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## Parking fees at Fort Williams recommended

By Bob Dodd

Parking and entry fees at Fort Williams are once again on the Town Council's agenda.

The Fort Williams Advisory Commission (FWAC) submitted its proposal at the council's Dec. 14 meeting. Central to the report is the recommendation that a pay-and-display parking fee system be implemented at the park.

The proposal was in response to the council's March 2009 request for a plan on how to make Fort Williams Park self-sustaining. Councilors accepted the report but held off on any actions relating to its recommendations.

The park's operating budget for fiscal year 2010 is just over \$173,000.

The FWAC report states that "the only way to raise this amount of money would be to institute parking fees or entrance fees."

The FWAC consensus is that parking fees are preferable. Parking fees would present fewer implementation problems and would interfere less with traditional park uses according to the report.

The park traditionally has been supported by tax revenues and also funds from picnic shelter rentals, park bench sales, donations from the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation, transfers from the Portland Head Light budget and other sources.

### 2006 referendum said convincing 'No' to parking fees

The report acknowledged that in November 2006, Cape residents voted overwhelmingly to reject a proposed pay-and-display system at the park.

The vote against the proposal was 3,145 to 1,951.

Shortly after the vote, the Town Council formally closed the book on the proposal.

"It's absolutely clear now what the will of the people is," noted then Councilor Mary Ann Lynch, a staunch supporter of the defeated proposal. She added that for 30 years the issue had been discussed but it was never clear how residents felt about fees.

However, the FWAC says the 2006 proposal was for raising funds to pay for "capital projects and offset operating expenses." The current proposal is intended to raise a specific amount of money to make the park self-sufficient.

No previous proposal has had this specific purpose, according to the report.

### Tour buses seen as revenue sources

The FWAC also recommends that the town begin charging tour buses visiting the park. The proposed fees range from \$40 per bus for those connected to cruise ship visits to \$50 for regular tour buses. Buses connected with seasonal recreation programs would be billed at \$30 per visit.

Trolleys and shuttle buses that make regu-

—see FORT FEES, page 18



Photo by Jack Kennealy

A 12-foot holiday wreath, decorated with energy-efficient LED lights and hung from the tower of Portland Head Light, was unveiled at a Dec. 11 ceremony. The event was attended by Cape Elizabeth town officials as well as Coast Guard Sector Northern New England's Commander Capt. James McPherson. The Coast Guard hung the wreath, which was purchased by the town with a donation from an anonymous local resident, according to Town Manager Michael McGovern. The Coast Guard has offered to hang and store the wreath each year, part of its long tradition of joining with communities to decorate lighthouses for the holidays.

## New council hears updates on old bond issues

By Bob Dodd

Refinancing two 10-plus-year-old bonds will yield a savings of more than \$740,000 over the life of the bonds. This was the good news that greeted the Town Council and its three newest members.

The refinancing report was provided by Town Manager Mike McGovern at the council's Dec. 14 meeting.

Sworn in at the start of the meeting were Councilors Frank Governali, Jessica Sullivan and James Walsh. Returning Councilor Sara Lennon, re-elected in November, also took the oath of office.

McGovern reported that the town refinanced its 1998 and 1999 issued bonds in October. Over the life of the replacement bonds, the total savings for the town will be \$741,748. The total savings to the school

budget will be \$232,037. The municipal budget savings will total \$509,711. The bonds are scheduled to be paid off by 2020.

McGovern also updated the council on the status of the 2008 bond. He said 80 percent of the \$2,550,000 proceeds has been spent, and that another 9 percent soon will be spent.

This leaves a balance of \$262,965 that is no longer allocated for any specific use, reported McGovern. He recommended using \$52,000 of the balance toward updating the lighting at the three Cape schools and the Community Center. The town is also applying for \$85,000 in federal stimulus funds for the lighting update project. The projected 15-year savings resulting from the new lighting is \$846,300, an annual savings of \$56,420.

—see BONDS page 18

## Citizens brainstorm about major cuts in school funding

By Wendy Keeler

Residents asked to come up with ways to address a \$621,440 curtailment in state aid to Cape schools this year and even greater cuts next year did not skimp on their assignment at a Dec. 8 community brainstorming session at the high school. Ideas, which 80-90 community members working together in small groups came up with and wrote on 3-foot-by-3-foot pieces of paper, filled two walls of the cafeteria.

Suggestions ranged from straightforward—fighting the state funding formula, freezing school and municipal employees' salaries, and charging entrance fees to Fort Williams—to the more radical—charging kids to ride school buses, contracting out police services to the county sheriff's department, and flooding the parking lot next to Town Hall and charging for ice skating.

"This is exactly what we wanted when we organized this event: any and all ideas," said School Board member Rebecca Millett, who chairs the newly formed Curtailment Committee and was "really impressed by the turnout. There were citizens from the various aspects of our community—people with contrasting opinions—and for the most part people rolled up their sleeves and worked collaboratively to brainstorm how as a town we can address these financial challenges."

Charged with making recommendations on how to cope with unprecedented school funding shortfalls, the committee will review community members' ideas. The group will submit a list to the board and Town Council on Jan. 15.

### Committee members

Committee members include Millett and Kathy Ray of the School Board; Town Councilors Sara Lennon and Anne Swift-Kayatta; resident Tim Thompson of the non-profit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which funds programs that fall outside the school budget; Cape Elizabeth High School junior Matt Miklavic, a Student Advisory Council representative to the School Board; and Cape Elizabeth High School history teacher Dwight Ely, who heads the Cape Elizabeth Education Association, the school employees' union.

Three town and school employees serve as ex officio members: Superintendent Alan Hawkins, Town Manager Michael McGovern and School Department Business Manager Pauline Aportria.

In November, in response to declining state revenues, Gov. John Baldacci curtailed state education aid for the current year by \$38 million. Cape's share of the curtailment, \$621,440, represents 3.5 percent of school budget, one of the highest percentage cuts in the state, according to a Dec. 7 letter to the community that Hawkins and outgoing School Board Chair Trish Brigham wrote.

—see CURTAILMENT, page 18



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**Departing School Board member Trish Brigham honored 'to have served ... community'**

It has truly been an honor for me to have served the Cape Elizabeth community as a School Board member for the past five and a half years. As I complete my tenure, I would like to thank my fellow citizens for having elected me on two occasions, allowing me the privilege to work with, and on behalf of, our students and their families in pursuit of a strong and vibrant public education system.

I also owe a debt of gratitude, as do we all, to those dedicated individuals who work in our schools. Each one of them, from our bus drivers to our superintendent, devotes untold time and energy to the well-being,

growth and development of our community's children.

Our schools are one of our greatest assets. Through them we have the power to change lives—locally, globally, now and in the future. Like our children, they must be cultivated and nourished. I appreciate having had the opportunity to participate so directly in this process, and to work alongside so many others in our community who share this belief and make Cape Elizabeth such a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for supporting me and our community's public education system.

**Trish Brigham**

**Do some Cape residents recycle in S. Portland?**

I was very pleased to read recently that Cape residents have greatly increased their recycling.

I assume most residents living between Route 77 and the fire station on Shore Road shop in Millcreek, and rather than drive in the opposite direction to the silver bullets behind Town Hall, deposit their recycling

at the Department of Public Works, just off Cottage Road in South Portland.

I further assume that if a silver bullet was placed in Fort Williams, or some other convenient location, then Cape would be credited with an even greater amount of recycling.

**Edward G. Silcock**

**Girl Scout Troop 2222 collects for U.S. troops**

On behalf of Girl Scout Troop 2222, we would like to thank the many individuals who contributed to our recent collection for U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

We were completely amazed by the outpouring of generosity that came from so many. The girls in the troop were able to fill and send eight huge boxes with hundreds of items that will be appreciated by many of our hardworking troops. In these difficult times, it is especially heartening to see how many people find a way to keep giving. Thank you to all who participated in this uplifting effort.

