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Late-breaking bad news: district to lose \$500K in state education aid

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth will lose a half million dollars in state education aid next year, the result of an 11-percent increase in valuation and a 25-student decrease in enrollment. That's the news school officials got March 27, two and a half weeks after the School Board adopted a 2009-2010 school budget and the weekend before the board's scheduled presentation of the budget to the Town Council's Finance Committee.

The council made no official budget recommendation at the March 30 meeting because of unanswered questions from the state about the general purpose aid amount. The School Board, which will meet Monday, April 6, plans to send an updated budget proposal to the council early in the week.

Public hearing

A previously scheduled public hearing on the budget is still planned April 13, and "most likely will include a 'range' of possible tax-rate scenarios for the school budget on which people can comment," School Board Chair Trish Brigham said after the March 30 meeting.

At the March 30 meeting, the board and the council explored a number of possibilities. In one scenario, the town would contribute \$200,000 in contingency, and the schools would contribute \$163,000 in contingency. The remaining \$145,000 would be absorbed by the schools or sent on to taxpayers, whose tax bills would rise .6-percent. Residents would pay about \$27 a year, or \$2.25 per month, for a median home worth \$250,000.

When *The Cape Courier* went to press on Tuesday, March 31, school officials awaited answers to questions about the state's fund-

ing formula that Superintendent Alan Hawkins posed in a March 30 e-mail to Jim Rier, director of finance and operations at the Department of Education.

Funding formula

"There's something in that formula that they're not telling us about," School Board member Rebecca Millet said before the March 30 meeting. "There are quite a few districts that had an increase in valuation see **SCHOOL BUDGET, page 14**

Public hearing on budgets set for April 13

By Elizabeth Brogan

A public hearing on the proposed combined budgets for school, town, county and Community Services is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

According to a press release issued by Town Manager Mike McGovern and posted on the town Web site on March 26, the Town Council Finance Committee is now reviewing those proposed budgets for 2009-2010. The committee, which is comprised of the entire council, met with municipal department heads to review the municipal budget on March 19 and March 23, with a 5-1 vote taken March 23 to recommend a municipal budget of \$8,533,254. The budget represents a 3-percent reduction from this year's budget and would result in a tax rate decrease of 2 cents per thousand dollar valuation.

The finance committee also met with the see **BUDGET, page 14**

Talks begin on how to raise money for Fort Williams Park

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to collect non-resident parking fees at Fort Williams Park in November, 2006. The rejection of the "pay/display" parking proposal, fees from which would have been earmarked for park maintenance and improvements, left those costs the responsibility of Cape Elizabeth taxpayers. But now Town Manager Michael McGovern is proposing that Fort Williams Park become self-sustaining beginning July 1, 2010, and, according to Fort Williams Advisory Commission Chair Dan Chase, "nothing is off the table."

Chase said that the total budget for the park has been approximately \$175,000 for the past few years. "We're kind of scraping by on that budget," Chase said. "We'd like to raise more money than that so we can get to some projects that need to get done." Consistent work at the park includes tree maintenance, especially for the older oak trees, some of which have fallen or been felled in

see **PARK, page 14**

Eastman Meadows condo project approved; private road extension will allow small farming operation on Maxwell farmland again

By Wendy Derzawiec

Eastman Meadows, a 46-unit condominium project to be located at 68 Eastman Road, received its final blessing from the Planning Board March 17.

The board granted final subdivision approval, along with permits for resource protection, at its March meeting, well over a year since developer Joel Fitzpatrick first approached the town with the application.

"It's been a lengthy project," said Owens McCullough, engineer with Sebago Technics representing Fitzpatrick. "I think it was a good project," he said.

Features of the project "include a pretty significant open-space component," said McCullough, with 46 acres, or 65 percent of the lot size, protected as open space. This surpasses the town's ordinance requirement for preservation of 40 percent of open space.

Of those protected acres, 72 percent is considered usable, with 16.4 acres to be held by a future condominium association and nearly 10 acres donated to the town. The rest of the open space is protected as wetland.

Trails defined within the project acres connect to the adjacent Winnick Woods open space.

The other unique feature, McCullough

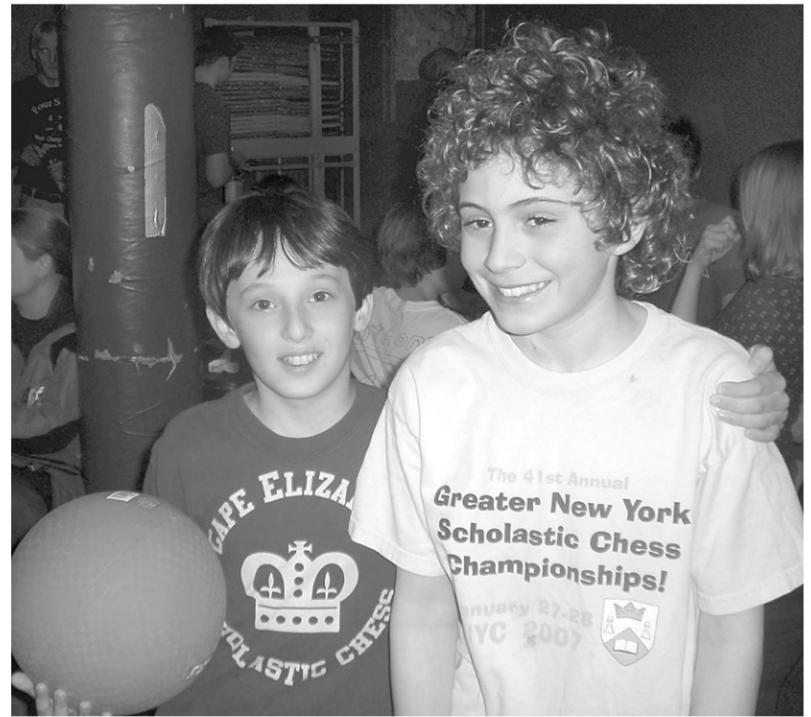
said, is the development's target market of buyers aged 55 and older. The condominium units will all be single-story duplexes, quadruplexes, or single family homes, and "designed for those folks that might be getting up in years," McCullough said.

The project, to be located on a former farm field, drew strong opposition when introduced to the Planning Board in the late summer and fall of 2007. Neighbors opposing the development objected mostly to traffic impact on Eastman Road.

Responding to that concern, Fitzpatrick has agreed to review traffic impact after 35 building permits have been issued, said board member Barbara Schenkel. "There is a note on the plans, that after 35 permits have been issued, they will take another look at the traffic to see if there is any congestion or problems, and if there are, he has agreed to come up with some kind of mitigation," Schenkel said. "Just a reminder that traffic was a consideration, but the applicant has taken steps to do whatever he possibly can to make it correct," she said.

While public hearings on Eastman Meadows inspired hours of public comment, mostly opposition, throughout the approval process, no one spoke at the hearing for fi-

The Month of the Matthews



Good friends Matthew Fishbein, left, and Matthew Reale-Hatem enjoy a happy moment Feb. 28 at the Four Square World Championships in Bridgton.

The chums continue their amazing runs

By Wendy Keeler

After the dazzling hat tricks that Matthew Fishbein and his pal Matthew Reale-Hatem have pulled off in recent weeks, the period between Feb. 28 and March 21 could hereafter be known in Cape as "The Month of the Matthews."

