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Fencing, partial dismantlement recommended for park mansion

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Town Council is considering a recommendation that the Goddard Mansion ruins in Fort Williams Park be fenced off in the short term, and partially dismantled and allowed to further deteriorate over the long term. The recommendation came in a report from the Fort Williams Advisory Commission (FWAC), requested by the council, and formally received at the council's April 13 meeting.

The FWAC is asking that \$6,000 be appropriated from the Capital Fund balance to pay for fencing off the most dangerous portion of the ruins, identified as the connecting and carriage house walls. The FWAC recommends this step be taken this spring, in advance of summer crowds.

Longer term recommendations, to be implemented "as funds become available," are estimated in the report to cost approximately \$100,000. These include reducing the height of all the walls, possibly to seating or first-floor windowsill height; saving the front entrance if possible, probably with a bracing system; opening the interior of the ruins for public access; grading, loaming and seeding the interior; and installing interpretive panels to explain the history of the ruins.

Finding an alternative use for the ruins, without the need for full repair and maintenance, was identified as the second highest priority project in the park at a joint workshop of the Town Council and FWAC in January, 2007. The FWAC voted unanimously in February, 2008, not to pursue a program



The Goddard Mansion ruins are shown above, with the carriage house on the right, a connector section in the middle and the main part of the mansion on the left.

to repair and maintain the ruins in their current form.

A determination of the fate of the Goddard mansion was included among the Town Council goals for 2009.

The FWAC report specifically recognizes the ruins as a "major feature of the park" and the "fondness" felt for it.

"It's been a long, deliberative process," FWAC Chair Dan Chase said. "We explored all the options."

"The main factors influencing our decision were the magnitude of the initial repair cost, the need for ongoing expenditures for

maintenance, and the lack of a real use for the building," the report states. "The commission now feels it is time to move forward on the disposition of the mansion, having invested almost \$24,000 in consulting fees to study the ruin over the past nine years."

According to the report, the walls of the main part of the ruin are in "relatively good condition." However, the carriage house walls and the walls connecting the carriage house to the main part of the house are

—see **GODDARD MANSION**, page 22

Council approves school budget with .6 percent tax increase

Citizens to vote on school budget May 12

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Town Council, in a 4-3 vote, adopted the School Board's recommended \$19.3 million school budget for 2009-2010 at a special meeting held April 30. The budget, if validated by Cape Elizabeth voters on May 12, will result in a .6 percent increase in property taxes.

Councilors David Backer, David Sherman, Sara Lennon, and Penny Jordan voted to adopt the School Board's recommended budget. Councilors Paul McKenney, Anne Swift-Kayatta and Jim Rowe voted against the budget.

McKenney and Swift-Kayatta favored a zero-property-tax-increase budget. McKenney said he thought the School Board's budget was "very reasonable," but that taxes should not be raised during the current financial crisis. Swift-Kayatta cited the "symbolic value" of a flat budget in a "very difficult economy."

Rowe was in favor of a compromise bud-

—see **BUDGET**, page 22

Alewives trail connector preserved, completing trail along Great Pond

By Chris Franklin, Executive Director CELT

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT), a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation and stewardship of distinctive lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community, has now permanently preserved a critical section of the Greenbelt Trail system. CELT and the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission collaborated to conserve the final piece of the trail corridor along the northern border of Great Pond by purchasing a trail easement from Pat and Jodie Jordan. Owned by the town of Cape Elizabeth with rights of enforcement granted to CELT, the new trail easement is 15 feet wide by 1,333 feet in length and links together previously conserved sections of the Greenbelt Trail.

Area residents have long enjoyed the use and scenic views of the Jordan-owned trail referred to as the Alewives Brook Trail Corridor. This important Greenbelt trail connector was identified as one of



The Greenbelt Trail along the northern border of Great Pond is shown above. See map on page 7.

—see **TRAIL**, page 7

Only science team not from Massachusetts, Cape high team beats 29 others to win season



Photo by Wendy Keeler

Gathering with "Dr. G.," science team advisor Shawn Guerrette, far left, recently are members of Cape Elizabeth High School's North Shore Science League team, left to right, front row, Jon Aronson, Evan Negele, Rachel Mucsat; rear, Will Daly, Jack Queeney, Alex Diaz, Sam Naseef, Sam Eisenberg, and Jack Roos. Many of the team's more than 40 members are missing from the photo.

By Wendy Keeler

They never have the home-team advantage. Nor do fans cheer them on from the sidelines. But those factors have had all the impact of a neutrino on the success of Cape Elizabeth High School's science team, which last month beat out 29 Massachusetts teams

to win first place in the North Shore Science League's six-month season. The only high school in NSSL from outside Massachusetts, CEHS has won twice in its four years in the league and came in third the other two years.

"They go against some top teams from some

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‘Bigger picture’ is our ‘wealthiest town’ status

I used to get very indignant every time the *Portland Press Herald* ran one of those biased stories about the “selfish people in Cape Elizabeth.” But over the past week I have spent time looking at statistics on the Maine.gov website, and suddenly I’m not so sure.

Here are the plain facts:

In 2000, the latest year for which statistics are available, Cape Elizabeth was the number 1 town in Maine in household and per capita income. And it wasn’t even close. So this has not likely changed since then. (See <http://www.maine.gov/spo/economics/economic/percapitaincome.htm>)

In 1995, Cape Elizabeth was in the top 25 districts in what we invested per student in education.

By 2007 (the latest year for which statistics were published), we had fallen to 162nd out of 260 districts. —With what we did in 2008 - 2010, we will likely pass 200th place. (See <http://www.maine.gov/education/data/ppcosts/ppcosts.htm>)

So what does it say about us that we are the wealthiest town in Maine, but that our spending on our children is in the bottom half, and heading steadily toward the bottom itself?

Some would say that although we are a wealthy town, not everyone in town is well-off, and therefore we must look out for them when it comes to our spending. Absolutely. And that is why 27 percent of Cape families qualify for help with their property taxes. But often, those who advocate for not funding our schools are not in that 27 percent.

So as we once again spend time arguing over things like whether we can afford a \$27 per household average yearly tax increase, let’s try to keep the bigger picture in mind. And that is that we are the wealthiest town in Maine, and there are at least 161 towns with lesser means who spend more on their kids than we do.

Dan Fishbein

Schools are ‘bedrock’ of Cape community

Cape schools are the bedrock of our community. It is shocking that as the wealthiest town in the state, we rank 162 in our funding of schools on a per-pupil basis. Despite the pressures of the current economy, it is equally shocking that we are currently mired in a debate whether or not to raise our town taxes by 0.6 percent. (\$27 per year for the median home.) There are many altruistic reasons to continue adequately funding our schools. But altruism isn’t necessary to justify a slight tax increase; enlightened self-interest suffices. There is no doubt real estate values depend on the quality of schools. For the vast majority of Cape Elizabeth residents, the equity in their homes represents their primary source of wealth, and their primary reserve to support potential future financial needs. To dismiss this ignores the needs of all but a handful of residents who may have abundant wealth outside their home value. For many, the equity in their homes is the core of their retirement savings as well as the collateral for loans that bridge cash-flow gaps, education, home maintenance, unanticipated health care costs, etc. We should care about the value of our homes not for those who are fleeing town and looking for the highest sale price. We should care about it for those who are rooted in Cape, and striving to make ends meet.

Frank J. Governali

Per-student spending in Cape has fallen

It’s wonderful that our School Board and Town Council, after many long, hard hours and much input from the community, had arrived at a responsible consensus concerning the school budget. As a community, we’re now shocked that the state of Maine has abruptly cut \$504,000 from our school funding for next year.

Why us, and why by so much, when some similar towns instead will realize increases in state support? There is no doubt that some of our neighbors and friends have suffered substantially in the economic downturn that triggered the state’s actions. Thank goodness there are several mechanisms in place in our town to help them weather the storm.

Just as we recognize their challenges and seek to assist them, however, we must also recognize the cold hard fact that Cape Elizabeth is the No. 1 wealthiest town in Maine, but in recent years we have fallen to No. 162 in the amount we fund for education per student. So, it’s been judged by those outside our community that we are perhaps better poised to draw more on our own resources to fund our schools adequately in tough times.

Our Town Council, School Board and administrators, and municipal staff have trimmed costs to the bone, made very tough cuts, and somehow assembled funds to make up most of the difference created by the state’s actions. I thank them for their hard work and tremendous good will. And I urge the rest of us to do our part and agree to a very modest increase in our tax bill (around \$27/year/median household) to keep our schools going until the economy turns around and new reforms allow us to tackle the even harder task of redefining how we should be educating our next generation of citizens.

Tricia Wasserman

Small tax increase for ‘highly efficient’ schools should be supported

As I write this, Cape Elizabeth town councilors are in the process of deciding what budgeting level should go to the public for a vote. The school board is proposing a school budget that requires a 6/10 of 1 percent increase. I support the School Board budget and my reasons are simple.

I don’t want my property value to decline. People pay a premium to live in Cape Elizabeth because of the strong reputation of our schools. We need to keep it that way, even if it costs us a little bit of money, because it protects my largest asset.

I am a fiscal conservative; I always question tax increases, but I need to protect my investment in my home. So I checked online to see how much the CPI increased last year, and it was 1.8 percent. Based on that, I am ok with 0.6 percent increase.

But even with the small increase, I want to know it will be spent efficiently—on education and not overhead. Our schools were rated as highly efficient by the state of Maine, and I believe we were one of only three schools in the state to receive this designation. This means, by definition, we spend very little on overhead. Knowing that the state says we have very low overhead means I do not have to spend days trying to analyze every part of the school budget: I am very comfortable that this small increase will be spent directly on education. As such, I support the school board budget and encourage my fellow citizens to do the same.

Randi Bollenbach

School-user fees shift burden to families with young children

As our community once again debates tax relief versus school funding, I want to shed light on a growing trend of cost shifting from tax income to user fees for parents in our community. Often called “the parent tax,” these fees have grown rapidly in recent years and are crushing for those struggling to make ends meet during these difficult economic times. Parents are now asked to pay for athletic participation, field trips, extracurricular clubs, academic courses, textbooks, and basic classroom supplies. It is commonplace for a family to pay \$500 per child per year to sustain educational activities that our neighboring communities fund in their regular school budget.

To those who urge the schools to cut costs year after year, know that the burden is being unfairly shifted to families with young children.

This strikes me as fundamentally unfair. Isn’t the basic precept of a democracy that every citizen has a right to an equal education? And isn’t the deal that we as a society will collectively provide that for our children? One of the great strengths of this town is its socio-economic diversity and the fact that every single kid is encouraged to excel. Please, let’s not chip away at those safeguards and inadvertently create a two-tiered system. Let’s cheerfully contribute, knowing our money is spent wisely and well, so that every child in this town can experience the opportunities our excellent schools offer. And let’s take pride as we support the greatest engine of democracy: equal education for all.

Sara Lennon

‘Carelessness’ evident in Cape’s zoning maps

Have you been to town hall lately to check the zoning map to see in which zoning area your property is included? Probably not. Who would think to do that when they have bought a piece of property in a certain zone and that information is confirmed by the assessors office? Yet the owner of 551 Shore Road has had her belief in the security of her residential zoning shaken. Her zoning has been “compromised,” in the words of Mike McGovern, by the “way the zoning maps have been drawn over the years.”

