabeth Nordic and alpine scores were combined in the club championships, and Cape Elizabeth boys finished second overall in Maine. Max Barber, a member of both squads, finished second place overall in skimeister, a division which combines performances in both alpine and Nordic.

The new elementary school program filled instantly, and 65 kids met every Friday with directors Beth Barton and Deb Hatton, and numerous parent volunteers for skiing on the middle school athletic fields. Mike Miller made sure the fields and trails were

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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
280 Ocean House Road
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Chapel Service: 8:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:00 a.m.
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Lecture about early 18th-century churches planned April 15 at First Congregational



Photo courtesy of First Congregational Church

This photo of the sanctuary of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in South Portland, was taken in 1891 when the sanctuary was rededicated.

Joseph Conforti, a professor of American and New England studies at the University of Southern Maine, will present a free lecture about early 18th-century churches at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. The lecture and conversation are part of the church's 275th-anniversary celebration this year.

Meeting house architecture, membership requirements, and religious changes that affected the early days of the church are among the topics that Conforti will discuss.

A highly regarded authority on New England history and culture, Conforti is the author of "Imagining New England: Explorations

of Regional Identity from the Pilgrims to the Twentieth Century"; "Saints and Strangers: New England in British North America"; and "Jonathan Edwards, Religious Tradition, and American Culture." He also edited and contributed to "Creating Portland: History and Place in Northern New England."

The lecture will be held in the Wright Pavilion at the church, which is located at 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

Nordic

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groomed and ready. The kids played soccer, sharks and minnows, had an obstacle course, did a tennis-ball biathlon and even built a jump. Meanwhile, without realizing it, they all learned how to ski.

This was the second season of good snow on Cape's own trail system, groomed thanks to funding provided by Cape Nordic. The Gull Crest Trails are regularly maintained and open to the public.

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Agendas for town and School Board meetings
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Saturday, March 21

"Stalking Irish Madness", with author Patrick Tracey, 3 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road

Fire Dept. vs. CEHS Varsity Hockey, 8:15 p.m., Portland Ice Arena, Portland

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

School Board Human Resources

Committee, 8:00 am, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

School Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., High School library, 345 Ocean House Road

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

School Board workshop, 7:30 p.m., High School library, 345 Ocean House Road

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

Town Council Finance Committee, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive

Friday, March 27

Family Bingo Night, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Pond Cove Elementary School Cafetorium, 12 Scott Dyer Road

Monday, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 1

School Board Extracurricular Committee, 7:30 am, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Community Services Advisory

Commission, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road

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

Sunday, April 5

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

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Rt. 77). Regular meeting 7 p.m. **Fridays** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road.

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon **Thursdays**, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Rd. Volunteers assist with information searches. Public welcome. Meetings are **first Monday** of the month, 7 p.m., at the library.

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

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

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

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each **Wednesday** at 6:15 p.m. at the Purpoodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. For more information on the SP/CE Rotary Club, contact President Tony Wagner, 799-7997.

American Legion, 7 p.m. **second Monday** of each month, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. For more information contact Deb Schneider, 767-6109.

Rotary, high school clubs to hold April 4 drive to collect food for local pantries

Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society, and Interact and Volunteer clubs, in conjunction with South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary, will hold a door-to-door food drive in Cape Elizabeth from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 4, to collect food items and supplies for local food pantries. Donations also can be dropped off in the high school's main entrance.

The pantries' biggest needs are for the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna fish, bar and dish soap, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and quick-cooking rice. Cash donations, which are also welcomed, can be given to CEHS faculty member, Ginger Raspiller, in the high school's Achievement Center.

For more information, contact Raspiller at ginger_raspiller@cape.k12.me.us.

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 in 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 as the body ages.

Voelker is a summa cum laude graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She graduated as valedictorian and also was 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.

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

Cape ballerina to dance in 'Giselle'

Cape resident Hanna Wallace, 16, will dance in Portland Ballet's "Giselle" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Portland High School's John Ford Theater. Tickets, \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, can be reserved at 800-838-3006 or www.brownpapertickets.com.

Cape Farm Alliance survey on Web site

The Cape Farm Alliance invites residents to take a survey available on the alliance's Web site, 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.

Cape author to appear at two bookstores

Cape resident Penelope Schwartz Robinson will make appearances at two bookstores. Both events will be free and open to the public.

Schwartz, who teaches nonfiction writing at the University of Maine at Farmington, will read from her essay collection, "Slippery Men," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Longfellow Books in Monument Square in Portland. She will sign copies of the book on Saturday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nonesuch Books in South Portland.