The two, who won awards Feb. 28 at

the Four Square World Championship in Bridgton and whose elementary-division chess team won its third straight Maine State Scholastic Team Chess championship in Orono on March 7, just won individual state chess titles in their divisions on March 21 at the University of Maine at Orono

Fifth-grader Fishbein, 11, won in the junior high division, and his schoolmate, 12-year-old Reale-Hatem, a sixth-grader, see **MATTHEWS, page 14**

nal approval on March 17. The board spent nearly an hour, however, reviewing a lengthy findings-of-fact list before granting approval 5-0. Board members Beth Richardson and Elaine Falender did not attend the meeting **Dawe Road 'farmstead' extension warmly approved**

In other matters, a project far less extensive, yet much more popular, than Eastman Meadows was also unanimously approved by the Planning Board March 17.

Board members approved an application from Nick Tammaro to build a private road that would extend Dawe Road onto Maxwell Farm.

Tammaro plans to begin a small farming operation on 2.66 acres of land currently owned by the Maxwell family, a signature piece of property that has, among others, helped to define Cape Elizabeth's rural character.

"To me, it's refreshing to see a young man who really wants to go back in time and create a farmstead," said Cape Elizabeth resident Penny Jordan, who is a town councilor and helps run the William H. Jordan Farm on Wells Road. She has also organized the Cape Farm Alliance. "Finally, we're going to have

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B2B signup shuts out many regulars; ‘Do you think it’s time for lottery registration?’

If I could speak with Joanie, it would go like this. I love your race. I’ve run it every year, in rain, fog, and torturing sunshine. Every year Ted passes me at Mile 1 waving and greeting the thousands on the sidelines – he knows them all. At Mile 2, I would stop and hug 70+ year-old Miriam. Around Mile 3, Steve passes me without having broken a sweat along with Anne and Jayne, in full conversation like they’re on a walk on the beach. At Mile 4 that same guy is smoking his cigar. At Mile 5 Fred and Rory are at the greatest water stop ever, “no jive.” At the finish Scott and Win are volunteering and I high five them, avoiding the tent each year. My Clydesdale times won’t put me on the podium, but like the other regular, get-up-early-and-run-before-the-kids-wake-up people, I’m smiling through the pain and can’t wait for next year’s race.

Unfortunately, this year is different. Friends like Amy and Jackie and countless others were shut out as I would have been without the Herculean efforts my IT engineer brother put in to sign us up. He “did a translation using reverse DNS to find out the IP address” to bypass having to go to the main page every time (whatever that means) and after an hour and a half online he had us signed up. In the end, much like me trying to catch the elite Kenyans, those who can’t afford the fastest computers/internet access didn’t stand a chance. Shouldn’t everyone have an equal opportunity to sign up? Our small hometown race has evolved to a level akin to the Falmouth Road Race. Like Falmouth decided years ago, do you think it’s time for lottery registration?

Paul McGrath

Fourth-grade field trip to Robinson Woods includes too many ‘dog poops’

Recently my fourth-grade class took a field trip to Robinson Woods. I had a wonderful time except the path was littered with dog poops. I think that people should pick up

after their dogs everywhere, especially in the woods. By doing this everyone will have a better time in Robinson Woods.

MAK O’Brien

Fitness Center provides good value to Cape residents

As a Cape Elizabeth resident for 29 years, and fitness center member for over five years, I feel qualified to comment on the value of the Cape Fitness Center.

As a participant, I see first-hand the diverse membership and value this facility provides.

In the course of a week, I exercise with high school team members, special-ed students, regular students, people rehabbing from injuries, seniors trying to stay active, and various groups trying to get or stay fit. On most days, at least 50 participants, who are predominantly Cape residents, have signed up. I pay \$250 annually to use the facility.

In these difficult financial times, I question how we can continue to fully fund the operation at Fort Williams Park that is used by many nonresidents for no fee, and consider eliminating the fitness center that serves so many residents well.

In this time of increasing obesity and concern for health, I hope the town won’t be short-sighted.

Peter Landrigan

Editor’s Note: Town Manager Michael McGovern has recommended that Fort Williams Park become self-sufficient in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. See story “Talks begin on how to raise money for Fort Williams Park” beginning on page 1.

Cape Courier reaches new heights



Julian Coles of Roundabout Lane summited Mount Kilimanjaro with daughter Courtney Evans, and his Cape Courier, on March 13.

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Swap Shop slated to bolster town revenues

By Debbie Butterworth

With town committees, school administrators, and the general public exploring a variety of alternate funding sources in these challenging economic times, one town official has proposed the restructuring of the Swap Shop at the town Recycling Center so that cash can be generated and funneled into town coffers.

"I got the idea when I read the story in a local paper about how some things got thrown out of the Swap Shop that should have stayed on the shelves. It made me think that not only do we need a supervisor in there, but we also need a way to create revenues that can be earmarked for town financial needs."



The Swap Shop

Officials have reviewed several different options. "That place is an untapped gold mine," commented one town official. "Every time I'm up there, I see people either dropping off loads of valuable items or going home with stuff. There's no reason we should be letting that go for free."

For those unfamiliar with the Swap Shop, it is a facility at the recycling center where residents can drop off unwanted items that can be taken and used by other residents. The recycling committee oversees the operation, which houses a collection of books, magazines and household items for dropoff and pickup. Residents can leave items (a list of acceptable items is posted inside the building) that can be used by others.

I think we can even adhere to the policy set by the recycling committee, which states that no item can be taken for future sale. We won't be selling the items in the future; we will be selling them right away."

The planning committee has presented two different sales options for the new and improved Swap Shop.

Option One would allow for table rental. Residents could rent a table for a set fee per month, display and sell their items when the Swap Shop is open, and give a percentage of their sales to the town in addition to the rental fee.

Option Two would be similar to the current setup, and residents would drop off unwanted miscellaneous items, which would then be sold by the Swap Shop Supervisor to customers, with the money going to the general fund of the town.

"There are obviously benefits to both" stated an employee, "If you have the time to man your table four days a week, you stand to make a small profit for yourself instead of just donating the stuff."

Revenues will also help fund the salaried position of the Swap Shop Supervisor as well as the occasional traffic officer during high volume times, such as around the holidays, when more people will be shopping.

Town officials want to emphasize the fact that this expansion of the Swap Shop is not a flea market. "I have seen really high quality items go in and out of this building" said one official, pointing to the wooden structure, "and the average value of items brought in by Cape Elizabeth residents far surpasses

what you would find at your typical flea market."

The network of free newspapers throughout the state could be a very cost-effective way to spread the word about this new venture. The policy at this time does state that the shop can only be used by Cape residents, but officials are considering opening up availability to residents of other towns to maximize the financial gains for Cape Elizabeth.

Concerns have surfaced about the additional parking needed, as well as additional display space if this idea becomes as popular as officials predict it will. "We do have the option of taking over the space afforded by the neighboring bottle shed if it becomes necessary," explained one official. "When you think about it, using that space for revenue for the town as opposed to fundraising for small interest groups, it makes a whole lot more sense."

In good weather, it is expected that more tables could be set up outside, either along Dennison Drive or in the areas now used for appliance dropoff and contractor debris. "We have to be thinking of revenues" explained one official, "and as convenient as it is for residents to dispose of bulky items, such as appliances and old cement blocks for a small fee, if we can use that space to make money for the town, then that's the direction we need to take."

It is expected that the day-to-day operation of the trash hopper will not be affected by the changes, other than the increased traffic. "Sure, people will probably have to wait a bit longer to get to the hoppers, but that's a good opportunity to check out what's for sale that week and pick up a bargain here and there," remarked one employee.

Before you start planning your next shopping trip at the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Center, check the calendar and see that this is just another April Fool's joke!

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Regional dispatch consolidation plan advancing

Cape Elizabeth will likely consolidate its public safety dispatching with the cities of Portland and South Portland.

