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School Board to vote on revised substance abuse policy on June 9

Consequences would change for first-time offenders who self-report

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth students who turn themselves in the first time they violate the School Board's substance abuse policy will no longer have to sit out games or extracurricular events, if the School Board approves changes recommended by the board's policy committee.

The board will vote June 9 on the revised policy, which would also change some language in the document and how parents and students are educated about substance abuse rules regarding participation in extracurricular activities. All of the changes to the policy, which the board approved in a first reading on May 26, address only students involved in athletics and extracurricular programs.

If the new rules go into effect, first-time offenders who report themselves within 48 hours of an incident, or whose parents do so, would meet with a school social worker or guidance counselor for as many meetings as the counselor considers necessary and follow any plan the counselor recommends.

Athletic team captains who report themselves after violating substance abuse rules for the first time, however, would be stripped of their leadership roles, as they are under the current policy.

The revised policy would not change penalties for students who use or possess drugs or alcohol at school, or at school-sponsored events on or off campus. Under those circumstances, all students face school suspension and loss of extracurricular privileges, whether or not they report themselves. Athletes and kids involved in extracurricular programs, however, are expected to uphold the policy at all times and in all places.

—see SCHOOL POLICY, page 18

Cape remembers its fallen, honors those who serve



Photo by Jenny Campbell

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape Elizabeth paid tribute to those who died in service to their country, while also honoring veterans and active-duty personnel, at a Memorial Day parade and ceremony May 25.

Marchers in the town center parade included Cape's veterans, elected officials, and town manager; members of the Cape Elizabeth Police and Fire and Rescue Departments and WETeam; the Lions Club, carrying the large Garrison Flag; the Cape Elizabeth Middle School band and various boys' and girls' scouting troops.

The parade concluded at the War Veterans' Memorial on Scott Dyer Road, where Parade Marshall Lee Humiston placed a wreath.

Humiston, a veteran of the Vietnam War, served one year with the Maine Army National Guard in an antiaircraft battalion and six years with the United States Air Force Orientation Group. During his tour with the Orientation Group, Humiston served with over 100 WWII returned prisoners of war. He

—see MEMORIAL DAY, page 6



Patricia McCarthy Photography

Above, first-graders Mimi Dietz, left, and Anna Flaherty, members of Brownie Troop 1538, proudly march in the Memorial Day parade. At the top of the page, a color guard of Cape Elizabeth police and firefighters leads the parade. More pictures appear on page 6.

Newspaper seeks new publisher, as Virginia Hanson prepares for move

With sadness and regret, *The Cape Courier* is seeking a new publisher to fill the position so ably held by Virginia Hanson during the past two years.

The Hanson family will be moving to Oregon at the end of the summer. A loss for *The Cape Courier*, where Virginia's organizational skills, business acumen, and calm demeanor have been invaluable, Virginia's departure is also a loss for many in Cape Elizabeth.

"My family and I will sorely miss living in Cape Elizabeth," Hanson said. "We moved here when our eldest, Emma, was entering second grade in 1995. We have put down deep roots, becoming involved in school activities, Cape Elizabeth soccer and Little League and at Saint Alban's Church.

Our friends here have become family and they can never be replaced. As our oldest son, Sether, will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall, we look forward to many return visits. I think that Cape Elizabeth will always be 'home' to us."

The publisher's duties at *The Cape Courier* include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the paper and working with the editor, community editor, advertising manager, production manager, bookkeeper, volunteers, and the board of directors. Some computer skills are necessary and a familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel is desirable. The publisher also works with InDesign software and manages the classified, real estate and public-safety log sections of the newspaper. The publisher is responsible for sending files

electronically to our printer in Brunswick. These more specific tasks may be learned on the job.

The job of publisher requires 10-15 hours per week and is a paid position.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as publisher of *The Cape Courier*," Virginia said. "There is a lot of collegiality among the staff and volunteers, and we work very well as a team. The job's requirements and flexibility have enabled me to learn new skills, feel more connected to the community, and still left me time for my family and other pursuits."

Anyone interested in this position should contact *The Cape Courier* at info@capecourier.com.



Virginia Hanson

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Community gardeners grateful to Maxwells and 'gardener extraordinaire' Nancy Miles

The Committee of the Cape Community Garden at Maxwell's Farm would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Maxwell family for the use of a portion of the farm to establish a community garden. For Cape residents traveling on Spurwink Road by the farm, you may have noticed a vegetable garden taking shape in the field near the day care center. The new garden will benefit many families in Cape with, we hope, a bounty of fresh vegetables. Two of the garden plots will be used to donate vegetables

to local food pantries as well.

Finally, we'd like to express our gratitude to the dedicated and tireless work of Nancy Miles, gardener extraordinaire, without whose leadership and hard work, this community gardening effort would not have been possible.

The Gardening Committee of the Cape Community Garden at Maxwell's Farm:
Deb Cavanaugh, Wendy Garland, Alice Grant, Lynne Holland, Melissa Kelly, and Marybeth Richardson

PCPA grant allows teachers to 'stretch a dollar' for 'much-needed school supplies'

Last September, Pond Cove School teacher and kindergarten team leader, Linda Paul, submitted a grant to the Pond Cove Parent Association (PCPA) for a one-year membership to Ruth's Reusable Resources, located in Portland. The grant was for \$1,200, or \$1 per student enrolled at Pond Cove.

Ruth's is a nonprofit organization and an affiliate of Kids in Need (KIN). A membership in Ruth's Reusable Resources provides access for teachers to obtain school supplies, craft items and much more – at no additional cost beyond the membership fee.

Mrs. Paul predicted that Ruth's would be a great resource for the Pond Cove faculty and staff to get much-needed school sup-

plies. There are no restrictions on the number of visits or the number of items taken by members. The only request made by Ruth is that the teachers and students write thank-you notes to the donors.

The 2008-09 grant was approved, and the faculty made a great return on the investment. To date, the teachers have obtained 9,620 items from Ruth's, worth a total of \$24,420.50!

Way to go, faculty! The PCPA board has already approved this grant again in advance of the 2009-10 school year. We applaud our teachers for their commitment to excellence and their efforts to find innovative ways to stretch a dollar, all \$1,200 of them!

Pond Cove Parents Association

Volunteers play 'vital role' in success of senior programs

Three Cape Elizabeth residents have volunteered over and over again, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center with our senior citizen luncheons and programs. Lise Letarte, Edna Krull and Pat McBride have consistently assisted us with senior luncheons and have played a vital role in the success of that program here at the center. People like them make it possible for us at Community Services to continue to offer quality programs for our residents.

The three always arrive well in advance of the function to set up for the event, serve lunches to the seniors and then work diligently at cleaning up after the event. I am forever saying to them that I don't know what I would do without their help.

Thank you so very much to all three of them!

Karen Allen
Adult Programs Coordinator,
Cape Elizabeth Community Services

Opposition to expansion of Shore Road business zone explained, alternative suggested

Contrary to the supposition of some, we do not oppose business. What we oppose is the expansion of the BA zone into a densely populated residential area. Many may not be aware, and we had hoped it would have been brought out at the council workshop on May 21, that David Sanford and I have been discussing with councilor Rowe the concept of a "transitional zone" to include 551 and 553 Shore Rd. This discussion has occurred with the full knowledge of the other council members and no attempt has been made to conceal it from anyone.

Our concept of the transitional zone was an overlay of low impact businesses buffering the area between the business zone and residential zone. This zone would remain "residential," and as property within the transitional zone changed ownership, it would remain "residential." New owners could request to be a low-impact business for consideration within the transitional zone, recognizing the constraints within this overlay. This concept has worked well in other communities on a larger scale.

At the workshop this topic was brought up, but examples of larger cities were used. When one of the council members, I believe it was councilor Jordan, suggested we could make our own definition, Maureen O'Meara agreed and then continued to outline the negative aspects of this concept. It went no further.

Please read the full version [of this letter] on the town Web site.

