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A touch of spring



Photo by Jack Kennealy

Tulips, like the one above, have yet to bloom this spring in Cape Elizabeth, but crocuses and early-planted pansies have appeared around town, with the promise of more flowers to come.

Officials still baffled about half-million dollar cut in state education aid to Cape

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth school officials remain baffled about why the state Department of Education has cut aid to Cape schools by more than a half million dollars, while increasing aid to schools with similar property valuation and declines in student enrollment. Superintendent Alan Hawkins sent an inquiry to Jim Rier, the DOE's Director of Finance and operations, on March 30, one week after he learned about the \$504,339 cut. Since then, Hawkins has sent additional letters to Rier and DOE Commissioner Susan Gendron, but to no avail.

'Extreme frustration'

"I'm getting no responses, and to be honest with you, I'm so frustrated it isn't funny," Hawkins said April 8. "There's extreme frustration across the state."

State aid to school systems is decided by a complicated formula that takes into account student enrollment and property valuations. Cape Elizabeth has had an 11-percent increase in valuation and a 27-student decrease in enrollment. However, other stand-

alone districts—districts that have not consolidated—such as Yarmouth and School Administrative District 51, which includes Cumberland and North Yarmouth, are to receive more state aid than last year, despite declining enrollment and rising property valuations, Hawkins pointed out in a letter to Rier.

"Please help me, and then my School Board, and then the voters understand these differences before we finalize an already difficult budget season," Hawkins wrote in an e-mail to Rier. "... Looking at the red print on the charts, it is clear many, many school systems took hits, and each is struggling with this new information. But it is troubling to try to balance the losses with the very large gains of some districts."

High school laptop initiative

As a result of the cut, Cape Elizabeth will not be able to partake of a recently announced state initiative to provide laptops to students at all high schools, Hawkins said.

—see EDUCATION AID, page 18

I'm so frustrated ... There's extreme frustration across the state.
—Alan Hawkins, Cape Elizabeth Superintendent

Public comment on \$30 million budget focuses on schools and local dispatch

Council budget vote will close local safety dispatch

By Bob Dodd

On April 13, about 40 citizens spoke at a public hearing on the town's proposed combined \$30 million budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

If their comments are any measure, the sticking points in the budget come down to mainly two:

1. Which school budget is best, one that meets the Town Council's goal of zero property tax increase or one approved by the School Board that increases taxes by 0.6 percent? And on which version should citizens vote?

2. Should the town's emergency dispatch service be regionalized?

In the end, the council voted 4-2 to accept the municipal budget as proposed. The approved municipal budget totals \$8,533,254, a \$270,836 decrease from last year's budget. The action included the regionalization of the dispatch services.

The council also voted 6-0 to table con-

sideration of the School Board's proposed budget until a special Town Council meeting on April 30.

Action on school budget delayed until April 30 meeting

About 25 citizens addressed the school budget at the public hearing. Those who spoke were almost evenly divided in supporting one budget version over the other.

The council tabled action on the proposed school budget until a special meeting to be held on April 30. At that meeting, the council intends to decide which budget to place before the town for a citizen vote.

A citizen vote on the school budget was mandated by the state beginning last year as part of the school consolidation process. A date of May 12 has been set for a citizen vote on the school budget ultimately approved by the Town Council.

One budget version — approved by the School Board at an April 6 special meeting — would increase the tax rate for school services by 2.5 percent. When combined with the municipal, county, and Community

—see PUBLIC COMMENT, page 18

Arts Night!



Cape seventh-grader Hannah Newhall's linoleum print of a lighthouse will be on display with other works by middle school and Pond Cove students on April 29 in the schools' cafeteria. The event will also feature student drummers, a choir, jazz, and a student art sale. College art students and visiting artists will create art projects with people who attend. For more, see page 13.

B2B registrations still available for fundraisers

As a past beneficiary of the TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon 10K road race, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation has a limited number of bib numbers available to individuals interested in fundraising.

Each year the Beach to Beacon Board of Directors offers CEEF and other past race beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase 25 race registrations for the purpose of fundraising.

CEEF has taken advantage of this charitable component of the race each year since being named the race beneficiary in 2006. At this time there are still registrations available through CEEF. Any person interested in obtaining a bib number for a fundraising commitment should e-mail run@ceef.us.

Online registration for the increasingly popular race closed in a record 1.75 hours on March 15.

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For golfers, it's official!



Spring officially arrives at the Purpoodock Golf Club on Spurwink Avenue as the course dries enough for play. The 18-hole course officially opened for the season on April 17, but a few hardy players could be spotted on any sunny day in early April. The club's newly renovated clubhouse will open May 15.



Cape's Fresh Air Fund volunteers, supporters, thanked

National Volunteer Week marks a special time of year for The Fresh Air Fund and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to our dedicated Fresh Air hosts, volunteers and supporters in Cape Elizabeth. They truly embody the meaning of the 2009 National Volunteer Week theme, "Celebrating People in Action," by demonstrating their commitment to helping New York City children.

Fresh Air volunteers work in several capacities throughout the year in 13 north-eastern states and Canada. Caring Fresh Air host families open their homes and share the everyday joys of summertime with their Fresh Air guests. Our local volunteer leaders – many of whom are also hosts – give by serving on our local committees, planning summer activities, publicizing the program and interviewing prospective host families. Additionally, individuals and businesses give generously of their time and resources to make the Friendly Town host family program throughout this area a great success each and every summer.

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Bonding for our future; two rounds of voting upcoming for transportation, energy, economic development and environmental projects

By Sen. Larry Bliss, District 7

Roads, schools, parks, cultural sites, and sewer and water facilities are the backbone of our public infrastructure, and many are in need of repair or upgrade. Like most states, Maine issues bonds to pay for repair and upgrade of roads and other physical infrastructure.

Bonding allows us to acquire matching funds from federal and private funding sources. Imagine if you were looking to invest in a new roof for your home to protect the infrastructure of the home so that interior damage does not occur. Then a family member steps forward, knowing you do not have money for such repairs, and says he will give you \$5000 if you come up with \$5000 to match what he gives you. You are cash-strapped so you must borrow from a bank to get the matching funds, and of course you will have to pay interest to the bank on the \$5K borrowed. But the money from the family member is free – no interest, no payback. What a deal, right? You will double your money, not to mention your saving on repairs that will be more extensive and costly later.

The governor's proposed bond package makes critical investments in energy independence, highways and bridges, passenger and freight rail, higher education, innovation and the environment. If enacted, Governor Baldacci's investment package will go to voters in two rounds of voting, with \$265.8 million on the November ballot and \$40.4 million on the June 2010 ballot. The Governor's package includes: \$127.8 million for transportation projects, including roads, bridges, rail, ferries and aviation; \$52 million for energy upgrades and building improvements at the state's universities, community colleges and Maine Maritime Academy; \$15.5 million for energy conservation and the development of offshore wind power; \$67.5 million for competitive research and development grants, economic development and the redevelopment of Brunswick Naval Air Station; and \$43.4 million for Land for Maine's Future, working waterfronts, clean water and environmental protection.

The governor's bond proposal is simply that — a proposal. All bond bills before the Legislature have already had a public hear-



Sen. Larry Bliss

ing and are being reworked, discussed, vetted, and ultimately redrafted. They will be debated in both the House and Senate before being sent out to voters for their ultimate approval or rejection. It's a dramatic investment, \$306 million over three years, but it is necessary. President Obama's stimulus package is a significant national investment, and now it is imperative that states step in and do their part generating investment and job creation.

In 2008, according to Moody's Investor Services, Maine ranked 35th lowest in the nation with respect to net tax-supported debt per capita, and 36th lowest in the nation with respect to debt as a percentage of income. Maine's tax-supported debt burden per capita is \$618. The national median is \$889. Wall Street gives Maine high marks for its tax-supported debt policies. During its entire history as a state, Maine has never defaulted on payments of principal and interest on general obligation or moral obligation bonds.

In 1999, we enacted the '5-percent rule,' – no more than 5 percent of the state's annual revenues may be used to pay down debt. With respect to the current bond issuance capacity of Maine and the 5-percent rule, the state could issue as much as \$500 million in bonds if no other debt was issued and if the drawdown of bond proceeds occurred over time. This package is a clear step in the right direction. It is a true investment in our future.

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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Hazardous waste collection set for May 9

Cape Elizabeth will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Public Works building on Cooper Drive, below the recycling center.

Residents may bring:

From the yard: pesticides, insecticides, fertilizer, herbicides, insect sprays, rodent killers, acids, No-Pest Strips, chlordane and pool chemicals.

From the garage: antifreeze, brake fluid, degreasers, carburetor cleaner, creosote, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based and lead-based paints, solvents and paint thinner.

From the house: fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, drain cleaners, furniture polish, metal polish, mothballs, upholstery cleaners, photo chemicals, floor cleaners, spot remover, button batteries, rechargeable batteries, old chemistry sets, mercury and mercury thermometers, thermostats, electronics, televisions and computer monitors.

From the workbench: rust inhibitors, wood preservatives, wood strippers, wood stains, paint thinners, oil-based and lead-based paints, solvents, degreasers, sealants,

resins, adhesives, unknown substances, arsenic-treated wood and asbestos-based products.