Schwartz is the 2009 Maine Arts Commission Individual Artist Fellow in the Literary Arts. "Slippery Men" was chosen by Katha Pollitt of "The Nation" for the New Rivers Press-Stonecoast Book Prize, and recently received honorable mention in the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance Maine Literary Awards.

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March 25 - 12 p.m. & 4 p.m.

March 26 - 12 p.m. & 4 p.m.

March 27 - 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

March 28 - 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

March 24 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board replay

March 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

March 26 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Hazardous Waste Recycling

March 29 - 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

March 30 - 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

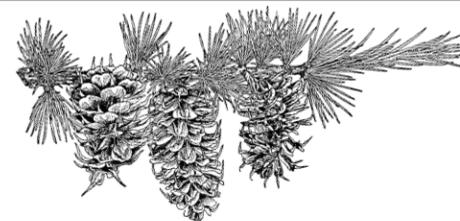
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Cape high alums to get own directory

Cape Elizabeth High School alumni who want to connect with former classmates and friends—or even their parents' or grandparents' friends who are Cape grads—will soon be able to consult a CEHS directory.

For more than a year, Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Alan Hawkins, school board members, and the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation have worked on a plan to produce the directory, which will be a joint effort of Cape Elizabeth High School and Harris Connect, LLC, at no charge to the Cape Elizabeth School Department.

Directory listings will include academic, professional, and personal information sorted alphabetically by current last names and cross-referenced by names of alums when they were students. The book will also list alumni by class year and by the city and state where they currently live. A special section about Cape Elizabeth High School will offer a look at the school's past and a glimpse into its future.

During the next few weeks, the Cape Elizabeth School Department will contact alums by mail and phone.

Doctor to offer free lecture, 'Being Clean in a Toxic World' on April 7

Licensed naturopathic physician Beth Stockwell of Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic in Cape Elizabeth will offer a free, one-hour lecture, "Being Clean in a Toxic World," at 5:30 p.m. April 7. The presentation will address everyday toxic exposures and how they can affect health. Symptoms of toxic overload can include tiredness, carbohydrate cravings, unstable blood sugar levels, weight loss, memory loss, loss of concentration, moodiness, rashes, allergies, and muscle or joint pain, Stockwell says.

In her lecture, Stockwell will share information about ways to incorporate detoxification strategies into daily life through diet, dietary supplements, exercise and sweating. For more information, please call 799-9355.

Community Services offering three-day trip to Berkshires

Community Services will offer a three-day adventure to Stockbridge, Mass., from April 29 to May 1. The group will spend two nights at the Red Lion Inn, and points of interest will include the Yankee Candle Flagship Store, the Norman Rockwell Museum, and Chesterwood.

A step-on guide will lead a guided riding tour of the Lenox and Stockbridge areas, providing history and pointing out gilded-age cottages along the way, with a stop at Tanglewood. The cost for the trip, \$345 per person based on double occupancy, will include custom-coach transportation, two nights at the hotel, two breakfasts, two lunches, admissions and baggage handling.

Detailed itineraries can be picked up at the Community Services office or by calling 799-2868.

CEHS Jazz Cabaret planned April 3, April 5

Cape Elizabeth High School's annual Jazz Cabaret, which will feature award-winning CEHS and Cape Elizabeth Middle School jazz bands, singers, and combos, will be held on Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets, which will be on sale at the door, will be \$5 per person, \$15 per family and \$3 for seniors and students. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call Dede Bass at 767-3029.

'Brighton Beach' to run through April 5

Portland Players will present "Brighton Beach Memoirs" directed by Michael Donovan, from March 20 through April 5. Set in Brooklyn in 1937, Neil Simon's award-winning, semi-autobiographical, coming-of-age comedy is appropriate for ages 13 and older.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. The box office is open from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday; and 90 minutes before each performance. For more information, or to buy tickets, call 799-7337.

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

Cape Elizabeth photographer and writer, Jan Reale-Hatem, a Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society member, will start up her free, informal series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories," in April. Sessions, planned from 10 to 11 a.m. on April 28, May 5 and May 12, at the Community Center, are designed to offer participants an opportunity to record their memories and help preserve Cape history.

Registration is encouraged. For more information, please contact Reale-Hatem at 799-2457 or realephoto@maine.rr.com.

Lions Club pancake breakfast on April 5

The Lions Club will hold its monthly pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 5, 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.