**Anne Gale & Christine Mackenzie**  
 (leaders for Troop 2222)

**Curtailment is 'wrong'**

State funding for our schools has been slashed by \$621,000 in the middle of the year via a "curtailment" due to declining state revenues.

State law requires the state to fund 55 percent of education from state taxes, but the legislature will fund only 43 percent of education this year.

After this curtailment, Cape Elizabeth will get only about 13 percent of our "EPS" budget. (EPS is a complex formula designed to determine what is "essential.") We will receive only about 10 percent of our actual school budget, one which is BELOW the state average in what is spent per pupil. However, almost one third of what we are receiving is from federal stimulus funds. True state funds will be only about 6 percent of our school budget.

Cape residents pay an estimated \$22 million a year in state income taxes. We will get back about \$1.3 million in education funds.

The \$38 million curtailment represents 4 percent of state education funds. Cape Elizabeth is being cut by 24 percent.

Cape Elizabeth will receive about \$1,000 per student, versus a statewide average of over \$5,000. This is not a matter of wealthy towns versus poorer towns, or north versus south. Cumberland/North Yarmouth is receiving about \$5,000 and Gorham will get over \$6,000, while South Portland is taking one of the biggest cuts.

These results are driven by a complex formula with many "adjustments." Although the process is sophisticated, the results don't make sense. While it can be argued that we should receive less than some other towns, these extreme results put an extraordinary burden on our children and property taxpayers. This is wrong.

Please join me in urging our state legislators to vigorously challenge these results on behalf of our community.

**Dan Fishbein**

*Happy Holidays!*

Photo by Rose Kennealy

*Back row, from left: Sheila Zimmerman, production manager; Suzanne Higgins, proofreader; Diane Brakeley, photo finisher; Dorothy Stack, bookkeeper; Elizabeth Brogan, editor. Front row, from left: Anita Samuelsen, proofreader; Wendy Keeler, community editor; Colleen Taintor, advertising manager, Patty McCarthy, publisher.*

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# Clawed!



Photo by Ann Kaplan

Maine Red Claws mascot, Crusher, digs his claws into The Cape Courier at the team's exhibition game in Augusta on Nov. 23. Maine's new NBA developmental team is based in Portland, with home games played at the Portland Expo.

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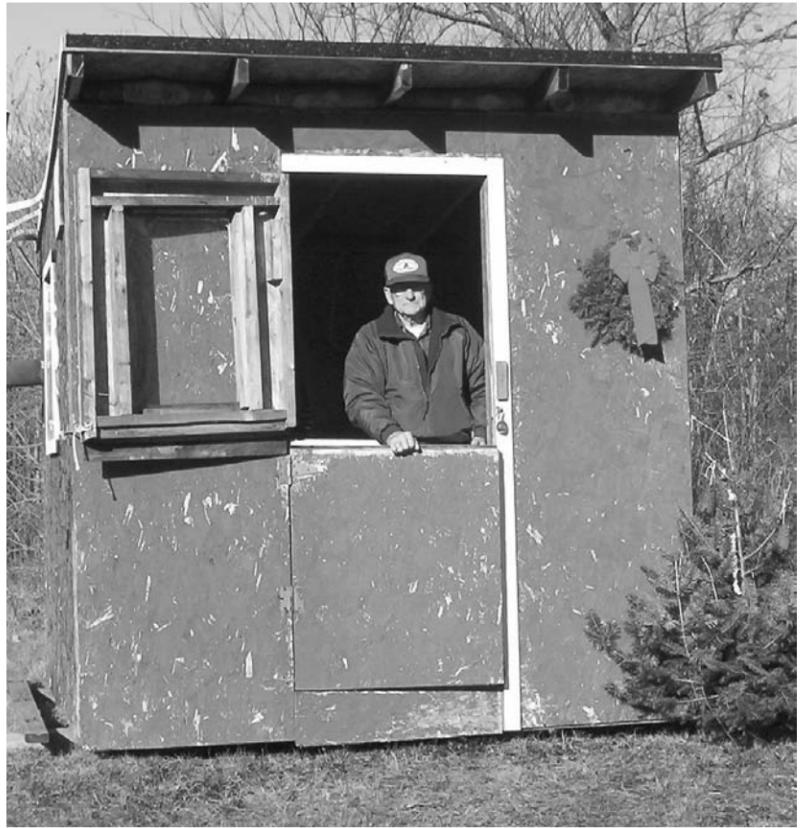
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# Dun Roamin' wrapping up final Christmas season, with new 'Old Farm' taking its place in 2010



Evelyn Cox decorates a Christmas wreath.



Jim Cox mans the shed at Dun Roamin'.

The Coxes' Dun Roamin' Christmas tree farm at 1068 Sawyer is open for its final year of tree and wreath sales. But don't fret. All the Coxes will see you next year at Jay Cox's Old Farm Christmas Place tree farm and store, opening for the 2010 Christmas season nearby at 1148 Sawyer Road.

Jim and Ev began planting in 1988, cultivating between 500 and 1,000 fir trees per year on land formerly used by Ev's parents for apple and strawberry production. Since

balsam firs take about seven years to reach marketable size, they began sales in 1995, and have met and catered to a host of happy tree-cutting families over the years. They have also kept their children and grandchildren busy during the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas every year. Now their son will carry on the family tradition on his farm nearby.

Jay purchased his 50-acre farm in 2002 after moving home from Seattle the year

before. The land was assembled into its current boundaries by the early 1800s and was owned by the same family – the Dyers and Hutchinsons – until Margaret Hutchinson's passing in 1991.

The land is preserved in perpetuity for agriculture and forestry by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and includes a late 1700s farmstead that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Jay plants an average of 2,500 trees per

year, and has constructed a 30' X 40' timber-frame barn/farm stand for retail products as well. The Old Farm Christmas Place will offer trees, wreaths and garlands, as well as ornaments and decorations from around the world.

Jim and Ev's Dun Roamin' farm is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Christmas. Along with trees, they offer beautiful handmade wreaths, garlands, and other balsam arrangements.

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## With snow, it's time to move hoops off the road

Winter is here and all portable basketball hoops should now be moved at least 10 feet from the edge of the road.

"These devices can be a hazard not only to our equipment when we are plowing or sanding, but also to school buses and delivery vehicles," Public Works Director Bob Malley said.

According to Malley, many hoops were still on the side of the road when the first plowable snow fell on Dec. 5, with the rims hanging "well into the travel lane," and at about the same height as the snowplows'

mirrors and warning lights.

Malley said the rims of the hoops are made of heavy steel and "can do some substantial damage."

The plastic bases of the hoops can also be damaged by the plows, or by the weight of compressed snow.

"These units are well within the town right of way, and we do not want to incur, nor will we pay for any damages, if we strike them in the course of our winter maintenance operations," Malley said.

--Elizabeth Brogan

## Cape real estate transfers: October 2009

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JASON R. WELBORN	JOHN HIGGINS	12 STATE AVE.	\$ 182,500	SINGLE FAMILY
JENNIFER BORNICK	STEVEN BORNICK	26 OLDE FORT ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
REV. TRUST B.&M. COOK	BERT H. COOK JR.	22 OLDE FORT ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
GENDOLYN W. MOORE	PETER J. LANDIS	10 MANOR WAY	\$ 710,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CAPE ELIZ. LAND TRUST	ANNA G. SWAIN HEIRS	SPURWINK AVENUE	\$ 0	VACANT LAND
THOMAS C. BRADLEY	PHYLLIS C. COHN	312 OCEAN HOUSE RD.	\$ 0	CONDOMINIUM
STEVEN P. BORNICK	JANET MCLAUGHLIN	23 OLDE COLONY LANE	\$ 415,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MICHAEL P. WOOD	ESTATE OF ANNA J DOBY	22 COTTAGE LANE	\$ 850,000	WATERFRONT RES.
HEIDI TAIT	JACK R. MCKENZIE	10 LONGFELLOW DRIVE	\$ 188,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHELSEA K. CHASE	DANA L. FOOTE	16 LINWOOD ST.	\$ 212,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ARIETTE SCOTT	ARIETTE MCDONALD	36 TRUNDY ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
DAVID STEINBRICK	MARIELUISE G. GAISER	4 HANNAFORD COVE RD.	\$ 426,000	SINGLE FAMILY
NANCY E. STROJNY	ANTHONY P. DOBAJ	82 HUNTS POINT ROAD	\$ 535,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SCOTT J. LEWIS	FRANK E. GEMME	96 STONYBROOK ROAD	\$ 523,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JOSHUA DENNISON	CHRISTINE COUGHLAN	62 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD	\$ 162,500	SINGLE FAMILY



