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Park fee proposal brings out a crowd

By Elizabeth Brogan

Parking fees at Fort Williams Park are a hot-button issue once again.

About 60 people attended an interactive public-input workshop on the topic, held in Town Hall on Jan. 4. Twenty-five interested citizens took the microphone at the televised event to respond to the seemingly unpopular recommendations from the Fort Williams Advisory Commission.

A pay and display parking fee for non-residents only was resoundingly defeated by a 2006 referendum vote of 3,145 to 1,951.

The current proposal, recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, calls for fees for residents and nonresidents alike. Car parking fees would be \$1 per hour, up to a maximum of \$5, with annual parking passes costing residents \$10 and non-residents \$20. Regular tour buses would pay \$50 per parked visit, with cruise-related buses paying \$40. (The complete recommendations are available on the town Web site at www.capecourier.com.)

The recommendations came in December in response to the council's March 2009 request for a plan to make the park self-sustaining. The park's operating budget for fiscal year 2010 is about \$173,000, paid for with tax dollars.

Publisher: Changes in paper aim to help Cape Courier readers

Dear readers,

All of us at *The Cape Courier* hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that 2010 is off to a great start.

It's been my privilege to be publisher of this paper since August. This first issue of the new year seems like an opportune time to tell you some paper-related news and let you know how we're working to enhance the *Courier*.

In a time when newspapers around the country are struggling and cutting back, *The Cape Courier* is lucky to serve a loyal, supportive community. We've recently been focusing on ways to make the paper, which will enter its 23rd year of publication in March, even more useful and enjoyable.

For example, we've taken a comprehensive look at our headline and copy styles and aim to present information in the most consistent way possible. And we've made minor layout changes to "open up" the paper with more white space, to make it easier on the eyes.

You may have noticed that we're now including both a start and end date at the top of each page. Since we publish 22 times a year, and it's not always two weeks between issues, this helps readers know when to expect each new edition. It also reinforces the fact that *The Cape Courier* has value well beyond the date it arrives in your mailbox.

More improvements are coming – nothing drastic because I happen to think this is

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Public response

Most residents who spoke were opposed to the fee proposal, many cautioning the council not to move too fast and to consider another referendum. Several expressed anger that the 2006 referendum vote was so shortly followed by another fee proposal.

"People feel their vote was disrespected, disregarded," Jack Sears said. "It was a public trust when the town got this land ... for a song and I think we should take care of it and fund it."

Sears suggested letting the park "go back a little wild," saying "a lot of people liked it better that way."

Other residents thought it important that

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Town Council adopts new goals for 2010

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Town Council approved new goals for 2010 at its Jan. 11 meeting.

The first goal approved seeks to recognize the challenges faced by citizens in this economy, with the highest priorities within that goal being advocacy, both with other regional communities and independently, for the need for legislators and state officials to fairly address the impact of state funding shortfalls on school funding and other programs. Also, a high priority is the maintenance of quality services and programs with as minimal a tax rate impact as possible.

The second goal is to enhance revenues from sources other than property tax, including aggressively pursuing revenue from Fort Williams Park and consideration of a pay per bag/pay per throw option for the Recycling Center.

The third goal seeks to enhance more effective citizen participation in local government, including re-engineering processes for increased and earlier citizen input on key decisions and implementation of a communication strategy to more effectively provide information to citizens.

The fourth goal is to "practice greater environmental stewardship" by increasing recycling by citizens, government and the school department, and by adopting new ordinance provisions to preserve agricultural opportunities.

The fifth goal is to collaborate with municipal staff and others to act on recommendations from the Alternate Energy, Health Insurance Review, and Municipal Operations Review committees and to review the Town Center Plan and update as needed, among other priority items.

The Town Council, as its sixth goal, will recognize staff and volunteers for their dedication to Cape Elizabeth.

Town to apply for path grant

Also, at the Jan. 11 meeting, the council authorized Town Manager Mike McGovern to apply to PACTS for a construction grant for the proposed Shore Road Path.

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Long Winter's Nap



Photo by Bethany Angle

Trees await next Christmas at the Old Farm Christmas Place.

Cape Elizabeth sprouts new crop of farms

By Bethany Angle

Cape Elizabeth's agricultural community will soon see the addition of four new farms.

Whether it's because of the surge of "Eat Local," or Cape's schools' initiatives to promote healthy foods, or due to food source awareness and the popularity of local gardening, or simply the result of a general need to be more ecologically and fundamentally self-sufficient, there seems to be endless motivation for farming and the promotion of agricultural assets within our community.

Austin and Mary Ellen Chadd are not new to farming. They are experienced and enthusiastic gardeners who have turned their passion into developing a new vegetable farm in Cape Elizabeth. Their new farm, Green Spark Farm, consists of five acres of land and will be located off Fowler Road near Bowery Beach Road. Their goal is "to develop a farm for ecologically grown vegetables."

Their focus will be on growing heritage vegetables. "We will try to grow vegetables that other local growers don't have," Mary Ellen Chadd says. She believes that there has been a huge drop in the food diversity available to buyers over the years throughout the industry. "We're going to try to provide vegetables that people don't get exposed to and those that the other local farmers don't grow. We'll probably grow

red iceberg lettuce and speckled crisphead, a northern French lettuce. We'll be breaking ground this spring and focusing on specialty salad mixes such as sea spinach and native wild greens. For the fall we'll focus on heirloom winter squash and melons."

The Chadds are presently working on their spring planting plans and look forward to serving local consumers.

Robin Mills left her job of 26 years to join forces with her husband and open a new equestrian stable in Cape Elizabeth. Robin grew up training and breeding Arabian horses at her mother's show barn. Although her career path ultimately took her to a partnership in a business developing quality control for the printing industry, she retired last year

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Photo by Mary Ellen Chadd

Austin Chadd at work on Green Spark Farm.



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Parking fees at fort? 'Are they kidding?'

Parking fees at Fort Williams Park recommended again? At first, I thought, maybe it was an early "April Fools" edition of the newspaper. In light of the crushing effects of the current recession, public recreational spaces, the last relaxation refuge, for those of little means in particular, cannot be tapped as cash cows. If you have ever traveled to a poor country as a tourist, then you know how chilling economic desperation can be to your experience of the place. Would a parking fee at Ft. Williams seem to be anything less than an opportunistic shakedown to the tourists who forsake other destinations in favor of our town?

"This [parking fee] is the only way to raise this amount [\$173,000] of money," the FWAC states. Are they kidding? It seems there is no shortage of fund-raising money for artificial turf fields, bleachers and, oh yes, road races.

There will surely be plenty of implementation costs to any such system, and who will benefit from that, you and me? I can't help but think this old, tired, and VOTER REJECTED idea keeps coming back up because there is somebody(s) behind the scenes who stands to profit a lot from it. When they start this parking fee proposal talk, I'm going to tell them to go out and get a lobster costume, put it on, and starting charging the tourists for a picture in front of the Head Light.

Colleen Graves

Remembrance of councils past...

The continuing discussions on fees for the fort, especially some of the suggested solutions, take me back a few decades.

Shortly after the property was obtained by the town, two prominent residents approached the Town Council with plans to build and operate a restaurant in the southern confines, hoping, I gathered, for an early endorsement by the council.

We were meeting in the basement cafeteria in Town Hall with a good crowd on hand. The council seemed evenly divided. Ed Woodsum was chair, and his 'no' vote was assured. Heck, he'd fired up the Land Trust in town, was saving coastal islands. And he and the late Henry Berry came up with money to keep Kettle Cove from private development until state funding was obtained. Ed had two other 'no' votes in his pocket. Three councilors were allied with the proposers and were solidly 'yes.'

That left me, voting last alphabetically,

Mill Creek Park HolidayFest continues as 'gem'

One needs no further proof that the spirit of the season is alive and well than to have attended the annual HolidayFest Tree Lighting in South Portland's Mill Creek Park. This special event has been a community favorite for many years. It is a gem of collaboration and cooperation. Volunteers from local businesses and organizations start planning in the fall, and their efforts coalesce in one beautiful night of color, music, fun, food and camaraderie. To see and hear the horses pulling their wagonload of revelers past the pond under the glow of colored lights is like taking a step back in time.