David W. Freeman

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Cape resident recalls Memorial Day, 1947

Craig S. Moulton of Mitchell Road generously offered his photos, and memories, printed below, of Memorial Day in Cape Elizabeth, 1947.

I believe this to be the first Memorial Day observance since the ending of WWII. The location is in the center of Cape Elizabeth at the intersection of Ocean House and Shore Roads, where Key Bank now stands. The

[photo below] shows me, Craig Simpson Moulton, American Legion Chaplain, atop the hill leading the group in prayer during the observance. The Honor Roll of Cape Elizabeth veterans is at the foot of the hill.

The [photo at right] shows the Legion Commander, Leon (Skip) Davis Jr. (right) admiring a plaque given to him in honor of his service by the Legion Service Officer, Dan Bagley [not pictured]. With him is his

wife, Thelma White Davis, a teacher at Cape Elizabeth High School. I am at left. Behind the camera is my wife, Beth Stevens Moulton, a teacher at Cottage Farms School.

Skip served in the Navy aboard a destroyer. He used to tell about how bad the food was, as there was no fresh food for long periods of time. The hamburger was so far gone that it had to be smothered in ketchup in order to make it somewhat edible.

I served in the Army, stationed with the Navy at Fort Williams, watching the coast for enemy vessels.



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Pond Cove Challenge is met by many!



The start of the Pond Cove Challenge 5K

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Capers take to the streets to support Pond Cove School

The 11th annual Pond Cove Challenge 5K was run May 31, followed by a one-mile dash and fun run for the younger set.

Nick Scott, of Boothbay Harbor, was the top finisher among men, with a 16:39 time, but Capers otherwise dominated the men's field with Pete Bottomley finishing second overall with a 17:00 time, followed by Tom Ryan at 17:12 and Davis Backer, also first in his 15-19 age group, at 18:09.

The top three women's spots were all tak-

en by Cape runners. Katie Payson finished with a 20:07 time, Stacie Cimino with 20:21, and Elisabeth Bostwick with a 20:34 time.

Other Cape standouts included Emma Shedd, first in the 1-9 female age group; John O'Connor, first in the 1-9 male age group; Emily Hollyday, first in the 15-19 female group; Lauren Phillips, first in the 20-29 female group; Ashley Wernher-Collins, first in the 30-39 female age group; Scott Hornney, first in the 40-49 male age group;

Sara Lennon, first in the 50-59 female age group; Henry Bucksdale, first in the 50-59 male age group; and Susan Mitchell, first in the 60-69 female age group.

More than 550 Cape residents participated in the events. Complete race results are available at www.coolrunning.com.

According to race co-chair, Andie Mahoney, approximately \$9,500 was raised from the event. Proceeds will go to support Pond Cove School.

--Elizabeth Brogan



Photo by Jack Kennealy

Elisabeth Lualdi makes a joyful finish.

Many volunteers still needed for Beach to Beacon 10K

Volunteers are needed for this year's TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race on Aug. 1, especially in the areas of recycling and the Kids Fun Run race on Friday, July 31. There are also spaces available on the race course working with the water station program.

Sign up early, online, for the best selection, at www.beach2beacon.org.

Returning volunteers who wish to work in the same area as in previous years should register by June 15.

About 800 volunteers are needed each year to ensure the smooth operation of the

event.

Volunteers help organize and staff many aspects of the event, including registration the two days before the race, course setup and breakdown, water stations, baggage assistance, recycling, medical and parking.

Volunteers receive a commemorative T-

shirt and are invited to a party organized exclusively for them.

Minors (under age 18) cannot register online and need to download an application from the Web site. If there are questions, please call 207-272-3545 or e-mail bestn92@gmail.com.

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Town agrees to cost-sharing for sewer overflow

Cape Elizabeth has entered an agreement with the City of South Portland and the Portland Water District to remedy a combined sewer overflow at the Ottawa Road pump station.

Combined sewer overflows are discharges of untreated wastewater from municipal sewerage systems that carry mixtures of sanitary sewage, storm water, and sometimes industrial wastes, according to a report published by the State Department of Environmental Protection, "Maine Combined Sewer Overflow 2008 Status Report."

Large volumes of water entering sewer systems through catch basins, old and leaky pipes, roof drains, cellar drains, sump pumps, and other sources cause the capacity of the system to be exceeded, the report says, and hydraulic relief points allow the excess flows to be discharged. These relief points are generally near pump stations and river crossings.

Cape Elizabeth is considered a "Combined Sewer Overflow Community" because of overflow occurring at the Ottawa Road pump station. An 8-inch overflow out of the final manhole at Drew Road allows discharges into Casco Bay during extreme wet weather events, the agreement says. The report recorded 11 overflow discharge events there in 2008.

The agreement, approved by the Town Council at their meeting May 11, provides for Cape Elizabeth to share costs of meeting conditions of a DEP license for combined sewer overflow and for a study to determine where the flows are coming from. South Portland would be responsible for a third of the cost, and the remaining two thirds would be the responsibility of Cape Elizabeth and of the Portland Water District, which is conducting the study along with Wright-Pierce engineers.

The study, said Town Manager Michael McGovern, will attempt to find the sources of infiltration and explore solutions for addressing them.

The cost of the entire project is unknown, McGovern said, but, "this has the potential to be well in excess of \$1 million," McGovern said at the meeting. "This is not an insignificant issue," he said.

Based on preliminary analysis of where the flows are coming from, McGovern called the agreement a very fair allocation to the town of Cape Elizabeth. "Most of the flow that comes to this area comes from Cape Elizabeth," he said.

In the meantime, Cape Elizabeth is doing what it can to alleviate combined sewer overflows as funds are available through the town's sewer fund. He cited a recent example of pipe replacement at the end of Oakhurst Road near Shore Road.

Under the state's Combined Sewer Overflow permit, the town will be obliged to implement the Environmental Protection Agency's Nine Minimum Control Best Management Practices, develop a long-term control plan to eliminate or abate overflows, and implement the plan as to comply with the EPA's April 8, 1994 Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy.

Deadlines are still being discussed with the DEP, McGovern said. "This could be potentially a very expensive challenge for the town of Cape Elizabeth," he said.

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Public hearing for June 16 on proposed private access to new Dean Way lot

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing June 16 on a proposal for a private accessway to a new lot at 10 Dean Way. The lot, one of two to be created out of three existing lots at that location, does not have sufficient frontage on a public road, so owners Joan and Arnold Kerzner are seeking a private accessway permit to build on the lot.

The Kerznors are proposing a 257-foot private-access road from the cul-de-sac at

Dean Way, crossing their first property to access a proposed residence on the back lot.

Planning Board members deemed the application for private access complete at their May 19 meeting, but held concerns that a turnaround designed for the private road was not deep enough for emergency vehicles to efficiently maneuver.

The hearing begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall chamber.

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More information about the Arts Commission is also available on the Web site.

Deadline for applications is Monday, June 8, 2009.

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Memorial Day

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is the curator of the Maine Military Museum in South Portland. He has documented the histories of the 803 returned Vietnam POWs, for whom he is archivist, and authored two war-themed books. His work is displayed at the Nixon Library, a Pearl Harbor museum, and the Smithsonian.

The Memorial Day events were organized for the first time this year by Jim Huebener. Huebener gave special recognition to the late Leland "Jim" Murray Jr., the original organizer of Cape Elizabeth's Memorial Day parade, and Jim Cox, who "stepped up to the plate" in 2003, after Murray became ill. Huebener credited these two men with making the Memorial Day parade and ceremony the well-attended events that they are today.

Huebener read the names of those Cape residents currently serving on active duty in the armed forces and also gave a reading and brief history of the poem "In Flanders Field."

Jonathan Brogan read Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Lauren Yokabaskas sang the "National Anthem" and "America the Beautiful." Doug and Peter Campbell played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. James Yokabaskas and Jamie Hewes played "Taps" and "Echo" on the trumpet.

The Rev. Msgr. James Stefanko gave the invocation and benediction.