Police Chief Neil Williams and Fire Chief Peter Gleeson outlined a plan to the Cape Elizabeth Town Council Finance Committee at a meeting March 19, 2009.

The finance committee, a committee of the whole council, is reviewing Town Manager Michael McGovern's recommended municipal budget for 2009-10. A major part of that budget is a recommendation to consolidate dispatching services, with current projected savings of \$127,000 annually.

Williams said that regionalizing dispatching will enable enhanced service in the years ahead. He said that a single local dispatcher has a difficult balancing act — providing emergency medical information to the caller, while at the same time sending equipment to the scene. Further, during times of multiple calls and storm emergencies, it is challenging for one dispatcher to do it all.

Currently, nonmobile 9-1-1 calls from Cape Elizabeth go to Portland. Consolidation will eliminate the need to transfer calls.

Williams said that consolidating with the two cities is a much better alternative than the suggestion to merge with the Cumberland County Communications Center in Windham. He and Gleeson cited the mutual aid that is already provided between Cape Elizabeth and South Portland. The fire stations at Willard in South Portland and the Cape Cottage Station on Shore Road now provide service to both communities. South Portland assists with paramedic intercepts on some rescue calls heading to Portland hospitals. Radio communication is already established between the communities. Animal control in Cape Elizabeth is provided by the South Portland Police Department. The technology that will be available to police officers in their vehicles will give officers far more information than is available to them today, Williams said.

Cape Elizabeth, which presently does not have computers in police cruisers, has received a grant to provide four laptops to be tied into the Portland/South Portland software. Williams also said that he believes the partnership will have access to grants that Cape Elizabeth alone would not have.

Both chiefs expressed strong respect and appreciation for the work done by Cape Elizabeth's four local dispatchers. Williams said he could not ask for more dedicated employees, yet consolidation provides real benefits to the community in terms of both service and cost savings. Both chiefs said that there are current openings for dispatchers in Portland/South Portland and in Scarborough, and an opening for a full-time administrative assistant who will assume the dispatchers' clerical duties at the Cape Elizabeth police station. Dispatchers with seniority may also displace employees in other municipal positions for which they qualify. Severance packages will be offered to employees who leave as a result of the consolidation and to those who accept a lower-paying position with the town.

Members of the finance committee questioned whether there would be transition costs for equipment and technology. Williams explained that a \$75,000 Homeland Security grant, secured in 2006 to pay for enhanced communication connections with South Portland, must be spent by June 30, 2009 or will be lost. The grant, together with the laptop grant, will pay for the capital costs associated with the transition.

Portland and South Portland have indicated that a contract for the consolidation will begin at \$16 per capita and increase approximately 3 percent each year. The county offer was \$16.22 per capita.

At the March 19 meeting, and at a subsequent meeting on March 23, five of the seven town councilors expressed support for the plan. Chairman Jim Rowe said he could not support the consolidation at this time because in January, 2008, the council had voted to support a recommendation of the town manager's to "affirm that it is the current policy of the Town Council to continue with a local dispatch center through July 1, 2011, at which time a further review is encouraged." Rowe said he did not wish "to go back on my word." Councilor Penny Jordan said on March 19 that if she had to vote that evening, she would not vote to regionalize dispatching.

Discussions are continuing with Portland and South Portland on implementation and contractual issues. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the annual budget on April 13.

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Town to finish curbside pickup of December ice storm debris beginning April 13

Public Works will resume collection of yard debris resulting from the Dec. 11, 2008 ice storm beginning April 13, 2009.

Collection of ice-storm debris will pick up where it left off earlier this winter in the southern end of town. These areas include the Eastfield, Shore Acres, Broad Cove, Two Lights and Kettle Cove neighborhoods, said Public Works Director Robert Malley.

"We did not get to these areas in the first round," said Malley.

The town began curbside collection of ice-storm debris following the pre-Christmas storm but had to abandon efforts in the first part of January. "At that point, it made it difficult to keep collecting due to the snow depth and the winter weather pattern we were entering," he said. Collection halted Jan. 11, following a six-inch accumulation of snow that was a foundation for a season-long snow pack.

Malley emphasized that the town does not intend to conduct another townwide cleanup, but only to finish areas that were never completed due to weather. FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is funding 75 percent of the cleanup and is aware that

Cape Elizabeth has already completed most of the work. FEMA will not fund a second townwide collection, and no municipal funds have been budgeted either, Malley said.

Recycling Center fees for storm debris waived for residents April 13 to May 2, May 3 and May 10

In addition, the town will waive fees for residents bringing storm-related debris to the Recycling Center for disposal beginning April 13, and up to and including May 2, 2009. The waiver applies to residents transporting their own debris, Malley said. Fees will still be charged for contractors.

The fee-waiver will be extended for residents bringing limbs to the Recycling Center on May 3 and May 10, two of the Sundays this spring that the center will be open for disposal of yard wastes.

Here are the hours for the spring 2009 Sunday disposals:

- Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Spring-cleaning can include recycling the 'old-fashioned way'

By J.C. Hansen

Spring brings with it many wonderful things like rain, mud and taxes. The kids are itching to get outside, and everybody excitedly anticipates warmer weather. While waiting for the skies to clear and the yard to dry out, focus your extra energy indoors. Remember that spring is also the traditional time for giving the house a good cleaning. You may wish to haul out the duster and the scrub brushes, but you can also clean up in other ways.

Start with the clothes closet. If you haven't worn it in the past year, get rid of it. Once you have a nice discard pile, head for *Goodwill*. Remember to keep the receipt for your tax return. You're feeling lighter, more organized.

Move on to someone else's room. Clothes that the kids have outgrown? Old toys that are no longer being used? Maybe it's time for a trip to *Lots for Tots*; they will purchase your gently used kids' clothes and toys for resale. Call in advance for an appointment. The extra cash might come in handy.

Now, the living area. You say that you never really liked that hand-me-down chair from Aunt Edna or the

lamp from Grandma Rose, but someone else might consider them a treasure? A consignment shop like *Cherished Possessions* can help you sell your unwanted furniture and accessories. Wow, look at all that room! What a spacious, well-organized house.

You are on a roll — move on to the bookshelves. Certainly you may wish to hold on to some old favorites, but do you really need to display every romance and thriller? The Thomas Memorial Library would be happy to have them for its book sale, or someone might enjoy picking them up at the swap shop. Giving someone else the chance to use these items is the old-fashioned way to recycle...reuse. Passing them along also keeps them out of the waste stream, which leads to cost savings for the town. Lightening the load means a win, win, win for everyone.

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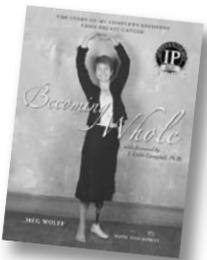
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New paintings of Mary Hall and Jack Riddle exhibited at library in April

The Thomas Library will offer an encore exhibit from oil painters Mary Hall and Jack Riddle beginning April 2 and continuing through the month. The pair, which had a joint exhibit at the library in 2007, will show new works for the first time covering a wide range of subjects in a variety of treatments.

Mary Hall, who has shown widely in southern Maine, finds inspiration in landscapes and cityscapes in Maine, and in Europe and Mexico, where she frequently travels. She is also attracted to architectural

subjects and people in places themes. Jack Riddle, who is relatively new to the Maine art scene, finds inspiration in landscapes and seascapes of Maine, and also from his travels to Europe and Mexico. He also "deals with subjects involving ironies and contradictions, isolation and solitude."