Author, professor to speak about 'French-American connection'

Retired professor Norman Beaupre, who taught for 30 years at the University of New England (UNE) in Biddeford Pool, will present a free lecture, "French-American Connection," at the Greater Portland chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society's 1 p.m. meeting Saturday, April 4, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Beaupre is a graduate of St. Francis College, now UNE, where he received bachelor of arts and master's degrees before getting a doctoral degree in 1974 from Brown University in Providence, R.I. At UNE, Beaupre taught French literature, world literature translation, French Impressionism, and courses addressing trans-cultural health care and the French presence in North America.

The author of 10 books, he writes in English and French. His one-woman play, a dramatic monologue, was produced in 2008 at the Theatre Des Deschargeurs in Paris, France. He was named to the Franco-American Hall of Fame by the Maine State Legislature in 2007, and to the Order of Arts and Literature by the French Ministry of Arts and Communication. For more information, go to www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg.

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Middle school musical to run from April 2 to 5

Cape Elizabeth Middle School's drama club will perform "Once On This Island Junior," from April 2 to April 5 in the cafetorium.

In the musical, which is set on an unnamed Caribbean island the night of a fierce tropical storm, a group of island peasants gather around a fire to tell the story of a peasant girl who has fallen in love with a high-class Frenchman from the other side of the island.

The cast sings and dances the story in a non-stop series of scenes filled with color, energy, and Caribbean rhythms and melodies.

Performances are planned at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2; 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4; and 2 pm. on Sunday, April 5. Tickets, which are \$5, are available in advance at the CEMS main office, and at the door before each performance.

Two adult workshops addressing media, sex, and middle school kids planned at CEMS

Facilitators from "Real Life. Real Talk" (RLRT), a nationwide organization that aims to positively change the social climate in communities by creating more open, honest, and balanced talk about sex and health, will lead two free workshops in the Cape middle school library. Both are open to all adults.

Megan Williams, executive director of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, and Jeff Morrill, program coordinator at Boys to Men, will lead, "Raising Healthy Sons and Daughters," which is planned on Monday, March 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group will explore the media to which middle school kids are exposed and ways to use media to talk with sons and daughters.

RLRT facilitator Lauren Groud will lead "It's Okay. You Can Say It" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1. In 2008, RLRT launched a campaign to promote public dialogue about sexuality education and parent-teen communication. Community members, government leaders, celebrities, and business owners were invited to answer the question, "What do you wish someone had told you about sex?" Groud will show the campaign video and lead a discussion on how parents can ensure their kids have access to accurate information and helpful adult guidance on their journey to adulthood.

For more information, contact Kim Gillies at gillies4@myfairpoint.net or 767-2734.

Cape sixth-grader wins county spelling bee

Cape middle school sixth-grader Lily Jordan won the Cumberland County Spelling Bee and will advance to the statewide bee March 28 in Lewiston.

Eleven school champions gathered at Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth on March 10 for eight rounds of competition. Lily correctly spelled "morgue," "ramen," "predicate," "prattle," "fathom," "plateau," "canine," and, in the last round, "hypothesis."

The state winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. The national defending champion is East Blue Hill eighth-grader Imogen Page. Sixth-grader Alexa Carrington was runner-up in the CEMS bee, held in February.

World Affairs Council plans trivia challenge

Cape Elizabeth High School's World Affairs Council (WAC) will hold its second annual "International Affairs Challenge" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in the CEHS cafeteria. Tables of eight will participate in a trivia-style competition focused on select areas of world knowledge and current events. Prizes will go to the three most knowledgeable tables. Light refreshments will be provided.

"Last year we had tables of friends, corporate tables, and tables of students and parents together," WAC faculty adviser Gretchen McNulty said. "[The event] created a lot of spirited and healthy competition."

—see WAC, next page

Education foundation now accepting targeted donations to specific grant areas

By Wendy Keeler

Donors to the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) now have the option of targeting their contributions to specific grant categories, as well as to the seven-year-old nonprofit's endowment fund.

"Recognizing that some community members feel passionate about particular aspects of our children's education and our schools, this change will enable individuals and businesses to have a role in directing how their contributions are used," states a release from the foundation, which has a mission of funding initiatives that fall outside the school budget.

Donors can target contributions to six grant "buckets": math and science, academic achievement, technology; arts enrichment, professional development for teachers, and off-campus programs and wellness.

CEEF's grants process will not change, however. Teachers and school staff members will continue to be the authors of grant requests to the foundation, which is not in the business of coming up with program proposals or grant ideas. Thus, donors will not be able to target money to a specific grant.

"Especially in these times, people want to know that their money is going toward things that are important to them," CEEF President Christine Mackenzie said in a March 11 phone interview. "... But CEEF's goal is to remain responsive to the needs of the school district and not tell the district what those needs are."