An open house, with coffee and doughnuts, was held at the Town Center Fire Station following the ceremony.



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Memorial Day Parade Marshall and veteran Lee Humiston lays a wreath on the War Veterans' Memorial.



Photo by Jenny Campbell

A group of Cape Elizabeth veterans, above, listen solemnly at the Memorial Day service.



Photo by Jenny Campbell

At left, Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher, Alison Hawkes, with her son, listens to the ceremony.

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Planning

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Shoreland zoning workshop June 16

The Planning Board has also scheduled a workshop for June 16. Shoreland zoning is the scheduled agenda item, and if the Town Council approves revisions to the business A district at its June 8 meeting, a site-plan application for a new business at 553 Shore Road may also be on the workshop agenda.

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- 5-4 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a noise complaint.
- 5-4 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding criminal mischief to a motor vehicle. Someone had scratched the paint on a driver's side door.
- 5-5 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area regarding a harassment complaint. The plaintiff was advised to obtain a protection order.
- 5-6 An officer met with a public works representative at the transfer station regarding a burglary at the bottle shed. It is unknown how many bottles were taken; damage to the building is estimated at \$200.
- 5-7 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a noise complaint.
- 5-7 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a trespass complaint. The subject in question was identified.
- 5-7 An officer met with a CE school bus driver regarding a vehicle driving from CEMS to CEHS. The driver was identified and located and warned for operating on a limited access road.
- 5-8 An officer met with a resident of the Woodland Road area regarding a possible trespass complaint and/or landlord/tenant issue.
- 5-9 Two officers met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding criminal mischief to a mailbox. They found pieces of a car that had struck the mailbox. The car was identified and the

owner contacted, and arrangements were made for restitution for the damage.

- 5-10 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area for report of the plaintiff's residence being struck by paintballs. At the same time, a resident of the Wells Road area reported a vehicle and plate number for a car containing subjects shooting paintballs at signs. The responsible subjects were located.
- 5-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a noise complaint.
- 5-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for well-being check. Contact was made.
- 5-15 Two officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the Fowler Road area.

SUMMONSES

- 5-7 CE resident, speeding (59/45 zone) Route 77, \$137
- 5-8 CE resident, OUI, Route 77
- 5-13 CE resident, speeding in school zone, Scott Dyer Rd., \$360
- 5-13 CE resident, speeding (31/25 zone) Broad Cove Rd., \$119
- 5-14 Raymond resident, unregistered vehicle, Sawyer Rd., \$70
- 5-14 Saco resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Rd.
- 5-15 SP resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Rd.
- 5-16 CE resident, speeding (42/30 zone) Shore Rd., \$137
- 5-17 CE resident, speeding (51/35 zone) Route 77, \$185
- 5-17 CE resident, possession of alcohol, Mitchell Rd.

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- 5-5 Speeding, (34/25 zone) Broad Cove Rd., \$119
- 5-7 Speeding (54/45 zone) Route 77, \$119

ARRESTS

- 5-7 Portland resident, OAS,
- 5-8 CE resident, OUI, Old Ocean House Rd.

ACCIDENTS

- 5-5 Margaret Rich, Gina Lemieux, accident on Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 5-7 Ocean House Rd., vehicle leaking gas
- 5-18 Maiden Cove Lane, gas line rupture

RESCUE CALLS

There were 8 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 8 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 3 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

Cape officers recognized for cooperative efforts

Two officers from the Cape Elizabeth Police Department recently were recognized for outstanding work, one by the U.S. Attorneys Office, the other by the South Portland Police Department.

Detective Paul Fenton was presented a certificate by the U.S. Attorney's Office for his coordinated efforts in an investigation regarding stolen checks worth \$17,000.

Fenton, along with representatives from area police departments and the Postal Inspectors Office, teamed up to solidify a case against two suspects. One suspect was sentenced to 30 months in jail, and the other four months in jail. Both were ordered to pay full restitution.

"This case just exemplifies how well working relationships between local and federal departments move to bring suspects to justice," said Police Chief Neil Williams.

Secondly, Community Liaison Officer Mark Dorval was recognized with a commendation from the South Portland Police Department for his efforts in a joint "Prescription Drug Drop-Off."

The drop-off collected unneeded medications from residents in both communities, lessening the chance of abuse or accidental

ingestion. This effort resulted in more than 100,000 doses of medication being removed from homes in Cape Elizabeth and South Portland.

"Again, it reflects on the working relationships we have with our neighboring departments," Williams said. "The department is very proud of both the officers' efforts in their cases and congratulates them on their commendations," he said.

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



Det. Paul Fenton



Officer Mark Dorval

Officer achieves highest score ever in basic law enforcement training program

Cape Elizabeth Police Officer Rory Diffin received the Academic Proficiency Award for obtaining the highest academic score in his class at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy 16th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program.

Diffin, a one-year veteran of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, was one of 53 cadets to graduate from the program on May 22, 2009.

With a total academic score of 98.86, Diffin obtained the highest score ever for a cadet in the basic law enforcement class.

The class started Jan. 20, 2009 and ran for 18 weeks. Cadets live at the academy during the weekdays and come home on weekends, where most of their time is spent studying for exams the following Monday.

"The Cape Elizabeth Police Department is very proud of Officer Diffin's achievement at the academy," said Police Chief Neil Williams in a press release. Diffin has resumed his duties on patrol with the department, Williams said.

Diffin is a graduate of the Islesboro Central High School and obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Utica College in upstate New York.

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Officer Rory Diffin

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Michael Alexander Mack received a bachelor of science degree in business administration on May 23 from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I., where he also made the dean's list.

Jamie L. Walsh received a bachelor of arts degree in theater from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. on May 16, 2009. The daughter of **Greg Walsh** and **Lousie Valati**, Jamie is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Katherine Hall, a freshman at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., was named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters. She is the daughter of **Valerie and Jim Hall**.

Cape Elizabeth native **Erin Haber** has joined **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Cape Elizabeth as a licensed associate broker. Licensed since 2001, Haber worked most recently with Landvest. She and her husband **Peter**, have a son, **Peter, Jr.**



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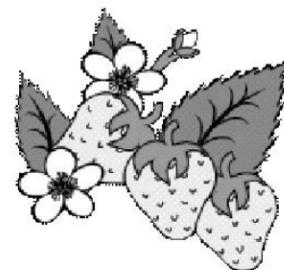


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From Shanghai and Malaysia to Australia and the U.K., bibliophiles buy books from Cape company



Photo by Claudia Dricot

Ogden and Peggy Williams and their corgi, Ryder, sit among their many books.

During his 18 years as a Pond Cove School teacher, Ogden Williams introduced hundreds of children to hundreds of books. Recently retired from teaching, Williams still connects people to books—sometimes thousands of book in one shot.

Nearly a year ago, Williams and his wife Peggy went full time with their online book-selling business, Pine Tree Books, at www.pinetreebooks.com, which they have operated out of their house since 2001. The two sell at book shows, to dealers, and to collectors

with “want lists” for books on many topics.

Pine Tree customers come from as close as Portland to as far away as the United Kingdom, Australia, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Shanghai, and Malaysia. The Williams have handled a library of more than 4,000 books that belonged to an internationally-known photographer; the selling of books from a New York synagogue, and the selling of a book collection of a lifelong Maine resident, author and historian who moved out west and had to part with his beloved library.

Track and field dedicated to longtime athletic director, teacher, coach, Keith Weatherbie



Photo by Beth Rand

Retired Cape Elizabeth Athletic Director Keith Weatherbie, second from left, gathers with Cape Elizabeth High School Principal Jeff Shedd, far left, and, left to right, CEHS alumna and Olympic Gold Medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, School Board Chair Trish Brigham, and current Athletic Director and CEHS alumnus Jeff Thoreck on May 21 at the dedication of the Keith R. Weatherbie Track and Field at CEHS, where Weatherbie served for 41 years as a teacher, coach and athletic administrator.