The pair plans to have a mid-show reception at the Thomas Memorial Library April 17, beginning at 5:30. They will be present to greet friends and other interested parties and to discuss their work.

SPRING LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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April 5 - 11:

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April 12 - 18:

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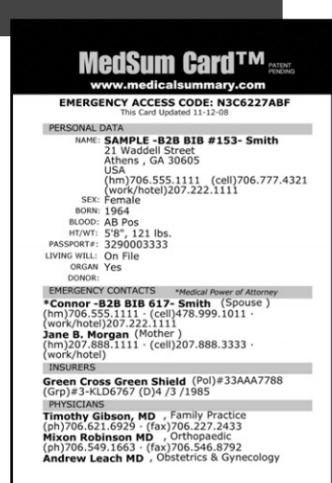
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COMPLAINTS**

- 3-2 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a harassment complaint. Snow had been plowed into the plaintiff's driveway. The suspect was identified, contacted and advised to cease harassment
- 3-3 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a dog-at-large complaint.
- 3-3 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a harassing phone call. The suspect is known to the plaintiff.
- 3-4 An officer met with a CE school bus driver regarding a vehicle passing his bus while discharging a student. He obtained a plate number, and contact was made with the operator of the car.
- 3-4 An officer responded to the Sawyer Road area and met with a resident of South Portland regarding criminal mischief to a motor vehicle. A juvenile had thrown an item at his vehicle and cracked the windshield. The officer made contact with the juvenile and transported him home. Restitution will be made.
- 3-5 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing from the vehicle were 2 pairs of sunglasses and a pair of reading glasses.
- 3-11 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding harassment.
- 3-11 Two officers responded to a Shore Road location for a report of a suicidal person. The subject was located and assisted.

SUMMONSES

- 3-4 SP resident, speeding (54/45 zone), Route 77, \$119
- 3-5 SP resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Sawyer Rd., \$137
- 3-6 CE resident, OUI, Bowery Beach Rd.
- 3-7 Scarborough resident, OUI
- 3-8 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, (\$171) seatbelt violation, Route 77, (\$160)

- 3-9 Winslow resident, failure to produce insurance, Woodland Rd., \$171
- 3-10 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Rd., \$133
- 3-12 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-12 CE resident, speeding (59/45 zone) Route 77, \$137
- 3-14 CE resident, illegal possession of alcohol, Ocean House Rd.
- 3-14 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-15 CE resident, OUI, Route 77

JV SUMMONSES

- 3-10 CE resident, speeding (54/45 zone) Route 77
- 3-11 CE resident, criminal speed (30 mph or more over posted limit)
- 3-12 CE resident, assault

ARRESTS

- 3-4 CE resident, Spurwink Ave., immigration probation violation
- 3-6 Scarborough resident, OUI
- 3-13 CE resident, probation violation, warrant for burglary (x4)

ACCIDENTS

- 3-3 Mary Holt hit a deer, Route 77
- 3-8 Christopher Flathers hit a deer, Route 77
- 3-9 Bradley Page, Ryan Hatch, accident on Shore Rd.
- 3-9 Jason Emery, Cameron Rosenblum, accident on Route 77
- 3-9 James Green, Ashley Giese, accident on Abaco Dr.
- 3-9 Andrew Palladino hit a deer on Sawyer Rd.

FIRE CALLS

- 3-5 Cape Woods Dr., carbon monoxide problem
- 3-9 Shore Rd., extrication
- 3-10 Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

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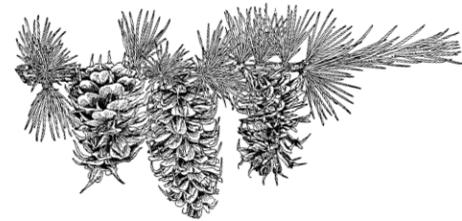
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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec, 767-4074
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Agendas for town and School Board meetings
are available online at: www.capeelizabeth.com

Saturday, April 4

CEHS National Honor Society Food Drive, 9 a.m.-noon. Food may be left at High School, 345 Ocean House Road

Middle School Drama Club "Once on this Island," 7 p.m., cafetorium, 14 Scott Dyer Road

Sunday, April 5

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

Middle School Drama Club "Once on this Island," 2 p.m., cafetorium, 14 Scott Dyer Road

CEHS Jazz Cabaret, 2 p.m., High School cafeteria, 345 Ocean House Road

Monday, April 6

Cape Elizabeth Historic Preservation Society, 7:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road. "Underwater Creatures Found in Casco Bay"

School Board Wellness Committee, 3:15 p.m., Town Center Fire Station, Jordan Way

Town Council Communications Working Group, 4 p.m. -5:30 p.m., Town Hall Basement, 320 Ocean House Road

Tuesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 9

School Board Technology and Learning Committee, 11:30 a.m., William H. Superintendent's Office, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

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

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 15

School Board Policy Committee, 12:15 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Thursday, April 16

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

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

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

Ongoing each week

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

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

Cape Elizabeth Historic 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.

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.

Animals of Two Lights area topic of historical society's April program

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society's April 6 program will feature Robert Siegel, a marine biology and ecology professor at Southern Maine Community College, who will present a slide show documenting many of the animals in the Two Lights area. Siegel's presentation, "Our Nonhuman Neighbors in the Two Lights Area: a Photo Survey," which will be free and include refreshments, will start at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Memorial Library's community room.

Siegel's major emphasis will be the identification of the present population of organisms to document changes over time as the environment shifts in response to climate change, pollution and loss of habitat.

For more information, please contact Barbara Sanborn at bsanborn@maine.rr.com.

Family Fun Day set for June 13; hot-air balloon rides planned

Family Fun Day will be held at Fort Williams Park on Saturday, June 13, with a rain date of June 20. Although there won't be fireworks this year, "some exciting new things" are planned, Family Fun Day committee member Steve Culver said.

RE/MAX Oceanside will offer hot-air balloon rides from 8 to 10 a.m., weather permitting, to raise money for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Culver hopes more nonprofits will get involved.

"The committee wants to make sure that all interested charitable organizations and booster clubs have the opportunity to participate in this fantastic fundraising event," he said.

All who are interested should contact Culver at 767-9072 or sculverhbc@msn.com.

USM concert to feature two Cape musicians

Music by Cape Elizabeth residents Nancy Gunn and Chris Oberholtzer, both faculty members at the University of Southern Maine School of Music, will be performed Friday, April 17, at the "Faculty Composers' Concert" at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall on USM's Gorham campus. Making use of USM's newly founded digital music studio, Gunn, a composer, incorporates recordings of birdsong in her new composition, "Harbor," inspired by Portland Harbor. The work includes sounds recorded on the pier near Spring Point Light and features musicians on piano and alto saxophone.

Gunn's work has been performed by the Colorado Symphony's "Source Project," The New York Festival of Song, and the Rocky Mountain Children's Choir; and has been featured on WNYC in New York

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. 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.

Rotary, school clubs hold April 4 food drive

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.

'French-American connection' topic of April 4 lecture

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.

At UNE, Beaupre taught French literature, world literature translation, French Impressionism, and courses addressing transcultural health care and the French presence in North America. He is the author of 10 books.

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April 5 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 6 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 7 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 8 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 9 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 10 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 11 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.

Household Recycling

April 12 - Noon, 4 & 8 p.m.
April 13 - Noon & 4 p.m.
April 14 - Noon & 4 p.m.
April 15 - Noon & 4 p.m.
April 16 - Noon & 4 p.m.
April 17 - Noon & 4 p.m.

April 18 - Noon & 4 p.m.

Town Council (live)

April 13 - 7:30 p.m.

School Board (live)

April 14 - 7 p.m.