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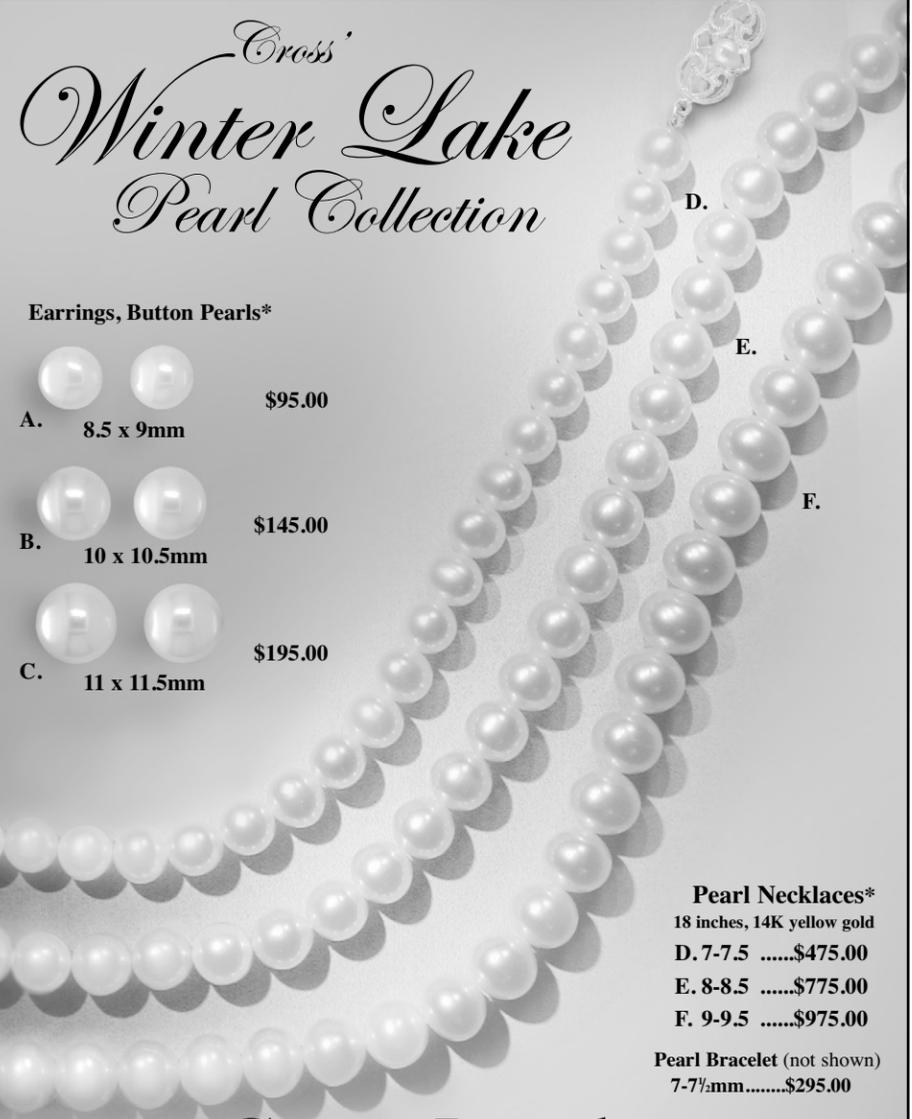
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# Favorite Photos of 2009

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Photo by Jenny Campbell

Fun in the foam at Family Fun Day in June



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Six Cape Elizabeth veterans stand with pride at the Memorial Day ceremony in May.



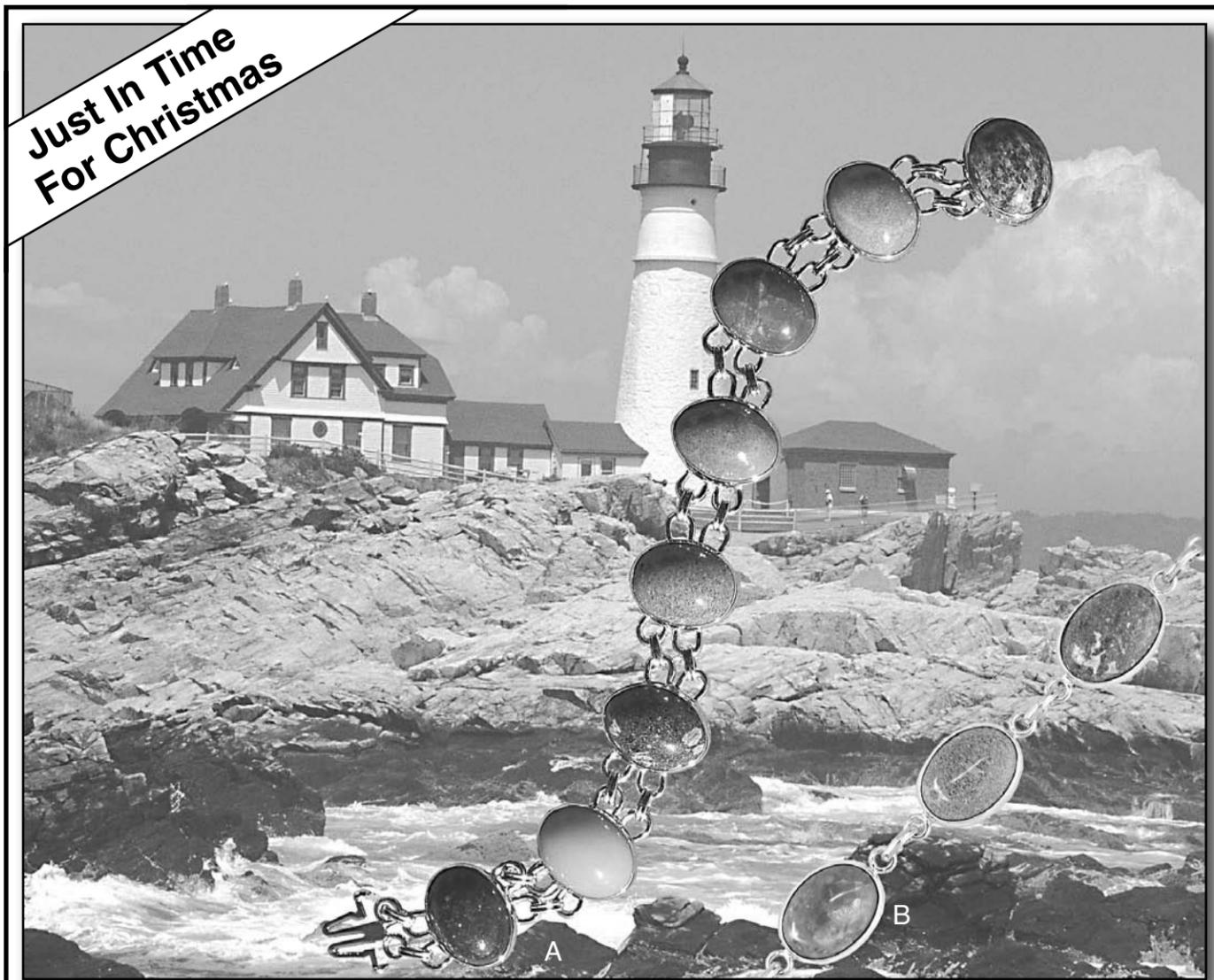
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Prom king and queen, Ike Johnson and Mary Quinn, at the senior prom in June



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Scott Richards competes in the CELT Challenge Triathlon in October.