When the purchaser of 553 Shore Road petitioned the town to have his residential status changed to business, enquiries were made of the town about the legality of such a zone change when 551 was residential. “Oh, but 551 isn’t residential,” Town Planner, Maureen O’Meara claimed, “it is business.” Well, turns out that is not strictly true. One half of 551 is shown in the business area on the current zoning map and one half in the residential area.

This division goes from side to side right through the building itself!

But the 1982 zoning map shows the division going from front to back!

These changes are not the result of any Town Council action, but are the result of carelessness in drawing of zoning lines.

The owner of 551 wants her property restored to its correct residential zoning status, yet Town Councilor David Sherman says that in his view the question of the zoning of 551 has been settled. How can that be when the Town Council has not yet discussed it?

Is this a Cape Elizabeth that serves the needs of all its citizens, or just a favored few?

Emily Materson

Cape schools demonstrate 'extraordinary results' with low costs

I think we could all agree that the following very aggressive results for our schools would be extraordinary:

- *Spend less than the state average per student;
- *Spend in the bottom half of all districts statewide;
- *Achieve test scores consistently in the top 2 percent of all districts statewide;
- *Be certified by the DOE as one of the highest performing districts in the state;
- *Maintain administrative costs under 4 percent;
- *Be certified as one of the most cost-efficient districts in the state.

These sound like almost impossible goals to achieve: spend below the state average and get the best results. And certainly, if we could achieve these, there would be universal praise for this incredible combination of low costs and high performance.

But there's a catch: the results above are what we have already achieved! These facts describe our schools today. And despite that, there are loud voices in our community who are not satisfied. They either ignore our current achievements or demand more to advance a radical tax-reform objective. They proclaim that the schools are poor performing, lavishly funded, wasteful, and do not yield a return on our investment. No evidence supports their claims; indeed, the facts dramatically contradict all of their assertions.

So please pause to reflect on the extraordinary results in both low costs and exceptional outcomes that our schools consistently achieve as you contemplate your vote on May 12. I will be supporting the highly responsible and frugal 0.6 percent school-board budget. I hope you will too.

Claudia Dricot

Open letter to council urges support of school budget

Dear Town Council Members,

We urge you to support the proposed School Board budget as it stands, and put it to the citizens of Cape Elizabeth to vote on. The school has already cut \$400,000 and 8 positions, on top of losing \$500,000 in state aid. To fund this loss of state funding, the school has given up another \$165,000 in contingency funds that would have been used to support the statewide high school laptop program. We appreciate the fact that the town has moved \$200,000 in emergency funds towards the state deficit. However, this still leaves \$145,000 needed to fund the current budget, which works out to approximately \$27 per median household this year. Surely any reasonable person can see that we need to support our schools, even more so in these trying times, and if the town councilors were to show their full support for the proposed budget it would go a long way to confirming the emphasis we as a town place on a quality education. Thank you for your consideration.

Tim and Sue Harper



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Giving our roads and bridges much needed attention

By Sen. Larry Bliss, District 7

Our roads, bridges, and highways need work. You need not travel very far to come to that realization. In Maine, the weather plays a significant role in the maintenance of our roads – our winters take a toll on their conditions and our repair season is shortened due to the inability to work on snow-covered roads. While much of Maine's infrastructure is in dire need of repair, we are also very much limited financially by what we are able to accomplish. That is why it is a very good sign and a step in the right direction when a project is placed on the schedule for repair.

The state's Department of Transportation has released its work plan for the next two years. This work plan contains projects that MaineDOT will fund with resources projected to be available from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2011. This plan does not include projects slated to be completed using the federal stimulus money. The key aspect of the plan is that the projects will be funded with money that is projected to be available.

Transportation projects are funded through a combination of the highway fund and bonds approved by voters. The bulk of the highway fund, roughly 65 percent, is derived from the gas tax, and is not a predictable, or stable, source of revenue. Last summer, when gas prices soared, and people made the wise decision to cut back on travel and ultimately conserve fuel, the highway fund took a hit – a significant hit. It also becomes very difficult to predict the exact cost of each road project. For example, last year, a global competition for material translated into a 130 percent cost increase in asphalt and double-digit annual inflation in the cost of other material.

At our current highway fund funding level, it would take roughly 80 years to meet all of the infrastructure repair needs that are currently required – please keep in mind that this is assuming that no new repairs are required during that 80-year period . . . no bridge repairs, no resurfacing necessary, no frost heaves, no potholes, etc., etc., etc. The highway fund is not meeting our needs.

In essence, it is a great first step for a particular project to be included in the work plan, but while the chances look good for it to be done, it is certainly not a done deal.

In our area, a significant amount of work is scheduled to be accomplished over the two-year period.

The Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Fore River and Portland Terminal Railroad on the Portland/South Portland town line will be replaced to the tune of \$50 million. Nearly 12 miles of I-295 southbound through Falmouth, Portland, and South Portland will be receiving \$6 million in repairs. The amount of \$1.45 million is scheduled to go towards repairs on Broadway in South Portland. A signal at the intersection of Route 77, Scott Dyer Road, and Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth will be installed for roughly \$438,000. Route 1 in South Portland will receive partial repairs for \$1.5 million. Also, the bridge deck on the Fore River Northbound Bridge on I-295 in South Portland will receive repairs of \$1 million. In Scarborough, improvements will be made at the intersection of Route 1, Payne Road, Pine Point Road, and Broad Turn Road totaling \$263,000.

If the amount of funding estimated to support this work plan becomes available, MaineDOT will invest almost \$809.2 million in capital projects and an additional \$61.4 million in multimodal transit operat-



Sen. Larry Bliss

ing costs. Nearly 57 percent of this funding is anticipated from federal resources. The state's share, about 28 percent, assumes approval of the governor-proposed \$127.8 million transportation-related bond package, of which \$126 million is included in this work plan.

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 via e-mail at Lawrence.bliss@gmail.com, in Augusta at 287-1515, or toll free at 1-800-423-6900. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sewer main replacement to disrupt traffic at Oakhurst, Shore Road intersection

The Public Works Department is planning to replace a short section of the sanitary sewer main on Oakhurst Road beginning Monday, May 11.

The work should take about three days to complete, said Public Works Director Robert Malley.

"Residents may want to utilize Mitchell Road for better egress to avoid what may be some minor traffic delays as the work in underway," he said.

The section being replaced runs from the intersection of Oakhurst and Shore Road to the entrance of the parking lot at St. Alban's Church, a length of approximately 250 feet, Malley said.

"There is an obstruction in the line and some of the joints are failing," he said. "The pipe is vitrified clay and quite susceptible to groundwater infiltration," Malley said.

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

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.

Memorial Day observed Monday, May 25

Memorial Day will be observed May 25 with the traditional parade and memorial ceremonies. This is an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance of those who have died serving our nation.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. Parade participants are asked to gather on Fowler Road at 8:15 a.m. The parade route begins at the intersection of Fowler Road and Old Ocean House Road, continues north on Route 77, taking a left onto Scott Dyer Road ending at the War Veteran's Memorial.

A brief ceremony and laying of the wreath will be held at the monument.

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth Police, Fire and Rescue Departments, the WETeam, Lions Club, Middle School Marching Band, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Veterans of previous wars, as well as active duty personnel, are invited to march. Anyone with a family member serving in the

armed services is encouraged to notify Jim Huebener at 767-1754 (home), 831-3625 (cell), or jhuebene@maine.rr.com, so the family member may be recognized.

Groups interested in marching, other than those mentioned above, should contact Jim Huebener as soon as possible so they can be included.

The 2009 Memorial Day Parade Marshall is Lee Humiston. Mr. Humiston, a Cape Elizabeth resident, is an Air Force veteran, served during the Vietnam War, and is currently director of the Maine Military Museum and Learning Center.

Following the ceremony, residents and guests are invited to an open house at the Town Center Fire Station.

In the event of inclement weather, a ceremony and laying of the wreath will be held at the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. Parking for the cafeteria is at the back of the high school.

Family Fun Day planning underway

By Ted Smith

Family Fun Day is alive and well, and planning for this year's event is well underway. The event is set for June 13, with a rain date of June 20.

Eagerly anticipated and actively participated in, Family Fun Day celebrates our spirit of community as well as our love and appreciation of Fort Williams itself. Considered the unofficial kickoff to summer in Cape Elizabeth, Family Fun Day is a non-profit event that is meant to encourage and support numerous groups and organizations in our town, like the sports and music boosters as well as the many community service and religious groups that rely upon contributions and fundraisers such as this. Supporting Family Fun Day is in effect supporting these groups by providing them a chance to raise much needed revenue while encouraging the small town spirit of caring and community that is New England. Local groups are encouraged to contact Gene Weismann at 767-7111 if they are interested in participating.

As always, the committee is working to expand the day's events. Our goal is to provide more opportunities for family activities without taking away the ability of the many vendors to raise funds. Besides popular pennials such as ring-toss, the train ride, and bottle-throw, we are happy to welcome the return of Maine Rock Gym and the rock-climbing wall with the addition of Monkey

Motion, an innovative new jumping system. Come and test your skill and daring and enjoy the many other offerings available throughout the day.

If your spirit is more in the area of aeronautics, ReMax will be providing hot-air balloon rides in the morning prior to the day's events. Catch the morning sun from above the tree line and enjoy a spectacular view of the harbor and islands.

If you are a local artist or craftsperson, this is your chance to get a jump on the summer's art shows and have a fun day besides. Booth space is ample and free. However, you will be responsible for your own setup and display paraphernalia. Artisans interested in participating in this year's event may contact Rose Kennealy at 799-1674.

The culmination of months of planning and organization by a small group of volunteers, the Family Fun Day Committee welcomes assistance in a variety of areas, particularly on the day of the event, including the parade, games, and cleanup. We are also asking for people interested in serving on the committee and planning and organizing the event itself; the level of involvement is up to you. This is a great way to get involved in the town and have fun while doing it. If interested, or if you would like more information about Family Fun Day, please contact Steve Culver at 767-9072. Come and help us make this year's event the best ever!

Health officials recommend information, common health procedures as safeguards against swine flu

Public health officials on all levels – state, local and national – are advising constituents to follow normal health precautions to help prevent the spread of swine flu, and to stay informed as situations develop.

The best prevention, according to Portland Public Health Director Julie Sullivan, is to wash hands frequently, cough/sneeze into one's arm, and if sick, stay at home and monitor symptoms.

"I realize it can be unsatisfying to heed such simple directives, but these measures really will help prevent the spread of swine flu and other related infectious diseases," Sullivan said.

Cape Elizabeth School Department administrators and school nurses are also advising parents to follow these simple proce-

dures, and if flu symptoms emerge, to keep children home for 24 to 48 hours after symptoms resolve.

In order to keep informed, please refer to the following Web sites, which are updated regularly throughout each day.

*Maine CDC Web site on swine flu:

www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/swine-flu-2009.shtml

*U.S. CDC Web site on swine flu:

www.cdc.gov/swineflu/

*Preventing the Flu:

www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm

The City of Portland has also posted these links and other information on its site, www.publichealth.portlandmaine.gov.

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Cape's intoxicated past

'Flip'

3 eggs
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12-16 ounces of beer
In a quart mug, break three eggs.

Add three teaspoons sugar and stir well.

Add in the jigger of rum and the jigger of brandy, beating meanwhile.

Fill remaining volume of mug with beer.

Insert red-hot iron until it hisses and foams.

The drink will become only warm.

This recipe for one of the most popular drinks of the 1740s called for using a "red hot iron poker" also known as "flip iron," which accounts for its name. The hot iron created a smoky bitter taste in vogue at the time, according to www.colonialcooks.com.