Town Council replay

April 15 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

April 16 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

School Board replay

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

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

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



Cape resident Nancy Gunn

and KVOD in Denver. Gunn's compositions have received numerous awards, including grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Aspen Music Festival.

—see USM CONCERT, page 13

Free 'I Remember Cape Elizabeth' sessions planned April 28, May 5, May 19



Photo by Jan Reale-Hatem

At an "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" session in the fall, Jessie Timberlake, far left, smiles while looking at an old photograph, as Marge Dunham, middle, and Jane Beckwith listen. Three sessions are planned April 28, May 5, and May 19.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth photographer and writer Jan Reale-Hatem will help bring Cape history alive again this spring with her popular informal series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories." Sessions, which are free, are planned on Tuesdays, April 28, May 5, and May 19 at the Community Center.

A member of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, Reale-Hatem encourages senior citizens to attend one or all three sessions to share personal stories about life in Cape Elizabeth, as longtime resident, native Wayne Brooking, did at a session in the fall.

"When I got home from school one day [in the spring of 1942], my grandmother met me at the door and told me to look over by the fog signal. There was an army tent! With soldiers! The war had come to Two Lights! At seven years-old and the country at war, it was an exciting time," Brooking recalled at a 2008 session. "Soon after, men wearing suits (an oddity in the neighborhood) were in our living room, negotiating for the government to take land from my grandmother for the war effort. The Coast Guard crew was rapidly expanded, and a barracks was added to accommodate the expansion. Kennels were built to house the guard dogs that accompanied the Coast Guardsmen as they patrolled the shoreline from Trundy Point around to McKenney Point."

All memories of Cape past "are of interest," Reale-Hatem said, "whether about growing up during World War II, farming, fishing, riding the trolley from Portland, school experiences, Fort Williams, or anything else."

Participants, who are encouraged to bring a photograph to share, will have a chance to record memories on postcards Reale-Hatem will provide, which she hopes to share with members of the Cape community down the road.

"I am interested in doing this because I believe what many view as 'ordinary memories' are really extraordinary connections between the past and present that help preserve and further appreciation for the rich history of Cape Elizabeth," she said in 2008.

Reale-Hatem's well-received fall 2007 Thomas Memorial Library exhibit, "Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories: Connections between People and Places in Cape Elizabeth," featured personal histories that Cape seniors shared with Reale-Hatem. Photographs accompanied the stories.

Light refreshments will be served at the sessions. Although there is no cost, Reale-Hatem encourages participants to register in advance through Community Services at 799-2868. Seniors who cannot attend sessions but wish to share memories about Cape Elizabeth are welcome to contact Reale-Hatem at 799-2457.

The program is supported by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

New program offers easy way to get rid of unused, expired medications safely

By Wendy Keeler

Anyone who wants to get rid of expired or unused medications now can do so in three steps in a free, anonymous program. People just have to ask for a postage-paid medicine-return kit at CVS Pharmacy at Pond Cove or a participating drug store, enclose medication in the envelope, and drop it in a mailbox. The U.S. Postal Service, a partner in the Safe Medicine Disposal for ME program, will deliver the kit to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, which will destroy the drugs.

The benefits of safely getting rid of unneeded medicines are numerous, Cape Elizabeth Public Liaison Police Officer Mark Dorval says.

"Keeping unneeded and outdated medications in homes increases possibilities of accidental poisonings, drug overdoses, and theft for resale or thrill highs,"

Dorval says. "Prescription medicines used to ease pain are at the top of kids' 'getting-high' list, and stealing drugs from home and from grandma's house is on the rise."

Because sewage treatment plants are not sophisticated enough to remove drugs from effluent, people should never flush medications, which end up in Casco Bay. In addition to polluting ground and surface water, traces of medications, from narcotics to hormones, have been found in birds' eggs, Dorval said.

Most drugs, including over-the-counter medications, can be sent to the Maine DEA in the program, but some specialized medicines have to go back to manufacturers, who

indicate if that is the case on packaging. No syringes, needles, or medical devices such as blood-sugar monitors are eligible, even when wrapped or packed, the program Web site, www.safemeddisposal.com, states.

The disposal program, which is gaining popularity at local drug stores, pharmacists say, was piloted in Maine this past spring.

"Maine is at the forefront of drug-disposal innovations with its EPA-funded drug mail-back program," says Jason Charland of the University of Maine Center on Aging, one of 20 partners in the program.

Other partners include the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the state office of El-

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—Jason Charland,
Maine Center on Aging

der Services, the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, the Maine Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Pharmacy Association,

the Northern New England Poison Center, the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, and the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, the Maine Council for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and pharmacies throughout Maine.

People here are catching on, pharmacists in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth say.

"We have had quite a few people come here and ask about disposing of their drugs," one pharmacist said. "The program is definitely growing in popularity."

To find out which pharmacies participate, call the program help line at 1-866-637-9743 or visit www.safemeddisposal.com.

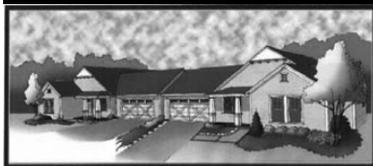
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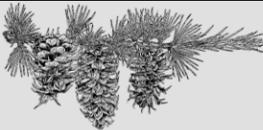


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Roberts named Western Maine Class B girls' basketball 'Coach of Year'

Cape Elizabeth High School girls' basketball coach Chris Roberts was named the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches' (MABC) Western Maine Class B Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year in mid-March during the McDonald's Senior All-Star Basketball weekend at Husson College in Bangor. Award recipients are chosen by MABC coaches.

This year, Roberts' second coaching the Capers, the team won seven out of 18 games, six more than the previous year when the team lost all but one.

"Chris has clearly made a significant difference in the girls' program, and only in her second year," Cape Elizabeth High School boys' coach, Jim Ray, wrote in an e-mail about Roberts, whom he coached during the last two years of her four-year basketball career at CEHS in the 1990s.

A 1996 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Roberts scored more than 1,000 points for the Capers, who made it to the playoffs three out of her four seasons on the team, and to the Western Maine finals during her last two.

Roberts shrugs off much of the credit for the team's improvement. In addition to praising girls' assistant coach Aaron Spaul-

ing and junior varsity coach Margie Reid, she can't say enough about the players.

"These players have great attitudes and never quit," Roberts said. "These girls are spectacular, a very special group of kids."



Photo by Karen Johnson
 CEHS girls' basketball coach Chris Roberts, center, talks to members of her team during a game this winter.

Long, Cloutier break state relay records

Cape swimmers, Evan Long and Marcus Cloutier, continue to rack up records. Members of the Coastal Maine Aquatics swimming club, the two are part of a relay team that in early March captured state records in the 13- to 14-year-old age group at the Maine State Swimming Championships at the University of Maine in Orono.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, they had a time of 3:32.61, and in the 400-yard medley their time was 4:02.31.

"The 400-yard freestyle relay was made that much sweeter, because they beat their coach Sean Flaherty's ... relay record of 3:36.02 from back in 2000," Evan's mother Susan Long said.

The foursome, which also includes swimmers Trebor Lawton from Gorham and Jerry Gravel from Scarborough, also broke three state records in 2007.

Marcus' younger brother, Rhyann Clouti-

er, also has the swimming gene. The "powerhouse" took first place overall among boys 10 years old and younger in Orono, Cape resident Donna Liimatainen-Peterson said.



Photo by Patricia Lawton
 Cape swimmers, Marcus Cloutier, far left, and Evan Long, second from right, stand with their teammates, Trebor Lawton, second from left; and Jerry Gravel, far right, in Orono.