Please tighten caps and lids, and leave materials in original containers. Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper. Do not use garbage bags, and never mix chemicals or smoke while handling hazardous materials.

Take items directly to the collection site, and stay in your vehicle and follow signage to dropoff area.

Material will not be accepted from contractors.

Do not bring medical waste, radioactive waste, commercial waste, smoke detectors, ammunition, alkaline household batteries, explosives, road flares, fireworks, propane cylinders, * car batteries, * latex paint, * tires, * and motor oil.*

*These items are accepted elsewhere at the Recycling Center, with some having a disposal fee.

For more information, please call the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Center at 799-0324 or e-mail al.ward@capeelizabeth.org.

Recycling center offers spring Sunday hours for disposal of leaf, yard wastes, recyclables

The recycling center will be open for the disposal of leaf, yard wastes and recyclables on four consecutive Sundays beginning April 19, 2009. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items normally destined for the transfer station (household rubbish) will not be accepted.

Fees will be waived for residents transporting storm-related brush and limbs only.

Fees will be assessed for other items requiring such.

For more information please call Public Works, 799-4151.

Spring schedule

- Sunday, April 19 - 10:00 to 5:00
- Sunday, April 26 - 10:00 to 5:00
- Sunday, May 3 - 10:00 to 5:00
- Sunday, May 10 - 10:00 to 5:00

Shore Road pathway final report submitted to council, available for review by public

The Shore Road Pathway Study Committee submitted its final report to the Town Council. The council officially accepted the report at its Monday, April 13 meeting, but will begin substantive review at a later workshop.

The 52-page report includes concept plan drawings, cost estimates, and photo simulations of a path estimated to cost \$883,000.

"This plan represents the committee's best efforts to balance the public safety needs of pedestrians, the preservation of the unique physical and natural characteristics of Shore Road, and impacts on abutting property own-

ers," says the report's executive summary.

The summary also notes the extensive efforts made to "incorporate public participation into the project," with meetings with abutters on the land side of Shore Road, published updates, Web site postings, mailings, public comment periods at meetings, and a public forum.

The report may be viewed on the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com. Click on "Shore Road Path" from the menu on the right of the home page.

Copies of the report are also available from the town's planning office for \$11.

Route 77 pavement project to begin May 11

Beginning May 11, weather permitting, the town is scheduled to begin a pavement-rehabilitation project on Route 77, between the intersection at the east end of Fowler Road south to Wentworth Road.

The work should take four to five days to complete, said Public Works Director Robert Malley. "During the project, motorists should expect slight delays as the work is being performed," he said.

He suggested motorists use Old Ocean House Road as an alternate route once construction is underway.

The town will be removing a layer of

pavement along the stretch of Route 77 commonly called "The Strip," Malley said. "The process is called 'milling' and involves removing approximately 1.5 inches of asphalt and then replacing it with a new layer of the same thickness," he said.

The benefits of milling are primarily in maintaining the existing elevations, so that the guardrails and shoulders do not have to be adjusted after the new layer of asphalt is applied, Malley said.

The town has contracted with Dayton Sand & Gravel, Inc. to coordinate the work.

42nd annual Engine One Labor Day Art Show to include craft area

The 42nd Annual Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Engine One Labor Day Art Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at Fort Williams Park. The rain date is Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

The popular art exhibit annually attracts more than 100 of New England's top artists, including many from Cape Elizabeth.

New this year is the addition of a crafts section, to be limited to a designated area of the field. Artists must indicate whether their display will include crafts on their registration form.

Also new is a reduced registration fee, in

light of the current economy. Registration is \$45 for the 2009 show or \$50 for forms submitted after July 1, 2009. Last year's fee was \$50, and \$60 for late registrations.

A complete information packet (PDF format), including registration form, rules and regulations, may be downloaded from the town Web site.

More information about the Labor Day Art Show is available by calling (207) 799-1662 and leaving a message; or you may e-mail questions to CEFDENG1@maine.rr.com.

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Benefits of composting extend far beyond the backyard

By Gregory Walsh

I figure one pound every two days. That's about how much kitchen waste we, a household of two, take out to the compost pile.

Sometimes it is more, but rarely is it less. It is more when we have guests visiting and when all the kids are around for holidays or for family dinners and the like. It is less when we are not doing much in the way of cooking.

Sometimes, when the snow is deep or maybe when it's raining, no one wants to make the trek out to the compost pile, a fenced-off six-foot square situated about 50 yards from the back door and known to our family as "Woodville." When the compost bucket is ignored, the stuff waits patiently in the kitchen or garage until my poor wife finally declares that she has had enough and puts on her boots to brave the weather.

A pound every two days — that's about 180 pounds annually — a fairly hefty amount, and that's just scraps from the kitchen. On top of all that, Woodville is also the final resting place for a much greater amount of organic yard wastes — the result of clipping, raking, cutting and weeding activities that take place on so many warm-weather weekends. This material is measured by the bucket or wheelbarrow load. Autumn leaves, sticks and branches are handled separately, of course, usually transported directly to the town transfer station in the back of our pickup truck.

This story of what goes out to Woodville has much greater significance than one family's attempt at composting. In the broader and more important sense, it means hundreds

of pounds of generally heavy, wet material that is not brought to the transfer station and dumped into the hopper.

The Waste Management Institute at Cornell University estimates that organic kitchen and yard waste makes up 20 to 30 percent of the overall waste stream in a typical community. The online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, estimates that food waste alone makes up close to 20 percent of all municipal solid waste. Somewhere within those numbers, we are helped to envision the huge mass of all those bags of kitchen scraps as they are tossed into the hopper. You can hear the plop as those bags of otherwise compostable material are dropped to the bottom of the hopper week after week, inexorably adding their weight to the mass of garbage that must be trucked away at considerable expense to the town.

Our little 36-square-foot pile of once-living detritus, regularly picked over by crows, blue jays and other critters of the neighborhood, has never provided us with even a bucketful of soil. We have never really made an attempt at that type of composting. One of these years, perhaps we will dedicate a new pile of garbage in the back yard — one designed to provide 'black gold' for the garden.

Meanwhile, Woodville will continue to function as our own family repository for castoff organic material. We are always adding to it, but it never seems to get any bigger. And it's a nice feeling to know that each year we are diverting hundreds of pounds of material from the town dump.

Cape resident honored for 'eco-excellence'



Lauren Hاديaris, second from left, stands with, from left to right, ecomaine Chairman Tony Plante, Marcia Leander and ecomaine General Manager Kevin Roche.

Lauren Hاديaris of Cape Elizabeth was honored for her contributions to preserving the Cape Elizabeth local ecology with the presentation of the 2009 eco-Excellence Award, given annually by ecomaine.

The nomination was submitted by Hاديaris's mother, Marcia Leander, to honor her daughter's efforts to quantify the amount of carbon dioxide generated by using Cape Elizabeth's transfer station as compared to a curbside trash pickup service.

Hاديaris presented her findings, by request, to the town's recycling committee and to the Town Council and was honored

at a luncheon held at the ecomaine offices in Portland in March. She was presented with a framed award and a duffle bag made from 100 percent post-consumer recycled material. The recognition luncheon also included an exchange of ideas among eco-Excellence winners from other participating ecomaine municipalities and a tour of the \$3.7 million single-sort recycling system.

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Gabriel Zimpritch Poetry Symposium April 30

The 2009 Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium will be held at Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth on Thursday, April 30. Student poets selected from Cape Elizabeth High School will spend the day writing poetry at The Telling Room in Portland.

Students will be working with Patricia Hagge, lead teacher at The Telling Room, and Molly McGrath, writer, editor, teacher and program director at The Telling Room. Lisa Melanson of the English Department at Cape Elizabeth High School will be choosing the students for the workshop and will accompany them on their adventure in writing.

The Poetry Symposium is held each year

as a memorial to Gabriel Adam Zimpritch, a member of Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1996, who died suddenly on May 2, 1995.

His passion for writing poetry prompted his family and friends to establish the Gabriel A. Zimpritch Library Fund, which supports the Poetry Collection at Thomas Memorial Library and the Poetry Symposium.

Participating students will present their poetry at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Thomas Memorial Library. This event is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the results of the hard work and remarkable talent of some of our young people.

Zoe and Chase Gaston to exhibit arts and crafts work at library in May

Cape Elizabeth resident Zoe Gaston, and her son, Chase Gaston, will exhibit their arts and crafts work at the Thomas Memorial Library during the month of May.

Zoe Gaston's works include acrylic paintings with multiple themes. Chase Gaston's work includes animal drawings, weavings and pottery.



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Mary Hall and Jack Riddle exhibit at library continues through April

An exhibit of new oil paintings by Maine artists Mary Hall and Jack Riddle is on view at Thomas Memorial Library during the month of April. The pair, who had a joint exhibit at the library in 2007, will show new works for the first time.

Mary Hall is showing work resulting from a recent trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Jack Riddle is also showing work inspired by trips to San Miguel as well as a collection of Maine landscapes and sea-

scapes, still lifes and landscapes from other parts of the country and Europe.