In addition to all the individuals who contribute their time and energy to "make the magic" happen, we want to thank the following for their ongoing support of and participation in HolidayFest:

The Waterfront Market Association, South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Community Chamber, South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary, City of South Portland, South Portland Parks

Park should not be seen as a 'milking cow'

I oppose fees for Fort Williams, believing we should see ourselves as holding this unique coastal treasure for the wider community instead of seeing it as a profit center and treating it like a milking cow.

We bought the fort for the almost token price of \$200,000. But the government attached strings; we cannot turn the park into a shopping center or ban the public.

Let's see an income and expenses statement: what are the costs and what monies are received from the Charitable Foundation, TV and QVC broadcasts, the picnic shelter, an art show, etc. What is the net cost of operating the fort?

And how much is received from the lighthouse, a separate entity that generates as much as a \$100,000 profit each year. And while that money, too, comes with strings, it paid for the new electric entrance gate and also for the south cliff walk.

In November 2006 the town voted by a margin of 62 percent to 38 percent against charging fees of nonresidents. Just 28 months later, the Town Council told an advisory committee to come back with a plan to make the fort self-sustaining, that is, to suggest what kind of fees to charge. Several residents have told me that they feel that was a slap in the face and a sign of disrespect by the town council toward all of the voters.

Equally aggravating is the fact that after the residents voted down fees on nonresidents, the new proposal proposes to charge fees of residents as well!

Jack Sears

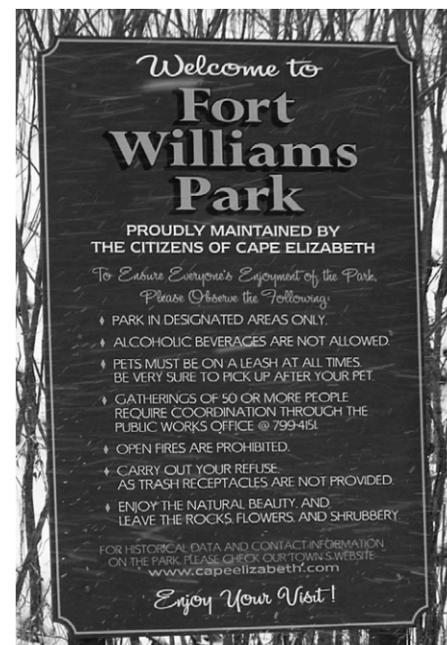


Photo by Jack Sears

Publisher

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already a top-notch community paper – but there's always room to improve. You'll be seeing more photographs in the paper, capturing the people and events in our town. We welcome readers' good-quality photo submissions and plan to work with Cape Elizabeth High School to involve photography-class students.

We're also starting a periodic feature, called *Engaging People*. Up first (Jan. 30): my neighbor and longtime *Courier* proof-reader Anita Samuelsen, an amazingly knowledgeable and wonderful person whom I know you'll enjoy getting to know better via Editor Elizabeth Brogan's piece. Community Editor Wendy Keeler also will be bringing back the popular, more in-depth *Cape Profile* feature soon, too.

Our ability to deliver this newspaper to you, *free of charge*, throughout the year is solely due to the enduring support of our advertisers. We appreciate and rely on that support.

I wish *The Cape Courier* were immune to the ongoing financial hardships of the newspaper industry, but it is not. Consequently, we will be raising our advertising rates slightly in April, after the first quarter. It's not something we want to do, but it's necessary to meet rising publication costs. We hope our advertisers continue to view the *Courier* as an efficient, effective way to reach Cape residents. In turn, I ask readers to support our advertisers.

On a related note, I'd like to correct one big misconception that I've heard repeatedly in the past few months. Contrary to popular belief, *The Cape Courier* is not financially backed by the town of Cape Elizabeth. While we value a cooperative working relationship with Cape officials, we receive no town subsidy. We rent our office space in Town Hall and are not supported in any way through taxes. The *Courier* is a private, independent, not-for-profit publication.

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As a Cape resident, I feel lucky to have such a fine local paper. I hope you do, too. Our staff is genuinely receptive to new ideas. We welcome *your* suggestions. Please e-mail me at info@capecourier.com, call 767-5023, drop by the office from 9-11 on Tuesday mornings or send a letter to the editor to editor@capecourier.com.

Patricia McCarthy, publisher

Jane Eberle
South Portland/Cape Elizabeth
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'Keep recycling ... in Cape!' says committee

I am writing in response to the letter from Mr. Silcock regarding recycling ["Do some Cape residents recycle in South Portland?" Dec. 19, 2009]. On behalf of the Recycling Committee, I would like to say thank you to those residents who do recycle. We hope you continue to educate yourself and your neighbors so that Cape can increase its rates even more.

At the same time, we ask that you use only the silver bullets available in Cape Elizabeth either behind Cape's Town Hall or

at the Cape Recycling Center. It is a violation of our town's solid waste ordinance to use another town's bins. Plus, we want to get credit for all of our recycling. The better our rates are, the lower our fees.

The town has looked into locating a bin on the north side of town, but there is currently no appropriate piece of town-owned land on which to locate a silver bullet. Thank you for your interest, and keep recycling... in Cape!

J.C. Hansen

Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Hospital appreciates toy donations



From left to right, Vicki Kennedy, Jeff Kennedy, Patrick Cooper, Frank Strout, Nancy Strout and Steve Seabury pose with toys destined for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

We had a great turnout at our annual Holiday Open House at RE/MAX Oceanside. It was such a great opportunity to visit with the community.

I am writing to express our sincere thanks to everyone who generously donated to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Hundreds of toys for the hospital were dropped off at our office during our celebration and throughout the week. These "treasures" are additions to the hospital's "owwie box,"

which allows a child to choose a special something after undergoing a treatment at the hospital.

These little trinkets give the children something positive to focus on and make their experience there just a little bit brighter. The heartfelt thanks from the hospital and the children was overwhelming. We thank you all for your contributions and your support throughout the year.

Vicki Kennedy
RE/MAX Oceanside

Thanks, PCPA!



A fourth-grade class at Pond Cove School enjoys new titles donated by the PCPA.

The students at Pond Cove School send a huge THANK YOU to the Pond Cove Parents Association for new books purchased with points from the fall Scholastic Book Fair. Chris Bulsa-O'Meara, librarian, was

able to purchase over 125 new books covering subjects such as animal classification, countries, wild animals, sports and military vehicles. During this difficult budget time the new books have been a big hit.

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Funds lacking for long-term maintenance, replacement of current town infrastructure

An expanded, comprehensive maintenance plan for town roads, equipment and properties was submitted to the Town Council on Dec. 14, 2009, but the bottom line is discouraging.

"This is not sustainable," said Town Manager Michael McGovern.

What is typically referred to as an annual capital improvement plan this year goes beyond the usual format to more of an analysis of everything the town owns, from buildings to equipment to roads. The council voted to acknowledge receipt of the "Municipal Infrastructure Stewardship Plan 2011-2021" and to use it to help plan future budgets.

In short, the plan says that the \$400,000 investment in capital improvements that the town has been making annually is not enough to maintain the \$30-\$40 million worth of capital and infrastructure the town is responsible for.

"This is a situation we're not just in for a year or two; it's been a chronic problem in Cape Elizabeth in terms of the extent to which we are making investments," McGovern said at the Dec. 14 meeting.

"A number of things have to give," he said. The town could "re-engineer" so that certain pieces of equipment are no longer purchased, or it could decrease the amount of property that needs to be maintained, or, simply not take care of the infrastructure, McGovern said.

"Or, we look at a gradual increase of the amount we are spending each year on capital

improvements."

Even increasing appropriations by \$100,000 each year, as suggested in the plan, and adding a suggested \$2.5 million bond in 2016, will leave the town \$2.4 million short of the \$15 million necessary to maintain roadways, drainage and building infrastructure and to replace current equipment, the report says.

The estimate assumes maintenance and replacement of current capital and does not allow for inflation or for any new projects such as the Thomas Memorial Library replacement proposal, the Shore Road pathway, Cape Cottage Fire Station replacement, or any other project other than routine road and drainage work.

"Next year alone, our capital needs are \$1.4 million more than the amount provided in the current budget," the report says. "Significant changes will need to be made to find a way forward."

Highlights of the report:

The total proposed for the 10-year period is \$15,173,000.