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Bunch o' baskets



Photo by Kate Mitchell

The third-grade Faith Formation class at St. Bartholomew Parish in Cape Elizabeth put together 50 Easter baskets for children who go to the South Portland Food Cupboard. Basket contents were donated by parishioners. The effort was organized by St. Bart's fifth- and sixth-graders and Sybil Riemensnider, director of the Food Cupboard.

Early 18th-century churches to be topic of April 15 lecture

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. Wednesday, April 15, in the Wright Pavilion at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland. The lecture and conversation are part of the church's 275th-anniversary celebration this year.

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Cape Methodist public supper planned April 4

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, April 4, 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).

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CEMS musical to run through April 5



"Once on This Island Junior" cast members pose March 18 at the middle school cafeteria, where they will perform their musical April 3 to April 5. "Those are not costumes on the kids—just what they were wearing for "Clash Day," parent volunteer Jill Epstein wrote in an e-mail to The Cape Courier. During middle school Spirit Week, held March 16 to March 20, students dressed daily according to themes.

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

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

May 17 international affairs challenge planned

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. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$100, and individual seats are available for \$15

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Four eighth-graders named semifinalists in Letters for Literature contest

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders Jane Coffrin, Alex Cooley, Clarice Diebold, and Courtney Guerette were recently named semifinalists for the state of Maine in the nationwide "Letters about Literature" contest. In the competition, sponsored by The Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores, 4 to 12 write personal letters to an author explaining how the author's work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Two students wrote letters to novelists, and two to writers of nonfiction works. Clarice Diebold wrote to Jodi Picoult about her novel, "My Sister's Keeper," in which a young girl sues for the right to make her own decisions about how her body is used when a kidney transplant is planned in order to potentially save her older sister.

"Reading this book helped me face my past and actually feel proud of how far I've come," Diebold stated in her letter. "... Thank you for the incredible impact this book has had on my life."

Courtney Guerette wrote to Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski about his book of essays, "Beyond Basketball."

"Life is something that I have not fully experienced, but your book prepared me for what is ahead," she wrote. "You did not tell me how to steer my future nor did you try to control decisions I make, but you told me



Photo by Catherine Clough

Eighth-graders, left to right, Courtney Guerette, Alex Cooley, Clarice Diebold and Jane Coffrin, are semi-finalists in a state writing contest.

your mistakes and how you lead your future, sharing with the reader ideas about how to handle difficult problems and choices."

Coffrin wrote to Markus Zusak, author of the novel, "The Book Thief," which is set in Nazi Germany and centers on an abandoned German girl. Cooley wrote to author Ishmael Beah about "A Long Way Gone," in which Beah recounts his years as a boy soldier in Sierra Leone.

"It is so nice to have kids being recognized for being good writers!" the students' language arts teacher, Jamie Michaud, wrote in an e-mail to *The Cape Courier*.

The Maine winner will receive a \$50 Target gift card and will advance to compete for the national prize against the winners of the other 49 states. The national prizewinner will receive a \$10,000 reading promotion grant for his or her school in addition to a \$500 Target gift card.

USM concert

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Her most recent work, "Driving in Maine: Four Poems of Wesley McNair" for soprano and orchestra, was written for the University of Maine at Farmington Community Orchestra and premiered a year ago. It will be performed again in May by the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra. "Intersection," written for the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, premiered at Merrill Auditorium in April 2007.

Gunn is currently on the USM and Southern Maine Community College faculties.

Oberholtzer will direct the USM Jazz Ensemble, performing two new compositions by USM faculty member Tim O'Dell, Director of Jazz Studies at USM. Oberholtzer also directs and serves as clinician for high school jazz ensembles and combos around the U.S.

Musical director of the Portland Jazz Orchestra, Oberholtzer has appeared at numerous jazz festivals around the country and

has performed, toured and recorded with the Artie Shaw Orchestra, the Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Tony Bennett, the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra, the Benny Goodman Orchestra, Aaron Neville, Roberta Flack, and the Temptations.

A reception in the lobby will follow the concert. To reserve tickets or get more information, call the USM box office at 780-5555.

All in community invited to Pond Cove research night April 9

Pond Cove School's annual research night—when students show off research projects they work on and complete in their own time—will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the school cafeteria and gym.

All in the community are welcome to attend and see the exhibits, which about 100 students prepare every year.

Principal's e-mail addresses drinking

By Wendy Keeler

In a March 26 e-mail to Cape Elizabeth High School parents in which he took partial blame, Principal Jeffrey Shedd offered a detailed account of a March 21 drinking incident involving 10 CEHS students at Rockland High School during the Maine One Act Festival. The students were among 40 from Cape Elizabeth in the high school's production, "Of Mice and Men." Although the one act came in second at the event, "because of these actions ... we have made a decision as a school to return our second-place trophy," Shedd states in the e-mail.

Students were supposed to spend the night in Rockland after an awards ceremony. But "during the evening, it came to our director's attention that at least one of our students had been drinking," Shedd's e-mail states.

"Learning of the problem, our director, [Richard] Mullen assembled his entire group of students together, confronted the issue directly, and gathered everybody on our school buses. Quickly, seven other students came forward to admit that they also had been drinking. Parents of all students who had been drinking were contacted, and they all drove to the festival to pick up their sons/daughters. ... The Rockland police dealt with each student," Shedd's e-mail states. "During the course of the subsequent investigation, two other students came forward to report their drinking, bringing the total involved to 10. We also learned during the investigation that the drinking had taken place at various times and places at Rockland High School after our group's production in the early afternoon."

Fueling the stereotype

In addition to being suspended for two days, the students have lost privileges to participate in athletic and non-athletic extracurricular performances and contests.

"Our students made mistakes and bad choices. Their actions disrespected, distracted, and dishonored the festival, which should have been a joyous and celebratory occasion," writes Shedd, adding that the incident only fuels negativity about Cape teenagers, whom media across the country featured extensively a year ago after 10 CEHS seniors did thousands of dollars in damage to the school in what they said they intended to be a class prank. "Our students' choices lived up to the worst stereotypes some have of our students. ... Without exception, there is no more impressive or respectful student body in the state. Unfortunately, outsiders only see the stereotypes fed by the headlines."

In his e-mail Shedd praises the 30 students who did not drink, "despite easy access and

modeling peer behavior. The decision not to use by those students is worthy of recognition and applause. Those students' decisions were the result of relationships they had with the theater adult faculty, the values they brought from your homes, and their recognition that the choices that others made were unnecessary, illegal, against school rules, and wrong."

Responsibility

Adult supervision and decision-making in Rockland were not to blame, Shedd writes.

"This was not a case of students sneaking off after hours or off-site. This was a case of students surreptitiously drinking in a variety of locations on school grounds amidst an event that involved hundreds of students moving all around and from place to place," Shedd states.

But vigilance at the start of the trip could have been better, Shedd says.

"Our normal process of a bag check by administrators before an overnight event like this did not happen. It might have made a difference if it had. That responsibility is mine, and I am sorry for letting my guard down. The bag-check protocol will be in place for all future events, as it has been for the past several years and for this year as well, with the exception of this trip," Shedd writes.

However, more than bag checking is necessary, because such incidents don't only occur outside Cape, Shedd states in his e-mail.

"... Amidst the investigation about the drama festival, a single student came to my office to self-report a violation that took place at a gathering in Cape this past weekend having no connection at all with the drama festival," the e-mail states. "I do not know the details of that gathering, but I know there must have been more than one student involved and that these gatherings are all too common."

Students' responses on the Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use (MYDAUS) survey, which they took a year ago and will soon take again, reveal the extent of the problem in Cape.