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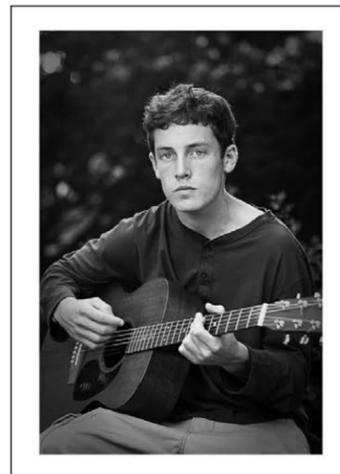
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CAPE CALENDAR

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

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

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

Thursday, June 11

School Board Human Resources Committee, 8 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Saturday, June 13

Family Fun Day, Fort Williams Park

Sunday, June 14

High School Graduation, 1 p.m., Fort Williams Park

Monday, June 15

Alternative Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Basement, 320 Ocean House Road

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 23

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

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

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

Thursday, June 25

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

Cooper Drive

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.

Gull Crest 'trail maintenance party' set for June 7

All Gull Crest trail fans are invited to a "Trail Maintenance Party" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 7.

"We need you to help our diligent group of volunteers keep the trails clear and safe," organizer Carrie McCusker said.

Volunteers should bring gloves and bug spray and wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Clippers, rakes and saws will be

welcomed. Volunteers with chainsaws and knowledge of how to use them will get a \$5 gift card to Dunkin' Donuts.

The group will meet at the kiosk visible on the left after turning into the Transfer Station road. For more information, please contact McCusker at 799-7708 or mccusker@maine.rr.com.

'Got Sword' event for kids set for June 13, 14 at Cape resident's custom furniture store

Cape Elizabeth resident Rafael Adams will present the second annual "Got Sword" Wooden Sword Extravaganza on Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at his store, Rafael Adams Custom Furniture, 382 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Toy swords made of Baltic birch plywood will be for sale, which kids will have an opportunity to customize with paint or magic markers. Parents who think their children might use the swords on people instead of imaginary foes should think carefully before buying a sword, Adams said. Swords for pirates, dragon slayers, knights, gladiators, samurai, ninjas, and more will be available.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the

job-placement program at STRIVE U, a post-secondary educational institution for people with developmental disabilities. Two Junes ago, Adams' second son, Henry, was born with Down syndrome.

"Two years later, I can't imagine things being any other way. Henry has opened my mind and heart to a fundamental human truth; we are all in this together," Adams said. "It is in this spirit that I am hosting the ... benefit for STRIVE U's job-placement program."

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For more information about the event, please visit www.rafaeladams.com.

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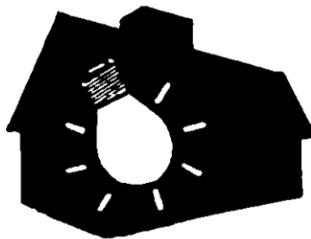
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Garden Club plant and pastry sale June 6

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold its annual Plant and Pastry Sale on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pond Cove Shopping center. Plants from members' gardens and food from their kitchens will be on sale. The public is welcome to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity.

Community Services plans service trip to Safe Passage

Cape Elizabeth Community Services is planning a June 2010 mission trip to Guatemala to volunteer at Safe Passage in Guatemala City. Safe Passage is a Maine-based nonprofit organization that provides educational, medical, and social support for children who live in the Guatemala City dump neighborhood.

The trip is open to students who will have completed grades 9, 10 or 11 by the end of the 2009-10 school year. Students must have studied at least two years of Spanish, and they must submit a letter, in Spanish, explaining why they'd like to be a team member. Support teams consist of a maximum of 12 people. Cape Elizabeth Middle School Spanish Teacher Susan Dana, who took a group of CEHS students to Safe Passage in June, 2007, will go on the trip.

An informational meeting for interested students and their parents is planned Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Registration and application materials will be available at the meeting. Applications are due by Monday, June 23, and notification of acceptance will be on June 30. Anyone who would like to apply but cannot attend the meeting should call Susan Dana at 799-8176, extension 414, or e-mail her at susan_dana@cape.k12.me.us.

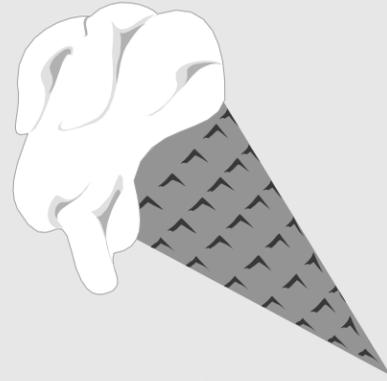
Deeds to be topic of June 6 genealogical society meeting

Professional genealogist Carol P. McCoy will present a discussion about deeds at the Saturday, June 6, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society (MGS). The meeting, which will start with a 12:30 p.m. social time followed by the beginning of the program at 1 p.m., will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in Cape Elizabeth.

In her talk, McCoy, who is president of the Portland chapter of MGS and the owner of Find-Your-Roots in Yarmouth, will discuss ways to use deeds to discover family relationships, locations, and other information.

Meetings are free. The church is located at 23 Ocean House Road. For more information about the chapter, visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com or call Linda Aaskov at 490-5709.

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Summer reading program begins June 15; summer hours June 20, story time June 21

By Rachel Davis

Once again, the Thomas Memorial Library is offering a summer reading program for children of all ages. The program is designed to keep kids reading during the summer months and to encourage families to read aloud to their younger children as well. This year's program theme is "Be Creative @ the Library," focusing on art, music, theater, dance, and all the many other ways people can be creative. The theme and program's artwork—by children's book illustrator David Catrow—are shared by libraries in over 40 states across the country, although every participating library adapts the materials for its own use.

Kids who sign up for Thomas Memorial Library's program will receive a summer reading booklet, complete with puzzles, games, and a map, which kids will use to keep track of their reading. Children do not have to be reading on their own in order to participate. Younger children can keep track of the books that someone reads to them.

As kids progress through the program, they receive prizes from the library's Treasure Chest. After completing the program, each child will receive a ribbon and a certificate of accomplishment. Readers who complete the program will have spent a total of 20 hours reading over the course of the summer. Pre-readers will have listened to 60 picture books or chapters read aloud to them by the end of the program. In addition to the program booklet, upon signing up kids will receive a voucher for a free ticket to a Sea Dogs game. The signup period for the program begins June 15 and continues until August 15; kids have until the end of September to finish the program.

Although the theme is creativity, kids are not required to read books only on this

subject—they are free to read anything they choose. The program is self-directed. Kids may choose to come in to select a prize as they reach each stopping point, or they may choose to complete the entire map and collect all the prizes at once. Children who are away at camp or on vacation may bring their booklets with them and collect their prizes when they return. Children of any age may sign up for the program in the children's library during regular library hours all summer long. For complete details, please visit the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Library's summer hours begin June 20

From June 15 through September 5 the library will close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays; all other library hours remain the same.

Library story times for summer begin the week of June 21

Unlike many area libraries, the Thomas Memorial Library does offer children's story times in the summer. The summer story time session begins June 21 and runs through August 15. The schedule will be:

Mother Goose Time, for babies up to 18 months: Wednesdays, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Tales for Tots, for toddlers 18 – 36 months: Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Story Garden, for preschoolers 3 to 5 years old: Fridays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Family Story Time, for all ages: Saturdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

In addition to these regular story times, the library will offer several story and craft programs for preschool and early elementary-aged kids throughout the summer. Complete details are available at the library, on the library's Web site, and they will appear in future issues of *The Cape Courier*.

Author Nicole Chaison to present program on motherhood, Tuesday, June 16

By Rachel Davis

The library is pleased to welcome Portland author Nicole Chaison for the premier stop on her tour to promote *The Passion of the Hausfrau: Motherhood, Illuminated* (Random House, 2009.) The book is the first of its kind, an epic hero's journey told by a mother—the Hausfrau—whose odyssey is a 24/7 adventure of pandemonium, sleep deprivation, madness, and transcendence. But beware! This journey is not for the faint of heart, as Nicole Chaison (a.k.a. the Hausfrau) boldly demonstrates in this brilliantly witty and vivid graphic memoir. The Hausfrau weaves a tale of sidesplitting trials and addresses age-old questions: Does a good mother have to give up her own dreams? What is a good mother, anyway? And is there a bathing suit that will fit her gargantuan behind?