This is one of a periodic series, "Historical Snippets," offering readers a glimpse into Cape's past. Anyone wishing to share information about Cape Elizabeth history or their experiences growing up in Cape Elizabeth may contact Ellen Van Fleet through The Cape Courier.

By Ellen Van Fleet

Since the arrival of the first Europeans, Cape Elizabeth's historical record is laced with references to liquor and drinking. Prophetically, French explorer Samuel de Champlain labeled Richmond Island the "Isle de Bacchus" when he landed there in 1604. He noted the many oaks and nut trees "and many vineyards bearing beautiful grapes in their season, which were the first we had seen on all these coasts" While there is no record of wine making on the island, entire shiploads of wine were delivered later to the early fishing colony.

When John Winter arrived on the island in 1633, "he manufactured much of his own strong drink, [and] his trade in this item was particularly remunerative," William B. Jordan wrote in his book, "A History of Cape Elizabeth." "Not only did he sell it to the Indians but visiting fishermen spent a large part of their earnings on it, thus making its manufacture a very profitable venture."

Drinking was commonplace in early New England as alcoholic beverages were safer to imbibe; in Europe tainted water was common and greatly feared. "Americans thought alcohol was healthful. To their minds, drink kept people warm, aided digestion, and increased strength. Not only did alcohol prevent health problems, but it could cure or at least mitigate them. They took whiskey for colic and laryngitis. Hot brandy punch addressed cholera. Rum-soaked cherries helped with a cold. Pregnant women and women in labor received a shot to ease their discomfort. ... Water, on the other hand, could make you sick," Colonial Williamsburg's Web site www.colonialwilliamsburg.com, states. Drunkenness, not drinking, was the issue. York County Court Records of 1711 to 1718 for Falmouth, the "First Parish," and Spurwink and Purpoosuck, which made up the "Second Parish," list 17 cases of excessive drinking, in addition to the following drinking-related infractions: "incorrigibly drunk": two people; "drunk at sitting of court": five people; sale of drink without license, 11 people; and sale of drink to Indians: two people. All of these cases occurred in York, Kittery or Wells. After 1703, when Dominicus Jordan was killed by the Indians at Spurwink, no one lived in current-day Cape Elizabeth until Dominicus Jordan II returned around 1715. By 1718 there were only 18 families at Purpoosuck, the area where Southern Maine Community College

is located. People were so few and so isolated that public drunkenness just wasn't an issue.

By 1744 the area was growing in spite of a few lingering Indian skirmishes, and it is at this time that one finds the first mention of the arrival of rum from the West Indies. William Simonton, a major merchant of the day, unloaded the first shipments of West Indian rum, sugar and molasses at today's Wilford Beach, also known as Simonton's Cove. This cove was the merchant hub of the area, not "the Neck," the name for current-day Portland Harbor.

"The population of the Second Parish had, by 1749, increased to approximately 900, including 150 families," Jordan states in his book. "Lumber, wood, and fishing still provided the principal business pursuits [in fact much of the food had to be imported]... As to the style of living, it was, in most cases very plain and simple. However, good imported wines and liquor were more universally used than in the present time due to their direct importation and the low cost. The most common drinks were punch and flip, especially on public occasions that called the people together, notably town meetings, militia musters, ordinations, weddings, and funerals. These gatherings were quite likely to involve copious libations of these two beverages," Jordan's book states.

As the population grew and the availability of cheap alcohol increased, problems of drunkenness became more common.

Planning Board recommends amendments to zoning ordinance for state compliance at shore

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board on April 27 voted unanimously to recommend to the council a set of amendments to the zoning ordinance designed to comply with state standards for shore land zoning.

The changes include numerous text amendments and an amended zoning map. None of the changes, however, are considered substantial by the board or by the town planner, Maureen O'Meara.

"I think a lot of it is cleanup and tightening of language," O'Meara said of the proposed amendments to the text of the zoning ordinance.

The map amendments include additional areas of shore land zone, but they almost exclusively extend the shore land zone into areas where the town already has wetland zoning requirements, O'Meara said.

The Planning Board is recommending near complete compliance with standards proposed by the state Department of Environmental Protection, except in one area that addresses timber harvesting.

Currently, the town of Cape Elizabeth

does not allow clear-cutting in the buffer area around Great Pond, something that state standards, written by the state's Department of Conservation, would allow, O'Meara said.

Because the board is not recommending compliance with that section, "that does mean that we would need to rely on our own local resources to enforce timber harvesting," she said. "But frankly we don't have a lot of that in town, so I don't expect it to be a huge burden," O'Meara said.

The Town Council is expected to refer the board's recommendation to its ordinance subcommittee, which will likely review the draft amendments and return them to the council for public hearing. Whatever amendments are adopted by the council would then be submitted to the state's Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

The shore land zone is a state mandate and local municipalities are required to adopt them, O'Meara said. Copies of the recommended draft are available at the planning office at Town Hall, and on the town Web site, <http://www.capeelizabeth.com>.

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TRUST BUT VERIFY. Call other parents to make sure adults will be present during the pre- and after-parties and alcohol will not be served.

ENFORCE YOUR RULES CONSISTENTLY. Don't look the other way if your teen breaks the rules, even during Prom. They need to know that you are serious about your expectations.

BE A ROLE MODEL. Host safe, alcohol/substance-free activities and events for youth during prom and graduation season.

TALK TO THE LIMO DRIVER. If your teen will ride in a limo, make sure the driver knows that it's illegal for minors to consume alcohol in their vehicle.

THE POLICE ARE INCREASING ENFORCEMENT. Let your teen know that the police will be patrolling underage drinking parties and targeting adults who host parties and supply alcohol for minors.

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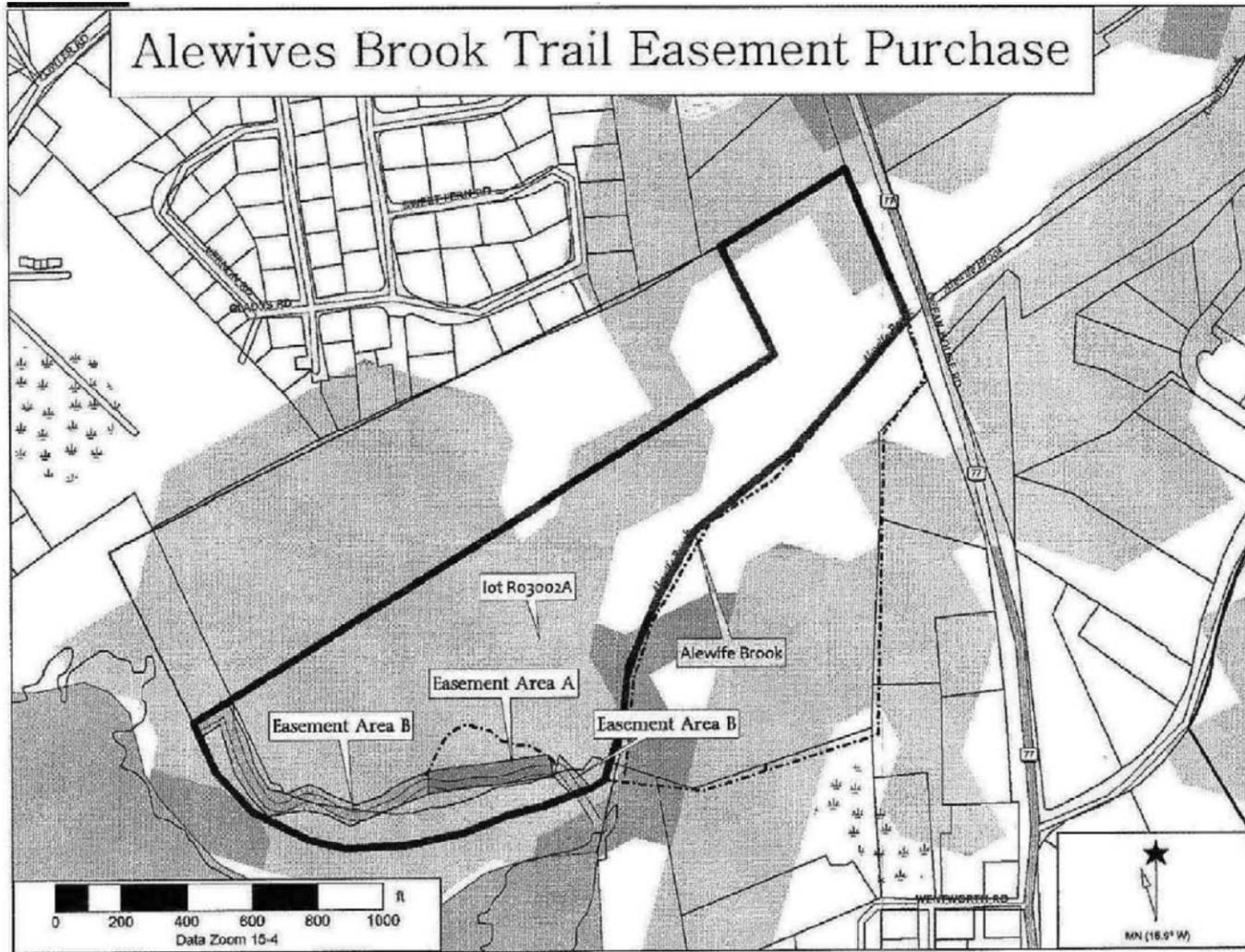
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five remaining parcels to be acquired in the 2001 Greenbelt Plan, which was reaffirmed as a strategic priority in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. Acquisition of this trail link rose in importance when the town replaced the dilapidated boardwalk east of Alewife Brook this past year.

"Many users may have assumed the trail to be owned by the town of Cape Elizabeth," said Dick Bauman, Chairman of the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission. "Now that we have acquired this important trail connector, the Greenbelt trail along Great Pond is complete. We greatly appreciate the Jordans' willingness to help us achieve this goal."

Upon referral by the town, CELT began working with the landowner in the latter half of 2007 and collaborated with the Conservation Commission to identify and design a new trail corridor that could replace the Alewives Brook Trail currently in use. Through the tireless efforts of CELT Lands Committee Chair, Frank Strout, substantial agreement was reached in late 2008. The conservation easement was signed on April 15. In early June, CELT will lead the entire eighth-grade class in the construction of the new trail as part of the now annual eighth-grade Trail Project.

The Land Trust is very excited to have collaborated with Cape Elizabeth on this important project. Thanks to this historic collaboration, the southern half of the cross-town trail is complete. Local residents and visitors are now able to walk from town center to Kettle Cove entirely upon public access trails.



Map showing Alewives Brook Trail easement areas

The Alewives Brook Trail Easement consists of the perpetual right to use the trail for pedestrian and nonmotorized recreational

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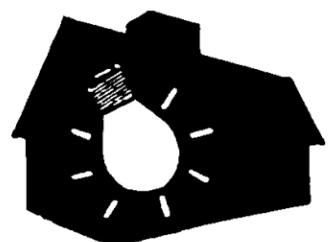
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Plant a 'kitchen garden' and join a movement!

By Penny Jordan

Many have read Michael Pollen's book *The Omnivore's Dilemma* or his column in the *New York Times Magazine*. He has caused us to rethink our food: how it is raised, where it comes from, what it costs and what we have been feeding our children and ourselves. Michelle Obama has planted a vegetable garden at the White House, which is highlighting a movement that has been happening for several years. People are hearing more about food independence, food security, food safety and food miles. The result is people want to know how to grow food and feed themselves.