\$9.6 million is proposed to be funded with annual appropriations increasing from fiscal 2010's \$400,000 to \$450,000 in fiscal 2011 and an increase of \$100,000 each year thereafter.

\$2.5 million is proposed to be funded through bonded indebtedness in fiscal 2016.

\$350,000 is proposed to be funded for new rescue units through the rescue fund.

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

Cape real estate transfers: November 2009

NEW OWNER	PRIOR OWNER	STREET NAME	SALE PRICE	TYPE / USE
CHRISTOPHER R. DENISON	COTTAGE FARMS ASSOC.	51 WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 0	CONDOMINIUM
DIANE R. NASSIF	GEORGE C. LONG	28 SALT SPRAY LANE	\$1,230,000	WATERFRONT RES.
ERIK G. URBANEK	STEPHEN H. WILCOX	15 ABACO DRIVE	\$ 489,000	SINGLE FAMILY
PAULINE S. WILCOX	FRED J. REILLY	17 CAPE WOODS DRIVE	\$ 267,000	CONDOMINIUM
WOODLANDS ASSIST. LIVING	SAVINGS BANK OF MAINE	126 SCOTT DYER ROAD	\$ 800,250	NURSING HOME
STEVEN G. HARMON	STEPHEN P. CORRY	22 HANNAFORD COVE	\$ 486,200	SINGLE FAMILY
GEORGE C. LONG	WYLEY ENTERPRISES	68 EASTMAN ROAD	\$ 250,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ROY S. LUBETKIN	IDEAS LLC	16 SALT SPRAY LANE	\$1,966,800	WATERFRONT RES.
BARRY A. GLEW	ESTATE OF HELEN GLEW	OCEAN HOUSE ROAD	\$ 0	VACANT LAND
CARMEN J. ROMANO	CHRISTOPHER T. SPEH	12 SUNNY BANK ROAD	\$2,500,000	WATERFRONT RES.
MICHELE M. LEVESQUE	WABUN PROPERTIES LLC	1 WABUN ROAD	\$ 275,000	SINGLE FAMILY
THOMAS A. TIERNEY	THOMAS A. TIERNEY	51 WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 0	CONDOMINIUM
MARTHA M. WILLIAMS	CHRISTOPHER R. DENISON	51 WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 100,000	CONDOMINIUM
GREGG R. FRAME	CLOUTIER CONSTRUCTION	4 DERMOT DRIVE	\$ 467,223	SINGLE FAMILY
ANN H. KIRNER	ANN H. KIRNER	6 ROCKY HILL ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
ALISON L. DARLING	EDWARD O. DARLING	35 MCAULEY ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
SUSAN ADAMS-THOMPSON	MICHAEL CRONAN MINTON	11 CANTERBURY WAY	\$ 465,000	CONDOMINIUM
FRED J. REILLY	SOPHIE KOURAKOS	3 MAPLE ST.	\$ 239,900	SINGLE FAMILY

Jobs open for lifeguards, bus drivers, custodians

Town Manager Mike McGovern announced at the Feb. 11 Town Council meeting that the town was looking to hire pool lifeguards, and school bus drivers and custodians.

"It is very unusual with 10 percent unemployment that we should have to go to these lengths," McGovern said.

Those interested in a lifeguard position should contact Donna Weatherbie at the Richards Community Pool. Those interested in a position as bus driver or custodian should apply to the Cape Elizabeth School Department.

McGovern said that part-time positions were available.

-- Elizabeth Brogan

Town expecting cuts to state revenue sharing beyond 'natural' revenue reduction

In addition to an anticipated curtailment in state aid to education for the current fiscal year, Cape Elizabeth is expecting a cut in state revenue sharing that will affect municipal spending this year and next.

Gov. John Baldacci's supplemental state budget plan, slated for adoption by the Legislature in January, proposes a \$27 million cut in state revenue sharing to municipalities, as well as other cuts that are intended to bridge a \$400 million gap between estimated state revenue and the state's biennial budget enacted last spring.

Based on information provided by the Maine Municipal Association, the net impact of the proposed cuts in revenue sharing on Cape Elizabeth comes to \$66,349.

The gross cut, \$143,936 proposed for Cape Elizabeth, includes a \$69,500 "natural reduction" in sharing that results from declining business revenue, and an additional \$74,436 cut in revenue sharing.

The town budgeted \$614,000 in state revenue sharing for the current fiscal year. State forecasts for revenue sharing for Cape Elizabeth last spring were \$691,587, but the total projected now is \$622,087 due to the natural reduction.

"Our estimate was very close," said Town Manager Michael McGovern, in an e-mail to the Town Council and to state legislators representing Cape Elizabeth.

However, the additional cut in revenue sharing, over and above the natural reduction, could leave a \$66,349 hole in the state revenue sharing line if the supplemental budget is approved.

"Our excise tax income as of Nov 30 was running \$58,000 ahead of target, and other revenues are doing okay, so there is no need for panic--yet," McGovern's e-mail said.

Town officials may not be panicking, but neither are they smiling, and they plan to bring the disparity to the attention of state legislators. Revenue sharing should either rise or fall in response to economic conditions, McGovern said in an interview at Town Hall. But it should not be cut. "It's against the whole principal of revenue sharing," he said. "I hope the Legislature will see the unfairness of it."

In his e-mail, McGovern said the amount Cape Elizabeth is now scheduled to receive, if the Legislature approves the supplemental budget, is:

*\$119,587 less than in FY 2009, or 17.8 percent;

*\$192,543 less than in FY 2008, or 26 percent; and,

*Closest to the amount received in FY 1996.

"In fiscal 1996 Maine transferred \$72.7 million in revenue sharing payments," McGovern said. "The amount proposed for fiscal 2010 is now \$88.8 million, or an increase of 18 percent. Cape Elizabeth's increase over this period is 1 percent."

The disparity is similar to what the Cape Elizabeth School Department realized last month when told to expect a \$621,000 curtailment in state aid to education this year as part of the state's supplemental budget. School Department calculations show revised state spending for 2009-2010 to be \$1,114 per Cape Elizabeth student, compared to \$4,874 per average student in Maine.

"Proportionately bigger cuts have had to be sustained in this region," McGovern said.

More cuts to rent and property-tax rebate program

While he said he was concerned about revenue sharing, McGovern said he was equally concerned about the cut to the circuit breaker program also included in the governor's supplemental budget. Officially known as the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program, the program rebates to qualifying applicants a portion of what they paid in rent or property tax in a previous year.

"The circuit breaker program has been immensely helpful to Cape Elizabeth households," McGovern said in his e-mail. "Back in 2005, the last year for which we had data, over \$632,000 was received by over 874 households in Cape Elizabeth," he said.

According to information released by the Maine Municipal Association, rebates from the circuit breaker program were reduced by 20 percent by the Legislature last spring. In the governor's proposed budget, the \$5.6 million circuit breaker cut would be accomplished by lowering the income threshold required for eligibility.

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Public hearing on Hannaford Cove subdivision set for Jan. 19; 'Cape Café' wins site approval

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 19, on a four-lot subdivision proposed for Hannaford Cove Road.

The subdivision may bring along with it the first-ever open space impact fee collected by the town.

On Dec. 15 David Titcomb of Titcomb Associates, representing the estate of Henry Berry III, presented to the Planning Board the proposal for a four-lot subdivision to be located on nine acres along Hannaford Cove Road. The property begins near the intersection at Two Lights Road.

The property includes an existing house with a barn.

In addition to the nine acres, the estate owns a separate acre at the end of Hannaford Cove Road, with frontage on the private Cunner Lane. As part of their application, Titcomb said the Berry estate intended to offer the lot to the town to satisfy requirements for supplemental open space.

However, the board is unlikely to accept the donation because of a lack of public access, and the estate may instead pay an impact fee, the first time ever that the fee option has been utilized.

Maureen O'Meara, town planner, said at the Dec. 15 meeting that the Cape Elizabeth standard for open space donation is approximately 1/3 acre per lot of a new subdivision. Alternately, developers may pay an impact fee of \$4,320 per lot. "No one has paid a fee before - we always manage to work out a land donation arrangement - but if you pay a

fee it would go into an account that would be designated for the purchase or improvement of open space," O'Meara said. "If the town doesn't use that money within a 10-year period, it goes back to the person who paid the fee," she said.