The foundation, which awarded \$595,924 in grants between its founding in 2002 and the end of 2008, recently detailed how much each grant area has received.

Grants for the high school Achievement Center, literacy and foreign language programs, and the high school's World Affairs Council—all of which fall into CEEF's "academic achievement" category—have received \$167,456, or 28 percent, of total grant awards.

Science and math grants account for another 27 percent of the total, or \$162,498. CEEF has helped fund astronomy, robotics, and physics programs, and also has helped pay for a middle school math curriculum overhaul and for math support for Pond Cove students.

Another \$124,411—21 percent of the grant pie—has gone to technology: laptops, digital cameras, recording devices, projectors, and video-learning programs among them.

Off-campus programs and wellness,

Especially in these times people want to know that their money is going toward things that are important to them.

—Christine Mackenzie,
CEEF president

which make up another category, have been granted \$58,856—10 percent of the total share. Past grants have funded field trips, fitness and safety equipment, greening initiatives, a major wellness initiative at the high school, a drug awareness program, education about social networking, and a specialized therapeutic horseback-riding program for students with special needs.

Professional development has received \$45,454, or 8 percent, of CEEF's grant money, providing teachers and staff with opportunities to learn new skills and expertise in areas including art, literacy, foreign language, social studies, language arts, and alternative learning.

The arts— theater, music, dance, sculpture, pottery, and photography—have received 6 percent of the share, or \$37,248.

The effect of targeted giving on grant requests and awards won't be known immediately, Mackenzie said.

"It's going to be iterative," Mackenzie said. "If during the next six months, we get a lot of donations for technology, for example, then

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CEHS seniors Rachel Muscat, Jon Aronson win big awards at Model U.N. conference in Boston

Two Cape Elizabeth High School seniors won honors at Boston University's Model United Nations Conference held the last weekend of February in Boston.

Rachel Muscat won the conference's top honor, a "Best Delegate" award, for her leadership on a simulation committee of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics' Council of Ministers during the Six Day War in

the Middle East.

"Cape has never won a 'Best Delegate' award before, and the BU conference of over 1,000 students included schools from all over the world," CEHS World Affairs Council faculty advisor stated in a memo to CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd.

Senior Jon Aronson won an "Outstanding Delegate" award.

NHS breakfast raises \$1,685 for orphanage



Photos by Maria Doudakis

A group of friends from Village Crossings Assisted Living Center enjoy pancakes and social time at the NHS pancake breakfast fundraiser on March 7 at Ocean House Pizza.



NHS member Caitlin Pomeroy prepares pancake batter.

Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society (NHS) has raised \$2,914 so far this year for the group's "adopted" charity, Kayanet Orphanage in Eldoret, Kenya—more than enough money to pay operating costs at the orphanage for a full calendar year.

At a pancake breakfast on March 7 at Ocean House Pizza, where NHS served more than 300 orders, members raised \$1,685. The Cape Elizabeth/South Portland Rotary Club will match every dollar that NHS raises this year, and all of the funds will go directly to the Kayanet Orphanage.

Although there are only a few months left for National Honor Society members to fundraise, the group has more events planned. Members are planning a benefit concert in early April featuring the local band Estimated Prophets. Club members also hope to host a social event for students at Pond Cove and the middle schools.

The NHS is always seeking input and fundraising ideas. Anyone with an idea should contact Ginger Raspiller at ginger_raspiller@cape.k12.me.us.

—Nora Daly

March 27 Bingo Night to include raffle drawing

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

Many items from many donors will be raffled this year. Raffle-ticket buyers do not have to be present at the drawing. Proceeds will help fund Pond Cove Arts Day, when

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.

Regional One Act winner 'Of Mice and Men' to be performed March 27, 28, and 29 in Cape

By Wendy Keeler

Judges at the regional One Act Festival at Noble High School in Berwick didn't hold back about Cape Elizabeth High School's "Of Mice and Men," which won CEHS its fourth straight regional one-act award at the festival, held the first weekend in March.

"I was blown away," one judge said.

"Every detail is attended to—a beautiful picture, in every moment," another enthused.

"This is the way "Of Mice and Men" should always be done," a third judge said.

The show, which will have final Cape performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28; and a 2 p.m. matinee

on Sunday, March 29, will move on to Rockland for the state festival, where it will compete against high schools from Ellsworth, Fort Kent, Millinocket, Rockland, Winthrop, Wiscasset, and Yarmouth.

The state winner will proceed to Connecticut in April. Each year, CEHS and other Maine high schools perform one-act plays in March during the Maine One Act Festival. This year, 84 high schools from across the state showcased programs.