Kitchen gardens are a simple concept that can help change our eating habits, teach children to grow food, and help reduce the carbon footprint created by what we eat.

A small kitchen garden can provide food for your family and for people who might not be able to afford fresh vegetables, or who can no longer manage their own garden. Imagine a project for your children planting and maintaining a vegetable garden for a



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neighbor who cannot do it themselves — that's community!

Kitchen gardens can save money for a family and contribute to the local food supply. When you grow food, it creates opportunities to connect with people and meet your neighbors. Neighbors can pool their resources, plant different types of produce,

and share products for winter storage. Kitchen gardens are a way to reignite "putting up" food for the winter. Preserving through freezing or canning is a way for us to eat what we grow, throughout the winter and share the bounty with our neighbors.

By planting a kitchen garden, don't think of it as taking away from the family farm. Think of it as contributing to the local food supply, changing eating habits, reducing our reliance on fossil fuel and contributing to food security.

Local family farms remain an important part of the equation. They cannot meet 100 percent of the demand for fresh local produce. Family farms grow larger quantities; they cannot grow every variety of product people might like. What they can do is grow fresh, healthy and safe products for a large number of people. They can provide

products to augment what kitchen gardeners grow, and they practice succession planting for a continuous flow of products into our food system throughout the growing season. Kitchen gardens and family farms are not mutually exclusive; they can work together to feed a community.

Michael Pollen writes, "Food eaten closer to where it is grown is fresher and requires less processing, making it more nutritious, and whatever may be lost in efficiency by localizing food production is gained in resilience; regional food systems can better withstand all kinds of shocks." That said, plant a garden, feed your family, feed your neighbors and fill our local food pantries this summer with fresh local produce.

Some sources for kitchen gardeners:
 *University of Maine Cooperative Extension at www.extension.umaine.edu/
 *Kitchen Gardeners International at www.kitchengardeners.org/
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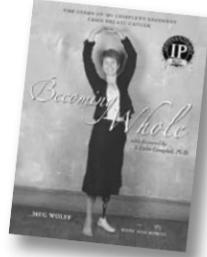
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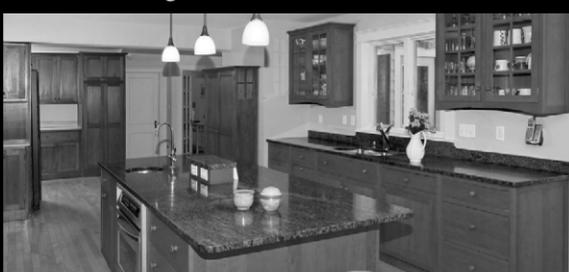
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**Reported by Debbie Butterworth
COMPLAINTS**

- 3-30 An officer spoke with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding harassing phone calls.
- 3-31 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area regarding a phone account that had been opened in the plaintiff's name. The plaintiff learned of this from a collection agency regarding the bill. The plaintiff has contacted the phone carrier.
- 3-31 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding harassing phone calls.
- 4-1 An officer met with a representative of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Recreation regarding criminal mischief to a sign at one of the local state parks. Damage to the sign is estimated at \$300.
- 4-1 An officer was on routine patrol checking the transfer station which was closed at the time. Once inside, he made contact with a subject going through the recycle bins. The subject was warned for trespass and theft.
- 4-3 An officer met with the Rangers at Crescent Beach State Park about damage done to the door of the buildings. Entry is believed to have been gained but nothing is missing. Damage was estimated at \$100.
- 4-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check. The subject in question was located and found to be all right.
- 4-6 An officer met with a resident in the Scott Dyer Road area regarding a neighbor dispute involving alleged trespass and criminal mischief.
- 4-7 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a case of ID theft. The plaintiff reported receiving warnings of a virus sent to his e-mail account. When resident opened the message, he saw that it asked for his password and date of birth. The plaintiff responded and provided the information. The following day, he was unable to access his account and also learned that all of his e-mail contacts had received requests for money. The plaintiff contacted the bank and closed the accounts; no money had been transferred from the plaintiff's accounts.
- 4-6 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding an assault complaint.
- 4-7 An officer met with a representative of the Cape Elizabeth Softball Boosters, who reported damage to some fencing at Capano Field. Damage was estimated at \$250.
- 4-9 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a dog that had attacked and mauled the plaintiff's dog. The officer made contact with the owner of the other dog and issued a quarantine notice.
- 4-11 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding the theft of a Reese cargo carrier. The carrier is valued at \$150.
- 4-12 An officer met with a representative of Maine State Park Service regarding criminal mischief to a bathroom facility. Damage was estimated at \$200.
- 4-12 An officer met with a representative of a local retailer regarding a gray Saturn leaving the lot without paying for \$11.20 of gasoline.
- 4-15 An officer driving down Scott Dyer

- Road was flagged down by three eastbound motorists who reported a small child without shoes running down the middle of Scott Dyer Road. The child was identified and brought home.
- 4-16 An officer met with a Westbrook resident regarding an assault complaint.
- 4-16 Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House road area for a verbal domestic disturbance.
- 4-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a domestic problem. They met with all parties involved.
- 4-17 Two officers and the animal control officer responded to a residence in the Woodland Road area for contact between a dog and a raccoon. They were unable to locate the raccoon for rabies testing, so a notice was issued to quarantine the dog for 45 days.
- 4-19 Two officers responded to a noise complaint in the Mitchell Road area, and met with all parties involved.

- insurance, Scott Dyer Rd., \$171
- 4-11 CE resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Rd., \$70
- 4-13 Windham resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Fort Williams park
- 4-14 Gorham resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 4-17 SP resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Rd., \$133
- 4-18 Scarborough resident, speeding (59/45 zone) Route 77, \$137

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- 4-15 Littering from a motor vehicle, Route 77, \$165
- 4-15 Violation of interim license, Route 77
- 4-17 Speeding, (48/30 zone) Shore Rd., \$185

ACCIDENTS

- 4-9 Naomi Tomney, John Ingalls, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 4-6 Shore Rd., arcing wires
- 4-10 Ocean House Rd., motor vehicle accident
- 4-11 Wilton Lane, fire alarm activation
- 4-14 Winding Way, fire alarm
- 4-16 Mutual Aid, South Portland
- 4-17 Cranbrook Dr., fire alarm
- 4-19 Fox Hill Rd., smoke detector activation

RESCUE CALLS

There were 16 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 8 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 6 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

SUMMONSES

- 4-2 SP resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Rd., \$70
- 4-3 Portland resident, OAS, Spurwink Ave.
- 4-8 CE resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Shore Rd., \$137
- 4-9 CE resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Rd., \$71
- 4-9 SP resident, possession of marijuana, Kettle Cove
- 4-9 CE resident, failure to give correct name, Kettle Cove
- 4-10 CE resident, failure to produce

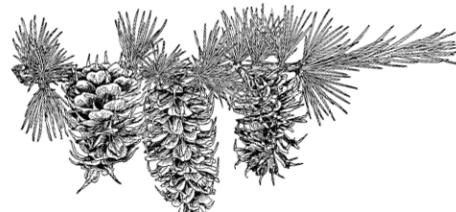
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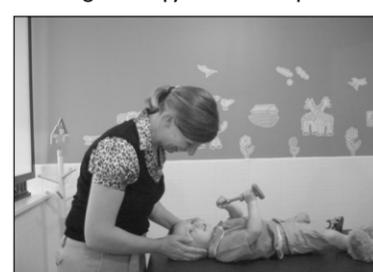
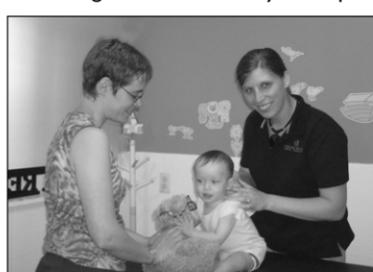
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Everett and Linda Johnson and Ann Hayes of Scarborough announce the engagement of their daughter, **Abigail Johnson**, to Christopher Sedenka. A 2001 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a 2005 graduate of Syracuse University in New York, Abby will receive a doctorate in audiology in May from the University of Connecticut in Storrs. 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 2006. He is a sports talk show host on WJAB radio and will be the "voice" of the new Celtics D League team, the Maine Red Claw, 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

Hayley Griffin was named to the fall dean's list at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Md., where she is a member of the class of 2009 and pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design.

Maine Home+Design magazine's TV show, titled "MHD-TV," has been nominated for a Boston/New England Emmy award for outstanding editing. The award ceremony will be on May 30. Cape Elizabeth resident, **Susan Kelley**, who is editor of *Maine Home+Design*, hosts the FOX 23 show with Christine Bohler of Bohler Productions, which is based in South Portland. The program airs in Maine and New Hampshire and recently completed its second season. Episodes focus on elements involved in designing a home, including landscaping, custom building, rugs, furniture, and color palettes. The show features interviews and home tours with architects, contractors and interior designers as well as custom furniture builders and other craftsmen.

Founded by Cape Elizabeth resident, part owner **Kevin Thomas**, *Maine Home+Design* is in its third year of publication. *Maine Home+Design* recently acquired *Port City Life* magazine, which will be transformed and relaunched in September under a new name.

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, **Chris Allen**, formerly of Cape Elizabeth, now lives in Massachusetts, with his wife Ellen.

Both 2004 graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School, Corey works as a mortgage broker with Stonecoast in Westbrook, and Kristyn teaches second grade in Cumberland.



Helen Brinley Zimmerman

Cape resident **Julianne Ciraldo** was recently named manager of The Boutique at the new Family Birth Center at Maine Medical Center. The boutique carries hard-to-find specialty items and gifts for moms-to-be, new mothers, and babies, including nursing attire and accessories, books and DVDs, infant clothing, and gifts, toiletries and accessories.

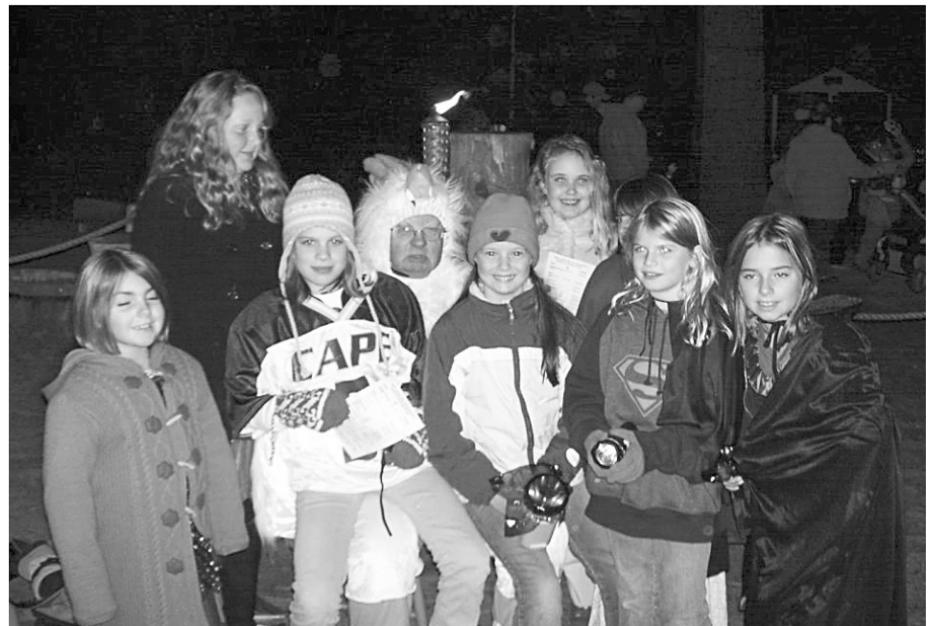
The shop is funded and operated by the Women's Board of the Maine General Hospital to serve the needs of patients, families, visitors and hospital staff of the Family Birth Center. Formed in 1877, the Women's Board is one of the oldest continuously operating hospital volunteer boards in the country. All proceeds from the boutique benefit Maine Medical Center.