'Mystery' café gains site approval

In other matters, the board on Dec. 15 unanimously approved a site plan for a café and wine bar to be located in the Pond Cove Shopping Center.

Applicants James Wagner, Dr. Samir Haydar and David Leopold are proposing a café and wine bar in the space most recently occupied by a Jungle Gym children's fitness center, and for many years by a video store.

While the application came under the name "Cape Café," the actual name of the establishment, said Wagner, is a secret. "The applicants are working regularly with their designer for the space and another graphic designer for the logo and signage," said Wagner, who has been a spokesman for the trio during site-plan review.

Wagner had anticipated a March opening earlier this fall, but is now looking toward April. "We will get our beer/wine application in to the town this month so that we may be on the Town Council's February agenda for a public hearing on that license," he said in an e-mail.

Plans for the café are to serve coffee and other breakfast drinks and foods in the morning hours, with additional wine and beer choices later in the day. Food items would be delivered by outside vendors.

Iraqi children benefit from local generosity

Prior to Christmas, the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club partnered with Cape Elizabeth High School graduate Aaron McKenney to collect and distribute much-needed school supplies to three schools in Iraq.

In just a couple of weeks, Rotarians collected 69 boxes of pens, pencils, paper and other supplies along with monies donated for shipment costs. Everything was shipped to Lt. McKenney in Iraq and all the supplies have now been distributed to the children and their schools.

McKenney, currently a 1st Lieutenant and Army infantry platoon leader serving in Iraq, saw the need to help some 1,500 students in the three Iraqi schools in McKenney's area who, he said, "have absolutely no school supplies at all."

"We received about 70 boxes! That is an astounding number and will make a major impact on this area," McKenney said. "My commander and everyone here are all very ecstatic about it."

Rotary club president Joan Frustaci and Iraq committee chairman Paul McKenney (Aaron's father) say thanks to everyone in



Photos courtesy Lt. Aaron McKenney

Iraqi school teachers hand out supplies.



Lt. Aaron McKenney and Iraqi kids with new school supplies.

the local community who donated school supplies and cash (nearly \$1,000) to this effort. Frustaci adds, "It was an overwhelming response; the project just exploded and I'm so impressed with how helpful our local communities were on short notice."

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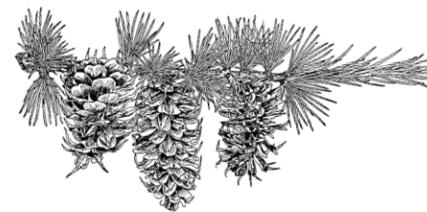
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Recycling can be messy business

By Gregory Walsh

Recycling is messy, even here in Cape Elizabeth, a town where everything, rather famously, is always in its place.

From our homes, to the Town Hall, the dump, and even in schools, recycling has, over the years, created little corners of things being collected that might never have been tolerated before the era of recycling. In generations past, most of the people who had a practice of collecting things in corners were labeled eccentric and probably not urged to run for seats on the town's governing bodies. Now those same governing bodies have actually made it mandatory that everyone become a collector of newsprint, old magazines and yogurt containers and to transport them, as dutiful citizens, to the town dump, which has also officially been renamed the Transfer Station.

In our home there are rectangular containers stationed in various corners and cabinets and out in the garage, all of which are sized to fit easily through the windows of silver bullets at the town Transfer Station or behind the Town Hall. There are eight containers in all, about half of which are always lined up in the garage, waiting their turn, or already full. I swear that my wife, when cleaning,

just opens the garage door and blindly tosses those disgusting cat food cans into the darkness, hoping that some of them, at least, will hit one of designated containers. I can attest that maybe only half of them hit their target, and I, as the one who must clean up the mess in the garage, don't really like to touch those cat food cans.

In various other ways, most involving food debris, smell, dust, clutter or general disorderliness, recycling creates a mess in our homes and in our offices and classrooms. Behind the Town Hall those silver bullets generate a fair amount of litter, which is unsightly and certainly not in keeping with the orderly appearance of the place. A few rogues, most certainly from out of town, have also been known to dump entire bags of garbage on the ground next to the silver bullets.

Yes, recycling is a messy process.

But it is well worth the mess. It is worth it because the collective human activity of recycling, no matter how messy it appears to be at the fundamental level of collecting scraps of paper, diminishes our tendency to make a much greater mess of our town, our nation, and even our planet.

Nominees sought for eco-excellence awards

ecomaine, a municipally owned and operated recycling and waste disposal operation, is seeking nominees for its eco-Excellence Awards. The awards are given annually in recognition of any "green" activity. Chair of the ecomaine Board of Directors and Windham Town Manager Anthony Plante explained, "Each one of the 38 communities served by ecomaine can win an award - it's a great opportunity to thank a person or group that has made a difference in your town."

The names of nominees must be received at ecomaine by Friday, Feb. 5 along with a brief description of the nominee's "green" activities.

Awards are open to individuals or groups who either live or work in any of the 38 communities contracted with ecomaine, which includes Cape Elizabeth. The brief entry forms and information about previous winners can be found online at www.ecomaine.org ("News & Events") or by phoning 207-773-1738.

The 2009 awards' recipients included Lauren Hاديaris from Cape Elizabeth. Hاديaris completed a substantial environmental research project for school that quantified the amount of CO2 generated by using the town's Transfer Station compared to curbside pickup.

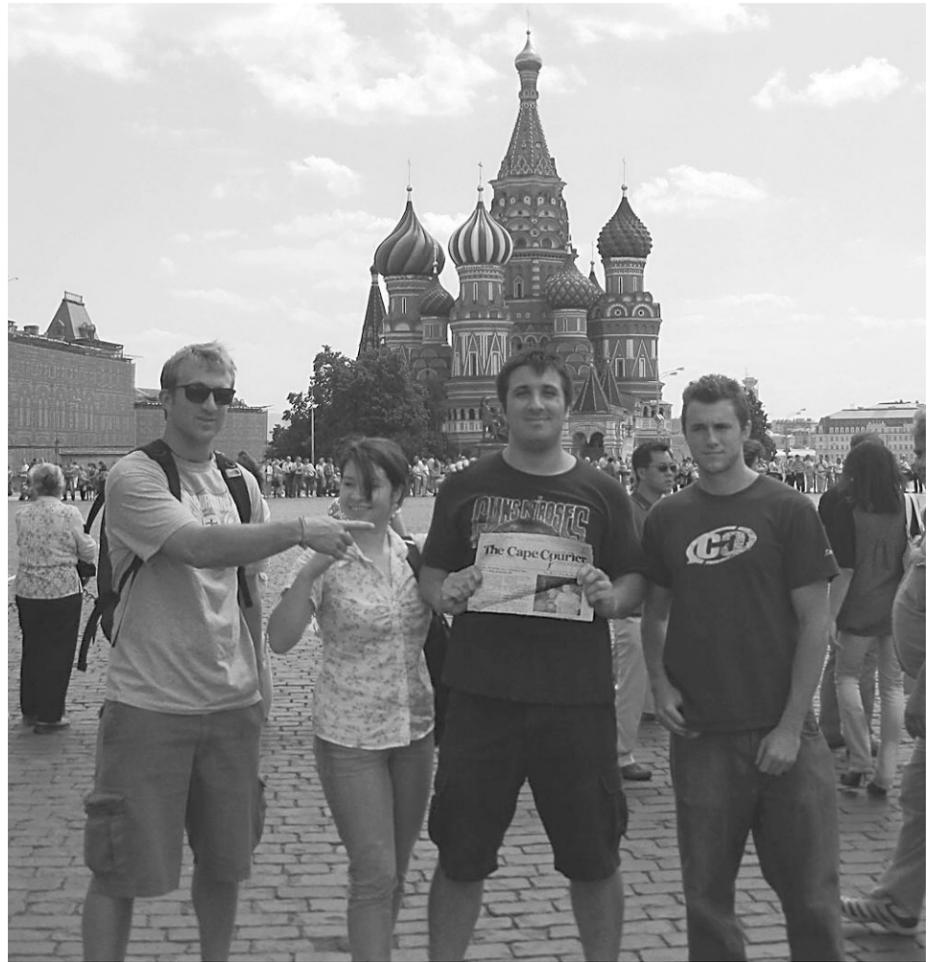
The judging of entries will be done by

members of the ecomaine Recycling Committee. Troy Moon (Portland), chair of the committee, and a member of the board of directors, said all the recipients and their nominators will be invited to an awards luncheon given in their honor in Portland on Tuesday, March 16. "At that time," said Moon, "we will present the individual community awards, announce the one Grand Award winner, and ask recipients to share their experiences with each other. Then, we'll offer tours of ecomaine's facilities, including Maine's only single-sort recycling operation."