Both artists have shown widely in southern Maine. Riddle has concurrent shows during April at Maine Medical Center and Maine Bank & Trust at Mill Creek, South Portland.

A mid-show reception at the Thomas Memorial Library is set for April 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The artists will discuss their work, and light refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

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Wednesday, April 29, 3:15 -5 p.m.

Library Community Room

Themes

April 19 - 25:

Rabbit! Rabbit!

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April 26 - May 2:

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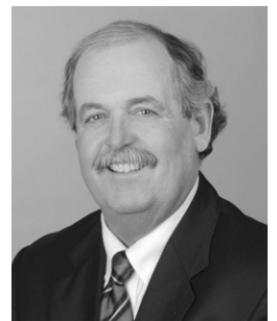
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COMPLAINTS**

3-11 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that an account had been opened in the plaintiff's name at a New York branch of a bank with which the plaintiff does business. The plaintiff contacted the bank, the account has been closed and the bank is investigating the fraud.

3-22 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a possible harassment complaint.

insurance, Route 77, \$171

3-27 SP resident, speeding (44/35 zone) Spurwink Ave., \$119

3-27 CE resident, speeding (49/35 zone) Spurwink Ave., \$137

3-28 Peaks Island resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171

ARRESTS

3-17 Steuben resident, OAS, suspended driver's license, possession of scheduled drug

3-21 Portland resident, outstanding warrant from Portland for theft

3-22 SP resident, OUI refusal, Spurwink Ave.

ACCIDENTS

3-13 Mary Elizabeth Simms, Allen Peddle, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

3-20 Two Lights Rd., fire investigation

3-21 State Ave., possible structure fire

3-22 Oakview Dr., electrical problem

3-23 Portland Jetport, aircraft standby

RESCUE CALLS

There were 14 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 7 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 2 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

SUMMONSES

3-19 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Rd., \$171

3-19 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70

3-21 SP resident, failure to stop at stop sign, Shore Rd.

3-21 Gorham resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133

3-22 SP resident, OUI, Spurwink Ave.

3-24 Gorham resident, speeding (40/30 zone) Sawyer Rd., \$137

3-24 Orono resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Rd., \$171

3-27 CE resident, speeding (43/30 zone) Shore Rd., \$137

3-27 Windham resident, failure to produce

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Pond 5K set for May 31; FIT begins April 28

Registration forms for the 2009 Pond Cove Challenge 5K, which will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, are available at all three schools and at the Community Center. Online registration is open at www.active.com.

This year is the 11th anniversary of the race, which has become a tradition for many in the community. Both runners and walkers participate, and entire families often take part in the event. The 5K race will be followed by a one-mile dash for kids 12 and younger at 9:15 a.m. A kids' fun run for children eight and younger will follow the one-mile dash, with the youngest participants starting off the fun run with a diaper dash.

Friends in Training

Pond Cove students can begin training by signing up for F.I.T. (Friends in Training), an after-school running program, which will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 28 to May 28. For more information about F.I.T. and about volunteering, please contact Courtney Thoreck at jeffrey@maine.rr.com.

Sponsored by Bostwick & Co. and Southern Maine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,

the race is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Pond Cove Parents Association. All proceeds go directly to support Pond Cove.

Corporate sponsorship, which includes a variety of marketing benefits for the sponsoring company, has been critical to the fundraising success of the race. For more information about company sponsorship of the race at any level or about company donations of prizes for race and age-group winners, please contact Pond Cove Challenge co-chair Andie Mahoney at andiemahoney@maine.rr.com or 741-2482.

CEEF spaghetti dinner

To receive a race T-shirt, please register as soon as possible. Runners can pick up registration packets on race day morning or the day before from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation's second annual spaghetti dinner in the school cafeteria. For more information about the race, contact Mahoney or co-chair Amy Cochran at cochran4@maine.rr.com. The race requires many volunteers. All interested in volunteering should contact Michelle Spencer at 767-7066.

CELL coaches to receive 'double-goal' training

Cape Elizabeth Little League (CELL) was honored recently by the Positive Coaching Alliance, a nonprofit founded 11 years ago at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., with a mission of "transforming youth sports so sports can transform youth." The PCA bestows its "seal of commitment" on youth sports organizations and schools that provide young athletes a character-building experience by requiring all coaches to be trained and certified in the "double-goal coaching" program. The program teaches coaches that

their first goal is winning, but their "second, more important goal is teaching life lessons through sports."

All of CELL's 120 adult volunteers, who serve more than 450 youth athletes, will become certified in the program, Tom Brigham, CELL's director of baseball, said.

"It takes work to get coaches certified, but we owe it to the families participating in our programs to provide the best experience possible," Brigham said.

Three Cape cyclists members of masters team

Cape Elizabeth athletes Graydon Stevens, Fred Thomas, and Ted Darling, are part of a 32-member cycling team that will compete in a series of masters-level road races, criteriums, and stage races throughout the Northeast during the 2009 cycling season.

The OA Centers for Orthopaedics and CycleMania of Portland are sponsoring the

newly-created OA Performance Center/CycleMania Masters Cycling Team.

Last month, team members participated in a series of metabolic and physiological tests to benchmark their early-season fitness at the OA Sports Lab, a collaborative venture between the University of New England and OA. The lab is located in Saco.

Cape athletes put in strong swimming, basketball performances at Special Olympics



Gathering at the Cape pool on Friday, April 3, are swim relay team members, left to right, Thomas Bourdeaux, Gabe Brewington, Chase Gaston and Rudy Pelzer.



Sharing a silly moment on Saturday, April 5, at the Maine State Basketball Tournament in Gorham are members of Cape Elizabeth's basketball team, left to right, standing, Thomas Bourdeaux, Nolan Dorrance, Gabe Brewington, Sabrina Holmes, Peter Tarling; sitting, Jamison Vickery, Ian Robertson and Luke Lomma.

Photos by Morigan Burns

By Karen Johnson

The Cape Elizabeth Special Olympics team was busy during the month of March preparing for the Cumberland County Special Olympics Swim Meet and the Maine State Basketball Tournament. The swim meet took place on April 3 at the Cape Elizabeth High School pool.

'Favorite event'

"This is our favorite event of the year," said Kristen Cobb, Special Olympics coach. "Athletes from all three schools swam in various races and all did very well, not only while they were swimming but in cheering and supporting their teammates. [We] are very proud of them."

All swimmers received place ribbons for their effort, and high school swimmer Ben Schklair placed first overall in the meet, earning a blue ribbon in the 25 meter backstroke.



Cape athlete Luke Lomma swims during an event at the Special Olympic's swim meet held April 3 at the Richards Pool.

Basketball tournament

The next day a team of Pond Cove and Middle School athletes traveled to the Maine State Special Olympic Basketball Tournament at University of Southern Maine in Gorham. The athletes competed in the skills competition, and because this was a state tournament all athletes received gold, silver and bronze medals for their efforts. A group of parents, siblings, aunts and uncles traveled to the event to watch the athletes compete and to cheer for them.

"You have to give the athletes a lot of credit; they worked hard last month practicing their shooting, passing and dribbling skills. They came on the court ready to show all of us what they had mastered. They are great athletes," said Coach Morigan Burns.

Track and field

Next on the calendar for the Special Olympic team is the Cumberland County Track and Field Meet at Windham High School on May 1.

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Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club registration for fall travel soccer underway through April 6

Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club (CESC) is currently holding online registration for fall travel soccer for boys and girls of all experience levels who will be in grades three or higher at the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Registration, at www.capeelizabeth-soccerclub.org, will end April 24.

The club's mission is to provide soccer opportunities for eligible Cape children to improve skills and sportsmanship in both developmental and competitive league formats. The true mission is to have fun, a release from CESC states. "After all, it is a game."

Teams are divided by age groups based on each player's age, not grade.

U9 to U14

CESC, which plans to field boys' and

girls' teams at the U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, and U14 levels, strives to create balanced teams at the developmental levels of soccer to maximize every player's opportunity to play and improve all season.

The \$150 season fee covers full uniform, all field and referee fees, and regular tournament fees for the season. If space is available, late registrations may be accepted, but all who register late will have to pay a late fee.

Player assessments

This spring, CESC may hold player assessments to allow the club to get a feel for each player's abilities. CESC will announce more details after registration has closed.

For more information, please contact Susan Haversat at 741-2840 or susanh1@maine.rr.com.

Three Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. **Jessica Hirshon** is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology. **Randall Hobbs** is a freshman majoring in management. **Sarah Croft** is a senior majoring in psychology and elementary education.

Sean Meagher, the son of **Ellen and David Meagher**, was named to the dean's list and recognized for outstanding academic achievement as a member of the varsity football team for the 2008 fall semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. A freshman majoring in applied exercise science, Sean is a 2008 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Cape Elizabeth natives **Corey and Kristyn Allen Zimmerman** are the parents of **Helen Brinley Zimmerman**, born on Jan. 20 at Mercy Hospital during President Barack Obama's Inauguration speech. Helen is named after her late maternal grandmother, **Helen Brinley**, who was the daughter of **Diane and George Brinley**, all from Cape. Helen's paternal grandparents are **Jane and Barry Zimmerman** of Hunt's Point Road. Her maternal grandfather, **George Brinley**, formerly of Cape Elizabeth, now lives in Groton, Mass., with his wife Ellen.