'Home Care Hero'!



VNA Home Health and Hospice physical therapist Joanne Murphy is completely surprised when she learns she has been named "Home Care Hero" for March. Murphy, who takes on clients beyond her caseload when there is a need, "always maintains her A-plus attitude," a release from VNA states. The agency has 110 employees.

Award-winning troop



Gathering earlier this year at the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray are, left to right, Anna Stevens; Lily Pillsbury, Sam Feenstra, a park employee; Eileen Misterovich, Brynne Kennedy, Aphrodite Makrides, whose hair is visible; Meg Sullivan; and Rosie Stevens. Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 1467, they recently earned a bronze award, the highest honor possible for a Junior Girl Scout, for their achievements. Members hosted an event in the middle school cafetorium for younger Girl Scouts that included an indoor campfire and campsite, a play about Brownies, and craft, dance and recycle stations. The troop also displayed an 18-foot-long paper scroll that included writings from members and their parents about how Girl Scouts can make a difference in the world.

Cape Elizabeth second-grader **Katie Ledoux** recently raised \$232 for the Animal Rescue League (ARL). For the second year in a row, the eight-year-old asked for donations to ARL for her birthday instead of presents. An animal lover, Katie one day hopes to be a veterinarian or an "animal cop," as seen on the Animal Planet Channel, said her mother, **Patty Hatt-Ledoux**. The two recently delivered the money to the Westbrook headquarters of ARL of Greater Portland.

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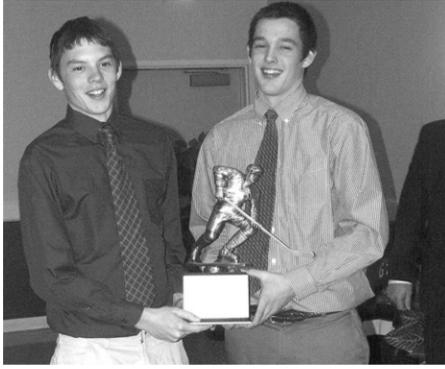


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Cape hockey players honored



Cape hockey player, Sean Eubanks, left, and Greely player Kevin Hart were named Western Class B players of the year.

Cape Elizabeth High School hockey captain Sean Eubanks was honored with several awards at the Western Maine Class B banquet in March. The league's leading scorer, with 29 goals and 24 assists in 20 games, he was named player of the year along with Greely High School player Kevin Hart. Also named offensive player of the year, Eubanks was selected for the first team All Stars along with fellow Cape player Zach Breed.

CEHS players Sam St. Germain, Mike Holden and Phil Jordan were named to the second team, Zack Labbe to the third team, and Nick Breed to the all-rookie team.

At the banquet, parent Jeff Holden was honored for 12 continuous years of service to the Cape hockey boosters.

Baseball player named 'Player of Week'

Drake Livada, a junior at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., was selected as University Athletic Association's baseball "Player of the Week" in mid-April for the second time in his career.

A designated hitter, Livada went .571 (12-21) with a team-leading four RBI as the team won two games and lost three. This season, Livada is hitting .345 (38-110) with a slugging percentage of .482, while his 22 RBI and three home runs lead the team.

A 2006 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, he is the son of Evan and Marcia Livada.

Pond Cove Challenge set for Sunday, May 31

Registration forms for the 11th annual 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.

Runners and walkers participate in the 5K, to be followed by a one-mile dash for kids 12 and younger at 9:15 a.m. A fun run for kids eight and younger will follow the one-mile dash, with a diaper dash starting off the fun run.

Bostwick & Co. and Southern Maine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery are sponsors of the 5K, proceeds from which go directly to support Pond Cove. For information about corporate sponsorship or 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.

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 spaghetti dinner in the school cafeteria.

For more information, contact Mahoney or co-chair Amy Cochran at cochran4@maine.rr.com. All interested in volunteering should contact Michelle Spencer at 767-7066.

Tournament champs



Cape Elizabeth softball players, Tess Haller, middle row, second from left, and Megan Nicholson, middle row, fourth from left, and Courtney Jones, who is not pictured, and their under-10 premier team, the Southern Maine Flame, went undefeated to win the Charlie Leto Memorial Tournament in Cambridge, Mass., the last weekend of April. The three athletes are fifth-graders at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

'CE' merchandise now available at online store

Cape fans of all sizes and ages can now buy "CE" apparel, bags, blankets, chairs, hats, and items ranging from computer speakers to beach towels at www.capeelizabeth.briangilbertassociates.com. Cape softball boosters get a portion of each purchase from the online store. All merchandise is sent directly to buyers.

For more information, or to make suggestions about merchandise, contact Diane Nicholson at ledgemereschool@yahoo.com.

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CAPE CALENDARBy Wendy Derzawiec, 767-4074
(E-mail: derzawie@maine.rr.com)Agendas for town and School Board meetings
are available online at: www.capeelizabeth.com**Saturday, May 9****Household Hazardous Waste Collection,**
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive**Sunday, May 10****Lions Club Pancake Breakfast,** 7:30-11
a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two
Lights and Wheeler roads**Monday, May 11****Town Council,** 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
chamber, 320 Ocean House Road**Tuesday, May 12****Citizen vote on Town Council adopted
school budget,** 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Cape
Elizabeth High School**Conservation Commission,** 7 p.m.,
Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference
Room, second floor Town Hall, 320 Ocean
House Road**Arts Commission,** 7 p.m., Thomas
Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road**School Board business meeting,** 7 p.m.,
Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House
Road**Fun Fun Day Volunteers,** 7:30 p.m., Cape
Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean
House Road**Thursday, May 14****School Board Human Resources
Committee,** 8 a.m., William H. Jordan
Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean
House Road**Town Council workshop,** 7:30 p.m.,
William H. Jordan Conference Room,
Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road**Tuesday, May 19****Planning Board,** 7 p.m., Town Hall
chamber, 320 Ocean House Road**Wednesday, May 20****School Board Policy Committee,** 12:15
p.m., William H. Jordan Conference
Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road**Thursday, May 21****Thomas Memorial Library Study
Committee,** 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial
Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road**Fort Williams Advisory Commission,** 7
p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive**Thomas Memorial Library Board of
Trustees,** 7:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial
Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road**Ongoing each week****Al-Anon,** Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m.,
regular meeting 7:30 p.m. **Thursdays,** at
United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean
House Road (Rt. 77). Regular meeting
7 p.m. **Fridays** at St. Alban's Episcopal
Church, 885 Shore Road.**Alcoholics Anonymous,** 2 p.m. **Saturdays,**
First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage
Rd., So. Port.; 7 p.m. **Wednesdays,** St.
Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Rd.;
7 p.m. **Fridays,** St. Alban's Church, 885
Shore Road.**Cape Elizabeth 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.**Cape dancer Kelsey Krull to perform in
'Peter and the Wolf' on May 9**

Kelsey Krull

Cape Elizabeth ballerina Kelsey Krull will perform in the Portland Ballet production, "Peter and the Wolf," at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at the John Ford Theater at Portland High School. A sophomore at Cape Elizabeth High School, Krull will dance the role of Grandfather in the production, which will feature the ballet's upper-level dance students.

A Russian dancer in the Portland Ballet's "Nutcracker" in December, Krull is a mem-

ber of the Musica de Filia Girlchoir and has won honors for her singing. Last month, she received a Kotschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship award for classical vocal performance. In April, she also won first place in her division at the classical National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition at Bates College in Lewiston, which she also won last year. In 2007, she received a first place award in her division at the NATS musical theater competition at Bates.

Krull has performed in plays at both Cape Elizabeth High School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School, including this fall's high school production, "Beauty and the Beast," in which she played Mrs. Potts. This summer, she will attend Syracuse University's six-week summer college musical theater in New York.

Following the performance of "Peter and the Wolf," audience members will be able to ask questions of dancers and get a close look at costumes. Tickets, which will be available at the door the day of the performance, are \$5 to \$10.

**Cape musician,
Renaissance Voices to
perform on May 9**

Renaissance Voices, the 21-voice a cappella ensemble which includes Cape Elizabeth musician, Eric Kawamoto, will present its spring concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland. The program will feature works by Monteverdi, Orlando di Lasso, Felix Mendelssohn, Maurice Ravel, and New Englander Amy Beach.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Tickets will be available in advance for \$12 at www.renaissancevoices.com, at Starbird Music in Portland, and at Books, Etc., in both Portland and Falmouth. Admission will be free with student identification. The audience is invited to a reception after the concert.

For further information, call 729-4958 or visit the group's Web site.

**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 breakfast or about the Lions Club, please contact Cape resident and Lions Club President Kim Brooks at 767-2733.

CAPE CABLE GUIDE**CHANNEL 3****Maine Recycles Video winners**

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May 16 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

May 17 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Town Council (live)

May 11 - 7:30 p.m.

School Board (live)

May 12 - 7 p.m.

Town Council replay

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

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

School Board replay

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

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

Planning Board (live)

May 19 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay

May 20 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

May 21 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

*Schedule is subject to change. For an
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WETeam simulates water rescue

Cape Elizabeth Water Extrication Team (WETeam) members simulate a rescue on April 23 at a free all-day paddle safety seminar hosted by the Coast Guard's Northern New England sector in South Portland in conjunction with the WETeam and other organizations. Aided by WETeam members Paul Fisher, Curt Brown, and Joe Mokry in the WETeam boat, Jacqueline Cottrell simulates the rescue of team member Steve Brock. The WETeam, which responds to more than 25 cases a year, including water and high-angle cliff rescues, enacted different rescue techniques the team uses when responding to an emergency.



CELT to offer three nature outings this spring

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will offer three outings—two for adults and one for children—this spring.

Adults who would like to learn more about migratory birds and flora and fauna at Great Pond and Kettle Cove have an opportunity to do so on Sunday, May 17, when CELT member Bob Cash will lead a walk and talk from 9 to 11 a.m. Group members, who should wear footwear for wet walking and dress appropriately, will meet at the end of Fenway Road.

CELT member Tony Owens will lead a walk through Robinson Woods, where walkers will learn about vernal pools and wildflowers, from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 28. The group will meet at the Robinson Woods kiosk on Shore Road.

The cost for each walk, which will be held rain or shine, is \$6 per person or \$12 per family. Walkers should register in advance through Community Services at 343 Ocean House Road. Group sizes are limited.

CELT volunteer Lisa Gent will lead a walk for "little explorers," aged three to five, and their caregivers from 9 to 10 a.m. on June 10 at Robinson Woods.

"We will take a gentle hike through Rob-

inson Woods, where we will explore the habitat around us as we search for birds, reptiles and amphibians, mammals and plant life. Our focus will be on signs of spring/summer and the approaching change of seasons," Gent says. The group will meet at Robinson Woods' parking lot located on Shore Road near the kiosk. The cost is \$12 per family. All interested should register through Community Services.

Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee announces new officers

New officers have been elected for the Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee. Jessica Sullivan will serve as chairman, Stephen Popp as vice chairman, and Randi Bollenbach as secretary. William Gross will continue to serve as treasurer.

For more information about the committee, please contact Sullivan at jessull999@aol.com or 318-5001.