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Elisabeth Lualdi makes a joyful finish at the May 31 Pond Cove Challenge.

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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

**COMPLAINTS**

- 11-10 An officer met with a resident in the Oakhurst Road area for a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.
- 11-11 A resident of the Mitchell Road area spoke to an officer about a loose dog that attacked his dog. The dog's owner was identified and contacted.
- 11-12 An officer responded to the area of Shore and Ocean House roads for an abandoned bike.
- 11-12 Cape Elizabeth Community Services reported a bicycle abandoned near the shed in the old school bus parking lot.
- 11-12 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about a possible criminal threatening complaint. The resident wanted the incident documented.
- 11-12 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Several CDs were taken from the vehicle.
- 11-13 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about fraudulent use of the plaintiff's bank card. An unknown person had attempted to wire about \$1,000 using the plaintiff's debit card.
- 11-13 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area who turned in a firearm for safekeeping.
- 11-13 An officer met with a representative of some property in the Old Ocean House Road area who reported the theft of several cords of firewood.
- 11-14 An officer met with a resident about a possible telephone harassment complaint.
- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a possible stolen motor vehicle. The vehicle was later located and had not been stolen.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident of the Kettle Cove area about mail that had been tampered with.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a possible criminal threatening complaint.
- 11-17 An officer spoke with a representative of Cape Elizabeth High School about an incident at the school involving a student. The case was referred to Juvenile Intake.
- 11-20 An officer met with a resident of the Brentwood area regarding the theft of a bicycle. The black bike has 16- to 18-inch wheels and is valued at \$100.
- 11-21 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 11-24 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a possible violation of a protection order.
- 11-27 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 11-26 Two officers responded to a location on Bowery Beach Road for a reported fight in progress. The subjects were located

- and interviewed, along with witnesses. The report was to be forwarded to the district attorney's office for review for possible prosecution.
- 11-29 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check. The subject was located.
- 11-30 An officer met with a local business owner about a window that had been smashed. There was no evidence of entry into the building.
- 11-30 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a theft complaint. The suspect was identified, and there was partial recovery of property.

**SUMMONSES**

- 11-13 New Gloucester resident, assault, violation of conditions of release, Starboard Drive
- 11-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of protection order, violation of conditions of release, misuse of 911, Longfellow Drive
- 11-18 California resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$133
- 11-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Pond View Road, \$133
- 11-23 Virginia resident, failure to produce proof of insurance, Shore Road, \$208

**JUVENILE SUMMONSES**

- 11-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (46/25 zone) Scott Dyer Road, \$215

**ARRESTS**

- 11-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, outstanding warrant, criminal mischief
- 11-13 New Gloucester resident, assault, violating conditions of release
- 11-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of protection from harassment order, violation of conditions of release, misuse of 911, Scott Dyer Road

**ACCIDENTS**

- 11-17 Helen Blewett hit a deer on Ocean House Road.
- 11-18 Anna Darling hit a deer on Mitchell Road.
- 11-19 Sarah Dalton hit a deer on Route 77.

**FIRE CALLS**

- 11-19 Denison Drive, unauthorized burning
- 11-20 Hillcrest Road, public assist
- 11-22 Ocean House Road, fire alarm
- 11-24 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 11-25 Richmond Terrace, fire alarm
- 11-28 Denison Drive, fire alarm
- 11-28 Dyer Pond Road, fire alarm
- 11-28 McKenney Point Road, power line down
- 11-29 Oakhurst Road, fire alarm
- 11-30 South Portland Mutual Aid

**RESCUE CALLS**

- There were 14 runs to Maine Medical Center.
- There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital.
- There were 4 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

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January 16	January 5
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October 9	September 28
October 23	October 12
November 6	October 26
November 20	November 9
December 11	November 30
December 18	December 7
January 15, 2011	January 4, 2011

## Overnight parking ban in effect Dec. 1-April 1

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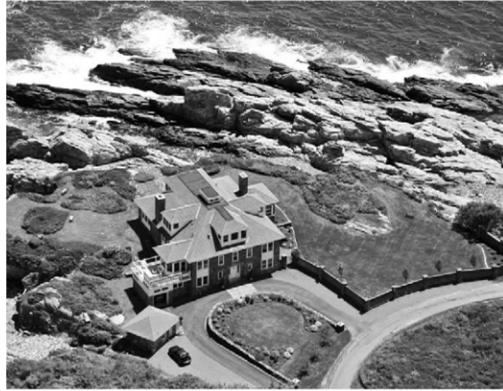
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**Mary Jo Cross | 770.2210**



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Exceptionally well-maintained 3 bedroom home featuring open floor plan with lots of light and newer windows, heating system and flooring, one full and two half baths, huge family room with hardwood floors and woodstove with sliders to patio. Lovely landscaped lot in exceptional Broad Cove setting. **\$359,000** MLS# 956698  
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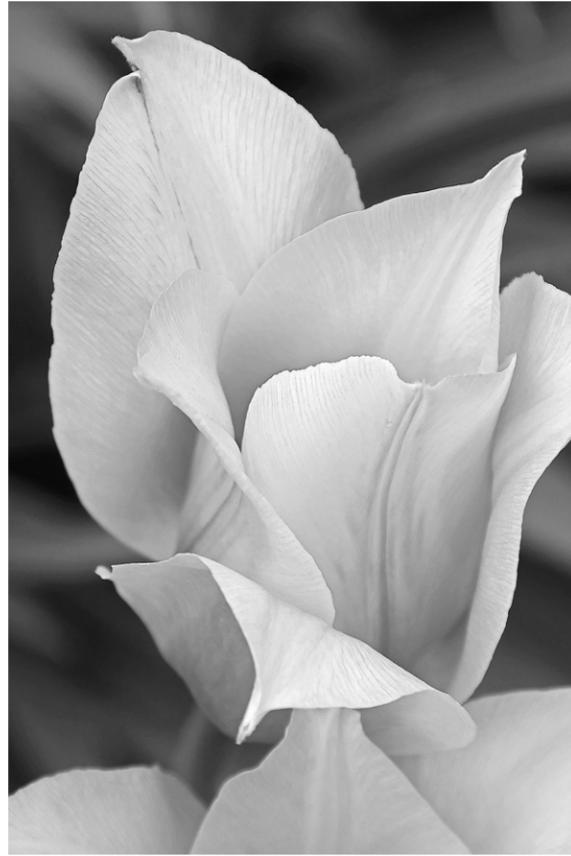


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An exuberant Skivy Monaghan and the Cape High School Class of 2009 in June.

## Wearing red ribbon shows commitment to celebrate holiday season responsibly

Residents of Cape Elizabeth have added a special touch to their wardrobes this holiday season—red ribbons that signify a commitment to celebrate the season responsibly and remind others to do the same.

Several organizations have teamed up to spread the message: the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, the Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) team, and the new Cape Elizabeth chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

All who want to support the “Wrap Yourself In Red” campaign can pick up a red ribbon at Town Hall or the Community Center and at various games and events at the high school this month, or make their own. Wearing one on a coat, backpack, car—or anywhere—shows a pledge to celebrate responsibly.

“It’s a great time of year to be out cel-

ebrating with friends and family. We’d just like everyone to remember to do so safely,” says Cape resident Jillian Lengyel, who is helping to coordinate the campaign. “We’re excited to have our town’s youth involved in this campaign, and we encourage students—and adults—to help spread the word.”

Cards attached to the red ribbons that SADD members will hand out during school activities include tips: “Actions speak louder than words”; “Try to model moderation in celebration”; “Make holiday gatherings safe for children and teens”; “Don’t serve alcohol to those under age 21”; and “Don’t drive after drinking, and buckle up.”

The police department and the Communities Promoting Health Coalition of the People’s Regional Opportunity Program are supporting the program financially. Contact campaign chair Nancy Pezullo at 799-4998 for more information.



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A great leap at the Harvest Festival in September



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Guinea fowl harvest a meal at Alewives Farm in September.