Both 1995 graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School, Corey works as a mortgage broker with Stonecoast in Westbrook, and Kristyn teaches second grade at Mabel Wilson School in Cumberland.



Helen Zimmerman

Jonathan Brogan was elected as a fellow in the International Society of Barristers, an honor society of trial lawyers chosen on the basis of excellence, integrity, ethics and professionalism in advocacy. Brogan is a member of the Portland law firm of Norman, Hanson & DeTroy.

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Agendas for town and School Board meetings are available online at: www.capeelizabeth.com

Monday, April 20

Patriots Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

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

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

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, April 29

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 8 a.m., Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Pond Cove, Middle School Arts Night, 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

"Of Mice and Men," 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

Saturday, May 2

"Of Mice and Men," 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

Sunday, May 3

"Of Mice and Men," 2 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

Monday, May 4

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society annual meeting, 7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

School Board Extracurricular Committee, 7:30 a.m., 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

Sunday, May 10

Lions Club 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.

Kayak safety seminar to be held April 25

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with the Cape Elizabeth Water Extraction Team and more than 10 other groups, will offer a free paddle-sport safety seminar and open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the U.S. Coast Guard Base, 259 High Street, South Portland.

Participants will learn trip-planning strategies from Coast Guard recreational boating safety specialists, the U.S. Power Squadron, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maine Marine Patrol, professional kayak instructors, professional guides and other experts. All who bring kayaks will receive a free voluntary paddle craft inspection from the Coast Guard Auxiliary outside the base perimeter.

The event will also include exhibits of kayaks and canoes, safety gear, weather-protective clothing, in-the-water demonstrations of self- and assisted-rescue techniques, a flare demonstration, and a search-and-rescue demonstration by a Coast Guard helicopter. All who want to expend or turn in expired flares can do so from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Tours of USCG cutters, rescue boats, work boats, and a Maine Marine Patrol vessel will also be offered.

For more information, contact Bryan Hollis at 767-0383 or robert.b.hollis@uscg.mil.

Community Services to take group to Cole Porter show

Community Services will take a group to the North Shore Music Theatre in Massachusetts on Wednesday, July 15, to see Cole Porter's 1920s musical comedy, "Anything Goes." It is considered by some to be Porter's best and is packed full of high-energy, big tap dance numbers. The group will have lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club before the performance.

The cost, \$99, includes a theater ticket, lunch and transportation via a custom coach. The group will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the back of the Community Center.

Substance abuse in Cape topic of April 29 'coffee house'

Cape Elizabeth H.O.P.E. will host an April 29 "coffee house," an opportunity for adult community members to foster candid conversation regarding substance abuse among Cape youth. The event, which will begin at 7 p.m., will be held in the community room—the room with a kitchen—at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 345 Ocean House Road.

Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education is a one-year-old community action team with a goal to promote candid conversation about drug and alcohol use and abuse in Cape. All are welcome to attend meetings.

For more information about the event, contact Susan Klopp at mklopp@aol.com.

Lions Club will hold pancake breakfast on May 10, Mother's Day

The Lions Club will hold its monthly pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 10, 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.



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Planning Board (live)

April 27 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

April 28 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay

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

April 30 - 2 p.m.

Town Council Budget Adoption Meeting (live)

April 30 - 7:30 p.m.

Town Council Budget Adoption Meeting replay

May 1 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

May 2 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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May 3 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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Maine Memory Network to be topic of May 2 lecture

Kathy Amoroso, director of digital projects at the Maine Historical Society (MHS) in Portland, will speak at the Greater Portland chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society's 1 p.m. meeting Saturday, May 2, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Amoroso will discuss the reopening of the MHS and what is new on the Memory Network, a statewide digital museum that has access to thousands of historical items. She will also offer tips on how best to use the Memory Network.

For more information about the genealogical society, please go to www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg/.

Family Fun Day set for June 13

Family Fun Day will be held at Fort Williams Saturday, June 13, with a June 20 rain date. Family Fun Day Committee members encourage nonprofits to 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," Family Fun Day committee member Steve Culver said.

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

Bridge games every Wednesday, Friday

Bridge players can enjoy games twice a week this summer at the Community Center. All who know bridge's bidding system and are interested in playing pre-planned hands are welcome to go solo or bring a partner on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Fridays, players should bring partners to play from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost per day is \$5. For more information, please contact Community Services at 799-2868.

Garden Club to meet May 6 at Saint Bart's

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at noon at Saint Bartholomew Church to listen to forester Dennis Brennan talk about invasive plants. Members should bring a lunch to enjoy prior to the business meeting.

The garden club provides scholarships, and supports and cares for the gardens at Fort Williams Park and the Thomas Memorial Library. It also provides wreaths for Cape Elizabeth's public buildings at holiday time.

For information regarding membership, please call Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

Land Trust offers Earth Day Celebration April 22

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT), a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation and stewardship of lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community, has confirmed details of the first annual CELT Earth Day Celebration.

The Earth Day festivities will take place at the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road, on April 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The first annual Earth Day Celebration is dedicated to providing the families of Cape Elizabeth with fun activities that promote a healthy and sustainable earth. Educational environmental videos will be streaming throughout the day and special locally made door prizes will be given away.

Hands-on activities will include:

- * Making bird feeders and mystery boxes out of recycled materials

- * A rock and mineral collection

- * A planting station

During the day there will be an ongoing scavenger hunt outside. In addition, three guided walks will take place at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Community Services offers trip to the South

Community Services is offering a trip to Charleston and Beaufort, S.C.; Savannah and Jekyll Island, Ga.; and St. Augustine, Fla., from Oct. 11 to 17.

Ten meals, round-trip air from Portland, lodging in upscale hotels, services of a professional tour director and entrance fees are included in the cost of the trip. Detailed itineraries are available for pickup at the Community Services office. For more information, call 799-2868.

Free Chinese medicine class offered May 5

Licensed acupuncturist Lynn MacDonald-Webber of Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic will offer an introduction to traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. All are invited.

Acupuncture can be used to treat a wide variety of disorders, including anxiety, headaches, hypertension, stress, asthma, arthritis, pain, insomnia, digestive disorders, infertility and menstrual disorders, and sports injuries. Macdonald-Webber will discuss how Chinese medicine works and how it can be used to help keep people healthy.

Coastal Wellness, located at 300 Ocean House Road, offers acupuncture, chiropractic care, massage, counseling, and naturopathic medicine. As part of its community outreach, the center offers free classes at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in its goal to help people to live healthier lives, naturally. To register or get more information, please call 207-799-9355.

Senior scams to be topic of May 5 Triad meeting

Cape Elizabeth/South Portland Triad will present a forum for senior citizens, "Just Say No to Senior Scams," from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, at the Cape Elizabeth Town Center Fire Station, 325 Ocean House Road.

Charles Kennedy of Key Bank and Nicole Evans of United Way of Greater Portland, who is program director for the Greater Portland Cash Coalition, will discuss the many disguises of fraud, with special attention to scams that target senior citizens. Signs of

fraud and tips for avoiding scams will also be discussed.

All senior citizens are invited to attend the event, which is free. Parking is at the rear of the building. Admission is free for everyone. Light refreshments will be provided by Key Bank.

For more information, please contact Cape Elizabeth Police Liaison Officer Mark Dorval at mark.dorval@capeelizabeth.org or 767-3323.

'I Remember Cape' series to start April 28

Cape Elizabeth photographer and writer Jan Reale-Hatem will present her popular series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories," on Tuesdays, April 28, May 5, and May 19 at the Community Center. Participants can attend one or all sessions, which are free.

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. Participants, who are encouraged to bring a photograph to share, will have a chance to record memories on

postcards she will provide, and which Reale-Hatem hopes to share with members of the Cape community down the road.

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.

Community Services to offer three-day trip to western Massachusetts

Community Services is offering a three-day trip to western Massachusetts from April 29 to May 1. The first day, the group will tour the Yankee Candle Flagship Store and have lunch at Chandler's Restaurant in South Deerfield, Mass., and afterward will head to the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge for two nights. During the trip, the group will visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, enjoy

a step-on guided tour of the area, including Lenox and Stockbridge, with a look at some of the Gilded Age cottages and Tanglewood. Tripgoers will also visit Chesterwood.

The cost is \$345 per person based on double occupancy, and many meals are included. Detailed itineraries are available at the Community Services office. For more information, call the office at 799-2868.

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Raffle underway to raise money for high school scholarship

This year, a Cape Elizabeth High School senior who will pursue studies in home-building or a related field after graduation will receive the first Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Homebuilders Scholarship on June 11, Senior Night at the high school.

All 2009 graduating seniors who plan to attend a college or trade school specializing in careers that relate to home-building or associated businesses are eligible.

To help fund the scholarship, a raffle is underway for a shed or playhouse to be built by Cape Elizabeth builder Mike Cloutier of Cloutier Construction. Tickets, which are \$5 apiece or \$20 for five, are available at Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office, 295 Ocean House Road.

For more information, call 799-5000.