"Not only has [the show] garnered honors for its acting ensemble but also for its technical achievement," Cape Elizabeth Theater Department Director Richard Mullen wrote in a March 9 e-mail. "Judges have commended the lighting design under Marcus Goldbas, the sound under David Luongo, props under Lily Kalikow, and music by

Cheverus student receives acting award

Cheverus High School student Jessica Halfacre won an "All-Festival Cast Award" for her performance in the one-act play, "Asylum," which took third place at the Regional One Act Festival held March 7 at South Portland High School.

CEEF

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we could let the school district know that that's what's important to community members."

General donations continue to be welcomed.

"What we hope is that we'll continue to get donations in our general fund, and that people will continue to trust CEEF in the choices of the grants that it funds," Mackenzie said.

CEEF is painstaking in its grant-approval process, she added.

"I think there's sometimes a misunderstanding that grants get rubber-stamped through," she said. But the grants committee,

Brandon Meagher."

Although the award is an honor, what really counts is what audiences experience when the show begins, Mullen said.

"Winning is nice, the trophy is nice, but the play is the thing," he said. "... Good theater is never easy. This is good."

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.

Sawyer Theriault and Charles Colburn star as George and Lennie. Lewis Gillies directs the award-winning

technical work.

The show is recommended for mature audiences, 12 and older. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, will be available an hour before each show at the auditorium door. For more information about the play, which is not quite an hour in length, call the high school front office at 799-3309.

For a photograph of the cast, see page 1.

I was blown away.
—judge at Regional One Act Festival

Cheverus High School Honor Roll

Honors

Seniors

Hannah Brazell
Jessica Halfacre
Catherine Wise

Juniors

Aaron Brogan
Max Bulger
Katherine Haley

Sophomores

Caroline Bulger
Connor McAleney
Marina Phillipps

made up of educators and CEEF members, focuses a great deal of time and attention to each grant. "Sometimes grants don't get funded at all, sometimes they get funded partially, and sometimes they are funded fully."

Trivia

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WAC has a goal of fostering a deepened understanding of global issues and international politics.

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Town Council

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Council delays zoning public hearing until May

The council delayed a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Business (BA) Zone ordinance and Zoning Map until its May 11 meeting. Councilors were concerned that the agenda for the April meeting was too packed to include another public hearing likely to draw a lot of interest.

The zoning amendments would affect the town's two BA districts: 1) the Shore Road area around the Cape Irving service station, and, 2) the Route 77 area from around Rudy's and the Good Table to the Kettle Cove Dairy Bar.

The council's review and updating of the BA Zoning District ordinance was a recommendation of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan.

The plan called for a review of BA regulations to "create neighborhood scale commercial areas" including the creation of design standards, a review of setbacks to encourage pedestrian connections, reducing parking requirements, and several other recommendations.

The Comprehensive Plan also called for reducing the 250-foot wetlands buffer to 100 feet in the BA district where properties are served by public water and sewer.

Many of the plan's recommendations are addressed in the proposed amendments.

The mixed commercial and residential area around the Cape Irving service station got most of the attention at the March 9 meeting.

The council has been dealing with the concerns of neighbors regarding two residential Shore Road properties across the street from the Irving station.

One issue concerns the property at 551 Shore Road which is currently within the BA zone on the town map. The owner, Jane Waning Nicholas, has formally submitted an application to the town to rezone the property as part of the adjacent residential RC Zone. As part of the formal process, the application must be referred to the planning board.

At the meeting, Town Manager McGov-

ern agreed the property should probably be rezoned, but differed with the owner on how to do this. McGovern felt the best and quickest way would have been to address the issue through the BA Zone review process, a recommendation he said was rejected by the owner.

The second issue, regarding 553 Shore Road, involves a request by the owner, Tara LLC managed by Lee Wilson, to have the property rezoned from the RC residential zone to the BA business zone.

Three neighbors spoke in opposition to the proposed change saying a business located there would not be compatible with the neighborhood.

The meeting got testy at one point when one of the neighbors, Stephen Popp, implied favoritism toward the rezoning request on the part of Town Planner Maureen O'Meara.

"I know that Ms. O'Meara is trying to do her friend a favor," said Popp. "We all know that Ms. O'Meara has stepped really outside her duties as planner to really favor this and help this."

Later in the meeting, Councilor Dave Sherman objected.

"With all due respect to the last gentleman who spoke," said Sherman referring to Popp's comments, "it is awfully hard to sit up here and work with the town planner on a weekly basis and to hear you accuse them of being friends and the town planner going outside her authority. It's simply not true."