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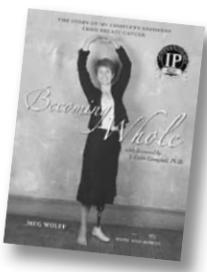
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## CAPE CALENDAR

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Agendas for town and School Board meetings are available online at: [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com)

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

**Zoning Board of Appeals**, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road  
**Cape Elizabeth Curtailment Committee**, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

### Thursday, Dec. 24

**Christmas Holiday**, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, pool and fitness center closing at noon. Recycling Center will have normal Thursday closure.

### Friday, Dec. 25

**Christmas Holiday**, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Donald L. Richards Pool, Fitness Center, Recycling Center closed.

### Thursday, Dec. 31

**New Year's Eve**, Town facilities open usual hours, except those with hours after 5 p.m. will close at 5 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 1

**New Year's Day**, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Donald L. Richards Pool, Fitness Center, Recycling Center closed

### Monday, Jan. 4

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

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

**Cape Elizabeth Curtailment Committee**, 7 p.m., location TBD.  
**Planning Board workshop**, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

### Wednesday, Jan. 6

**School Board Communications Committee**, 3:20 p.m., Pond Cove School, 12 Scott Dyer Road  
**Community Services Advisory Commission**, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road

### Monday, Jan. 11

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 12

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

**Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall, 320 Ocean House 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 Road.; 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 Purpodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. For more information on the SP/CE Rotary Club, contact club president Joan Frustaci, 767-2490.

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

## Rotary Christmas tree sale under way

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's 47th annual Christmas tree sale is underway at Mill Creek Park in South Portland. Since 1962, the club, which this year ordered about 2,100 Maine-grown trees, has sold Christmas trees to raise money for community charitable causes.

Because of demand in past seasons, trees are primarily in the 6- to 8-foot range, but 5- to 6-footers, 9- to 10-footers, and tabletop trees also are available.

## WE Team to hold annual New Year's Dip at Kettle Cove

The Cape Water Extrication Team will hold its annual WET Dip at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, at Kettle Cove. The fundraiser, held each New Year's Day, benefits Project Graduation and other causes.

Suggested donations of \$10 or more will be welcome.

For more information, please contact WE Team Capt. John Norton, 831-5714.

## Artascope Studios holiday show, sale, silent auction to feature local artists

Artascope Studios' fourth annual Community Artist Holiday Show and Sale, which features the work of many Cape artists, is underway through Dec. 31 at the studio, located at 352 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Items for sale include tote bags, pocket-books, beaded jewelry, paintings, prints, art flags, batik, tiles, silver jewelry, felted creatures, journals, photo books, stained glass, ceramics, hand-altered clothing, floor cloths, note cards, kids' clothes, knitwear, scarves, ornaments and greeting cards.

## Indoor walking program Tuesdays, Thursdays

Community Services' indoor walking program for senior citizens is under way Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Community Center. Seniors can drop in any time between 8 and 9 a.m. to walk at any pace and for any length of time.

## Boys' ice hockey team to pick up, discard trees after Christmas

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team will pick up Christmas trees starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. Proceeds raised through the collection will help defray overall costs for the hockey season, including ice time and equipment.

Contact Betsy St. Germain at 799-2039 or go to [www.capeelizabethhockey.com](http://www.capeelizabethhockey.com) for information about the tree collection and about the 2009-2010 game schedule.

## Bean supper Jan. 2 at Methodist Church

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. The price for the supper, which will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pies, will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children). Takeout will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Visit [www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org) for more information.

The studio's fourth annual silent auction, in which handmade items are up for bid, will be underway through Sunday, Dec. 20. All proceeds benefit the Community Crisis Ministries Fund of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, which helps struggling community members pay for basic needs such as housing, food, health care, and clothing. Last year, Artascope contributed \$1,190 raised from the contributions of local artisans.

Contact Suzanne Kiertianis at 799-5154 or e-mail [suzannek@artascope.com](mailto:suzannek@artascope.com).

Although there is no fee, participants are asked to sign in at the front desk and to bring walking shoes or sneakers to change into before walking.

For more information, call Community Services at 799-2868.

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## CHANNEL 3

### Words of Peace

Dec. 19, 20, 26, 27 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

### Planning Board replay

Dec. 19 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### Kathleen Pitvorec 'Everyday Math' presentation

Dec. 20 & 21 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

Dec. 22 - 7 p.m.

### Zoning Board replay

Dec. 23 & 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### Town Council (live)

Jan. 11 - 7:30 p.m.

### School Board (live)

Jan. 12 - 7 p.m.

### Town Council replay

Jan. 13 & 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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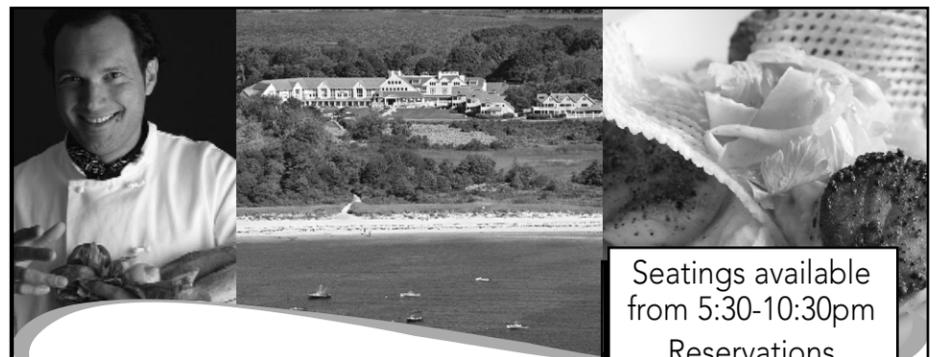
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## 'Magic of Christmas' features six from Cape

Six Cape Elizabeth residents are performing in the Portland Symphony Orchestra's "Magic of Christmas" concert, which will run through Dec. 20 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. June Berry, John Leasure, Judy McManamy, Patti Roderick, and Steve Roy are members of the chorus, and violinist Holly Ovenden

performs in the orchestra.

Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$55, with special pricing available for students, seniors and groups.

Visit [www.portlandsymphony.com](http://www.portlandsymphony.com) for more information.

## Renaissance Voices' Christmas concert on Dec. 19

Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Kawamoto is part of the 21-voice a cappella ensemble, Renaissance Voices, which will present a holiday concert, "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State Street in Portland.

The group will perform selections that span time, from the plainsong of Medieval Europe, through the motets and carols of Renaissance England, Germany and Holland, to the Christmas songs of the English-speaking world of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Formed 15 years ago, the group has performed throughout Maine and on Maine Public Radio.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets at \$12 can be purchased in advance at Starbird Music in Portland; Books, Etc. in Falmouth; or at [www.renaissance-voices.org](http://www.renaissance-voices.org). Admission will be free for students who have identification. The audience is invited to a reception after the concert.

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

## 'Home for the Holidays' auction Dec. 19-20 at Lyric Theater

Lyric Music Theater's "Home for the Holidays: A Holiday Fundraiser," which features dancing set to holiday music, will run through Sunday, Dec. 20, with performances at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

A silent auction of items including heating oil is being held in the theater lobby.

The theater is located at 176 Sawyer Road in South Portland. Call 799-1421 or 799-6509 for tickets, which are \$13. Visit [www.lyricmusictheater.org](http://www.lyricmusictheater.org).

## Community Services to offer fitness, ballroom classes

Fitness trainer Patty Medina will teach two new classes at Community Services in the winter-spring semester.

The "Diva's Fitness Hour" is a combination of Zumba, a cardiovascular workout to dance music, with Fitball training. The "Greatest Zumba Loser Challenge" is a lecture and workout combination.

Medina, who formerly worked in the University of Southern Maine Lifeline Program, also teaches a ballroom dancing class. Contact Community Services at 799-2868.