"While teen substance use happens in all communities, my impression and the data suggest that it is more prevalent in Cape than in many other places," Shedd states before encouraging parents to read data from the survey at www.cape.k12.me.us/highschool_pages/MYDAUS_Powerpt_2_09.pdf.

"The issue of substance use in Cape must be a constant topic of conversation among adults in this community and between adults and teens if we are to make progress in marginalizing this behavior," Shedd says. "Please, let's all continue to be part of the open conversation about the issues underlying teen substance use in Cape."

Student-teacher battle!



Photo by Claudia Dricot

Cape Elizabeth Middle School teachers face off against members of the girls eighth-grade basketball team on March 12 during the school's annual Basketball Bonanza event. For the third year in a row, faculty teams beat both the girls' and boys' eighth-grade teams, but the girls are making some headway—for the first time ever, they took the game into overtime.

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the right kind of development in Cape Elizabeth," she said.

(At the beginning of their meeting, the board approved by consent a change in the Jordan Farm Stand site plan to allow minor expansion.)

Frank Strout, another speaker at a public hearing on the application, also said that the town should be doing more to encourage farm development.

Tammaro's application, however, was only to construct an extension of Dawe Road to access the property. As such, Tam-

maro sought and was granted a number of waivers to construct a private road, but with the look and feel of a less obtrusive private accessway.

Among waivers was a reduction in road width from a 22-foot-wide travel surface to 14 feet, an increase in maximum slope from 3 feet to 5 feet, and a reduction in required pavement to the first 10 feet of road rather than the first 50 feet.

Tammaro will also be exempt from installing curbing, paving an emergency turnaround, and installing monumentation of the road's right of way.

Tammaro sought the private-road designation, rather than private accessway, so that future owners of the neighboring Maxwell

property could retain access rights through the road. Ownership of a private accessway to the Tammaro lot would stay with the lot's owner, potentially cutting off access to the Maxwell land.

Another neighbor, John Holmes of 27 Valley Road, said he was impressed with Tammaro's efforts to ensure drainage away from adjacent homes. "I really feel like Nick's gone above and beyond the call of duty," Holmes told the board.

Delano Park private access approved; hearing set on shoreland zoning amendments.

In other matters, the board also approved a permit for Delano Park resident Jeannette Creteau to create private access to a new lot

at 112 Delano Park.

Also, the board set for public hearing proposed amendments to the town's shoreland zoning-overlay district. The district governs zoning standards for shoreland areas in town, and the amendments are meant to comply with state-mandated updates.

The hearing will be held at the board's meeting on April 27 at 7 p.m. in the town hall chamber. A complete draft, along with proposed map amendments, is available on the town's Web site, <http://www.capeelizabeth.com/ordinances>.

The April 27 meeting, on a Monday, is a departure from the board's regular third Tuesday schedule to accommodate April school vacation.

Matthews

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won the kindergarten through sixth grade (K-6) division.

For the two, the three wins are all the sweeter because of their friendship.

"Matthew's my friend, and it's fun that we have done all these things together," Matthew Fishbein said.

In the final contest for the individual K-6 title on March 21, Reale-Hatem battled fiercely against last year's winner, Pond Cove fourth-grader Wesley Parker, another Cape chess phenom.

On March 21, Fishbein, a past K-6 winner who will play next year in the high school division, captured the junior high title last held by current Cape high school freshman Ethan DiNinno, another chess standout. Cape eighth-graders Brett Parker and Anthony Freccero tied for second in the same division.

Other chess players who competed in the individual championships on March 21 included DiNinno; Zale and Kyle Rasco; and Tony, Joey, and Vince DeMarco.

Koko and Arden Wing competed in the girls' individual championships held the prior weekend at UMO.

When *The Cape Courier* went to press on March 31, the Matthews—along with Freccero and brothers Wesley and Brett Parker—were getting ready to head to Nashville, Tenn., March 3 to March 5 to compete in the National Championships.

Four square

At the end of February, however, the two Matthews were focused on four squares on a floor, not the 64 that comprise a chess board. Reale-Hatem was the only nonadult player to make it into the men's finals Feb. 28 at the fifth annual Four Square World Championships, where he captured the 2009 Junior World championship title. His buddy Fishbein won the 2009 "Audience Choice" champ award, voted on by spectators. A week later, their Cape chess team went on to win a state title, and in that meet, Fishbein scored a perfect 4-0.

Budget

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School Board on Monday, March 30 to review the proposed school budget. No official budget recommendation was made at that meeting. (See page 1 story "Late-breaking bad news..." for more information about the school budget process.)

A final Town Council vote on the 2010 budgets is scheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 at the Town Hall, with a citizen vote to validate the adopted school budget scheduled for Tuesday, May 12.



Gathering March 21 at the Maine State Scholastic Chess Championships in Orono are, left to right, front row, Wesley Parker, Matthew Fishbein, Anthony Freccero; middle row, Jack Demeter, Nicolas Shedd, Leo Wing; top row, John Xiang of Scarborough, Matthew Reale-Hatem, Colin Smith, and Brett Parker.

In the past four years, Cape chess players have won seven individual state titles and four team titles in Maine, where for years Deer Isle reigned uncontested in state chess championships. Most Maine school teams have paid coaches, and the Deer Isle community this year raised "many thousands of dollars"—enough money to send 13 players to the nationals in Nashville this weekend, said Matthew's father, Dan Fishbein.

By contrast, the Cape kids who play chess only get help from parent volunteers, who don't coach. They can't, Fishbein said.

"The kids are rated higher than most of us," Dan Fishbein said, laughing, before adding. "As for fundraising, we do have the Bounce House on Family Fun Day, and that brings in a few hundred dollars."

So is it something in the Cape water?

"We just have a bunch of talented, hard-working kids," Dan Fishbein said. "They meet on Saturday mornings for two hours, and by and large they teach themselves."

The town Web site is a good source for budget information, including updated budget summaries and tax impacts. Visit the town's Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com and click on "Budget 2009-2010" on the menu to the left.

Residents may also comment on the budget on the town's new municipal budget blog at <http://capeelizabethbudget09-10.blogspot.com> or by linking to the blog at the top right hand of the town Web site home page. No registration is required. Comments may be made anonymously or not. "Truly objectionable" comments may be removed.

Park

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recent years, and work on the park's many stone walls. The commission also hopes to obtain money for Battery Keyes. Long-term projects include work at Battery Blair and the crumbling Goddard Mansion.

"We are on the verge of making a recommendation to the Town Council about the Goddard Mansion," said Chase, who declined to reveal those recommendations in advance of submitting a formal report to the council at its regular April meeting.

The commission met on March 19 and began a discussion about revenue raising that Chase said was "just getting people up to speed with what's been talked about in the past."

McGovern and Town Council Chair Jim Rowe attended the early part of the meeting and asked that the commission review their previous work in light of the current economy, including the pay/display parking plan rejected in 2006.

"Our thinking is that we need another referendum to go ahead with [parking fees or entrance fees]," Chase said.

Other ideas discussed included concession or pushcart opportunities; tour bus fees; increased user fees; and whether space at the Officers Row buildings could be leased to for-profit entities.

Chase said that a number of the Officers Row units, currently restricted to not-for-profits, stand vacant. Rental and mainte-

nance of those units is under the auspices of the town at the present, but Chase said that could change.

Chase anticipates that at the commission's next meeting, scheduled for April 30 at 7 p.m. at the public works building, some more detailed information will be added to the picture.

"We have no hard information as to how much money each option will raise," Chase said. "And some will require some up-front investment."