Council okays Riverside Cemetery and recycling center fees

The council agreed with the town manager's proposal to keep 2009 Riverside Cemetery fees at the 2008 levels.

Councilors also adopted new recycling center fees drafted by the Public Works Department. The fees become effective May 1.

Councilor David Backer raised one question regarding the \$5 fee for SUV and mini-van loads of loose debris, while cars remain free. He noted that sometimes a trunk load of debris can be substantial, while an SUV may only be disposing a small load. Public Works Director Bob Malley explained that the attendant at the recycling center will have discretion as to whether SUV and mini-van loads warrant the \$5 charge.

ing collections and services.

Wilson said that a "band-aid" approach to the library's problems was possible, but with a likely price tag of more than \$1 million, a poor investment for marginal gains.

Wilson said that a major renovation and expansion of the library was an expensive option that would meet the community's long-term needs, maximize its investment, and allow for expanded services, while helping to create a "town center."

Four options, estimated to cost between \$4.5 and \$7 million, were presented. Estimates were based on an assumption that some renovation would be done to the most historically significant part of the building and that 20,000+ square feet would be added.

In a March 13 e-mail, Wilson said that Cape Elizabeth could create an "exceptional" library if it wanted to spend the money. With a better facility, "the library would likely become an important 'center of community life,'" he said. "The people of Cape Elizabeth pretty much match the ideal profile associated with heavy public library use."

Wilson acknowledged the current economy. "I believe that it is also sensible to consider major capital projects in difficult economic times. Construction costs go down when there are fewer projects. Building in the next few years would likely be far less expensive than trying to build the same thing ten years from now."

"Longterm, an investment in a new structure with new mechanical systems and effi-

School budget

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discuss the additional \$163,500 on Wednesday, March 18, the day after *The Cape Courier* went to press.

The amended budget calls for some staff cuts: a full-time executive skills teacher, half-time substance abuse counselor, and part-time math and music instructor at the high school, and at the middle school a full-time and two half-time educational technicians. Pond Cove will give up three level-one ed techs but gain a level-three ed tech, for a savings of \$42,000.

Three Cape residents who work in Cape schools— Pond Cove Media Center teacher Chris Balsa-O'Meara, CEMS middle school nurse Julie Tselikis, and CEMS Spanish teacher Susan Dana—discussed the importance of ed techs. Dana touched on ways they help world-language teachers.

What an ed tech does

"I just want to explain what an ed tech does for us besides photocopying," Dana said, naming some of the ways that ed techs free up time for teachers, who sometimes get as many as get 25 to 50 e-mails each day, she said. In addition to preparing special materials for students and doing research for teachers, ed techs cover for teachers in classrooms—factors that affect both school climate and student learning, she said.

"If I have a dentist appointment ... I could take a medical day, and the district is going to have to pay for a sub for the afternoon," Dana said. "Rarely can I get a sub who knows [Spanish], so I'm really leaving busy work for the students, whereas if I can at least get the students started and in the last 15 minutes an ed tech can cover ... that really benefits student learning."

The amended budget restores some teaching positions cut in the original budget. A one-third-time social studies/language arts teacher who will teach a combined fifth-sixth-grade accelerated language arts class will fulfill a new mandate for gifted and talented students.

Under the amended budget, the high school won't lose a one-fifth-time foreign language teacher, as it would have under the first budget. Students will decide who that teacher will be, because enrollment numbers

cient workflows may actually save the residents of Cape Elizabeth money," Wilson said.

Looking ahead

The Thomas Memorial Library Study Committee Chair Nancy Marshall said that the library study is divided into three phases, with Phase I, the needs-assessment phase, now completed. "We are now in Phase II which asks the consultants to make recommendations for a library improvement program, including possible rehabilitation, renovation and/or replacement options for the library. The study committee is at the very early stages of reviewing and discussing several preliminary design concepts, and we need to deliberate and debate these carefully over the next month or so. After we have come to consensus on our preferred scenario(s), the committee will discuss how and when to involve the Cape Elizabeth community further in this phase of the project."

Marshall said that Phase III of the project will be a continuation of the design phase, but with more detailed schematic drawings. This phase would begin only after the town council "decides any next steps."

Although the original timeline called for a final report to be presented to the town council by May 1, 2009, Marshall said the deadline has been extended, with a presentation of a final report to be made this summer, "probably July or August."

The Himmel & Wilson presentation notes can be viewed on the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com or at the library Web site at www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org.

will determine if CEHS will offer Mandarin Chinese or second-year Latin next year.