## 'Giving tree'



Youth and adults in the Cape Coalition community service group earlier this month delivered handmade holiday ornaments to Inn By the Sea to be hung on a "giving tree." Anyone who exchanges an ornament for mittens, scarves and hats will get a \$20 gift certificate from the inn, good for use at the inn's spa or Sea Glass restaurant. G.R.A.C.E. (Granting Resources and Assistance through Community Effort), a Scarborough agency that assists residents of southern Maine, will distribute the clothing to community members in need. South Portland students also contributed ornaments.

## Genealogical Society to hold 'Sticky Wickets' meeting Jan. 2; bring 'troublesome relatives'

"Sticky Wickets" is the title of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society's next gathering, a working meeting, set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

"Bring your most troublesome relatives and your brick walls, and we'll sit down and

help each other work towards a solution," members state on the chapter's Web site, [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg/). "Be sure to bring with you whatever information you already have."

A social time will be held at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are free and open to all. For information, call Linda Aaskov at 490-5709.



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The winter story time schedule will begin Jan. 10.

Please note changes to the schedule, at left.

Tales for Tots will no longer meet on Friday mornings.

There will also be no Story Garden on Friday, Jan. 16.

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## Library exhibit of Cape Elizabeth paintings continues through end of December

Artists Emily Keith and Bill Barton enjoy painting at various locations in Cape Elizabeth. An exhibit of their work will be shown at the Thomas Memorial Library for the month of December.

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Storm at Johnson Cove, by Emily Keith



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### Stuffing the bus!



Photo by Cathy Clough

Students hoist boxes of canned and dry goods in November during Cape Middle School's annual "Stuff the Bus" drive, which provides food to people in need in Greater Portland. "After a month of class challenges, the total collection was impressive," Principal Steve Connolly said. "It took a lot of kids to move the goods from the gym lobby to the waiting bus."

### Bottle collection benefits CEHS science team

Community members can raise money for the Cape Elizabeth High School science team by donating returnable bottles to Hannaford stores.

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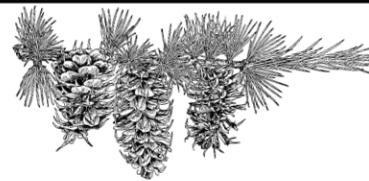


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## CEHS musicians invited to perform in All-State, Southern Maine Music festivals

Fifteen Cape Elizabeth High School musicians have been invited to participate in select musical groups.

Two singers, soprano Laura Catsos and bass Griffin Carpenter, have been selected for the All-State Chorus. Violinist Madeline Kraft and French horn player Aubrey Landsfeld will perform with the All-State Orchestra. One student, clarinetist Mary Simms, was accepted into the All-State Band. The musicians will perform at the All-State Festival May 20-22 at the University of Maine at Orono.

Fourteen Cape Elizabeth High School musicians have been selected to perform in the 2010 Southern Maine Music Festival Jan. 22 and 23 at Noble High School in North Berwick. The festival will include high school musicians from Gorham south

to the New Hampshire border, which comprises District 1.

Six singers will perform with the District 1 chorus: Carpenter and fellow basses, Matt Barksdale, Sam Barksdale, and Tom Schrank; and Catsos and soprano Arianna Cogswell.

Violinist Charlotte Rutty was selected for the District 1 Orchestra. Landsfeld and clarinetists Simms and Rebecca Strout were invited into the District 1 Band.

The following students were chosen to play with the District 1 Jazz Band: Ryan Ayers, who plays alto saxophone, bassist Jay Cushing, drummer Adam Moyer, and Jack Roos, who plays trumpet.

The band and orchestra will perform at a 3 p.m. concert Saturday, Jan. 23, at Noble. The chorus concert will follow at 5 p.m.

## Senior receives honors

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Brenden Shields was named to the honor roll for the first quarter.

His name was omitted in the last issue.

## Cape freshman named to McAuley honor roll

Lindsay Owen, a freshman at Catherine McAuley High School in Portland, received academic honors for the first quarter.

## 'Lost at sea' and 'rescued'!



Photo by Joanne Matusko

Cape Elizabeth High School seniors Daniel Matusko and Owen Pearson share a happy moment on Nov. 5 at Kettle Cove after being "lost at sea" and "rescued" by members of the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Civil Air Patrol, the Cape Elizabeth Water Extrication Team, and the Red Cross. That night, Pearson, Matusko and fellow seniors in CEHS teacher Scott Shea's Physical Education Adventures class paddled in sea kayaks from Kettle Cove to Richmond Island, where they set up camp before being located and "treated" by the rescue groups.

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Parents of children who now attend kindergarten at other schools also should notify school officials if their children will attend first grade in the Cape schools next year.

## Junior class holds calendar fundraiser

Cape Elizabeth High School's junior class is selling two 2010 art calendars to raise money for the class.

The Beth Rand calendar, which features photographs, comes in a larger size for walls for \$28 and a smaller desk size, which costs \$15.

Kate Libby calendars and frames are also for sale. The larger calendar costs \$28, and the smaller desk size goes for \$15. Three frame types are available: 11-by-14-inch for \$9, 5-by-7-inch desk frames for \$4.50, and 5-by-7-inch magnetic frames for \$4.50.

The calendars can be bought at the front offices at CEHS, Cape Elizabeth Middle School and Community Services.

Proceeds will benefit the junior class. Contact Class Advisor Joan Moriarty at joan\_moriarty@cape.k12.me.us for information.



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Cape Elizabeth Middle School art teacher Marguerite Lawler-Rohner, left, and Spanish teacher Susan Dana are Cape's first teachers to earn National Board certification.

## Herculean feat: Two middle school teachers earn National Board certification

By Wendy Keeler

Two Cape Elizabeth Middle School teachers recently attained one of the highest achievements possible for teachers: certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

To become certified, art teacher Marguerite Lawler-Rohner and Spanish teacher Susan Dana spent a year and a half in a process that Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly calls "daunting."

The preparation involved writing, reading, creating, analyzing, assessing, collaborating and reflecting—600 hours' worth for each teacher.

For her certification, Dana submitted four portfolios, including video, analytical and reflective writing, and her accomplishments outside of the classroom. At a test center in New Hampshire, she took a six-part exam assessing her knowledge of Spanish language and culture.

Lawler-Rohner's certification process was in the field of visual arts, and her section of study encompassed both middle and high school teaching, but it was similar to Dana's preparation.

Calling this year's National Board Certified Teachers "extraordinary ... amazing leaders," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan noted their "commitment to take their teaching practice to an entirely different level."

Why do teachers put themselves through the process?

"I pursued this certification to challenge

myself, to be assessed by professionals on a national level, and to raise the quality of my teaching so I can educate, engage, challenge, and inspire all of my students on new levels," Dana said.

The process has its pros and cons, Lawler-Rohner said.

"You lose a year of your life—the process is all-encompassing, and it does impact family life and outside obligations," she said. But "the pros include in-depth research of latest brain-compatible teaching theories and the neuroscience of learning and self-examination [about one's] teaching, including planning, delivery, and effectiveness."

The prize for Lawler-Rohner: "I believe I am a better teacher."

The teachers will go down in Cape history books, Connolly said.

"It is rare that candidates pass this process on their first try, and an even rarer event for two teachers in the same district or school to pass this process in the same year," Connolly said. "To put this achievement in context, they are the first two teachers in the history of the school district to be board certified."

Dana had a lot of helpers, she said.

"Bottom line, I'm grateful to the students of Cape Elizabeth, specifically the Class of 2013, who helped me attain this certification," she said. "I truly enjoy the part of my job every day when I close my classroom door, greet the students, and say 'Empeccemos ... Let's begin.'"

## Book on parenting teens to be discussed Jan. 13

The Cape Elizabeth High School Parents Association will host a parents' book discussion led by CEHS Social Worker Bill Kueck at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the high school.

All who are interested can buy the book,

"Uncommon Sense for Parents of Teens," by Michael Riera at Nonesuch Books in Mill Creek, where copies are being held for parents.

For information, contact HSPA co-chair Trish Brigham at pbrigham@maine.rr.com.