CETV to broadcast Maine Recycles Video Contest winners

CETV, Cape Elizabeth public access Channel 3, will broadcast the winners of the 2009 Maine Recycles Video Competition, sponsored by the Maine State Planning Office.

The 15-min. video is a compilation of the top-20 "Binny Award" videos submitted by schools around the state in the annual competition. Thirty-five schools submitted over 127 entries, representing the work of nearly 300 students.

The Binny Award winners will air at noon and 4 p.m. daily on CETV, and at 8 p.m. when no other programming is scheduled.

Here is a list of featured videos:

High School/College Category

First Place - \$500, plus a \$1,000 school technology grant: **Recycling Works for Me**. New England School of Communications won based on composition, technical quality, community involvement, and communication of campaign message, "Recycling Works!"

Second Place - \$250: **It's Simple**, Central Area Technical Center. Judges appreciated its simple, clean story.

People's Choice - \$250: **Don't Cheat on Recycling**, Yarmouth High School. Led the popular vote on www.yourtownscable.com. Clever, original and funny.

Semi-Finalists

Most Outrageous, Most Artsy - **It's Sexy**, Bangor High School.

Most Exciting, Most Fun, Best Lyrics and Sound - **Keep Maine Green**, Oxford Hills Technical School. Original rap music.

Middle School Binny Awards

First Place - \$500, plus a \$500 school technology grant: **Recycling, Nothing To Be Afraid Of**, Harrison Middle School.

Second Place, \$250: **Reverse Your Mind and Think**, Mt. Jefferson Jr. High.

The remaining 30-second promos won honorable mentions from the state Planning Office.

Award-winning jazz combo, Patty Morris to perform in free concert on May 30



Performing on March 13 at South Portland High School at the Maine Jazz Festival, where they won top honors among jazz combos, are Cape Elizabeth High School Jazz Combo musicians, left to right, Rob Rice, Brandon Meagher, Joe Wolanski, and Luc Cary.

Cape Elizabeth jazz singer Patty Morris will perform songs on Saturday, May 30, from her "Dukkha's Nemesis" CD in collaboration with the award-winning Cape Elizabeth High School jazz combo, which includes saxophonist Joe Wolanski, guitar-

ist Rob Rice, drummer Brandon Meagher, and bassist Luc Cary. Morris and the combo musicians, who are seniors, will perform at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There is no cost to attend the event, funded through a grant from the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission.

Final 'I Remember Cape' session set for May 19

Senior citizens are invited to attend the final session of the free series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories," on Tuesday, May 19, at the Community Center.

Facilitator Jan-Reale Hatem, a Cape photographer and writer, encourages people to bring a photograph to share. She will provide

postcards on which seniors can record memories. Light refreshments will be served. Participants are asked to register in advance through Community Services at 799-2868. Seniors who cannot attend but want to share memories can contact Reale-Hatem at 799-2457.

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

CEHS Class of 1999 to hold Aug. 15 reunion

Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 1999 will hold its 10th reunion on August 15 at a private residence in Cape Elizabeth. For more information, please e-mail cehs99@gmail.com.

CEHS class of 1974 to hold reunion on Aug. 1

Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 1974 will hold its 35th class reunion on Aug. 1 at the Purpoodock Club. Tickets are \$45. To buy a ticket or get more information about the reunion, please contact Sally Barker at sbarker64@hotmail.com or 767-4118.

Barker asks classmates or residents who have contact information for the following classmates to contact her: Susan Atkinson, Nathan Burt, Steve Cady, Russ Cahill, David DiTomaso, Susan Glendenning, Walter Harmon, Curtis McKenzie, Jeff Mansfield, Mark Merrill, Mamie Richards, Jill Simas, Larry Stevenson, Kim Taffner, Joe Taylor, Bill Wagner, Dale Wallace, Bob Welch, and Steve Wetmore.

CEEF to hold second annual spaghetti dinner on May 30

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) will hold a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School/Pond Cove cafetorium. Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, salad, and bread from Willows Restaurant in South Portland and Market Fresh Produce in Scarborough will be served.

In addition to dinner—\$5 per person, \$15 for families, and free to kids six years and younger—the evening will include demonstrations of programs funded through the Pond Cove Parents Association, the Middle School Parents Association, and CEEF, a nonprofit organization with a mission of funding innovative programs that fall outside the Cape Elizabeth school budget.

Runners who plan to compete in the Pond Cove Challenge 5K race the following morning can pick up race packets at the dinner. Anyone who wants to register for the race can do so at the dinner.

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

Cape Elizabeth resident Zoe Goody, and her son, Chase Gaston, will continue to exhibit their arts and crafts work at the Thomas Memorial Library through 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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Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Cape Anime Club

April's program will be a continuing presentation of the series "Bleach," shown courtesy of Vix Media. Episodes 5-8 of Volume 1: The Substitute will be featured.

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

Library Community Room

Themes

May 10 - 16:

Feathered Friends

Join us for stories and songs about beautiful birds!

Please note there will be no Family Story Time on Saturday, May 16.

May 17 - 23:

Plant a Seed

Get ready for warmer weather with stories about gardens and gardening.

May 24 - 30:

Neat Feet

We'll prepare to step out of spring and into summer with stories and songs about feet and shoes!

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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.

Community Services to take group to Cole Porter show on July 15

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.

Mort Soule, Latin 2 students hold Roman forum at Rudy's; CEHS students excel on national exam



Photo by Kathleen Pierce

Gathering for a before-school breakfast class at Rudy's on April 16 with Cape Elizabeth High School Latin teacher, Mort Soule, front row, center, are members of Soule's Latin 2 independent study group, left to right, front row, Ross Sherman, Peter Governali, Jack Queeney, Will Daly, Will Pierce; rear, Julian McGinn, Will Bollenbach, Reid Douty, Ben Berman, and Michael Long. The students' T-shirts read "Meus Caper comedit laborem domi," which means, "My goat ate my homework." "Caper" is the Latin word for "goat." Translated into English, the Latin on Soule's T-shirt means, "Give me Latin or give me death."

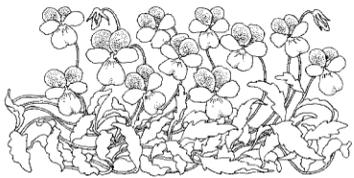
Thirty-three Cape Elizabeth High School students received praise from the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League for their high scores on the National Latin Exam, which they took in March.

Lauded with the highest possible award on the Latin 1 exam were Robert Macdonald, Kelsey Maguire, Jacob Wasserman, Max Aronson, Hannah Doss, Colleen Thibeault, Chris Burke, Teddy Farnsworth, Kelsey Krull, Katie Cavanaugh, Tom Lishness, and Michael Long. Unlike some schools, CEHS has all Latin students take the exam.

CEHS Latin teacher, Morton G. Soule, expressed his delight that 90 percent of his Latin 2 students—whose parents pay for them to take Latin as independent study at CEHS—received recognition on the Latin 2 exam.

"I was pleased and surprised that nine of the students received recognition in the annual National Latin exam, considering they meet only one hour weekly, from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays," Soule said.

—Wendy Keeler



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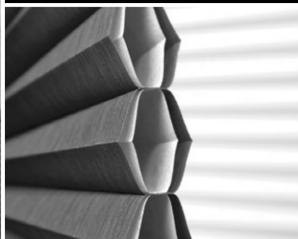
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Pond Cove fourth grade full of page-turners

By Wendy Keeler

Capers of every age might take a leaf from the book of Pond Cove's fourth-grade class, which is full of page-turners. Ninety percent of the grade participated in this year's Maine Student Book Award Program, in which students discuss books from a list of 40 and recommend those they enjoy to friends. A joint project of the Maine Library Association, the Maine Association of School Libraries, and the Maine Reading Association, the program started in the fall and ended in March.

Fourth-grader Katie Zajkowski read all 40 books, some of which aren't available at the Pond Cove Media Center. Fellow-fourth graders Katrina Johnson, Maggie Gleason, and Caitlyn Sellers read more than 20 of the books. Students Kinnon McGrath, Maddie Stephen, Patrick Macdonald, Natalie Gale,

Izzy Brady, Rachel Kriger, Timmy Laprade, Alex Depke, Eli Babcock, and Emma Shedd also devoured books on the list.

Sixty-two fourth-graders read five books or more, and the grade as a whole surpassed Pond Cove Media Center teacher Chris Bulsa-O'Meara's 80-percent-participation goal.

"If they reached this goal I promised to wear a funky outfit and pink hair for a day," Bulsa-O'Meara stated in an e-mail. "With 90 percent of students participating, I did indeed get up early one morning to dye my hair pink."

Students who read at least three books from the list were eligible to vote for their favorite title at the end of March. The 4,000 Maine students who voted put "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," by Jeff Kinney, in first place.

Body-image camp for girls June 6

GirlFormation, a Maine-based program designed to provide education, guidance and support to Maine girls between the ages of 9 and 17, will lead a body-image camp from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Topics will include the impact of the media on teenage girls and peer pressure.

Space is limited to ten girls in grades 6 to 8. Leaders will provide lunch, and there is no cost.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact Gretchen Earle or Kim Sturgeon in the CEMS guidance department at 799-8176. The deadline for registering is Friday, May 22. For information about GirlFormation, go to www.girlformation.com.

Box Tops receptacles at Recycling Center

During the month of May, Cape residents will be able to help Cape Elizabeth Middle and Pond Cove schools earn money by donating Box Tops for Education coupons in bins that will be placed at the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Center. Coupons, which can be clipped from hundreds of grocery products made by various companies, earn 10 cents apiece.

Signs attached to recycling bins show what a Box Top looks like, so people can clip them from plastic and cardboard recyclables before throwing them in bins. Box Tops boxes are also located in the Swap Shop and the covered area where residents dump trash.

For more information, contact Joanne Sullivan at jsull@maine.rr.com or 799-4525.

'Holy cow!'



Patricia McCarthy Photography

Norman Hanscom, who retired this spring after 10 years as a Cape Elizabeth Middle School custodian, stands next to his likeness April 29 at the third annual Arts Night, put on jointly by CEMS and Pond Cove students. Eighth-grade art students teamed up to create portraits honoring three recently retired employees: Hanscom and teachers Cheryl Higgins and Buddy Earle. About 300 people turned out for the event. "It was our best turnout, and so great for emphasizing art in our schools," CEMS Principal Steve Connolly said. "I kept walking around, saying, 'Holy Cow,' because of the amazing talent and the attendance."

International Affairs Trivia Challenge on May 17

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

"Last year we had tables of friends, corpo-

rate tables, and tables of students and parents together," WAC faculty adviser Gretchen McNulty said. "[The event] created a lot of spirited and healthy competition." WAC has a goal of fostering a deepened understanding of global issues and international politics.

Tables of eight can be purchased for \$100, and individual seats for \$15. For more information, contact Rachel Muscat at rachelmuscat@cape.k12.me.us.

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Bowling for Chewonki: Fifth-graders raise money to do outdoor program in spring 2010



A group of fifth-graders gather at their March 27 "Bowl-A-Rama" at Big 20 in Scarborough, where they raised nearly \$300 for Chewonki 2010.

By Wendy Keeler

If they keep up their current long-term planning skills, Cape fifth-graders Rose Stevens, Samantha Feenstra, and Taylor Connell might be getting some corporate recruitment offers in the next few years.

A few months ago, after learning the 2009-2010 school budget won't provide funds for their grade to go to Chewonki in Wiscasset in 2010 when they're sixth-graders, the 10-year-olds took the matter to their CEO: Lisa Stevens, their Girl Scout troop leader, who is Rose's mom.