Technology and textbooks

The second-round budget also includes brand new additions, including an Alpine skiing coach at the high school. But the biggest staff addition to next year's budget will be three full-time technology integrators, one at each school, at a total cost of \$105,000. In December, the school board made technology one of its priorities.

"We have had a lot of work on technology done in the past, but we still have not reached the 21st century," Hawkins said. "Technology plays a part in curriculum development, instruction, assessment and data ... so I was very pleased to see the board truly focus on [it]."

The day after the board meeting, the Department of Education announced that the state will expand its seventh-and eighth-grade laptop program by providing laptops to students at public high schools that choose to opt into the program. When the *Courier* went to press, Cape school officials had not announced its plans for the program.

If the school budget is approved, the district will spend \$50,000 next year on textbooks, which teachers, administrators, students and parents for years have complained need updating. The amended budget also restores middle school co-curricular stipends for math, chess, and speech and debate teams. Fifth- and sixth-grade "shop tech" will be cut, but parts of the curriculum will be picked up through science classes next year.

Professional development funds have also been added back into the amended budget.

The high school will continue to field freshmen teams, but special coaches will not be hired to oversee the teams, which will be led through "creative use of the coaching staff," Cape Elizabeth High School Principal Jeff Shedd said. Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck has shifted some money in his budget to transportation and referees, which booster groups paid for in the past.

Not an easy decision

Deciding whether or not to vote on the adoption of the amended budget was not easy, some school board members said.

"Seeing the effects that the economy is having not only in our community and in our state but literally nationwide ... it has been a tremendous struggle for me to look at this," Winker said. "... Every part of that [budget] does have a person attached to it, so it is very difficult for me as well to make that separation between the people business that we're in, and the bottom line dollar amount that we need to reach," she said.

Difficult staffing cuts aside, the budget moves Cape in the right direction, board chair Trish Brigham said.

Quoting former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch, who said Americans can no longer afford to be "hunkered down under a rock, sucking our thumbs," Brigham said, "I think this budget prevents us from sucking our thumbs, and maybe pushes our toe out from under the rock. Investing in our schools is one way to start to move forward."

No matter what, some in the Cape community will criticize the budget, Hawkins said.

"I've heard people say, 'I have a better way to do this.' Everyone has a better way as long as it's not in their backyard," Hawkins said. "... I would like to do all things for all people at all times, but unfortunately I can't do that with the money we have unless I do have some staffing cuts."

The budget process will continue to be meticulous and painstaking, Hawkins said.

"We are coming into a new era. Next year we are going to look at every component of the budget, from the superintendent to every person in the system, and look at what is the positive effect on learning of every person in the system," he said.

Library

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well as private donations from the families of Marion Chase and Barbara Chase.

More than 1,000 Cape residents participated in focus groups, a Web survey or a telephone survey as part of the study.

Wants and needs

Wilson concluded that while many residents were pleased with the library, appreciating the building's "quirkiness," there was an overwhelming desire for the library to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, and to have greater energy and staff efficiency. According to Wilson, residents also want a deeper collection of books, better meeting facilities, an inviting children's area, and comfortable, quiet areas to sit and read. A desire for the library to become a "center of community life" was also a "recurrent theme" of the surveys.

The "conundrum" presented by Wilson is that "many people want the library to be something that it can't be given its existing facility."

According to Wilson, the library has at least six serious shortcomings, which makes doing nothing to improve it, "not really an option."

These major problems are: poor access to multiple levels; outdated and inefficient heating and electrical systems; inadequate floor loading capacity; moisture and mold concerns; inefficient workflow due to a fragmented design; and lack of space for expand-

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VONT, the Web-marketing subsidiary of Ethos Marketing and Design in Westbrook, acquired HMG Search Marketing of Portland earlier this month. Founded in 2001, HMG is a search engine marketing company serving clients in Maine, Boston and nationally. Ethos Marketing and Design is owned by Cape residents **Glenn Rudberg** and **Ted Darling**, and VONT is owned by **Tom Gale**. Ethos, a branding agency, established VONT in October 2007.



Cape residents, left to right, Tom Gale, Glenn Rudberg, and Ted Darling.

Over the past 18 months, VONT has experienced rapid growth by providing Web design, search engine optimization, e-mail

marketing, and paid search campaign management for the company's clients, Rudberg said.

Rudy's of the Cape, Ocean House Pizza, and Willow's in South Portland, which is owned by Cape residents **David and Jillian Lengyel**, were among eight pizza vendors who participated recently in the first annual Pizza Bowl, put on by the Rotary clubs of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough at Southern Maine Community College's dining hall. More than 150 residents turned out for the fundraiser, which benefited Rotary International's PolioPlus program to eradicate polio. The winner of the People's Choice Award was the South Portland restaurant, 3 Brothers Eatery. Rudy's of the Cape won the best specialty pizza award, and Willow's took first honors for its cheese.