Moon noted that past winners have been representative of a wide variety of activities and ages. Examples include a high school ecology club that initiated a successful schoolwide recycling program, a volunteer who organizes and operates the local transfer station swap shop, a local newspaper columnist who has written articles about recycling, a store employee who convinced the owners to recycle, and a lumber company with a strong commitment to green operations. A complete listing of past award recipients and their activities is available at www.ecomaine.org.

From among the municipal award recipients, one will be named the 2010 Grand Award Winner and receive a special recognition award.

From Russia, with words



From left, above, Cape residents Joe Henrikson, Kevin Beling and Alexander Fabish, pose in Red Square, with Latvian friend Anna Enrika ... and The Cape Courier. The men traveled to Russia in June, with visits to Smolensk, St. Petersburg and Moscow.

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COMPLAINTS

- 12-16 An officer met with a subject in the Bowery Beach Road area about an assault complaint.
- 12-17 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a landlord/tenant issue.
- 12-29 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a complaint of harassment by phone.
- 12-26 An officer responded to Ocean House and Scott Dyer roads for report of a subject refusing to pay a taxi driver.

SUMMONSES

- 12-1 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 12-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce proof of insurance, Route 77, \$177
- 12-1 Scarborough resident, speeding (40/25 zone) Scott Dyer Road, \$185
- 12-2 Portland business, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 12-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Jordan Way, \$70
- 12-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating

- under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 12-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to show proof of insurance, Ocean House Road, \$208
- 12-15 South Portland resident, speeding (42/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$137
- 12-16 Waterboro resident, speeding (61/45 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 12-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$70
- 12-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 12-19 South Portland resident, operating without a license beyond restrictions, Route 77
- 12-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to provide proof of insurance, Scott Dyer Road, \$177
- 12-22 Waterville resident, failure to provide proof of insurance, Route 77, \$177
- 12-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to provide proof of insurance, Shore Road, \$208
- 12-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating without a license, failure to provide proof of insurance, Ocean House Road, \$208; unregistered vehicle, \$70

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 12-4 Speeding (69/50 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 12-16 Failure to provide proof of insurance, failure to stop for red light, Ocean House Road
- 12-19 Speeding (54/45 zone), Ocean House Road, \$119

ARRESTS

- 12-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol
- 12-18 South Portland resident, outstanding warrant, operating after license suspension
- 12-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating without a license

ACCIDENTS

- 12-1 Laura Barrett hit a deer on Route 77.
- 12-2 Kevin Beling, David Coombs, accident on Pleasant Avenue
- 12-5 Jean Lamontagne, accident on Shore Road
- 12-17 John Holmes hit a deer on Route 77.
- 12-17 Nancy Witwicki, Robert Anderson, accident on Cottage Farms Road
- 12-20 Terry Keezer, Thomas Gallagher, accident on Fowler Road
- 12-26 Craig Lewis, Christopher Lynch,

accident on Columbus Road

FIRE CALLS

- 12-3 Ocean House Road, power lines down
- 12-4 Belfield Road, tree across driveway
- 12-3 Two Lights Road, low hanging wire
- 12-3 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-3 Shore Road, water rescue
- 12-4 Kettle Cove, rekindled burn
- 12-5 Jewett Road, odor investigation
- 12-5 Rock Crest Drive, fire alarm
- 12-15 Fowler Road, CO2 alarm
- 12-17 Humphreys Road, fire alarm
- 12-17 Spoonrift Lane, chimney fire
- 12-17 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-18 Hillcrest Drive, fire alarm
- 12-18 Pilot Point Road, CO2 alarm
- 12-23 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-25 Sawyer Road, odor investigation
- 12-27 Pilot Point Road, furnace problem
- 12-28 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-28 Denison Drive, fire alarm
- 12-28 Tiger Lily Lane, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 17 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 4 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 5 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

Cape police get \$2,000 grant to help reduce underage drinking

By Wendy Keeler

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department, along with eight other Maine law enforcement agencies, has received a \$2,000 grant to help reduce underage drinking in town. The grant money from the Cumberland County Underage Drinking Enforcement Task Force will fund overtime pay for police to conduct party patrols and do store compliance checks.

In 2008, Cape Elizabeth police charged 30 underage drinkers with possession of alcohol and three minors with providing a place for minors to consume alcohol, Cape Community Liaison Police Officer Mark Dorval said.

"In 2009 we had 26 possession of alcohol charges, and one minor was charged for providing a place for underage drinkers to consume alcohol," Dorval said, adding "The 2009 stats are not the final number for the year."

In 2008, the last time Cape police conducted compliance checks on stores and restaurants in town, Cape Elizabeth passed the test. That year, town police officers teamed up with South Portland police and did checks on 31 retail establishments in the two communities. One South Portland business was not in compliance, Dorval said.

Research and surveys find that underage drinkers who have qualms about getting caught are less likely to drink. Students who don't think police will catch them are four times more likely to drink than those who fear being caught, Maine students reported when they took the Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey at Maine schools in 2008. Students who believe it is easy to get alcohol are four times more likely to have had alcohol in the past 30 days than those who think it is hard to get, the survey also found.

"More than ever before your local law enforcement agency is answering the call to reduce youth's access to alcohol," said Jo Morrissey, who chairs the task force and is assistant project director of 21 Reasons. A nonprofit coalition of individuals, organizations, and businesses, 21 Reasons works to build a healthy community environment through policies, practices, and attitudes

that support the drug-free development of all youth. "Whether this means enforcing furnishing violations or doing surveillance at your local mini-mart, these funds are intended to extend those efforts."

The nine enforcement agencies that received \$2,000 grants—the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Cape, Bridgton, Freeport, Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook and Windham police departments—together charged 328 minors with possession of alcohol in 2008.

Although underage drinkers may not think so at the time, getting caught by police can benefit them, Morrissey said.

"The 328 youths received alcohol screening and assessment, and parents were alerted to the issue. This type of early intervention can redirect and keep a good kid from repeating a bad choice," Morrissey said.

Cape Elizabeth is lucky to have received the grant, Dorval said.

"With tight budgets and the current economic times, the grants allow us to run details that we wouldn't be able to do with our current budgets. It is our goal to keep the youth in our community

safe and protect the community as a whole from the dangers of underage drinking," Dorval said

"The Cape Elizabeth Police Department takes a zero tolerance approach to underage drinking, and those found in violation of the laws will be summonsed," he said.

The underage drinking task force is a collaborative effort convened by 21 Reasons with grant funding from the Maine Office of Substance Abuse and PROP's Communities Promoting Health. Task Force members include every Cumberland County law enforcement agency, the District Attorney's Office, and the Maine Department of Corrections' Juvenile Division.

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—Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey

Cape Elizabeth has new patrol officer

Cape Elizabeth Police Department welcomed a new patrol officer, David Galvan, to the force on Jan. 4.

Galvan is a graduate of Southwest High School in San Diego, Calif., and is currently studying criminal justice at Saint Joseph's College.

Galvan graduated from the 14th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program in Vassalboro Maine in 2008. He loves spending time with his wife and son and also enjoys traveling and participating in sports.

Capt. Brent Sinclair said Galvan is a welcome addition to the community, and asked Cape residents to extend that welcome when they see him.



New patrol officer David Galvan is sworn in by Town Clerk Debra Lane.

Galvan was hired to replace Officer Chris Burgess, who left last fall to take a position with the Westbrook Police Department.

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Paula Banks, who owns the geriatric care management company, **Paula Banks Consulting**, and **Two Lights Home Care**, both in Cape Elizabeth, earned "Care Manager" certification from the National Academy of Certified Care Managers. Certification requires extensive clinical training and experience working with older people, people with disabilities, and families who need help with care-giving issues.