## Event raises \$4,000 for Project Graduation



Project Graduation committee members and supporters, left to right, Catie Fairbanks-Cliffe, Elizabeth and Mark Coleman, Dena DeSena and Steve Lavallee display a mock check for \$2,500—the amount raised by the winning bid for a seven-day trip to the Cayman Islands donated by the Colemans—on Dec. 5 at the Purpoodock Club.

When Cape residents Phil and Diane O'Hearn cast the \$2,500 winning bid for a week in the Grand Cayman Islands in January, they invested in a 2-for-1. The trip, donated by Cape residents, Elizabeth and Mark-Coleman will help fund another excursion: 2010 Project Graduation, an all-night event for newly graduated Cape Elizabeth High School seniors held graduation night.

At a dance and silent auction Dec. 5 at the Purpoodock Club, the Project Graduation committee raised more than \$4,000.

Next up is a January calendar raffle featuring 25 prizes, including a dozen lobsters, a \$100 gift certificate to a restaurant of the

winner's choice, Boston Bruins and Boston College football tickets, and a weekend at a Sunday River condominium. Tickets are \$20 apiece, or \$50 for three, and buyers' names go back into the bowl even if they win. Contact Kate Thibeault at athibeau@maine.rr.com and put "Project Graduation" in the subject line.

The committee is also selling blue stainless-steel "04107" water bottles for \$20 apiece. Contact Dena DeSena at 939-2448.

Call Project Graduation Committee chairs Steve Lavallee at 767-3516, Catie Fairbanks-Cliffe at 767-4256, or DeSena for more information.

—Wendy Keeler



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### Sustainable Harvest representative speaks at high school



Randy Morris of Sustainable Harvest International in Surry, Maine, addresses a group of Cape residents Dec. 7 at a talk at the high school organized by the school's National Honor Society. This year's NHS beneficiary, SHI is a nonprofit that provides education and support for sustainable-agriculture initiatives in Central America as a means for ecological conservation. Representatives from sustainability minded businesses and organizations, including Flatbread Company in Portland, which donated 12 pizzas for the event, also had tables at the event.

### Nazarene church plans Dec. 20, 27 services

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual Christmas Candlelight Celebration at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

Sunday School classes will not be held on Sunday, Dec. 27. The church's annual "Service of Lessons and Carols" is planned at 10:45 a.m. that day.

The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road. Call 799-3692, e-mail pastorjon@capenazarene.org or go to www.capenazarene.org for information.

### Methodist Church to hold two services on Christmas Eve

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold two services on Christmas Eve, the first at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 11 p.m. The 6:30 family service will feature a children's pageant, and the 11:30 p.m. service will offer traditional Christmas Eve worship with communion.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org for more information.

### St. Alban's to offer Christmas Eve services

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will hold three Christmas Eve services on Thursday, Dec. 24.

The first, an informal service planned at 4 p.m. and suitable for families with young children, will include Holy Eucharist, a children's sermon and the singing of familiar Christmas carols.

A traditional Christmas Eve service, which also will include a sermon and the singing of Christmas carols, is planned for 6 p.m.

Choirmaster Jim Strand and the Saint Alban's Chancel Choir have prepared a musical feast for the 10 p.m. service, which will include Eucharist, the singing of Christmas carols, and special organ music. The choir will begin festivities at 9:40 p.m.

Childcare will be available in the nursery during both the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. services. The church will not have a service on Christmas Day.

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The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ has a Christmas pageant and special services planned the last week of Advent. On Dec. 20, the last Sunday in Advent, worship times will be changed to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 9 a.m. service will feature the children's Christmas pageant. The last Advent candles will be lit at the 11 a.m. service, to be held in the sanctuary.

The church will present the last of its four "Darkest Night" services at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in the sanctuary. Created by the Rev. Elsa Peters and jazz musician Benjamin S. Bigney, the Darkest Night service offers a space for people who feel lonely during the holiday season but wish to experience joy.

The church will offer three worship opportunities on Christmas Eve, Thursday Dec. 24. Following the 5 p.m. family service, cake will be served in celebration of Jesus' birthday. The 7 and 10 p.m. services will include traditional lessons and carols. American Sign Language Interpretation will be offered at the earlier service, which will feature the Children's Choir. The Meeting-house Choir will sing at the second service.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland. For more information, call 799-3361 or e-mail [office@fccucc.org](mailto:office@fccucc.org).

## St. Bartholomew pageant Dec. 20; Masses scheduled Christmas Eve, Day

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish will hold its annual children's Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec. 20. The church has three Christmas Eve Masses planned, with another on Christmas Day.

The pageant, which will be held between 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, will feature second-, third- and fourth-graders in the church's faith formation classes.

Christmas Eve Masses are set for 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and a Mass on Christmas Day will be offered at 10 a.m.

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## Fort fees

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lar visits would be charged an annual fee of \$1,000 under the plan.

Car parking fees would run \$1 per hour up to a maximum of \$5. Annual parking passes at \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents are recommended in the proposal.

Exempted from parking fees would be tenants of the rental units on Officers Row and educational group buses.

One of the FWAC recommendations is that the parking area outside the gate by the duck pond, referred to as "The Old Main Gate" be eliminated and used only for special event access and for emergency vehicles. The fear is that parking fees inside the park would cause the outside parking area to become congested and unsafe.

The report left it to Cape police and the Department of Public Works to tackle on-street parking issues that might arise in adjacent neighborhoods as the result of parking fees within the park.

Tour bus fees cannot be implemented until 2011 due to the lead time needed by the tour companies. The report further states that action needs to be taken by the end of 2009 even to implement the bus fees for 2011.

### Money raised should stay in park

The FWAC left no doubt regarding how

the money raised should be used.

"The commission feels strongly that money raised in the park should be dedicated to supporting the park," the report states.

The timeline for implementation proposed by the FWAC would have the pay-and-display system installed in 2010 and the bus fees by 2011. By 2012, the income would be sufficient to pay operating expenses and routine capital expenses.

The hope is that funds will also be available to begin building a parks' capital fund to address a backlog of maintenance and repairs that have been deferred due to budget limitations.

The FWAC recommends also pursuing additional revenue source possibilities, such as construction of a second picnic shelter, a reserved picnic area near the beach, and opening the Officers' Row buildings to a wider range of tenants.

The FWAC report relied on a study of traffic into the park assisted by the Greater Portland Council of Governments. The study findings included the following:

\*Number of cars/week during peak summer-fall months: 7,000

\* Number of cars/week during off-peak spring/fall months: 5,000

\* Percentage of out-of state visitors: 28.5 percent

\* Percentage of Maine (non-Cape) residents: 51.5 percent

\* Percentage of Cape residents: 20 percent

\*Total projected revenues in year 1: \$285,424

\*Total projected revenues in year 2: \$309,674

\*Estimated start-up costs for pay-and-display system: \$112,525

### Workshop set for Jan. 4

The proposal was not discussed by the council at its Dec. 14 meeting, but set for workshop discussion on Jan. 4.

## Curtailment

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With the \$504,338 reduction in state aid to Cape's school budget earlier this year, the district is losing more than \$1 million in state aid in 2009-2010.

Ten years ago, the state funded 19.38 percent of the Cape school budget. This year, the portion is 9.67 percent.

That figure is expected to drop even more next year.

"Fiscal year 2010-11 projections indicate that our state aid, including federal stimulus monies, may be reduced to \$1.7 million, or about 8 percent of our current budget level," Brigham and Hawkins state in their letter.

### Spending freeze, other savings

In October, the superintendent froze spending on supplies, equipment and other nonpayroll expenses, a move expected to save the schools more than \$104,000. Contingency funds of \$70,000 in this year's budget are also available.

On Dec. 14, the Town Council approved a recommendation by Town Manager Mike McGovern to move \$73,110 from refinancing two 10-year-old bonds to the school budget. The refinancing will provide a \$32,572 reduction in debt service payment.