Alison Mehlsak has been named to the fall-semester dean's list at the Medford/Somerville campus of Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Elise Moloney was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Loyola College in Maryland, where she is a member of the class of 2011.

Dave Scheffler was named broker of the month for February for superior sales at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate office.

Cape resident **Samuel C. Townsend** is guest editor of the Maine Public Policy's newly published special issue on climate change and energy, a collection of 25 essays by Maine citizens.

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe wrote the forward to the issue, which features articles and essays focusing on various energy-using sectors: commercial and industrial, housing and transportation. The issue also addresses efficiency, and community and regional actions to address climate change and energy, and poses topics to ponder: policy, alternative energy, efficiency, and practical examples of immediate actions that can be taken to improve energy use by communities, businesses, and consumers.

The issue is a collaborative effort of Townsend, who assembled the majority of the authors, and the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine. A copy is available at Thomas Memorial Library and can be read online at <http://mcpolicycenter.umaine>.



Sam Townsend

Mark Hartel of Rocky Hill Road, a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Scarborough, recently was named "Best of the Best" of financial advisors in the Reader's Choice Award Contest, sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and So. Portland community chambers of commerce, and Current Publishing.

Cape chess team wins third straight Maine State Scholastic tournament



Gathering in Orono at the Maine State Scholastic Chess Tournament are, left to right, front row, **Zale Rasco, Matthew Fishbein, Jack Demeter, Olivia Reale-Hatem, Wesley Parker**; second row, **Matthew Reale-Hatem, Leo Wing, Nick Shedd, Peter Hatem**; third row, **Ethan Duperre, Colin Smith, Dan Fishbein, Anthony Freccero**; rear, **Mark Parker, Danny Brett, Ethan DiNinno, who is behind Danny, Brett Parker, and Will Kriger**.

The Cape Elizabeth elementary chess team, which includes players in kindergarten through grade six, continued its run, winning the team's third straight Maine State Scholastic Team Chess Tournament on March 7 at the University of Maine at Orono (UMO).

Members of the winning team were fifth-grader **Matthew Fishbein**, who scored a perfect 4-0; fourth-grader **Wesley Parker**; and sixth-graders **Matthew Reale-Hatem, Jack Demeter, and Will Kriger**. Finishing with 15 out of a possible 20 points, Cape beat second-place Deer Isle-Stonington by 1.5 points.

This year's junior high division, which includes kindergartners through eighth-graders, was smaller and fell short of its goal to defend its 2008 state championship, but players scored 13 out of 20 possible points to

take a clear second place behind first-place Deer Isle. Eighth-grader **Brett Parker** led the team with a perfect 4-0 record and was joined by strong play from eighth-grader **Anthony Freccero** and seventh-graders **Danny Brett, Nick Shedd, and Ethan Duperre**.

Cape entered its first-ever team in the kindergarten through third-grade division. Third-grader **Zale Rasco**, second-grader **Kyle Russell**, and third-grader **Olivia Reale-Hatem** did Cape proud with solid play and sportsmanship.

Ethan DiNinno, who played in the high school reserve section, had a perfect score. To play in the two last tournament rounds, sixth-grader **Leo Wing** changed out of his swim suit and rushed, wet-haired, to the tournament after competing in the Maine State Swimming Championship, held the same day at UMO.

Cape resident **Phil Coupe** recently joined the board of directors of the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2 Tech), a statewide organization of more than 150 businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals working on growing Maine's green economy. Coupe is managing partner and co-founder of ReVision Energy LLC, Maine's leading solar hot water and solar power installer, which is based in Portland and Liberty. He is also president of Smart Energy Now, a non-profit whose mission is to bring renewable energy systems and curriculum to New England schools.



Phil Coupe

The Scarborough building that **Jeffrey Hobbs** bought in 2007 has just been renovated. The new Hobbs Funeral Home facility, located at 671 U.S. Route 1, is the only funeral facility in Scarborough. The Hobbs family continues to operate the original home at 230 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Registered nurse **Amy LeClair**, director of health and wellness at **Village Crossings**, has been selected by the University of New England in Biddeford to teach leadership and management in nursing to a UNE nursing student this semester.

LeClair directs a staff of 25 that provides 24-hour coverage for the health and wellness of the assisted living center's 62 residents, including formulating individualized service plans for all. A 2002 graduate of UNE's nursing program, LeClair has worked in management at Village Crossings for four years.

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