Nicole Chaison is the creator of *Hausfrau Muthah-zine*, a quarterly comic book that chronicles the roller coaster of passion that is parenting. She wrote the James Beard Award-nominated *Spice: Flavors of the Eastern Mediterranean* with chef Ana Sortun. As the Hausfrau, Chaison appears regularly on the Home Dad Show, broadcast on Maine's WMPG radio. A one-woman show based on her stories—and also called "The Passion of the Hausfrau"—opened in March 2009 at the Portland Stage Company. Chaison's multimedia presentation at the library will feature stories sure to be recognizable to mothers everywhere, filled with the



Author Nicole Chaison

messiness, meltdowns, mayhem, and bliss of modern motherhood.

The program will take place on Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow. For complete details, please visit the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Cape Anime Club to meet June 24

The next meeting of the Cape Anime Club will be held on Wednesday, June 24 from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. in the Thomas Memorial

Library Community Room.

"The Slayers: Volume 2," episodes 5-8, will be presented.

Attendees are invited to share and discuss *manga* (Japanese graphic novels). Art materials will be provided for creating anime/manga artwork.

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Many programs shown at the Anime Club are rated for ages 13 and over due to animated violence or language.

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Library welcomes singer, songwriter Jud Caswell for two events June 25

By Rachel Davis

In the first of its Summer Concert Series, the library will present singer/songwriter Jud Caswell in an outdoor concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. Caswell will also teach a songwriting workshop for high school students on the same day, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Heralded by *Sing Out!* magazine as "one of the leading singer-songwriters on the current scene," Jud Caswell has won eight nationally recognized songwriting contests, including the Dave Carter Memorial, Boston Folk Festival, and Kerrville New Folk contests. His song "Blackberry Time" is being taught in the songwriting curriculum at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Caswell comes from that place where the two Maines meet: where ex-hippies play cribbage with fishermen and a kind of rural poetry is salted with Yankee gumption. He grew up on a little farm in Morrill, Maine, picking carrots and milking goats, listening to records by Cat Stevens and the Beatles, and reading Mark Twain and Kahlil Gibran. A multi-instrumentalist from an early age, he wandered through jazz bands, orchestras and medieval ensembles before finding his home on the acoustic guitar.

Evening concert

Caswell will offer a performance of his original songs in the evening on Thursday, June 25. The concert, which is open to everyone, will take place at 7 p.m. on the library's front lawn. In the event of inclement weather, it will be moved indoors to the library's Community Room. Enjoy a relaxing evening of music featuring what the *Times Record* described as "summer-day warm acoustic guitar and poetic storytelling. Masterfully done..." The concert is free and open to the public. You can find program details, and listen to several of Jud's songs, on the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Songwriting workshop for teens

Caswell will lead a songwriting workshop



Jud Caswell

for students in high school, and those who will be entering high school in the fall. Jud will work with participants to open them up to creativity. "To me," says Jud, "creativity is about really respecting your own individuality and the uniqueness of your experience and world view. I think it's hard for anyone to really believe that the things closest to them are worth writing about."

Caswell will try to encourage participants to write from their own lives. He will talk about his own songwriting experiences, play some examples, and lead participants through some creativity exercises to get them to really use their senses. Teens who are more interested in poetry-writing than songwriting are also welcome to participate.

The workshop will be limited to 10 participants. It will take place in the library's Community Room on Thursday, June 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. If weather permits, Caswell may wish to work with students outside. Light refreshments will be provided for participants.

Students should feel free to bring any musical instruments they play. Workshop participants may have an opportunity to perform with Jud in the evening concert if they like.

The workshop is free, but preregistration is required, and may be done in person at the library, by calling the library at 799-1720, or by filling out an online registration form on the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

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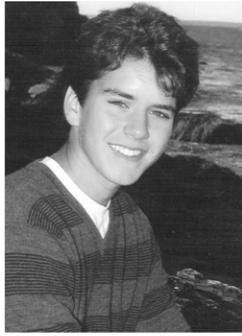
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Cape Elizabeth High School's academic top 10 percent

Class of 2009 (listed alphabetically)



Jon Aronson



Luc Cary



Olivia Earnshaw



Laura Hayes



Emily MacDuffie



Rachel Muscat



Evan Negele



Caitlin Pomeroy



Emily Richardson



Meredith Sells



Michael Taintor



Katie Takach

Jonathan George Aronson

Son of Jennifer and Frederick Aronson

Honors/Awards: National Merit Scholar, Cornell University Book Award, perfect score on National Latin Exam, Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award, qualified for American Invitational Mathematics Examination, Honorable Mention at Harvard Model United Nations Conference and Boston Model United Nations Conference

Activities: Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, math team, science team, World Affairs Council/Model UN, Alpine ski team, junior varsity tennis

Future Plans: Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Luc Bisailon Cary

Son of Janine Bisailon-Cary and Peter G. Cary

Honors/Awards: First place for Self-Directed Combo Band at 2009 Maine Jazz Festival; 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 Maine State Jazz Award for Outstanding Musicianship; 2009 Judge's Choice Award at Berklee College of Music Jazz Ensemble Festival in Boston; honor roll throughout high school career; MVP Junior English Award; Maroon Medal Award; Wesleyan Book Award

Activities: National Honor Society 2008 and 2009; co-founder of and electric bass player in band, Estimated Prophets; co-founder of and upright bass player in band Joe Mamas; ultimate Frisbee; World Affairs Council; Barbecue Team; math team; pit band performer for "Annie" and "Beauty and the Beast"; Alpine ski team in freshman, sophomore and junior years; tennis team in



Michael Takach



Tricia Thibodeau



Tim Williamson

freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Future Plans: McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, to pursue bachelor of art and bachelor of science degrees in interdisciplinary program; play jazz in Montreal; travel worldwide, visit Tibet

Olivia Tess Earnshaw
Daughter of Mark and Marvel Earnshaw

Honors/Awards: Excellence in health, Girls State nominee, Trinity College Book Award, cross-country captain in 12th grade, Natural Helper student coordinator in 12th grade

Activities: Cross-country team, grades 9 to 12; Nordic skiing, grades 9 to 12; jazz band in grades 9 to 12; Safe Passage in grades 10 to 12; World Affairs Council in 12th grade; Natural Helpers in grades 9 to 12

Future Plans: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Undecided major, but interested in economics and international relations. Summer job at Kettle Cove Take Out

and Dairy Bar for the fifth year.

Laura Hayes
Daughter of Kathleen Hayes and Steve Hayes

Honors/Awards: Maine All-State Music Festival in 2006 and 2007; New Hampshire All-State Music Festival and Chamber in 2009; Honors Physics Award in 2006

Activities: Portland Youth Symphony in seventh, eighth, ninth, and 12th grades; Exeter Symphony Orchestra in 11th grade; ballet at Portland Ballet; violin lessons with Holly Ovenden; World Affairs Council; North Shore Science Team

Future Plans: Study international relations and music at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Emily MacDuffie
Daughter of Sheila Mayberry and Alan MacDuffie

Honors/Awards: Advanced Placement Scholar; Bausch & Lomb Science Award; Williams College Book Award; highest achievement in Advanced Placement Biology; National Honor Society; "Most Improved Swimmer;" Coastal Maine Aquatics; Outstanding Witness Performance in Mock Trial

Activities: Varsity swim team, co-

captain; Coastal Maine Aquatics; Portland Youth Wind Ensemble and Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra; Unitarian-Universalist Youth/Adult Committee; Maine Space Grant Consortium biology intern at the Wise Lab at the University of Maine at Orono; CEHS Mock Trial, co-captain; volunteer at Safe Passage School, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Student Conservation Association Trail Restoration Team, Guadalupe National Park; Model United Nations; CEHS World Affairs Council; Amnesty International; New England Music Camp; CEHS math team; Maine Special Olympics volunteer

Future Plans: Study biology and neuroscience, and swim on swim team at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa.