In the past two years, school officials have stepped up cost-saving efforts, including lowering heating temperatures in buildings, consolidating middle and high school bus runs, and making middle-school sports a pay-to-play program. Parents, along with nonprofit groups such as CEEF, the three school parent associations, and booster groups, are increasingly helping to pay for supplies and programs.

At the workshop, community members brainstormed ways the schools and town could make and save money.

Suggestions about raising school revenues ranged from accepting tuition students, increasing Hannaford Field usage by out-of-town groups, and charging a fee for non-

## Bonds

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The council acted to accept the town manager's recommendation and voted that a \$73,110.35 "premium" go to the School Department.

Newly elected Council Chair Anne Swift-Kayatta praised McGovern for his financial acumen. "Single-handedly, he has managed to get us over \$200,000 through his own efforts, his own performance."

athletic extracurricular activities to renting out school buses and corporate sponsorship of school programs.

Ideas for bringing in money for the town included licensing the use of images of Portland Head Light, installing parking meters at Kettle Cove, promoting Fort Williams as a venue for events, enacting a pay-per-bag program at the Transfer Station; and opening an ice cream parlor at the fort.

To reduce school spending, people suggested an end to school bus transportation, consolidation of kindergarten through eighth grades; a shorter school year and a longer school day, consolidation of the Pond Cove and middle-school libraries, and turning over custodial duties to students and parents.

Ideas on how to increase town savings included reducing the number of fire trucks and police cars, sharing police and fire services with South Portland, deferring maintenance projects, and contracting out town planning, assessing and zoning work.

To read suggestions from the workshop, go to [www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2009/curtailment\\_committee\\_workshop2.html](http://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2009/curtailment_committee_workshop2.html) and click on "Curtailment feedback from Dec. 8, 2009, workshop."

### Meeting with DOE official

On Dec. 1, Millett and Hawkins met with Jim Rier, the director of finance and operations at the Maine Department of Education in Augusta. The two came home with mixed news and a lot of unknowns, they reported at a board business meeting the same night.

State funding cuts next year are projected to be four times higher than cuts this year, but a decline in Cape Elizabeth's state property valuation should bode well for Cape when subsidy formulas are applied, Millett told the board. This year, "the year we are being hammered with a curtailment," she said, Cape's state valuation peaked, and "Mr. Rier confirmed that really, ultimately, the big impact on allocation to districts is state valuation."

Rier could not offer much concrete information to help Cape school officials develop next year's school budget, Hawkins told the board.

For instance, Rier could not say how federal stimulus money, which is expected to be available next year, will be apportioned among school districts.

### Impact on school climate

How are school staff members doing during this economic period, a stressful one for school employees across the state?

"Teachers are by nature optimists, said CEHS history teacher Dwight Ely, who heads the school employees' union. "I think everyone is focused on doing what they enjoy doing most: working with their students. Perhaps we're also fatalists. We're confident that Cape's schools provide an excellent program at a very fair price.

"We have supportive board and council members who are working hard to figure out how to maintain these programs. So I guess you could say we're focused on kids and hoping for the best."

Community members who could not attend the meeting but would like to make suggestions can e-mail curtailment committee members, whose e-mail addresses are available at [www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2009/curtailment\\_committee\\_workshop2.html#members](http://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2009/curtailment_committee_workshop2.html#members).

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Donald Song

Cape Elizabeth resident **Eliot Cutler** announced earlier this month that he will run for governor as an Independent candidate. After graduating from Harvard College, Cutler, a Bangor native, worked in Washington, D.C., for Senator Edmund S. Muskie, helping to craft the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. He later served as associate director for Natural Resources, Energy and Science in the White House Office of Management and Budget, as the principal White House official for energy matters from 1977 to 1980, and he helped negotiate a settlement to the Maine Indian Land Claims. He founded the law firm Cutler & Stanfield LLP, which grew to be the second largest environmental law firm in the United States. Following the firm's merger with the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in 2000, he lived in Beijing for more than two years, where he opened the firm's first office in China. Cutler returned to Maine in 1999.



Eliot Cutler

The athletic department at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., relayed good news about Cape siblings **Nick and Nora Daly**, who swim on the men's and women's swim teams. Nick, a sophomore, and his 400 free relay team came in second at a competition at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., earlier this month. Sister Nora, a Middlebury freshman, and her 400 free relay team won their event at the same meet.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Bill Burke**, who helped media mogul Ted Turner write his 2008 bestselling autobiography, "Call Me Ted," spoke Dec. 9 at a breakfast at Mariner's Church in Portland hosted by the Institute for Civic Leadership's Leadership in Action Breakfast Series. Burke worked for Turner Entertainment Group in Atlanta, Ga., where he developed the cable network Turner Classic Movies and was promoted to president of Turner Broadcasting System before he turned 30. After Turner asked Burke to help him write his biography, the two spent three years traveling across North and South America, where Burke spoke to Turner's closest colleagues, competitors and associates, including Hank Aaron, Bill Gates, and Turner's ex-wife, Jane Fonda. The book is available in paperback at Nonesuch Books at Mill Creek Shopping Center in South Portland and other bookstores in the area.



Bill Burke

Cape resident **Gregg Frame**, managing partner of the Portland law firm, Taylor, McCormack & Frame, LLC, recently received two honors. Frame was named Maine's only "Rising Star" in the field of employment litigation by "New England Super Lawyers," a list featuring attorneys in every state recognized as being among the best in their fields by peers and third-party research. Frame was also inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in the "Scholar-Athlete" category. A 1994 graduate of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., he received a law degree in 2000 from the University of Maine School of Law in Portland.

**Katherine Kayatta** graduated cum laude in May from the University of Maine Law School, where she was on the Law Review. She has been admitted to the Maine and Massachusetts bars and has started as an associate in Boston with Robinson and Cole LLP. A graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and Boston College, Katherine is the daughter of **Anne Swift-Kayatta and Bill Kayatta**.

Cape resident **Bruce Balfour**, an agent at at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate office in Cape Elizabeth, was named "Broker of the Month" for outstanding sales performance for three consecutive months, September, October and November for outstanding performance. Bruce's wife **Raye** teams up with him.

## Turkey and fixings for 32 families



Aided by Mark Coleman, far left, and Brendan Tinsman, Cape resident Elizabeth Coleman loads a basket containing a complete Thanksgiving dinner onto a truck the morning before Thanksgiving at the home of Jen Tinsman. A group of residents led by Tinsman delivered 32 baskets filled with everything from the turkey to the pie to the Portland-based Peoples Regional Opportunity Program, which helps families in need. Tinsman masterminded the drive, similar to one she organized several years ago. "The woman I spoke with [at PROP] was literally crying," Tinsman wrote in an e-mail to friends inviting them to donate a basket. "The need is that great."

James and Betty Horne of Middletown, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Austin Belle Horne, to **Christopher James Walsh**, the son of **James and Kathleen Walsh**.

Austin is a 1999 graduate of Middletown High School and a 2003 graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. She received a bachelor of arts degree in art and architectural history. Chris is a 1999 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a 2003 graduate of Wesleyan. He received a bachelor of arts degree in earth and environmental science and is currently the yard manager at Crocker's Boat Yard in Manchester, Mass.

The couple will wed on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church.

**Peter Downing and Stephanie Chea** were married in an intimate ceremony Sept. 19 at Clay Hill Farm in York. The groom's brother **David** served as best man. A 1999 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, Peter is the son of **Tom and Donna Downing**. Stephanie is the daughter of Cynthia Chea of East Concord, N.H. The couple resides in Barrington, N.H.



Stephanie Chea and Peter Downing



Austin Horne and Chris Walsh

Cape Elizabeth **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** agents recently donated \$1,500, to Project G.R.A.C.E. a Scarborough-based organization that identifies people in need and people willing to share gifts and coordinates interchanges among them.

Cape resident **Madeline Kraft** and fellow members of the Westbrook Seals swim team provided complete Thanksgiving dinners to four families in need. The team delivered large decorated baskets to personnel at Westbrook Housing, who passed the food on to families. The team, which has more than 90 swimmers of all ability levels, plans to provide Christmas presents to several families.

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