The goal: \$9,560

Since then, fifth-graders have been fundraising in various ways to raise the \$9,560 that next year's budget will not include.

Rose has made \$70 on her own by collecting bottles. At a Bowl-A-Rama organized in March by fifth-graders at the Big 20 in Scarborough, the group raised \$296 for Chewonki 2010. Another group of fifth-graders raised \$30 at a bake sale they put on at middle school Arts Night on April 29. And members of the class of 2016 raised about \$80 the last week of April through a week-long, school-wide contest in which kids guessed the number of items in four jars.

Determined their grade won't be the first in more than 20 years to miss out on the five-day outdoor experience program, the kids are determined and upbeat.

'Confident'

"It feels good to know that we have raised money already, and I feel confident that we can do this," Rose said.

Next on the docket: a schoolwide classroom bottle-return contest, which will begin Monday, May 11, and run through Thursday, June 4. The classroom that collects the most returnables will win an ice cream party, Lisa Johnson said.

Clynk center

"I have set up 28 Clynk accounts at Hannaford, one for each middle-school classroom," Lisa said. "We will ask students who

would like to take the challenge ... to collect bottles and return them to the Clynk center at Hannaford in a competition between classrooms."

Lisa has also set up a "Community Rewards" account at Shaw's.

"Basically, we ask students to encourage people to sign up their Shaw's Rewards card number to our account. One percent of all qualified purchases will be put into our account," Lisa said.

Visit to the principal

Before the kids embarked on their fundraising efforts, they set up a meeting with Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly to get the facts about the financials. With Lisa's help, the group developed a spreadsheet that includes answers to the questions they asked the principal:

"How many kids in our grade? 155. How much money will be needed for our grade to go to Chewonki in 2010? \$46,760. What is the total amount of money needed from families? \$23,250. How much is the per-family contribution? \$150. Can we expect any money from \$90 per child, totaling \$13,950, which includes funds raised

through the Sally Foster gift-wrap sale."

Deadline: September, 2009

The deadline for raising the \$9,560 missing from next year's budget, in order to confirm the trip, is September, 2009.

Kids can keep abreast of the fundraising status by checking out a display that hangs on a hallway wall near the principal's office.

'I feel confident that we can do this.'
—Rose Stevens,
CEMS fifth-grader

"There are 155 cutouts of kids. On one side of the bridge is a picture of a campground. Every time \$62

is raised, a cutout is moved to the campsite side from the other side of the bridge. As of now, there are six kids in the camp, and one on the bridge."

This year, five Cape citizens stepped up to fund the current sixth-graders' trip for five days at Chewonki by contributing a total \$9,800.

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Adult volunteers help CEHS engineering students build projects, futures



Cape High student Lucas Brewington, left, and Steve Bothel of Bothel's Mechanical Repair are ready to test-drive the bicycle-moped that Brewington and two fellow CEHS seniors built in Bothel's workshop. Members of science teacher Evan Thayer's senior engineering class, the students spent one morning a week for six weeks in the workshop converting a mountain bicycle to a gas-powered moped. Thayer hopes such collaborations among community members and small groups of engineering students will become more common. "There are a lot of people in this community with engineering or technical knowledge who can offer students diverse engineering experiences, experiences that no single teacher alone can offer, because engineering is so broad and diverse," Thayer said.

National Honor induction rescheduled to May 17

Twenty-seven Cape Elizabeth High School students will be inducted into the National Honor Society at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. Students are selected by CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd and faculty members on the basis of four criteria: service, leadership, scholarship and character. The induction date was recently changed.

Inductees are senior Rose Jacobson and the following members of the Class of 2010:

Emily Attwood, Brockton Barritt, Devon Bottomley, Elizabeth Briggs, Peter Brigham, Laura Catsos, Jay Cushing, Gabrielle Donahue, Hannah Doss, Samuel Eisenberg, Abigail Flynn, Zachary Gavin, Alicen Johnson, Kristin Kerney, Katherine Lavallee, Emily Leighton, Rebecca Manning, Elizabeth Marcuse, John Menz, Samuel Naseef, Morgan Pillsbury, Madeleine Spagnola, Julia Springer, Kylie Tanabe, Colleen Thibeault, and Colleen Whitcomb.

Pond Cove Research Night features 125 exhibits



Pond Cove second-grader, Marianna Godfrey, points to Sardinia on a map she made and displayed April 9 at the school's 12th annual Research Night. This year, more than 125 students aged six to 10 presented research exhibits on many topics. One student and his father created a hovercraft. At the "making goop table" visitors got to make their own. Live snakes, dogs, cats, lizards, fish, parakeets, hamsters and turtles made for other popular exhibits. "Research Night is a chance for students to ... perhaps investigate something a bit messier than the Media Center space allows," organizer Pond Cove Media Center teacher Chris Balsa-O'Meara said.

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Juniors

High honors—Emily Attwood, Peter Brigham, Nell Britton, Samuel Eisenberg, Graham Findlay, Abigail Flynn, Zachary Gavin, Stephen Homa, Alicen Johnson, Katherine Lavallee, John Menz, Madeleine Spagnola

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High honors—Kelsey Barton, Lydia Berman, Willard Bollenbach, William Daly,

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Freshmen

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Cape Elizabeth High School's annual art show to run from May 11 to 15



Cape Elizabeth High School senior Clare Boland's digital print, *Waiting Eyeries*, will be on display at the high school's annual art show, to be held May 11 through May 15.

Cape Elizabeth High School will hold its annual art show in the lobby of the school auditorium from Monday, May 11, through Friday, May 15. All are welcome to view works by students in grades 9 through 12 during school hours, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and during evening musical performances that week. A choral concert will be held in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, and a band concert will be held at the same time in the auditorium the following night.

Sophomore Becca Hayes' oil on board painting, *Cups in Snow*, will be on display at the show.



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MSPA, Nonesuch to hold May 27 book fair

The Middle School Parents Association (MSPA) and Nonesuch Books will hold a spring book fair, which will include a free raffle, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at Nonesuch Books in the Mill Creek Shopping Center in South Portland.

Twenty percent of all purchases made dur-

ing the book fair will go to the MSPA when buyers mention the Cape schools. Books from reading lists from all three schools, gift-wrap service and gift-wrap items will also be available.

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CEHS juniors selected for Boys and Girls State

Five Cape Elizabeth High School juniors have been chosen to represent their class at Boys and Girls State this summer. The program supplements high school courses in government.

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club and the G. G. Monks Foundation provide funding for Girls State, which will be held at Husson College in Bangor; and Boys State, which will be held at Thomas College in Waterville.

Cape Lions will sponsor Macauley Cliffe, the daughter of Catie Fairbanks Cliffe and Brian Cliffe, and Peter Brigham, the son of Patricia and Thomas Brigham. G. G. Monks will sponsor Devon Bottomley, the daughter of Marlene and Peter Bottomley, and Niles Bond, the son of Lynda Bond and Chris Bond. Christopher Integlia, the son of Deborah and Mark Integlia, is an alternate delegate.



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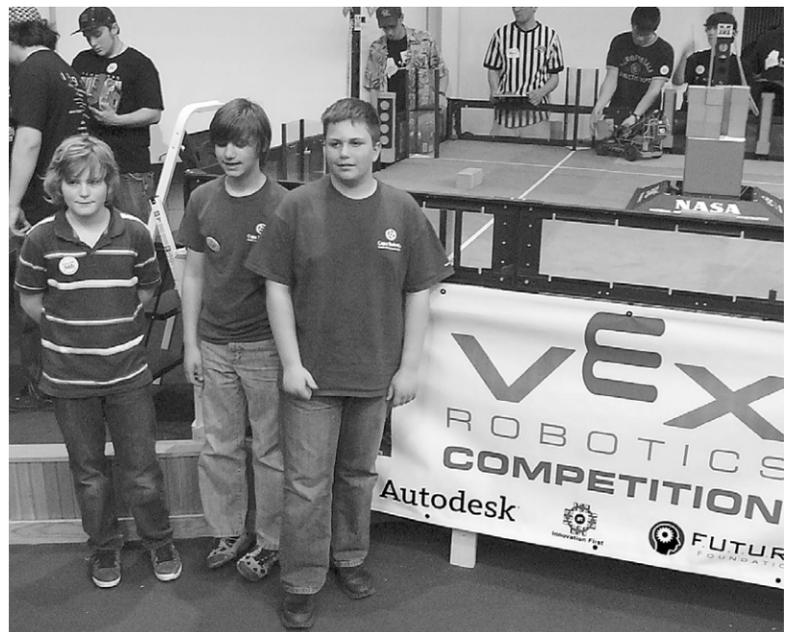
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No vexing CEMS teams at VEX competition



Gathering at the Vex Robotics Competition April 11 at the University of Maine at Orono are Cape Middle School students, left to right, sixth-grader Sam Mayberry, and seventh-graders, Anthony Castro and Luke Dvorozniak. Out of VEX components, teams had to build robots able to perform specific tasks. Mayberry, a one-man team, made it to the semifinals, and the Dvorzniak-Castro team made it to the quarterfinals. Since the start of the school year, seniors from the CEHS engineering class have helped middle-schoolers with robotics.

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Cape Methodist to celebrate 150th anniversary May 17

By Ted Haider

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church (CEUMC) will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a special service and luncheon on Sunday, May 17, beginning at 10 a.m.

Bishop Clifton Ives, who was the church's minister when it moved to its current location in 1967, will return to preach on May 17. For much of its history, the Methodist church was located closer to Bowery Beach, where the Church of the Nazarene now holds its services.

The anniversary service also will feature an original anthem written by choir director Faith York, who composes much of the church's music. She recently explained that the anthem she has written is more of a "performance piece," unlike much of her other

original music which is intended to involve the congregation. York has been CEUMC's choir director for 15 years.

Methodism had its start in the Cape Elizabeth area in 1839, when Jesse Stone was appointed pastor for the territory consisting of Brown's Hill, Ferry Beach, South Portland and Bowery Beach. But in 1858, for reasons unknown, some members withdrew from the congregation and formed their own church.

A year later, trustees were authorized to receive the new church, and a committee was appointed to sell pews. The church, which marked the beginning of what is now the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, was dedicated by the Rev. W. F. Farrington, and B. Lufkin was its first minister.

"Our 150th anniversary has given us the

opportunity to learn about our heritage and observe our deep roots in Cape Elizabeth," said the Rev. Ruth Morrison, who is the church's 51st minister in its 150-year history. "But it also has been a time to realize our historic commitment to those around the world and to ponder where Christ is calling us now and in the days and years to come."

On May 17, the public is invited to attend CEUMC's anniversary service at 10 a.m. There will be no 8:15 a.m. service that Sunday.

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Goddard Mansion

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cracking. Stone parapets are disintegrating; window lintels and arches are “broken and failing.”

History of Goddard Mansion

The mansion was built in 1853 for John Goddard, who served as a colonel in the First Maine Cavalry in 1861. The Goddard family lived in the house during the mid to late 1800s. The mansion was acquired by the U.S. Army in 1900 and made part of Fort Williams. The mansion, which boasted 2-foot thick stone masonry walls with roof and interior walls of wood, was converted to noncommissioned officers' quarters. It was also the setting for a 1912 mystery novel, “Midnight at Mears House,” by Harrison Holt, according to a history of the park, “Portland Head Light & Fort Williams,” written by Kenneth E. Thompson, Jr.