Rachel L. Muscat
Daughter of Paul and Sarah Muscat

Honors/Awards: Honors World History I Award, Honors World History II Award, Advanced Placement U.S. History Award, Honors Sophomore English Award, Advanced Placement Junior English Award, Yale Book Award, National Merit Commended Student, Presidential Scholar Candidate, "Best Delegate" at Boston University Model UN 2009

Activities: World Affairs Council, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Hebrew School aide, belly dancing

Future Plans: Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., to major in international studies

Evan Negele
Son of Andrew and Daryl Negele

Honors/Awards: Boston College Book Award, Excellence Award in Honors Physics

Activities: Mock Trial, science team, World Affairs Council, tennis team, National Honor Society, math team

—see TOP 10 PERCENT, page 15

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Top 10 percent

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Future Plans: Attend the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., in the fall

Caitlin Rebecca Pomeroy

Daughter of Ginny and Greg Pomeroy

Honors/Awards: Girl Scouts Gold Award, Harvard Book Award, Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, Maroon Medal Society, Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Outstanding Contributions from the Society of Women Engineers, Maine Principals Association Principal's Award for Academic Excellence and Citizenship, Varsity Cross-Country Captain's Award

Activities: Varsity cross country, varsity tennis, Safe Passage Club, Natural Helpers, math team, science team, National Science Bowl, Girl Scouts, World Affairs Council, belly dancing

Future Plans: Attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., in the fall

Emily Richardson

Daughter of John and Marybeth Richardson

Honors/Awards: Girl Scout Gold Award, Wellesley College Book Award, All-State Honorable Mention Softball, First Team All-Academic Volleyball

Activities: Varsity volleyball, varsity softball, National Honor Society, Girl Scouts

Future Plans: Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Meredith Claire Sells

Daughter of Mary-Katherine C. Sells and Scott L. Sells

Honors/Awards: Smith College Book Award, National Honor Society, Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scout Silver Award, Academic Award for Excellence in English

Activities: National Honor Society, Girl Scouts, Safe Passage, Cape Elizabeth High School theater pit band, CEHS varsity swim team, Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, swim instructor for Cape Elizabeth Community Services, play classical and Irish flutes, Portland Fencing Club, volunteer for service dog organizations

Future Plans: Attend University of Delaware in Newark, Del., enrolled in the School of Business and the Honors Program

Michael Sheehan Taintor

Son of Christopher and Colleen Taintor

Honors/Awards: Valedictorian, Rensselaer Medal for Excellence in Math and Science, Brown University Book Award, National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, Academic All-Conference for Basketball, National Honor Society President

Activities: National Honor Society, Mock Trial, math team, science team, World Affairs Council, peer tutor, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, track, skiing, ultimate Frisbee

Future Plans: Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Walsh School of For-

eign Service

Kathleen Mary Takach

Daughter of Mike and Mary Takach

Honors/Awards: Good Samaritan Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scout Silver Award, Columbia University Book Award, Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award, tennis team captain, Excellence in Functions, Statistics & Trigonometry, Excellence in U.S. History

Activities: Tennis team, Nordic ski team, Safe Passage Club, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, math team and volunteer tennis coach for Holy Cross Middle School

Future Plans: Double major in biomedical engineering and Spanish at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Michael Thomas Takach, Jr.

Son of Mike and Mary Takach

Honors/Awards: Physical Education I & II Awards, Colby College Book Award, 2009 Western Maine Nordic Skiing Academic Team, National Honor Society, Nordic ski team captain in 2008-2009, tennis team captain, 2007-2009, Eagle Scout Award

Activities: Cross country, Nordic skiing, tennis, Safe Passage Club, National Honor Society, math team, Boy Scouts, peer tutoring

Future Plans: I plan on attending Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., to study biomedical sciences and would like to pursue graduate studies in dentistry or optometry

Tricia Thibodeau

Daughter of John and Margaret Thibodeau

Honors/Awards: National Honor Society, Dartmouth College Book Award, FST Excellence Award, Spanish II Excellence Award, Freshman English Excellence Award, Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Softball All-State Honorable Mention '07 & '09, softball varsity captain '08 & '09, Softball State Champions 2007, Softball 1st Team All-Conference 2008, *Forecaster* CEHS 2008 Spring Female Athlete of the Year

Activities: Varsity field hockey '07 & '08, Sugarloaf ski instructor, Select Choir, play violin in CEHS String Ensemble, Flame and Black Bear travel softball teams, elementary school mentor

Future Plans: Attending Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine and pitching for the softball team

Timothy Williamson

Son of John & Kathy Williamson

Honors/Awards: High Honor Roll, Spanish Enthusiasm Award, All-State Chorus, College of the Holy Cross Book Award, Academic Recognitions in Math, Health and History, Philanthropist of National Honor Society

Activities: Teach religious education, sing in choir at church and school, local theater, peer tutor, elementary school mentor, youth ministry

Future Plans: I plan to attend Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., to major in Psychology and Spanish. I hope to keep singing and stay active in sunny California.

Award-winning artists



Photo by Mary Hart

Gathering recently are award-winning Cape Elizabeth High School artists, left to right, Amelia Bothel, Clare Boland, Sierra Rintel, and Sam Spicer. Works by the four, which garnered top honors this year, will be framed for permanent display at CEHS: a photograph by Rintel, a senior; an acrylic painting by Spicer, a sophomore; a charcoal drawing by Bothel, a junior; and a photograph by Boland, a senior, which CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd selected for the 2009 Principal's Prize.

Two Cape eighth-graders receive Maine Scholar Leader awards in Augusta



Photo by Susan Dana

Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders Francesca Governali and Griffin Carpenter hold the awards they won May 21 at the Augusta Civic Center, where the two were honored as 2009 Maine Scholar Leaders. A girl and boy from each Maine middle school are chosen for "outstanding scholarship and leadership," states the Web site for the New England League of Middle Schools, which sponsored the event with the Maine Association for Middle Level Education. Students are selected by teachers. CEMS Spanish teacher Susan Dana and the students' parents also attended the event.

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Electrathon!



Above, Cape Elizabeth High School engineering student, Nick Martin settles into the seat of the electric vehicle he helped build before a demonstration and race against Falmouth High School on May 17 at Beech Ridge Speedway. At right, Martin and volunteer advisor Michael Lewis make final preparations to the electric vehicle.



Photos by Evan Thayer

Race car drivers Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon may be fast. But neither of them can claim the dual accomplishments of students in Evan Thayer's engineering class at Cape Elizabeth High School this spring. The students not only raced an electric car on May 17 at Beech Ridge Speedway in Scarborough, but they also built the car. Seniors Nick Martin, Ross Phillipps, David Charles, and Lukas Brewington spent 20 hours on Thursday afternoons at Portland Arts and Technology High School working with volunteers Michael Lewis of Portland and Fred Witt of Falmouth to prepare an electric vehicle for a demonstration competition, the Cape-Falmouth Electrathon.

In the end, no clear winner emerged from the race, but that didn't bother anyone, Thayer said.

"The cars were geared differently, making them not entirely comparable in the sprint," Thayer said. "The success of the race was in getting together for the demonstration."

Without the help of volunteer Lewis, there would have been no event, said Thayer, adding that collaborations among students and adult volunteers are essential to the success of Cape Elizabeth High School's engineering program.

"This is another example of technical experts in the Greater Portland community being willing to work on short-duration projects with small groups of engineering students," Thayer said. "[Most] of the students in this year's engineering class worked on such out-of-class experiences with technical volunteers."

Peter Zack of the Maine Energy Education Program helped sponsor the event, Thayer said.

All interested in volunteering in Cape Elizabeth High School's engineering program should contact Thayer at evan_thayer@cape.k12.me.us or 799-3309.