Eight student musicians perform at USM concert

Eight young Cape musicians performed at the University of Southern Maine's Youth Ensembles concert on April 16 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Mary-Elizabeth Simms played clarinet with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble and Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra. Anastasia Kouros, a middle school student, performed with both the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble and the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Emily McDuffie played clarinet with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, and members of the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra included high school students Kathleen Mitchell on viola and Laura Hayes on violin.

Cape musicians performing with the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra included high school students Helen Gray-Bauer on viola and Charlotte Ruty on violin, and middle school student Evan Long on violin.

Sweet job



As part of his community program in Cape Elizabeth High School's Life Skills program, student Greg Gulino spent a recent Wednesday morning volunteering at a children's story hour at Whole Foods Market in Portland. Among several tasks, his responsibilities included setting up the juices and snacks and assisting with recycling.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School honor roll for the second trimester

Eighth grade

High honors—Josephine Barth, Gabriel Brewington, Allison Briggs, Anna Brogan, Moriah Brown, Justin Cary, Meghan Clifford, Alexander Cooley, Emma Dadmun, Jamie Dell'Aquila, Clarice Diebold, Daniel Epstein, Petar Filipov, Michaela Forde, Robert Freccero, Matthew Gilman, Caroline Gleason, Francesca Governali, Duncan Hanrahan, Zachary Hillman, Emma Inhorn, Erin Lyons, Mireia Odlin, Madelaine Riker, Samuel Sherman, Rohit Srungavarapu, Kisa Tabery, Natalie Underdown, Jenna Wallace.

Honors—Brynee Allan, Ryan Allmendinger, Henry Babcock, Max Barber, Samuel Barksdale, Clifton Bauman, Jackson Berman, Ellen Best, Sarah Blank, Jacob Brady, Griffin Carpenter, Cameron Caswell, Harper Chalot, Nolan Chase, Calvin Chen, Brian Chiozzi, Madeline Ciraldo, Harrison Clarke, Jane Coffrin, Zachary Culver, Deirdre Curran, Travis DeLano, Hannah Dineen, Seth Dobieski, Nolan Dorrance, Samuel Duddy, Glenn Findlay, Christopher Gallant, Sydney Glazier, Courtney Guerette, Benjamin Hansel, Jamie Hewes, Abby Hunter, Mikael Ingason, Alexander Johnson, Anastasia Kouros, Christina Kouros, Stefan LaRose, Evan Long, Catherine Macdonald, Connor Maguire, Alissa Mitchell, Jessica Morgan, Nolan Morris, Ariana Mortello, Shannon Nicholson, Piper Otterbein, Talia Pappas, Brett Parker, Talley Perkins, Chadwick Peterson, Austin Petsinger, Elle Richards, Charlotte Sawyer, Alex Silva, Daniel Snyder, Emily Spidle, Lauren Steidl, Maria Tremblay, Chelsey Whynot, Cameron Wilson, Nicole Yates, James Yokabaskas

Seventh grade

High honors—Thomas Bourdeaux,

Heather Chase, Robert DeMarco, Ethan DuPerre, Trevor Ewald, Sarah Flaherty, Elise Flathers, Henry Gent, Zoe Gillies, Anna Goldstein, Jordan Greer, Audrey Grey, Kevin Hare, Dana Hatton, Dorothy Janick, Isabel Johnston, John Kennealy, Omar Khalidi, Montserrat Kwan, MacKenzie Leighton, Quinn Malter, Gabriel McGinn, Katherine Miklavic, Sophie Moore, Emma O'Rourke, Mary Perkins, Hailey Petsinger, Stuart Ruty, Liam Simpson, Jane Vaughan, Emily Wasserman, Allyson West, Addison Wood.

Honors—David Allen, Samantha Altnauer, Julian Andrews, Amanda Barnett, Ysanne Bethel, Zackery Bostwick, Allison Bowe, Nicholas Bozek, Daniel Brett, William Britton, Morgan Connell, Alexander Conrad, Gavin Cottrell, Lucas Dvorznik, Samuel Earnshaw, Justin Edgar, Thomas Feenstra, Matthew Fisher, Meghan Flaherty, Lee Foden, Trevor Gale, Alex Goodwin, Stephen Gore, Joshua Graessle, Mae Gruen, John Hall, Sydney Hallowell, Ruby Hawk, Andrew Hollyday, Shannon Howard, Ryan Jones, Mikaela Kohan, Clara Ledman, Maddison Lengyel, Emily LoBosco, Abigail McInerney, Nicholas Moulton, Kayne Munson, Brian Nestor, Hannah Newhall, Matthew Oberholtzer, Jordan Petersen, Seth Queeney, Katie Rabasca, Elizabeth Raftice, Natalie Rand, Deven Roberts, Gwyneth Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, Nicholas Shedd, Phoebe Shields, Sarah Stacki, Tyler Stephen, Anna Sullivan, Dylan Sullivan, Brian Taintor, Mary Thibodeau, Jack Thomas, Reed Thurston, Jack Tierney, Christopher Tinsman, Juliet Tunstall-Weiner, Sterling Weatherbie, Sydney Wight.

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Pond Cove School

Getting involved:

- Volunteers are needed to hang student art work on an as-needed basis.

Tangible resources needed:

- Small refrigerator in good working order not more than 26 inches wide.
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- Uno
- Taboo
- Caribou
- Barnyard Bingo
- Soft balls with a diameter of about six inches
- Playmobil toys, such as pirates, horses, people, police, etc.
- "Star Wars" books
- Zoom ball or Zoom ball parts.
- CD players

- Games for indoor recess
- Beads and jewelry-making tools

Middle School

Getting involved:

- World language teachers are looking for someone who would be willing to transfer their resources from VHS to DVD format. A combination VHS/DVD player would be required for this task. Blank DVDs will be provided.

Tangible resources needed:

- Gently used copies of Jane Austen novels
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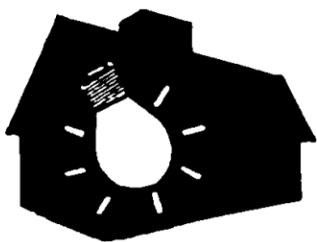
High School

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'Of Mice and Men' to run in May at CEHS



"Of Mice and Men" cast and tech crew members will offer audiences shows on May 1, 2, and 3 in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

By Richard G. Mullen
Cape Elizabeth High School
Theater Director

Despite setbacks for some of the 40 students who have worked on "Of Mice and Men" at Cape Elizabeth High School, the "show must go on." The curtain will rise again on Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

"Of Mice and Men" was the most commended of 80 Maine One-Act Festival shows produced this year by Maine high schools. Judges awarded the ensemble award to all 40 students, including Angelo Garcia, Rachel LaPlante, AJ Frustaci, Jon O'Hearn, Sasha Kohan, Georgia Morris, and others.

Additionally, Charles Colburn as Lennie, Sawyer Theriault as George, and Tom Campbell as Candy received All-Festival star status.

On the technical side, judges commended the set design, costumes, props, music, sound, and lights, making "Of Mice and Men" among the most commended shows ever produced by Cape's theater department.

"Of Mice and Men" contains mature sub-

ject matter and is recommended for those 12 years and older. In addition to the 7 p.m. show on May 1, there will be a 7 p.m. show on Saturday, May 2, and one at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3.

Class of 2011 holding cheesecake fundraiser through April 28

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2011 are selling cheesecakes from Izzy's in Portland in a fundraiser that will run through Tuesday, April 28. Fourteen varieties of cheesecake are available, from plain with cherry, blueberry, or raspberry topping to Oreo chocolate chip, key lime, marble, and white chocolate raspberry. Prices range from \$8 to \$40. Cheesecakes will be available for pickup on Friday, May 1, at the high school.

All money raised through the sale will go toward events for which each class is responsible, the prom, the senior banquet, and other end-of-year activities among them.

To get an order form or for more information please contact Ben at bnberman@maine.rr.com or 799-5336. Payment, due when making orders, can be dropped off at the high school's front office, 345 Ocean House Road.

Middle school and Pond Cove artists team up for bigger-than-ever April 29 Arts Night



As part of an art class assignment on Japanese picture stories, Cape Elizabeth Middle School students sketched designs with pencil, went over the designs using chopsticks dipped in ink, then used watercolors to paint within these outlines. Fifth-grader Joe Inhorn's "The Return of the Monster" is one of many pieces of art that will be on display April 29 during the third annual Arts Night, being held at both the middle school and Pond Cove School this year.

By Patricia McCarthy

Pond Cove School first-graders recently created paintings in art class inspired by their dreams, then connected art to their regular classrooms by doing a writing exercise—about dreams.

Community members will have a chance to see these imaginative creations and a varied collection of other works at the third annual Arts Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. The show, which has highlighted middle school artistic endeavors for two years, is expanding this year to showcase students in grades 1 through 8, and thus will be held at both the middle school and Pond Cove.

"Arts Night is our way of continuing to work on emphasizing the fourth A—Art," says Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly. "Our other three As are academics, athletics and advocacy, not in any particular hierarchy. We've been working hard to create an environment that promotes art. We're also delighted to have the Pond Cove kids involved, too."