Chase hopes to have someone from Community Services at the next meeting to review user fees and demand for the park as well as someone from the park gift shop to discuss bus traffic and how tour bus fees might impact sales at the gift shop.

The commission is also looking for a consultant with expertise in fundraising for parks. "There is no need to reinvent the wheel," Chase said. "Somebody will know what works and what doesn't. We're hoping we can locate the expertise."

Citizens may share ideas for revenue-raising with the commission via the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com. Click on the link for the Fort Williams Advisory Commission to have an e-mail forwarded to all commission members.

"We're looking for ideas," said Chase. "We're just getting off the ground at the moment."

The commission has "no definite timeline" said Chase. Other than that "we have to be up and ready to go next summer."

School budget

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and a decrease in student population, and received an increase in aid. Yarmouth had a 9-percent increase in valuation and a 1-percent decrease in student population and received an 18-percent increase [in aid]. The state believes we had an 11-percent increase in valuation and a 2-percent decrease in population, and we get a 16.4-percent cut."

Baileysville, which had 6-percent enrollment decrease and a 21-percent drop in valuation, will receive 23.4 percent more in state funding. Bridgewater, where there is a 3-percent drop in population and a 13-percent increase in valuation, will get 11.1 percent more in state aid, Millet wrote in a March 29 e-mail to the board and Hawkins.

The plunge is the latest development in the board's roller-coaster ride of a budget season. This fall, the DOE announced that Cape's education aid would be curtailed \$421,000 next year. But in February, school officials learned that thanks to federal stimulus package stabilization funds, the curtailment would not be imposed. Because Cape will receive \$700,000 in stabilization funds, the district's bad news is not as terrible as it could have been. Without those funds, Cape would lose \$1.2 million in education aid.

First adopted school budget

The School Board on March 10 adopted a

\$20.2 million school budget, up \$381,007, or 1.93 percent, from this year's budget. Under that proposal, property taxes for education would have gone up .77 percent, but taxpayers would not have seen their bills rise if a proposed municipal budget calling for a .58 percent reduction in taxes was approved.

Undesignated funds

News about the half-million dollar cut came 12 days after school officials learned that insurance premiums will not go up next year, the result of a contribution from the Maine Education Association Trust.

In mid-March, the board, which had included \$163,500 for insurance in the adopted budget, decided to put the additional funds into an undesignated fund balance. Board members discussed using some of the contingency money for technology. The state recently announced a new program to provide laptops to students at all Maine high schools that opt into the program.

Budget vote schedule

Citizens are scheduled to vote on the validation of a school budget on Tuesday, May 12, at the high school. If voters fail to validate a budget that day, they will vote again on Tuesday, June 9. If a third vote is necessary, Cape residents will go to the polls Tuesday, July 14.

Information about absentee voting will be available on the Cape Elizabeth town Web site, www.capeelizabeth.com.

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Cape resident **Jillian Smith** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., where she is a freshman majoring in health sciences. A 2008 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, Jillian is the daughter of **Barb and Graham Smith**.

Former Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher **Andrew Lomac-MacNair**, who taught in Cape Elizabeth from 1989 to 2003, recently published his second novel which is available from Amazon.com. The book, "Lantern's Passage," is also available for downloading on Amazon's wireless reading device, the Kindle. A coming-of-age novel that includes mystery and suspense, the book is set in the Outer Banks of North Carolina in 1958 and 1959 during two summers in the life of 11-year-old Drew MacLaren.

Referred to by his students as "Mr. L.," Andrew now lives in San Diego, Calif., and the Pacific side of Costa Rica.

Benjamin T. Rautenberg was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., where he is majoring in political science, with a minor in journalism and communications. A member of the class of 2010, Ben was also selected as a member of the Mustard and Cheese Drama Society at Lehigh, the nation's second oldest theater group.

Ledgemere Country Day School early education teachers, **Diane Nicholson, Verna Gordon, Peggy Hunter, Jenny Allen, Mary Goodine** and **Kathy Pappas**, have been recognized by the Maine Roads To Quality Child Care and Early Education Career Development Center at the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School in Portland. The six teachers have been named to the center's Maine Roads to Quality Registry, which recognizes teachers' experience, training, education, and volunteer contributions to the early childhood profession. To remain on the registry, teachers are required to document ongoing annual training in early education. The registry, which is voluntary, is designed to promote high-quality child care and early education for young children and their families.

Cape resident **Mike Mahoney** was recently appointed by Gov. John E. Baldacci to serve on the board of directors of Finance Authority of Maine (FAME), a quasi-independent state agency with a mission to offer innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business and higher educational opportunities.

Mahoney is a partner in Federle-Mahoney, a law and government affairs firm that represents businesses and trade associations before the Maine legislative and executive branches. Before cofounding his firm, Mahoney served for two years as chief legal counsel in Baldacci's office.

Cape resident **Pat Chase** will join thousands of women and men to raise funds and awareness to help defeat breast cancer in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on May 16 and 17 in Boston. Participants in the noncompetitive event complete 39.3 miles over the weekend.

Pat was inspired to take part in the Avon Walk by the large number of people she has known who have suffered from breast cancer.

"As a veterinarian, I spend my days caring for the health of my animal patients," she said. "Now I would like to do something for their wonderful owners. I will be joined in the walk by three of my four sisters, all from out of state."

Six months after completing a multi-million-dollar makeover, **Inn by the Sea** has been awarded a 2009 four-diamond rating from the American Automobile Association (AAA) for superior service and upscale facilities. Less than 4 percent of AAA-rated lodgings earn four diamonds.

This spring, the inn will support Habitat for Humanity by cutting rates on seaside cottages by 50 percent, Sundays through Thursdays, from May 1 to May 22. The Maine Innkeepers Association's "Hospitality for Humanity" program raises money to help build homes for deserving families in Maine.

Elise Littlefield was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Maine at Orono, where she is majoring in child development. A Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, she is member of the class of 2011.

'Baking a wish' with Bob!



Photo by Donna Liimatainen-Peterson

"Survivor Gabon" winner **Bob Crowley** of South Portland talks to members of the Caring Kids Club on March 20 at Saint Alban's Church, where the kids' group, which is committed to helping others, raised nearly \$736 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation at a bake sale. The event was part of the "Bake-A-Wish" campaign by the Maine chapter of Make-A-Wish, which has a mission of granting a wish to children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Cape Cottage Beach Association cosponsored the event.

Olivia Chance, the daughter of **John Chance and Linda Chance**, recently received two awards at Hyde School in Bath. In addition to getting the school's precalculus award, she was named Most Improved Player in girls' swimming.

Kathy Duca, sales manager of **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**, was recently honored with the company's "President's Council Award," which recognizes managers who demonstrate leadership and management skills.

Frank S. Strout, an associate broker with **RE/MAX Oceanside**, has earned the "Energy Smart Real Estate Specialist" designation from Energy Smart Real Estate Professionals Co. in Alexandria, Va. Strout can now guide buyers and sellers through complex information about making their home more energy efficient for resale purposes or to save on monthly utility bills.

Ram Island Landscape & Design, William H. Jordan Farm, and David Buchanan from **Turkey Hill Farm** have started a business venture called **Kitchen Gardens**, which installs raised beds for homeowners, turns flower gardens into edible gardens, and transforms lawns into edible landscape.

Karen Henderson of Ram Island designs gardens and coordinates their installation and maintenance. **Mark Butterfield** of Jordan's Farm, provides soil, seedlings, and materials for raised beds, and **Bill Jordan, Jr.**, provides experience and knowledge of growing produce in Cape Elizabeth, which he has done for more than 40 years.

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