—Wendy Keeler

Pond Cove's Natureland opens!

By Wendy Keeler

Mother Nature, in the form of rain, made herself known at the May 28 celebration of the opening of Pond Cove School's "Wonderland," an outdoor area and classroom devoted to the exploration and discovery of nature by students. More than 600 people—the entire student body, Pond Cove staff, elected officials, town employees, and volunteers—turned out to mark the fulfillment of an idea hatched three years ago by Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Committee members, who wanted to give teachers more resources to achieve science and natural history curriculum goals.

Many donated hours, materials, and dollars later, Pond Cove kids now have an open-air pergola, and much more: a human sundial, tree stump seating, a creek bed, small bridges, walkways, and raised garden beds.

"This new space is your place to discover the wonders all around you, for you to learn and discover the beauty, the importance, and meaning of nature," Pond Cove Principal Tom Eismeier told Pond Cove students.

At the event, Eismeier praised Cape Elizabeth nonprofit organizations that helped raise money for the project, and also businesses, the town, and individuals who supplied equipment, materials, money, expertise and labor.

But two Cape residents, Lisa Gent and Suzanne McGinn, got special praise.

"They've been shepherding this project—and a host of others—for many years, working tirelessly on the behalf of Pond Cove students and teachers," Eismeier said about the two, known around town for their school volunteerism as well as their extensive work for CELT, a nonprofit organization that permanently conserves and provides stewardship for Cape Elizabeth land.

But the two shrug off the credit.

"So many volunteers and businesses helped," McGinn wrote in a May 28 e-mail to *The Cape Courier* in which she listed every name of every person involved.

"No taxpayer dollars [were] used!" she went on to say. "The money spent was around \$17,000, but [Town Manager] Mike McGovern



Photos by Claudia Dricot

Pond Cove students listen as Principal Tom Eismeier speaks at the opening celebration of Natureland on May 28.



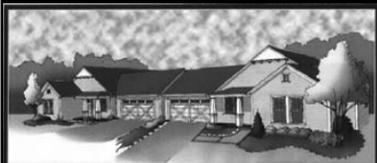
Suzanne McGinn, center, and Lisa Gent enjoy the moment when Principal Tom Eismeier cuts the ribbon.

ern was saying to me that if we had to pay for all of this it would have been a \$50,000 project! I'd never thought of it like that."

The donations continue.

"At the last minute, a Brownie troop donated two crab apple trees with their cookie money, and the fourth grade ... class donated a granite bench. We also have another teacher interested in adding another raised garden bed next spring," McGinn said. "The outdoor experience for our children is infectious!"

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Cape Middle School eighth-graders win state public policy competition



Meeting with Maine Rep. Jane Eberle, center, on May 15 at the State House in Augusta are Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grade teacher, Evan Solender, far right, and his students, left to right, kneeling, Ryan Allmendinger and Chris Donovan; standing, Zach Hindall, Brandon Negele, Jamie Hewes, James Yokabaskas, Michaela Forde, Moriah Brown, Alex Harper, and Calvin Chen.

A team of Cape Elizabeth eighth-graders from Evan Solender's social studies class won a statewide competition last month for writing a policy that would toughen driver's license requirements in Maine. Students Moriah Brown, Alex Harper, James Yokabaskas, Jamie Hewes, and Michaela Forde presented their policy May 15 at the State House in Augusta at the Maine competition of Project Citizen, a nationwide program that educates students about the methods and procedures used in governmental processes.

Teams of students research, perform in-

terviews, create a portfolio and prepare a presentation about a public policy they believe needs addressing. Solender piloted the project with his two social studies classes.

After conducting a local showcase, at which Maine Rep. Jane Eberle and Maine Sen. Larry Bliss served as judges, two teams were chosen to represent the school at the statewide competition in Augusta. "Inexperienced Drivers, Few Survivors," which went on to win the state event, now goes to Washington, D.C. for the national competition.

New committee focuses on teaching, learning

Recognizing that the core mission of education is teaching and learning of a high quality, the Cape Elizabeth School Board's committee of the same name, "Teaching and Learning," is working to support and sustain the school system's curriculum work.

Chaired by board member Karen Burke, the committee works closely with Superintendent Alan Hawkins and the district's Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team (CIA) to guide development and review of curricular goals. The committee also informs and directs the School Board in its annual approval of learning goals, ensuring board members' compliance and relativity to the district's educational mission.

"I am really excited about the opportunities this committee will facilitate ... for accomplishing great things in our district,"

Hawkins said.

During the past year and a half, there has been an increased emphasis and commitment of district resources to curriculum development, review and enhancement. Changes in technology, graduation and testing requirements and instructional methodologies, among other things, dictate that curriculum is under constant review and appraisal.

The Teaching and Learning Committee supports this ongoing curriculum work from both an educational and fiscal perspective. As the committee reviews the various curriculum areas with the district's CIA and administrative team, it will review resource allocation decisions and integrate these into the district's budgeting process.

—Trish Brigham

'Text We Can' to raise money to help replace outdated middle school textbooks

By Wendy Keeler

If members of a new parents' group have their way, Cape Elizabeth Middle School sixth-graders will no longer have to learn science from 26-year-old textbooks, and seventh- and eighth-graders' backpacks will carry up-to-date language arts textbooks instead of the 1989 editions they carry now.

Gone will be 11-year-old math books for sixth- through eighth-graders, as well as the last-century science books kids in the two upper grades now use.

Members of the newly established Text We Can group have a

plan to raise \$60,000 in coming months to help purchase 21st-century textbooks for CEMS students. The Cape Elizabeth school district has committed \$60,000—\$30,000 this school year, and \$30,000 during the next—to modernize the school's textbook collection. But a total \$120,000 is needed "to get us back on track," said School Board member Rebecca Millett, also a Text We Can member.

"This is something that we have to do. Getting updated books for kids in the middle school can't wait anymore," group member Patty Grennon said. "Clearly, this has been a need for a long time, and it would have been nice if this had been funded long ago, but because we're not sure when or if that will happen in the current economic climate, we are stepping in to organize an effort to get books that are updated and have technol-

ogy interface, books that will bring students and teachers up to the standards of schools in neighboring districts and around the country."

Once the \$60,000 is raised, Text We Can will have accomplished its mission.

'One-time deal'

"This is a one-time deal," Millett said. "We have no plans to raise funds for text-

books every year. We're trying to jump-start the middle school textbook replacement cycle to get it back on track."

The group plans to unveil its fundraising campaign this summer. Grennon's hope

is that all middle school students will crack 21st-century textbooks in the near future.

Something has to change, committee members say.

"Lapsed replacement cycles and continuing budget constraints have left the middle school with books that are antiquated, in disrepair and in insufficient numbers so as to prevent students from being assigned their own textbooks for personal use," a Text We Can press release states. "Currently, Cape Elizabeth has resorted to such strategies as buying used books from Ruth's Resources, a recycling shop [in Portland], which carries other districts' retired texts, thus putting our children at a significant disadvantage."

For more information about Text We Can, visit www.capemspa.org/textwecan or e-mail textwecan@gmail.com.

'Getting updated textbooks ... is something that can't wait anymore.'
—Patty Grennon,
Text We Can

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School policy

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Purpose of policy

The change in consequences for kids who turn themselves in after violating the policy would bring the School Board substance abuse policy closer to its true intent, Cape Elizabeth High School Principal Jeffrey Shedd said.

"I think the board is hopeful that by eliminating the consequence of lost games [and other extracurricular events] for the first offense ... it will encourage kids to come forward to get assistance, because that is really the purpose of the policy," he said. "I believe the board's hope is to open up the lines of communication by taking away the punitive piece of the self-referral."

Subsequent offenses

Students who report themselves the first time but violate the policy a second time would face the same consequences as first-time violators who don't report themselves: sit out the next two games or extracurricular events, excluding playoffs, if the team or group has fewer than 10 events in a season, or the next four, also excluding playoffs, if the team has more than 10 events in a season. Students not involved in an extracurricular program at the time of the violation would face consequences when their sport or extracurricular program begins.