A licensed social worker, Banks helps families deal with the health, social, legal and personal challenges of caring for aging loved ones, including assessing needs, finding appropriate housing and in-home care, handling referrals to and serving as an advocate with medical providers, and providing support through a variety of resources.

She is a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers.

What have
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 Recycling Committee

Cape Elizabeth resident **Celia Grand** is asking people to vote on Facebook for the Riverview Foundation, a 20-year-old South Portland-based nonprofit that helps at-risk kids in Maine. The organization, which lost \$10,000 in state funding for its in-school and after-school program this year, can win a \$10,000 grant from Clorox by being one of the top-five vote-getters at www.voteformainekids.org. The deadline for voting is Jan. 17, and people can vote daily. CETV, Cape Elizabeth's public access Channel 3, is airing a two-minute video highlighting activities and achievements of kids at Riverview. The video airs daily at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30, 1:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 17.

Sage Hunt was named to the fall-term honor roll at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., where she is a member of the class of 2012.

**More Neighbors
 on page 20**

Sarah Fay Dabney, daughter of Fred and Katie Dabney of South Dartmouth, Mass., and **John Stewart Brownell**, son of **Bill and Elaine Brownell**, were married July 25. The marriage ceremony and reception were held at the Dabney home in South Dartmouth.

Lisa Dabney and Caroline Dabney, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Christine Capeless, Whitney Fitts and Jennifer Rooney. **Andrew Brownell**, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were **Jonathan Ervin**, Blake Grosch, **Jeffrey Mitchell**, **Peter Pachios**, and **Andrew Townsend**. **Zach Herbert**, **Josh McGeachey**, **Jonathan Sahrbeck** and Andrew Scott were ushers.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of the Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., and a 2002 graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. She earned her master's degree in business administration at Boston University in 2008 and is currently a human resources manager at Sankaty Advisors LLC, the credit affiliate of Bain Capital, LLC, in Boston.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a 2002 graduate of Colby College. He is a senior account manager at RE/MAX of New England in Boston.

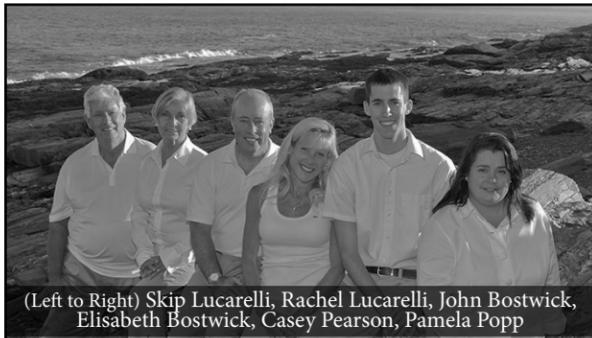
The couple is planning a belated honeymoon in February in Belize. They make their home in Charlestown, Mass.



Sarah Dabney and John Brownell

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Reed and Patti Gramse are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, **Tyler Reed Gramse**, to Jeanna Victoria Beals, daughter of Gail Beals of Portland and the late George Beals.

A graduate of Scarborough High School, Jeanna received a degree in broadcast journalism from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. She currently works as an advertising account executive at America Online in Boston, Mass.

Tyler, a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, earned a degree in supply chain management from the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University and recently received a graduate certificate in supply chain management from Northeastern University in Boston. He currently works as an international logistics manager for HSB in Boston.

The couple resides in Cohasset, Mass. The wedding will be held this summer on Peaks Island.



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Middle school Nordic team's first-ever race at Gull Crest 'really fun'



Photos by Sean Thomas

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Nordic team hosted an eight-school race, in which 150 skiers competed, at Gull Crest Field on Jan. 17. "This was the first time we've ever hosted a middle school meet here!" Cape Coach Carrie McCusker wrote in an e-mail sent the morning after the race. "Over the past few years the club has raised funds for grooming equipment. It is awesome over there. We have a big, mostly new team, and they were great and spirited. Really fun!"

Pickup games for adults, open gyms very week

What will it be tonight? Basketball among high school students and adults? Basketball with fellow "over-40" players? Volleyball?

Cape athletes have a lot of opportunities in pickup games this winter—and a lot of choices, too.

Youth-adult hoops

Community Services is offering open basketball to high school students and adults from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the high school gym at a cost of \$4 per session.

Over-40 basketball

An "over-40" hoops program is held from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday nights through April

14 at the middle school gym. Cape residents pay \$4 and nonresidents \$5.

Volleyball

Pickup volleyball games happen from 7:45 to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays through May 26 in the high school gym at a cost of \$4 for Cape residents and \$5 for nonresidents.

Open gyms

Open gyms, where families and athletes, young and old, can play indoor soccer, shoot hoops or play pass, are offered from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Sundays through March 28 in the high school gym. Students pay \$1, and adults pay \$2.

Call 799-2868 for more information.

Cheverus senior: 'runner of the year'

Max Bulger, a senior at Cheverus High School in Portland, was honored as "Runner of the Year" on Dec. 17 at the team banquet, where Cheverus coach Bruce Bickford called him "the anchor, the team's most consistent runner this fall."

Bulger, whose first coach was Cape Elizabeth Middle School cross country and indoor track coach Joe Doane, was a member of the state-championship-winning Cheverus cross country team this fall.

The son of Mary Chris and Paul Bulger and the brother of Caroline and Anna, Bulger will major in nonprofit management and run on the cross country team at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass., in the fall.

What's news in your sport?

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CAPE CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth Schools closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Richards Pool and Fitness Center will have adjusted hours.

Tuesday, January 19

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

School Board Finance Committee (tentative), 7 p.m., location to be determined

Thursday, January 21

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

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

Friday, January 22

School Board meeting with legislators, 8:30 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Saturday, January 23

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler Roads. All you can eat: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, soft drinks, dessert. \$10 adults/\$5 children 12 and under.

Monday, January 25

Town Council workshop, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, January 26

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

School Board workshop, 7 p.m., high school library, 345 Ocean House Road

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

Thursday, January 28

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 (Route 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 Road, South Portland; 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 Road. 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 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.

Lions Club kicks off 2010 dinners, breakfasts

Cape Elizabeth Lions will kick off 2010 with a series of monthly spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts.

Spaghetti dinners will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, and March 27, at the club's Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Dinners feature all-you-can-eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, soft drinks, and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Pancake breakfasts will be held from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9, at the club house. Breakfasts feature all-you-can-eat pancakes or French toast, plus a serving of eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children 12 and younger.

Contact club president Kim Brooks at 767-2733 for information about the meals or the club.

'Owascoag' topic of next genealogy meeting

Patricia Bowden Corey, the author of "Owascoag: The Settlement of Black Poynt, Mayne 1605-1800," will speak at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at a meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. The meeting, which will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road, will be preceded by a 12:30 p.m. social time.

"Owascoag," or "Place of Much Grass" was the Indian name for "Scarborough, called "Black Poynt" by the English.

The author found diaries, letters, depositions, court records, and other material offering a first-hand account of life in the area from 1636 to the 1750s.

The talk will cover exploration, settlement, and the Indian Wars.

'Barefoot in Park' auditions planned Jan. 17, 18

The Portland Players will hold auditions for Neil Simon's play, "Barefoot in the Park," from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, at the theater, located at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Michael Rafkin will direct the show,

which will open on March 12 and run through March 28. Rehearsals will begin Monday, February 8.

Actors who audition will read from the script. For character descriptions, go to www.portlandplayers.org and click on "Auditions."

Monthly composting workshops through May

Expert composters and members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Environmental Club are presenting a series on composting.

In the course, which meets 11-1 p.m. Saturdays through May, participants have an opportunity to learn how to make Bokashi, hot, or worm compost systems, rent units, or buy composters. Cape resident Kate Williams-Hewitt, a veteran composter, will lead the series, which will also include guest speakers.

"This is meant to educate the public about home composting choices, as well as remind people that anything that does not go into the hopper saves the town money in transportation fees," Williams-Hewitt said.

Sessions are planned Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 20, April 17, and May 8 at the Community Center. Each workshop costs \$20 per person or family. Call Community Services at 799-2868 to register.

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Jordan Farm collaborating in three-year theater project, 'Of Farms and Fables'

The William H. Jordan Farm is one of three Cumberland County farms involved in "Of Farms and Fables," a three-year, community-based theater project involving collaboration among performers, farmers, and farm workers. An outdoor performance is planned for summer 2011.