"I'm excited about having the elementary kids here, seeing the works and also the excite-

ment and energy of the middle school. I can't wait to see what all of the kids have produced this year. It's always an amazing spectrum."

Community members are invited to stroll the halls of both schools to view art in its varied forms. Students will be expressing artistic talents in a range of ways beyond the visual. At the middle school, for example, drummers and the school jazz band are among the scheduled performers, and Pond Cove has an Arts Night Choir set to entertain. Refreshments will be available.

Young Artists Bazaar

Maine College of Art students and other visiting artists will create art projects with Cape students and community members, and a Young Artists Bazaar at the middle school will feature art for sale by students in grades 1 through 12. Arts Night organizers are encouraging students interested in selling their work to submit an application—available at school offices—as soon as possible.

Another evening highlight will be the unveiling of commemorative portraits created by middle school students of retiring school personnel.

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Where do you hear, 'Go out and kick some brain'? Chess SuperNationals

By Ilene Fishbein

When you overhear a gravel-voiced coach bark, "Now go out there and kick some brain," where are you? At Chess SuperNationals, of course! Attracting nearly 5,280 participants from kindergarten through 12th grade, including 29 Mainers, five of whom were from Cape Elizabeth, the SuperNationals took place from April 2 to April 5 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel in Nash-

ville, Tenn. Occurring once every four years and combining into one massive event the annual national elementary, junior high and high school championships, SuperNationals are believed to be the largest scholastic competition in the U.S. of any kind and the largest chess tournament ever held.

There were more than 10,000 attendees including parents, coaches, tournament directors and officials, nearly taking up the en-



Gathering in Nashville are, left to right, front, Matthew Reale-Hatem, Matthew Fishbein, Wesley Parker; rear, Brett Parker, and Anthony Freccero.

tire 3,000-room hotel along with other hotels nearby. Also attending were a large number of grand masters and other notables, such as astronaut Greg Chamitoff, who just returned from six months on the International Space Station, during which he played the first-ever earth vs. space chess match.

Adding to the impression of size were the physical characteristics of the hotel itself. The Opryland Hotel is like a domed

city, evoking thoughts of the biosphere with its plants, numerous buildings, rivers and boats, all thriving under acres of glass. The settings for play were also massive: four separate giant ballrooms. For example, the Delta Ballroom sported nearly 1,400 boards for the elementary competition, allowing close to 3,000 kids to play chess all at once in just one room. Maintenance workers gazing with disbelief at the rows upon rows of boards were overheard to say "Wow, that's a lot of chess sets!"

Tornado warning

Even the weather in Nashville seemed larger than life, with tornado warnings the first day sending players and their coaches scurrying for cover in the hotel basement. Hotel workers were bemused, as enthusiastic impromptu chess games broke out in basement storage rooms amidst light bulbs, rollaway beds and housekeeping supplies.

Cape players

The five Cape students vying for national honors were Matthew Fishbein, Maine ju-

nior high school champion; Matthew Reale-Hatem, Maine's kindergarten-to-sixth-grade (K-6) champ; Wesley Parker, former Maine K-6 champion and member of the K-6

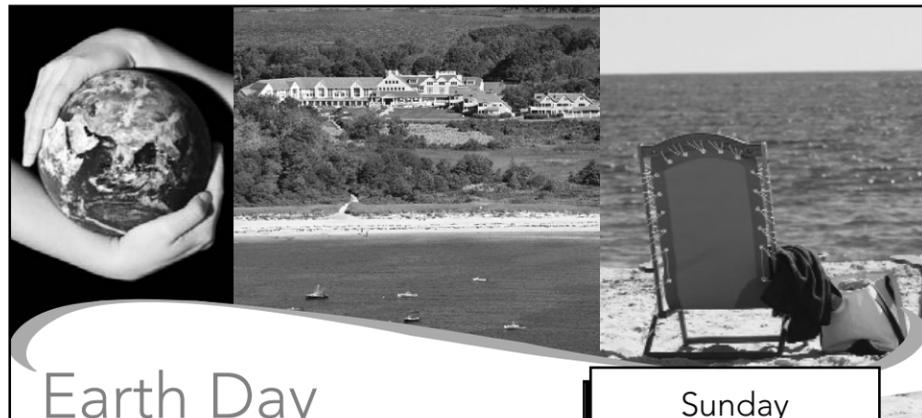
Maine championship team; and Brett Parker and Anthony Freccero, who both tied for second in this year's junior high championships. Most of the other Mainers were from championship teams as well, including seven students from John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor, three from Orono High School, one from Airline Community School in Aurora and the entire 13-member championship junior high chess team from Deer Isle-Stonington.

Turbans and saris

Make no mistake, this is serious chess. With two hours on each player's clock, games can and do last up to four hours each. The grueling schedule of seven games for the main event starting Friday afternoon is preceded by an appetizer of Bughouse, a chess variant, Thursday morning and 12 rounds of Blitz, fast chess, for five hours straight, lasting into the wee hours on Thursday night for those who arrive early enough and have the stomach for it. United in their love of the game, students meet and play against those from diverse cultural, religious and economic backgrounds. Different languages—including a fair amount of Russian—were spoken throughout the tournament.

Looking around at the crowd at the Super-

—see CHESS, next page



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Chess

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Nationals, the diversity is immediately striking. There are teams here from every state, representing exclusive private schools such as Horace Mann and Dalton in Manhattan—complete with their grand master coaches in tow—alongside similarly equipped teams from inner city public schools in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Miami traveling courtesy of academic chess scholarships and grants. The “Panda Pawns” from Chinatown in Manhattan are notable in their red shirts with pandas and chess pieces. There is a huge contingent from Brownsville, Texas, and surrounding areas along the Mexican border where chess is a passion. There are teams from private Christian schools, Catholic high schools and Jewish day schools; there are people wearing turbans and saris; and everyone is making friends with everyone.

Gary Kasparov

Kicking off the opening ceremonies held at the Grand Ole Opry, legendary chess master Gary Kasparov, arguably the greatest chess player of all time, commented that the number of participants at the tournament probably exceeded the total number of rated scholastic players in the U.S. at the time that Bobby Fischer achieved his spectacular claim to fame. And though no one since Fischer has received the same level of national attention, the average level of play at the scholastic level has increased dramatically in recent years.

Students are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF), the body that governs competitive chess in the United States, on the same basis as adults. Advanced players of any age typically hone their skills at adult tournaments. And while most players at the tournament are no more enthusiastic about chess than their other favorite sport—say baseball—top-rated players can be as fanatical about their sport as any sports star with Olympic ambitions (yes, there is a chess Olympics, too). Some of the top nationally ranked players spend hours every day studying some of the thousands of books on the subject of chess theory and attend tournaments once or twice weekly, typically devoting at least one weekend day and often the evening hours on a weekday to tournament play, not to mention online play. That’s not to say though that there isn’t room for the more casual competitors.

The Cape Elizabeth team won ... a trophy so large it had to be broken down into pieces before being shipped home.

The Cape students were arguably the most competitive of the Maine contingent. Four players are the minimum number needed to make a successful team; the top four scores from each team are tallied at the end of the tournament to arrive at the team score. As with the Maine State Championship, larger teams have a significant advantage. With only three students entered as a team in the blitz tournament, Cape was down by 12 games before players ever lifted a pawn. They nearly won a trophy anyway.

Cape team

That boded well for the main event starting the next day, and all breathed a sigh of relief when team member Anthony Freccero arrived the morning of the event. With nationally ranked team member Fishbein booted into the championship section and unable to play with the team because of his rating, they needed Freccero to make the required fourth player. With teammates ranging in age from grades 4 to 8, the four elected to enter the K-9 U1250 section, the most competitive junior high school section in the tournament after championship.



Gathering in Nashville are members of the Maine contingent, which included five students from Cape, seven from John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor, three from Orono High School, one from Airline Community School in Aurora, and the entire 13-member championship junior high chess team from Deer Isle-Stonington.

Eager for revenge
Starting off the first day, the Cape Elizabeth team racked up a remarkable six points out of a possible eight among their four players, more than any other Maine team, and easily placing them in early trophy contention. Team member Freccero, with only a half point, was eager for revenge on Day 2. Day 2 saw Freccero lead the team in points after a perfect score over three additional

games, and the team was in 10th place! Fishbein also held his own in the championship section. The Cape team and other Maine teams entered the final day in high spirits and with great expectations.

When the last round finished, the Mainers had a remarkable performance, with seven trophies won—four of them by the Cape Elizabeth students and team. The Cape Elizabeth team won 16.5 points out of a possible 28, tying for seventh place and receiving the eighth-place trophy upon tie breaks in the K-9 U1250—a trophy so large it had to be broken down into pieces before being shipped home! Fourth-grader Wesley Parker and Freccero, an eighth-grader, also received individual trophies, tying for 25th place. Fishbein, with 5.5 points, had the best result of any Mainer, receiving the 16th place individual trophy in the K-5 Championship section, losing only once to two-time former K-3 national champion Benjamin Moon, and having one draw.