Penalties for a third offense would be the same as those faced by second-time offenders who don't turn themselves in, and penalties for a fourth violation would be the same as those given to third-time offenders who don't report themselves. To read the current policy, go to www.cape.k12.me.us/policies/J/JICH_substance_abuse.html.

Not a 'contract'

The revised policy also would clarify a misunderstanding about the document that students and parents have to sign in order for students to participate in extracurricular programs and athletics, School Board Policy Committee Chair Rebecca Millett said.

"People have called it [the extracurricular] 'contract' or 'agreement', but it's not. In actuality, whether or not a student or parent signs the document, the policy still stands. This is School Board policy, so it's not like somebody can opt out of it," Millett said. "What we're communicating better now is that we're asking parents and students to sign an acknowledgement of understanding, an acknowledgement that they have received information about the policy and they understand it."

The size and timing of meetings to educate kids and parents about the policy would also change. Gone would be the much-moaned-about mandatory August "extracurricular" meeting in the CEHS auditorium, usually attended by several hundred kids and parents.

Parents of ninth-graders would get information about the policy at the annual fall meeting for freshman parents. The school also would educate parents through the mail, the school Web site, or by e-mail—"some mechanism by which we reach all parents," Shedd said.

Mandatory meetings

Students involved in extracurricular programs and their parents also would be required to attend meetings led by coaches or advisors of programs.

"The coach or advisor of each activity would schedule a mandatory student and parent meeting at the outset of the activity. At that meeting, the policy would be reinforced," Millett said. "In order for a student to play or participate, the student and parent would be required to submit to the coach or advisor a signed statement acknowledging their understanding of the rule."

The meetings would serve another function, Shedd said.

"The purpose would be not only about the policy but also about the programs, something we haven't done in the past. There could be some benefits from that," Shedd said.

Timing

Meetings for each program, required no

matter how many extracurricular programs students participate in, would be scheduled at different times, depending on when programs start.

"They would probably happen early on after the activities begin, and the vast majority would be held early in the school year," Shedd said. "But jazz band, for instance, doesn't begin until October, so it would be a case-by-case thing."

The reach

The revised policy would not change what is perhaps the most controversial element of the School Board policy: its reach beyond school grounds and school functions.

Many parents support rules regarding alcohol and drug use at school and school functions, but many take issue with rules for students involved in

extracurricular programs and sports, which extend beyond. Half of the 100 community members who responded to an online School Board survey about the substance abuse policy in November disagreed with that part of it. Most parents who turned out for a May 7 School Board forum about the policy expressed the same concerns.

"Among the small number of parents at the meeting, there seemed to be a strong sense of questioning about whether or not the school or School Board should reach outside the school," Shedd said. "It's a very difficult philosophical question, but at least

for now the board is answering that philosophical question the same way [it has]."

School boards in neighboring districts seem to have arrived at the same answer.

"I at one point talked to five schools that we are often compared to, and all of them have policies that address nonschool behaviors," Shedd said.

'Privileges, not rights'

At the basis of many school board policies is the belief stated in Cape Elizabeth's School Board policy: "The policy is built on

a recognition that participation in school extracurricular activities, holding leadership positions in school activities and student government, and receiving school recognitions are privileges, not rights. In each case, students are held out by the school or perceived by the public as representing the Cape schools."

The policy committee and board members will continue to discuss the issue of the policy's scope, Millett said.

"That's under discussion, and people are welcome to provide input to the policy committee if they have a perspective to share," Millett said. "But we wanted to address these changes now, so Jeff can make adjustments for the coming school year."

All who want to share opinions about the substance abuse policy with members of the School Board Policy Committee should e-mail Rebecca Millett at rmillett@maine.rr.com.

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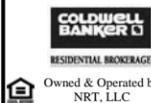
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Dana Riker, a member of the class of 2010 at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, has been awarded a Paller Research Fellowship, which supports a 10-week summer neuroscience research project under the direction of Bowdoin's neuroscience faculty.

A Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Dana is a neuroscience major who also participates in women's soccer and indoor and outdoor track.

Laura Ingalls, a 1997 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, graduated May 8 from the University of New England in Biddeford Pool with a master's degree in social work. At UNE, Ingalls had a 4.0 grade point average.

Laura is the daughter of **Lee A. Ingalls** and **Earl F. Ingalls** and **Carmita McCoy**, all of Cape Elizabeth. After a summer in Maine, Laura plans to move to Hartford, Conn., to pursue her career.

Amanda Tuttle Stetson graduated magna cum laude in May from the University of Tampa in Tampa, Fla., with a bachelor's degree in Spanish, and government and world affairs. A member of Alpha Chi, an honor society for the academic top 10 percent of an institution's students, Stetson was also recently recognized for outstanding academic achievement at the University of Oxford in Oxford, United Kingdom, where she studied in the fall of 2008. The daughter of **Michael Tuttle** and **Janice Libby**, she will pursue a master's degree in education.

Jim and Linda Hallee of Cape Elizabeth are pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, **Sheppard Lyell Hallee**, on April 11. His proud parents are **Mark and Lichen Hallee** of Providence, R.I., His maternal grandparents, Janet and John Grewer, also live in Providence.

Sheppard's father, Mark, is a 1990 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, and Sheppard's great grandfather was Cape Elizabeth's first town manager, **Allen M. Marks**.



Sheppard Lyell Hallee

**More Neighbors
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Thousand cranes help beget nine Scout awards



Gathering recently are troop members, left to right, front row, Maggie Jacobson, Hillary Sells, Catherine Tierney; standing, co-leader Mary-Kay Sells, Tori Russell, Tara Pinette, Anna Pezzullo, Allie Lengyel, Caroline Kelly, co-leader Nancy Pezzullo, and Girl Scouts of Maine Teen Program Manager Dawn Wentworth. Not pictured are Jessica Allen and her mother, co-leader Debbie Allen.

By **Mary-Kay Sells**

After three years of preparation, nine Girl Scouts, all Cape Elizabeth High School freshmen, received the highest award given to Scouts of their rank. On May 17, Jessica Allen, Maggie Jacobson, Caroline Kelly, Allie Lengyel, Anna Pezzullo, Tara Pinette, Tori Russell, Hillary Sells, and Catherine Tierney received the Silver Award, which represents the accomplishment of goals that have improved people's lives.

During their three-year commitment, the girls had to spend time in leadership roles, learn about different careers, talk to people who own businesses, identify a community issue and propose ways to educate people about it, and choose a project.

Jessica Allen completed an environmental awareness project. The other eight worked on "Cranes for Peace," inspiration for which came from "Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes," a book by Eleanor Coerr. The book is based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki, who was 2 years old when the atom bomb was dropped on her home in Hiroshima, Japan, and who developed lymphatic cancer some years later. While she was in the hospital, Sadako's best friend told her the Japanese legend of the 1000 paper cranes—that anyone who folds 1000 paper cranes will so please the gods that the gods will grant the

folder a wish.

Sadako set about folding cranes, so the gods would grant her wish to get well, but she died from leukemia at the age of 10, before she was able to finish. Her friends finished them for her. A statue stands in Hiroshima with the following words: "This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world."

To show that the education of children is a means to achieving peace, the eight Scouts organized crane-folding events throughout Cape Elizabeth. Troop members also sponsored St. Luc's School, a struggling elementary school in Trou Du Nord, Haiti, and donated funds to Heifer International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to relieving global hunger and poverty by providing gifts of livestock and plants and educating financially disadvantaged families around the world about sustainable agriculture.

Ten mobiles with 100 cranes each were completed. Nine of the crane mobiles have homes in the Cape area, including Cape Elizabeth High School, the Community Center, Thomas Memorial Library, St. Bartholomew and St. Alban's churches, the Lions Club, and the medical office of Sheila Pinette, the mother of troop member, Tara Pinette. In January, troop co-leader Nancy Pezzullo delivered the 10th crane mobile to St. Luc's School in Haiti.

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