The goal of the project, led by South Portland artist Jennie Hahn, is to provide an opportunity for community dialogue about food and the future of family farms in Maine.

"My willingness to collaborate goes back to my passion for live theater," said Penny

Jordan, who co-owns Jordan Farm with her siblings. "Theater tells a story, and what better story to tell than how your food is produced, about the people who produce it, and what it takes to produce it."

Kay-Ben Farm in Gorham and Broadturn Farm in Scarborough are also involved. Supporters include the Cape Farm Alliance, Cultivating Community, Scarborough Land Conservation Trust, Threshold to Maine, and ROil, a group with a mission to take theater into the community. The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust in Holliston, Mass., has awarded Hahn a one-year grant for the project.

To follow the progress of the project, go to <http://farmsandfables.blogspot.com>. Contact Hahn at 899-5208 or info@openwaters.org for more information.

Topic of free seminar: risks of mixing medications, solutions

Cape Elizabeth resident and medical toxicologist Kevin Wallace will share information regarding "polypharmacy," the potentially unsafe use of multiple medications, at a free seminar planned from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Community Center's Community Room.

Wallace, a doctor with clinical and academic experience in the field, will discuss the risks and impact of polypharmacy and tools and strategies to apply in a community-based, patient-centered manner to prevent harmful and costly outcomes of drug therapy.

"Use of medications in clinical practice can be most cost effective when an ongoing team approach is applied that involves patients, as well as prescribing health care providers, pharmacists, and other support groups within the community," Wallace said.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 to register.

Group to observe signs of animal life in Robinson Woods

Linda Woodard, director of the Scarborough Marsh and Audubon Center, will lead a group through Robinson Woods from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 30. Participants, who will receive animal track cards and other handouts, will search for wildlife, examine animal tracks, and observe other signs of animals.

The cost is \$10 per person, and the group will meet at the Robinson Woods parking area at 10 a.m. Contact Community Services at 700-3868 for information.

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Registration under way for kindergarten

Parents of 2010-2011 kindergartners should enroll children now at Pond Cove School by calling 799-7339.

Children who will be 5 years old by Oct. 15, 2010, are eligible.

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.

'Cheaper by the Dozen' to run through Jan. 31

The Portland Players' production, "Cheaper By The Dozen" which opened Jan. 15, will run through Jan. 31.

Stacey Koloski directs the comedy, a classic by Frank Gilbreth, Jr., and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. Set in the 1920s, the father is an industrial efficiency expert who expects his household to run as efficiently as his factory does, which has amusing and sometimes embarrassing results. The real-life story about the Gilbreths shows

Republican Committee to meet Jan. 26; caucus planned on Feb. 6

The Cape Elizabeth Town Republican Committee will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Community Center. The Republican Caucus will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Cafetorium. Call 767-3863 for more information.

the chaotic side of life in large families. Showtimes are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Box office hours are 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-noon on Saturdays; and 90 minutes before each performance. Call 799-7337 or go to the theater to buy tickets. Visit www.portlandplayers.org for more information.

The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Chiropractic office plans women's health talks

Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic will hold a free women's health workshop from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at 200 Ocean House Road. Four practitioners will give talks.

From 12:30 to 1 p.m., acupuncturist Lynn MacDonald-Webber will discuss how acupuncture and Chinese herbs can help women have a regular menstrual cycle.

Naturopath Beth Stockwell will outline the connection between mental and physical health and the nervous system in women, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. She will share her approach to treating a variety of disturbances by re-establishing balance within the neuro-

endocrine system.

Between 1:30 and 2 p.m., chiropractor Janel Voelker will discuss how nervous system interference can affect menstruation, fertility, pregnancy, post-partum emotional and physical healing, and menopause. She will also address adjustments to help the body to function better in each stage of a woman's life.

Massage therapist Rebecca Goodwin will talk from 2 to 2:30 p.m. about massage for women in all stages of life: prenatal, post-partum, and beyond.

Although the workshop is free, people who plan to attend should register in advance. Call 799-9355.

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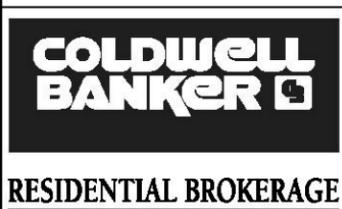
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Tales for Tots

Songs, stories and movement for toddlers 18 to 36 months.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Story Garden

Songs, stories and movement for pre-schoolers 3 to 5 years.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

There will be no Story Garden on Friday, Jan. 16; Rachel Davis will be attending a conference.

Family Story Time

Songs, stories and movement for toddlers and preschoolers.

Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Story Time Themes

Jan. 17-23:

What shall I wear?

Books about clothing and getting dressed

Jan. 24-30:

Home sweet home

Stories about the places different animals and people live

Please note changes to the schedule, at left. Tales for Tots will no longer meet on Friday mornings.

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday.....9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday.....Closed

Local photographer Heather Corey exhibits



This photograph by Heather Corey of a flower's remaining seeds is among those on exhibit at the Thomas Memorial Library through January.

Cape Elizabeth photographer, Heather Corey, is exhibiting her work at the Thomas Memorial Library through Jan. 29.

Corey's work "celebrates living in Cape Elizabeth," with what she calls "ordinarypics," taken during her daily

"travels." Subjects of her work include the coast, the greenbelt trails, and fresh local produce.

All are welcome to attend the show's closing reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22.

Library invites fans of anime to join club

The Cape Anime Club will meet from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 26 in the Thomas Memorial Library Community Room.

Share and discuss manga (Japanese graphic novels). Share your own anime/manga artwork, and watch an episode of Japanese anime, courtesy of Funimation's Operation Anime. Food donations for the program will be gratefully accepted!

Programs shown are rated for ages 13 and over, due to animated violence or language.

This month's viewing will be "One Piece: Volume 1." Enter "an era of adventure, as countless souls are lured along the Grand Line in pursuit of dreams far greater than any they've ever dared to imagine. Wealth, fame, power... It's all available for the taking to the lucky soul that can find it: The legendary One Piece..."

For more information, contact adult/young adult services librarian, Kevin Goody, at 799-1720 or at kgoody@thomas.lib.me.us.

Snow days are busy days at the library!

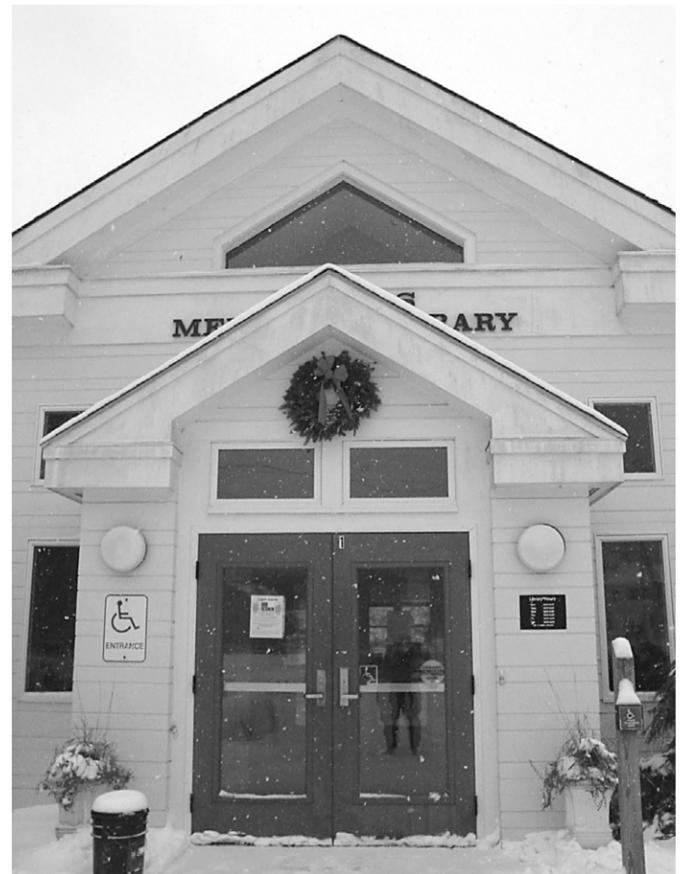


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The library was open all day during the Jan. 2 snowstorm, hosting a steady stream of intrepid library users, who borrowed more than 350 items! The library rarely closes due to weather.