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Cape fifth-graders hold clothing drive for Central African children; high school group to hold 'Mr. CEHS' contest May 6 for Central Africa Vision

Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-graders, left to right, Marcus Donnelly, Lily Norris, and Catie O'Sullivan display one of the clothing drive collection boxes that will be located around the middle school through Friday, May 1. Students are gathering clothes of all sizes, children through adult, for youths in Central Africa.



Photo by Catherine Clough

By Wendy Keeler

When fifth-grade teachers at Cape Elizabeth Middle School asked that families planning to give teacher holiday gifts donate instead to a group that helps impoverished Central Africans, the teachers had no clue where their simple request would lead. In December, fifth-grade families contributed \$300 to Central Africa Vision, enough money to fund a year's tuition for three high school students in Rwanda.

Clothing drop boxes

But what most floors fifth-grade teachers is what came after the family holiday donation. On their own initiative, students have raised more than \$500 in pennies—a year of school for five more youths—and now students are holding a clothing drive through May 1. Community members who wish to

donate can drop clothes of all sizes in boxes students have decorated and placed at the middle school. Central Africa Vision (CAV), a Portland-based nonprofit founded in 1997 by members of the Banyamalenge Tutsi community in Maine and Africa, will distribute the clothes to survivors and victims of genocide, ethnic wars, and HIV/AIDS in Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic

We are so proud.
...This is a fantastic learning experience because [the students'] purpose is authentic.
—Elizabeth Johnston, Cape Elizabeth School Middle School

of Congo,

"A month ago, we asked Pastor Mutima Peter, a representative from Central Africa Vision, to come talk to the students about where their [holiday gift] donations went," fifth grade teacher Elizabeth Johnston said.

Thanking students during his visit, the pastor illustrated the difference every penny makes. His words and the pictures he showed the kids hit them hard, Johnston said. Many students were "stunned" to learn that some youths walk 10 miles to the CAV high school and back—about three hours one way—and they do so happily, Johnston said.

"The pastor told them how grateful the youths are to be able to go to school and how a year's worth of school can change lives," said Johnston, adding that photographs also affected the kids.

"One thing our students saw in the pictures over and over again was how worn and dirty the items of clothing were, because the kids have only one set of clothing to wear," Johnston said, "so they came up with the idea of the clothing drive."

After the pastor's visit, the fifth-graders rolled up their sleeves and got to work. A few businesses might take a lesson from the students, who have organized their fundraising meticulously.

Division of labor

"When they first came up with the idea, we decided to form committees of kids, and the kids thought of jobs for people," Johnson said. "For the penny drive, there would be counters, people to come up with the rules, and people who would go to other fifth-grade classrooms to announce to other kids what was going on. Some kids made posters, some mapped out where boxes should go and made posters to go on the boxes, and for the clothing drive a group of girls went to [Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal] Steve Connolly and talked about the logistics of it all and the reasons behind some of the ideas, and then they got his final approval."

Little did the teachers—or students—know what an education kids would get.

"They truly feel like they are making a difference in the lives of people they have never met, whose lives are very different from their own. While that is the best lesson they could learn, they are also understanding what goes into an undertaking like this," Johnston said. "Over the past weeks, I think many of the students have experienced some form of frustration at a forgotten detail, or lengthy process, but they have all felt such satisfaction and pride in the way things are turning out. This is a fantastic learning experience because their purpose is authentic. There is a job for every talent, and they need each other to put it all together in the end."

For information about the clothing drive, please contact Johnston at elizabeth_johnston@cape.k12.me.us or 799-8176.

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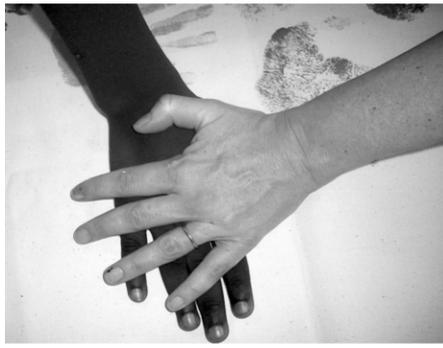
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'Hands for Haiti' dinner, discussion set for May 5 at St. Alban's



Four St. Alban's parishioners, who recently traveled to Haiti, will lead a journey to Haiti the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, at "Hands for Haiti," an evening of dinner and discussion on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Alban's Bonoff Hall.

Featuring a collage of reports, photographs, video and personal reflections, the discussion will examine the realities, needs, hopes, achievements and "heart-stirring beauty of the Haitian people," Sue Raftice, one of the event organizers, said.

In addition to emphasizing the living conditions associated with extreme poverty, leaders will also highlight ways in which Cape community members can have a positive impact on the lives of Haitians who are affected.

Haitian/Caribbean-style cuisine will be served at 6:30. The event, which will be hosted by the St. Alban's Mission and Outreach Committee and sponsored by the Peter Cooley Fund, will be free, and all will be welcome. Donations to the Haiti Fund will be graciously accepted.

For more information about the event, contact Sue Raftice at sraftice@maine.rr.com or Sara Merrill at pmerrill@maine.rr.com, or visit www.stalbans.org.

Clothing drive

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has had an active Central Africa Vision group, whose members have raised more than \$6,000 over the years, most recently for the CAV high school in Rwanda, and previously for micro-bank co-ops, through which impoverished women in the region get loans to start small businesses so they are able to support themselves and their families.

'Mr. CEHS' Contest

The high school CAV group will hold its second annual "Mr. CEHS" contest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the school auditorium.

"It is kind of a talent show/pageant format that we tried for the first time last year to raise money," CEHS teacher and CAV faculty advisor, Bill Brewington, said. "It's all in good fun, with a few boys from all the grade levels competing in interviews, evening wear and 'talent.' The \$3 admission donation is how we raise money."

For more information about the CEHS CAV group, please contact Brewington at bill_brewington@cape.k12.me.us or 799-3309. For more information about CAV, visit www.cav2000.org.

St. Alban's Church kicks off \$1.1 million capital campaign

St. Alban's Episcopal Church's "One Foundation" capital campaign co-chairs Don Bonoff and Peg Thompson announced the \$1.1 million goal on Sunday, March 29. To date, the church has received more than \$700,000 in gifts and pledges.

The campaign was sparked by parishioners Nat and Betsy Saltonstall of Scarborough, who were inspired to help St. Alban's complete a decade-old building project. Only framed and plumbed, the second floor of the parish hall is now needed for an expanding youth program. The Saltonstalls' challenge grant requires that additional funds be raised from within the parish and designated for the endowment. Members of the vestry of St. Alban's have used this opportunity to conduct careful financial planning to identify and meet the long-term needs of the church which has more than doubled in size in the last 10 years.

In addition to the new youth space, St. Alban's aims to establish an endowment for Youth and Children's Ministry Fund, primarily to support the youth director position; a Mission and Outreach Fund, to support the

entrepreneurial and organic nature of the multitude of mission and outreach projects; and a General Fund for Ministry and Facility to provide a financial cushion to the annual budget each year, provided in large part by the annual stewardship pledge drive.

"While we've certainly had to consider carefully whether to launch a campaign during a time of such economic uncertainty, this is clearly a time when the church is able to provide a source of comfort, community, and inspiration," the Rev. James Adams said. "Without being able to predict the future, parishioners have put a great deal of faith and thought into their gifts to the One Foundation Campaign and will, without a doubt, help St. Alban's to remain strong in both good times and bad."

For more information, please contact Adams, Thompson, Bonoff, or Senior Warden Gordon Gayer through the church office at 799-4014 or stalbins@stalbinsmaine.org.

Arts Night

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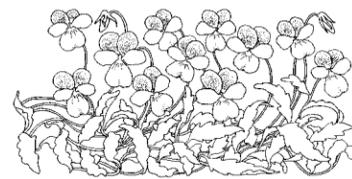
"I love that this is a chance for members of the community—not just parents—to come in and see what our kids are up to," says Connolly. "People may have an image from when they were in school, for good or bad! And I want to invite them in to see the evolution of what our schools look and feel like now."

Pond Cove's new art teacher, Maryjane Johnston, suggested to her middle school counterpart, Marguerite Lawler-Rohner, that

the schools team up.

"I came here from Portland, where we always had an art show, and I thought it would be great to have shows for both schools on the same night. The kids are all very excited and proud of their work. I think it's important for them to know that the art they work so hard on is valued and appreciated, so this is a wonderful opportunity."

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Public comment

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Services budgets, the overall impact on the property tax rate would be an increase of 0.6 percent.

However, several councilors supported sticking to the council's original goal of a zero-percent increase in the overall budget. In order to do so, the School Board-approved budget would need to be reduced.

In March, the Town Council and the School Board believed they had succeeded in crafting combined budgets that would result in no increase in the property tax rate.

The plan, however, was derailed when the state surprised town officials with a \$504,000 cut in aid to Cape schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

Some of the impact of the state cut was lessened by Town Council action to move up to \$200,000 in undesignated funds to the school budget. Another \$163,500 will come from school contingency funds. That still leaves about \$140,000 in lost state aid that either needs to be made up in property

tax increases, or in further cuts to the school budget.

At the April 13 meeting, councilors indicated their current positions on the question of which budget version to put to the citizen vote.