Cape Elizabeth purchased Fort Williams, including Goddard Mansion, in 1964.

The mansion was badly vandalized during the 1970s, when multiple fires were set inside the structure. In 1981 the town decided to burn the remaining interior spaces to protect visitors. According to the report of the FWAC, the walls of the ruins were capped in the main house, and lintels were replaced on window openings, but little additional main-

tenance was done, other than “some cursory masonry repairs.”

Approximately five years ago, according to Chase, screening was put up to keep people out of the interior of the main part of the mansion. Recently identified problems in the carriage house prompted further screening. “You can't get inside anywhere now,” Chase said. “There were too many loose stones. People were climbing up the walls, and there were potential safety issues.”

Chase explained that there are two types of masonry at the mansion, not just the most visible heavy exterior stonework. That stonework, according to Chase, has “an informal stone backing not intended or designed to be exposed to the weather.” It is this “backup masonry,” on the inside of the ruins, and particularly on the inside and top of the connector and carriage house, which is badly deteriorating and posing the most serious safety hazard.

Studies of Goddard Mansion

According to the FWAC report, Land Use Consultants, Inc. updated the original 1990 Master Plan for the park in 2003, and noted, with regard to the mansion ruins, “significant structural repair ...required for spalling concrete posts and beams, including exposed and corroded reinforcing.” The consultants also recommended improved access to the ruins and restoration of the gardens and ter-

aces.

In 2004 the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation provided \$10,000 for a structural assessment of the mansion ruins. That study, by Oest Associates, Inc., concluded that masonry repairs to preserve the ruins in their present state, would cost over \$400,000, with anticipated annual maintenance costs of \$5,000.

In 2007, the trustees of Portland Head Light approved funding to obtain another set of recommendations. In 2008, the firm of Renner/Woodworth Architects Inc. was retained by the town to provide recommendations for the park, including Goddard Mansion. Renner/Woodworth completed a structural analysis of the ruins and issued a report consistent with the earlier Oest Associates report.

Other options

According to Renner/Woodworth, full structural repair of the manison would now cost an estimated \$631,000, with annual maintenance costs correspondingly higher than estimated in 2004.

Another option identified by Renner/Woodworth included repairs to the carriage house and tower and preservation of the doorframe, with demolition of the rest of the building to within 24-30 inches of the ground, interpretive signage and a picnic shelter, in the carriage house. The estimated

cost of this option is \$411,034.

The option above, without the signage or picnic shelter, has an estimated price tag of \$280,500.

Completing emergency repairs only, for no permitted entrance to the building, has an estimated cost of \$65,000 and leaves open the possibility of future preservation.

Complete demolition, with sale of salvaged masonry elements, also has an estimated cost of \$65,000.

Installation of a protective fence around the main house and connector, with repair of critical areas at the carriage house, with no entrance permitted, and the possibility of future preservation, has an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Doing nothing to stabilize or preserve the ruins, with only fencing surrounding the ruins, has an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Workshop tentatively scheduled

Town Council Chair Jim Rowe said that so far the council has “simply voted to acknowledge and receive the report of the FWAC with gratitude,” but has not yet accepted any recommendations in the report. The council “will workshop and debate this,” Rowe said. A tentative workshop date has been set for June 15.

The full report of the FWAC is available on the town's Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com.

Science team

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very strong schools in northern Massachusetts, so this is a fabulous accomplishment,” CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said. “The kids are dedicated. They also have a lot of fun.”

Monthly meets in Massachusetts at which kids compete in events involving DNA, insect identification, anatomy, and breadboard circuitry may conjure up images of brow-furrowed teenagers anxiously solving problems. But smiles abound in meet pictures posted at www.northshorescienceleague.org. And why else would more than 40 Cape kids make the trek to Massachusetts and back during the course of the season?

Meet the guy whom kids call “Dr. G.” The team's faculty advisor, CEHS Physics Teacher Shawn Guerrette serves up a solution that's one part passion for science, one part appreciation of kids and their minds, and another part humor and laid-back attitude.

“Dr. G. is our motivator. He's fun, always, and a lot of the success of the team has to do with him,” says junior Sam Eisenberg, 16, who has been on the team since his freshman year. “It's amazing that he can get us to do all the work while still being laid back and without making it tedious or boring.”

Cancer researcher

A Maine native who graduated from Madawaska High School, Guerrette has a doctorate in molecular biology. While working as a cancer researcher at Harvard University, where he had a postdoctoral fellowship, Guerrette realized something about his relationship with science.

“I like talking about it and teaching it. The daily grind of the labs wasn't fun,” he said.

So Guerrette switched careers and joined the science faculty at Saugus High School in Massachusetts. Five years ago, after four years at Saugus, where he also advised the science club, Dr. G. began teaching physics at CEHS. He soon learned that Maine lacked a science league like NSSL, of which Saugus was a member along with other northern Massachusetts high schools that include Andover, Marblehead, Lawrence, Somerville, and Gloucester, and private and parochial schools such as Pingree in South Hamilton and Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody.

Dr. G. started punching keys.

“I e-mailed the president of the North Shore Science League, and said, ‘Hey, is there any chance you will let us in from

Maine?’ and they put it up for vote and changed the charter.”

Keeping it flexible

Guerrette asks only one thing of team members, who range from students in college preparatory classes to those who take Advanced Placement courses—that they participate for the right reason. “Kids have said, ‘Can we get extra credit [in science classes] for going to meets?’ and I say, ‘No. The reward is fun.’ I want kids who are doing this for fun and not for extra credit,” he said.

Otherwise, there are few requirements.

“I intentionally keep it flexible,” he said. “Kids sign up on a month by month basis. People roll in and out because of other commitments.”

Guerrette relies on the kids' incentive.

“The motivation of this team comes from the captains. I advise, but the [members] motivate themselves,” said Guerrette, who has noted a pattern. The team usually doesn't prevail at initial monthly meets, but then “the kids will say, ‘Hey, we could have won that.’ There is a competitive tendency among these kids.”

In addition to competing in NSSL, most years CEHS participates in two day-long contests at the University of Southern Maine at Gorham: the Maine Science Olympiad and the Northern New England Science Bowl.

Funding

The High School Parents Association funded Cape's first year in NSSL. Three years ago, the district started helping with funding, which increased each year.

“The first couple of years, we drove down in vans, which limited the number of kids who could go down,” Guerrette said. “This was the first year we had buses, and the demand is there. We have been averaging a little more than 20 kids per meet.”

Transportation for the science team, as well as for the World Affairs Council and jazz band, has been reduced in next year's budget, but the principal is confident the groups will be able to continue at their current levels.

“My hope is that we will figure out how to make up that funding loss, whether through boosters or student fundraising,” Shedd said.

Guerrette would hate to limit the number of students who compete at meets.

“Hopefully this inspires them to use scientific skills outside the classroom in a fun way,” Guerrette said. “There's a fair amount of improvisation, and applying their skills. I think the kids have a very good time.”

Budget

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get increase of .3 percent. He said that last year's experience of three validation votes to arrive at a budget was “painful and embarrassing” as well as expensive and divisive for the town. “It seems we are at the same precipice,” he said.

Rowe had been an early advocate of last year's compromise budget, approved by voters in a third validation vote.

The votes of Backer, Sherman, Lennon, McKenney, Swift-Kayatta and Rowe were consistent with their positions at a public hearing held April 13. Jordan's vote represented a switch from her position on April 13, and proved to be the decisive vote in favor of the School Board's budget.

On April 13, Jordan said she could not support a tax increase, citing job and salary cuts in the private sector and the need to “gain efficiencies.”

“I know extremely well the financial challenges faced by people in this town,” Jordan said at the April 30 meeting. “Initially, as I thought about it, I believed the zero increase is what should be sent to the voters. But as I thought about it and as I grappled a lot, I thought about what was the intention of the referendum process, and that referendum process is about sending the work of the School Board to the community.”

Backer and Lennon also referred to the referendum process in explaining their votes. “I am not willing to deny the voters an opportunity to weigh in on the School Board budget,” Backer said. “We did so last year and in retrospect I'd have preferred to [have started with] the School Board budget first.”

Lennon also noted that “everyone agreed [the School Board budget] is frugal and responsible and Draconian in some ways.” She said that the schools and the municipal budget have both “taken it on the chin,” and that she thought the \$27 per median household increase would be acceptable to residents.

Budget figures change

The School Board budget, adopted by the School Board on March 10, went through several incarnations before April 30, due to changes in state and federal funding. The most dramatic change was the result of a \$504,339 cut in aid from the Maine Department of Education in late March. That cut transformed what would have been a zero-

tax-increase school budget into one which would require a .6 percent tax increase.

The figures presented to the council at the April 30 meeting had again changed, due to a request, received by School Superintendent Alan Hawkins the previous day, that federal stimulus funds be reported in a separate revenue fund, rather than as part of the general budget. Hawkins and School Department Business Manager Pauline Apotria took pains to explain that the difference in figures and accounting would not affect the proposed tax rate. The removal of nearly \$700,000 in federal stimulus funds from the general budget resulted in a School Board budget of \$19.3 million. The school budget had topped \$20 million when first adopted by the School Board in March.

Also explained was a recently received \$421,000 grant from the state to supplement special education in Cape Elizabeth. Hawkins said that this was not “found money” which could take the place of funds in the proposed budget, but money which could only be used to supplement already budgeted programs over a two-year period.

Budget validation election May 12

The school budget validation vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Absentee balloting will also be available at Town Hall through Monday, May 11, during regular business hours.

The ballot will include an advisory question, as it did last year, asking voters whether the school budget is too high, too low or acceptable.

The text of the ballot will read:

Do you favor approving the town of Cape Elizabeth school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting of the Town Council?
YES ___ NO ___

The advisory question will read:

I find the school budget adopted at the April 30, 2009 Town Council's school budget meeting to be:

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Carol Lee Borden, a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 1983 who now lives in Sanford, graduated last month from the Empire School of Beauty/College of Esthetics in Portsmouth, N.H.



Carol Lee Borden

Andrew Webster was named to the dean's list at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., for the fall semester. In April, Webster, an economics major whose minor is math, was inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society in economics. Each year, Syracuse's economics department inducts its 20 top students into the society. Andrew's parents are **Russ and Elizabeth Webster**.

Andrew's intramural basketball team, which he organized, won the championship.

Frank Charles Governali, a member of the class of 2012 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., has been cited for outstanding academic achievement in biology for the winter term.

Dartmouth faculty members are invited to submit citation reports when a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit special recognition. Only a few undergraduates receive citations each term. Charlie is the son of **Frank Governali** and **Terry Anne Scriven**.

Capital time



After a recent tour of the U.S. Capitol complex in Washington, D.C., led by a member of U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' staff, Cape residents, left to right, Kate, Jennifer, Alex and Bob Hansen, met with the senator, middle.

Sisters shine their love on kids in need in Guatemala

When Cape Elizabeth sisters Sonia and Alicia Ciocca decided to defer by a year entering Columbia University in New York City after graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2008, they didn't do so to kick back and relax.

The two, noted for their community service while at CEHS, keep giving. Since September, the sisters have worked at Safe Passage, a nonprofit which serves the poorest at-risk children of families working in the Guatemala City garbage dump.



Sonia Ciocca poses with Manuel, a Safe Passage student whom her father, Cape resident Angelo Ciocca sponsors.

Photos by Nancy Ciocca



Alicia Ciocca laughs as a little boy in the Safe Passage program for five- and six-year-olds tries on a pair of glasses—upside down.

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