Two councilors, Sara Lennon and Dave Sherman, expressed support for the School Board-approved budget.

Three councilors, Anne Swift-Kayatta, David Backer and Penny Jordan, said they couldn't support a school budget that resulted in a property tax increase. However, Backer said he'd be willing to support putting the School Board-approved budget to the voters.

Councilor Jim Rowe sought to find further compromise. He suggested splitting the difference between the zero-percent and 0.6 percent versions, and putting a 0.3 percent increase version to the voters.

Overwhelming support for dispatchers fails to sway council majority

By accepting the proposed municipal budget as presented, councilors in effect acted to close down the town's emergency

dispatch services.

The emergency dispatch functions will be transferred to a regional facility to be shared by Portland, South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. The facility is located in Portland.

About 15 community members spoke at the hearing on the dispatch issue, and nearly all supported keeping the town's dispatchers at the Cape Elizabeth Public Safety building. Some spoke passionately, telling of personal experiences in which a local dispatcher's knowledge of the town resulted in quick responses saving lives and property.

Several reminded councilors of a commitment made by the council in 2008 to keep the dispatcher office in town through 2010.

Council chair Jim Rowe acknowledged that pledge. His vote against the proposed municipal budget was in opposition to the closing of the dispatch office that would result in about \$200,000 in savings per year. Rowe said that he felt obligated to keep his word despite the current economic crisis brought on by the severe recession.

"The lesson I take from this is that I shouldn't have made this commitment in the first place," said Rowe.

Councilor Penny Jordan also voted against closing the office, citing the need to more carefully study the implications of the closing.

The majority of councilors supported transferring the dispatch function to the regional operation.

Councilor David Backer noted that the move to consider regionalization grew out of the response to the 2004 Palesky tax cap initiative. Curtailing expenses is an obligation of the council and involves painful decisions, Backer added. He also noted that 911 calls have been going through the regional facility for over a year.

Education aid

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Although the DOE has negotiated an agreement with Apple that makes it possible for Maine to expand student laptop usage from seventh and eighth grades into high school, schools that opt in must pay \$242 for each laptop.

Before learning about the cut, school officials had hoped to put school department contingency money toward the program. But \$163,000 in contingencies will now go to the school budget, if the Town Council and voters approve the budget the School Board adopted on April 5. Under that proposal, the Town Council would apply another \$200,000 in undesignated funds to help make up the loss; taxpayers would supply the remaining \$161,000.

At one point, Maine school officials feared that teachers at high schools that don't participate in the laptop program would lose laptops they currently have, but a DOE Web site states that will not happen.

Conference call

The morning of Tuesday, April 14, when *The Cape Courier* went to press, Gendron was scheduled to hold a telephone conference with Maine superintendents about the laptop initiative and federal stimulus package grant money.

"We know that we will be getting a certain amount of stimulus money for special education ... and the other piece we know is that there's some other money that's come in. I'm hoping that [we can get grant money] for technology in the schools. ... We're looking at a clear, concise technology program so that there would be education for teachers in kindergarten through grade 12, so the teachers could use what they learned to instruct kids in the classroom in the use of technology."



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Kassia Elizabeth Davies and Jason Thomas Decker were married on Aug. 30 at Tide's Edge in Cape Elizabeth.

Diane York of Wedding & Events Inc. planned and officiated at the ceremony. Guests were treated to a traditional Maine lobster bake and the sounds of The Jenny Woodman Band.

Kassia is the daughter of **Elizabeth "Betty" Ridge** and **Frederick John Davies, Jr.** Jason is the son of Thomas and Noreen Decker of Youngsville, N.C. The bride's sister, Stacia Davies of Los Angeles, Calif., was maid of honor, and the groom's brother Todd Decker of Youngsville, N.C., was best man.

Kassia is a 1998 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School. Jason is a 1998 graduate of Oneonta High School in Oneonta, N.Y. The bride and groom graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., in 2002.

Kassia is employed by Boston College Law School while pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology at Boston College. Jason is employed by Johnson & Johnson.

The couple, who went on an island-hopping honeymoon in Hawaii, live in Charlestown, Mass., with their dog, Eddie.



Jason Decker and Kassia Davies

Emilie Nielsen Doody and **Chad Doody** are the parents of **Shiloh Hope Doody**, born Feb. 9 at Maine Medical Center. Shiloh's maternal grandparents are Cynthia Bean of New Port Richey, Fla., and **Kurt Nielsen**. Her maternal great-grandmother Mary Boynton lives in Raymond. Shiloh's paternal grandparents are Vinal and Louanne Doody of Windham; and her paternal great-grandmothers are Dorothy Doody of Sanford and Hilda Stairs of Windham.

Jennifer DeSena was named "Broker of the Month" for March at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**. **James Mooney** has joined Coldwell as a real estate agent. Coldwell real estate agent Mary Walker, a South Portland resident, recently completed a real estate course in buyer representation.

Elizabeth "Liz" Monaghan, a mortgage broker and the owner of Monaghan Mortgage and Finance in Portland, became the first, and is currently the only mortgage professional in Maine to attain designation as a Certified Mortgage Consultant (CMC). Monaghan passed the National Association of Mortgage Brokers' written certification examination in July 2008. Certification is granted once a candidate has met certain requirements.

Sarah Maciejewski and **Tim Brosnihan** welcomed the arrival of **Adeline Albin Brosnihan** on Oct. 9. Adeline's grandparents are **Leo and Stephanie Maciejewski**, and Paul and Millie Brosnihan of Millbury, Mass.



Adeline Albin Brosnihan

Everett and Linda Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, **Abigail Johnson**, to Christopher Sedenka. A 2001 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a 2005 graduate of Syracuse University in New York, Abby has a master's degree in audiology from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where she will receive a doctorate in audiology in May. She is currently completing her residency at Maxwell, Kluger and Makaretz ENT Surgical Associates in Portland, where she will be employed as an audiologist. She is the granddaughter of **Ike and Julie Johnson**.

Chris graduated from West Virginia University in 2005. He is a sports talk show host on WJAB radio and will be the "voice" of the new Celtics D League team coming to Portland in the fall. Chris is the son of Donald and Susan Sedenka of Gorham.

A June 2010 wedding is planned.



Abigail Johnson and Christopher Sedenka

Two former Cape residents will run the Boston Marathon on Patriots Day as a fundraiser for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston in memory of their late grandfathers. **Dave Downing**, a 2001 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and **Steve Bagdasarian**, who graduated from Cheverus High School the same year, are both members of this year's Dana Farber marathon team. It will be the first marathon for both, who now live in Boston.

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Brenna and Peter Kelley's third son, **Lochlan Edward Kelley**, was born on Feb. 7, in Norwalk, Conn. His older brothers are **Stewart James**, 4 and **Grant Friedrich**, 3. The family formerly lived on Sweet Fern Road.

Lochlan's grandparents are James and Helen Heggie of Short Hills, N.J., and Edward and Dorothy Kelley of Cranbury, N.J. His great-grandmother is Gertrude Becker of Union, N.J.



Lochlan Edward Kelley

Katie Dana recently gave a talk at the 237th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her presentation, entitled "RDX and HMX Destruction by Sulfides and Black Carbons," addressed the chemical degradation of explosives residues in marine sediments. More than 10,000 chemists, engineers, and industry representatives attended the week-long conference. A 2001 CEHS graduate, Katie is a doctoral student in environmental engineering at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. She is the daughter of **Benson and Susan Dana**.

For the second year in a row, Duval's Service Center of South Portland, owned by Cape residents **Mark and Anne Duval**, has been named by AAA of Northern New England as "Maine Auto Repair Facility of the Year" in the independent-shop division.

Each year, the organization gives the award to one dealership and one independent repair facility in each of the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, based on the facility's performance based on criteria for technician certification and customer satisfaction, including a 12-month/12,000 mile warranty, a written estimate and AAA-mediated repair dispute arbitration.

"This is a very hard award to win," Tom Giasson of AAA said. "We hold all of our facilities to the highest standards in the industry so to finish number one is no easy task. And to win it two years in a row is an outstanding accomplishment."

Arin Mary Doherty and Jason William Clark were married on Aug. 17 at the Spruce Point Inn Resort and Spa in Boothbay Harbor in an oceanfront ceremony on the inn's front lawn, followed by a reception in the Pemaquid Grand Ballroom.

The daughter of **John and Mary Anne Doherty** of Cape Elizabeth, the bride is a 1996 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Connecticut College in New London, and a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The groom is the son of Kathy Clark of Bridgeville, Pa., and David Clark of Glenshaw, Pa. He received a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a master's of science degree in industrial and systems engineering from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

The bride works as an associate veterinarian at Rocky Mountain Small Animal Hospital. The groom is a human factor's engineer at Jeppesen, a Boeing Company.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and live in Evergreen, Colo.

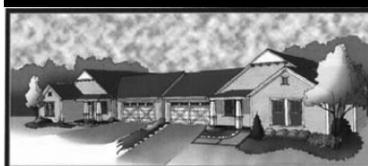


Jason William Clark and Arin Mary Doherty

Cape Elizabeth resident **Diane Churchill** was named "Broker of the Month" for February at Waterglen Group.

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