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January's Chef of the Month: Inn by the Sea's Mitchell Kaldrovich



Photo by Wendy Keeler

Diners smile at the end of a Chef of the Month luncheon this fall in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. This month's luncheon, set for 11:20 to noon on Wednesday, Jan. 27, will feature chef Mitchell Kaldrovich of Inn by the Sea's Sea Glass Restaurant. Each month, in a program sponsored by the CEHS Wellness Committee, a chef or guest visits the cafeteria, and students and community members get recipes, watch demonstrations, and enjoy the chef's dishes, prepared by the high school kitchen staff. The cost for community members is \$4 per person. Call Community Services at 799-2869 to register. The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and High School Parents Association also sponsor the program.

Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing outings for adults planned

Adults who enjoy snowshoeing and cross-country skiing can sign up for several "Fifty-Plus Easy Adventure" activities this winter through Community Services. The program, which is offered through the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, is a health promotion initiative that coordinates low-intensity, fun, outdoor activities for adults fifty years and older.

A group will snowshoe at Lowell Preserve in Windham on Friday, Jan. 22. The cost is \$5. Three weeks later, on Friday, Feb. 12, adults will have an opportunity to snowshoe at Camp Ketcha in Scarborough at a cost of \$5.

A cross-country ski series will be offered in Yarmouth on three Fridays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, and Feb. 26 at a total cost of \$10. Registration forms are available at the Community Services office in the Community Center.

Call 799-2868 or 396-6583 for more information.

Lunch at SMCC planned Jan. 28

Community Services will take a group of senior citizens to dine at the Culinary Arts Dining Room at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland on Thursday, Jan. 28. In the dining room, which overlooks Casco Bay, diners will enjoy food prepared and served by culinary arts students.

Community Services will provide transportation. A school bus will leave the parking lot behind the Community Center at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$15 per person, and reservations through Community Services are required. Call 799-2868 for more information.

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Newsletter details upcoming senior events



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Cape resident and volunteer Lisa LeTarte serves diners, Lou Pfeiffer, left, and Marilyn Sherrard at a Community Services luncheon for senior citizens at the Community Center. Luncheons are among the activities listed in newsletters that Karen Allen, Community Services' director of adult programs, sends out to senior citizens throughout the year.

Adults 55 years old and up can receive regular newsletter updates in the mail about a wide range of adult activities offered at the Community Center throughout the year, including luncheons, trips, theater perfor-

mances, exercise programs, art classes, card playing, and more.

To get on the mailing list, residents pay \$8 and nonresidents pay \$10.

Call 799-2868 for more information.

Group to see 'Spitfire Grill' at Good Theater in Portland on Feb. 6

Community Services will take a group to see a matinee of the musical "Spitfire Grill" at the Good Theater in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 6. The group will depart on a school bus from the parking lot behind the Community Center at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$23 per person. Reservations are required. Call 799-2868 for information.

Indoor walking set for twice a week

Community Services' indoor walking program for senior citizens takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays 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. There is no fee, but walkers are asked to sign in at the front desk and bring shoes or sneakers to change into before walking.

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Getting involved:

- Volunteers are needed to mat and hang art work.

Tangible resources needed:

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- Paper shredder
- Four lamps for the instructional support classroom
- Nylon stockings to be used for student sculptures
- Jr. Scrabble and beginner-alphabet or sight-word games
- Reams of 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch white card stock
- Star Wars Legos and Lego magazines
- Fabric tunnel
- Bill Ding blocks and Wedgit blocks
- 20 yoga mats and green cleaning material for mats
- Stationary bike in good working condition
- Small cars such as Hot Wheels
- Small bean bags for tossing
- Light-weight, plastic Tonka truck
- Crocodile dentist game
- Simple Lego design book

a walking program that all CEMS students will do

- Yarn
- Small exercise mat about 1/2- to 1-inch thick
- Postage stamps and blank note cards for all students to write thank you notes
- Large plastic bins to be used for lost-and-found items
- Two sets of retractable headphones
- 3- to 5-pound hand weights
- Sewing needles and thread
- Lava lamp
- Ping-pong table
- Viewmaster
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- Laminator for the Life Skills program
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- 6 big fuzzy dice similar to ones that people hang on their car rearview mirrors)

Middle School

Getting involved:

- Cafeteria revitalization project volunteers are needed. A group has come up with ideas, based on student and parent feedback, to improve the cafeteria, but people are needed to make this happen. Volunteers would attend some planning meetings and help with the execution of the project. Contact Gretchen McCloy at gretchen_mccloy@cape.k12.me.us.

Tangible resources needed:

- Pedometers for "March into May,"

High School

Tangible resources needed:

- Used croquet sets
- Left-handed golf clubs
- New knitted hats and mittens for the cross-country ski program
- A clean couch or comfy chair for the health office, preferably not fabric but covered so it can be easily cleaned.

Contact Gail Schmader, director of school volunteer services, at 799-7339, extension 334, or at gail_schmader@cape.k12.me.

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Singing songs of cheer



Taking a break from playing Christmas music at the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's annual Christmas tree sale at Mill Creek Park in South Portland are Cape Elizabeth High School musicians, left to right, drummer Adam Moyer, trumpet players John Bass and Abby Flynn, and trombonist Brian Stephenson. Members of the CEHS Interact Club, the four played on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School honor roll for the first trimester

Eighth grade

High honors—David Allen, William Britton, Lucas Dvorozniak, Trevor Ewald, Sarah Flaherty, Lee Foden, Zoe Gillies, Anna Goldstein, Jordan Greer, John Hall, Kevin Hare, Dorothy Janick, Isabel Johnston, John Kennealy, Omar Khalidi, Montserrat Kwan, Mackenzie Leighton, Quinn Malter, Madeline Miele, Katherine Miklavic, Kayne Munson, Brian Nestor, Emma O'Rourke, Mary Perkins, Hailey Petsinger, Deven Roberts, Nicholas Shedd, Phoebe Shields, Anna Sullivan, Jane Vaughan, Emily Wasserman, Sterling Weatherbie, Addison Wood

Honors—Samantha Altznauer, Julian Andrews, Amanda Barnett, Ysanne Bethel, Allison Bowe, Nicholas Bozek, Eli Breed, Daniel Brett, Anthony Castro, Heather Chase, Elizabeth Cloutier, Mitchell Cohen, Morgan Connell, Alexander Conrad, Gavin Cottrell, Madison Duong, Ethan Duperre, Ethan Samuel Earnshaw, Justin Edgar, Thomas Feenstra, Matthew Fisher, Elise Flathers, Trevor Gale, Nicholas Garcia, Henry Gent, Stephen Gore, Joshua Graessle, Audrey Grey, Mae Gruen, Sydney Hallowell, Timothy Hartel, Dana Hatton, Kia Hewins, Andrew Hollyday, Mikaela Kohan, Clara Ledman, Maddison Lengyel, Austin Mageles, Gabriel McGinn, Abigail McInerney, Sophie Moore, Nicholas Moulton, Michael Naseef, Hannah Newhall, Rebecca O'Neill, Matthew Oberholtzer, Jordan Petersen, Tucker Pillsbury, Seth Queeney, Katie Rabasca, Elizabeth Raftice, Natalie Rand, Gwyneth Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, Anne Russell, Stuart Ruddy, Ian Schrank, Liam Simpson, Spencer Sisselman, Sarah Stacki, Tyler Stephen, Dylan Sullivan, Brian Taintor, Mary Thibodeau, Jack Tierney, Christopher Tinsman, Juliet Tunstall-Weiner, Allyson West, Sydney Wight

Seventh grade

High honors—Sierra Bates, Haley Bauman, Madison Botelho, Eva Brydson, Erin Burke, Alexandra Carrington, Isabel Clarke, Parker Dinsmore, Aaron Dobieski, Rhoen Fiutak, Caroline Garfield, Luke Gilman, Julia Ginder, Walker Grimes, Robert Harrison, Taylor Herrera, Lily Jordan, Emma Landes, Rachel Lockwood, Devin Maguire, Daniel Menz, Elizabeth O'Brien, Nicholas Pellechia, Michaela Pinette, Hannah Preble, Kristen Rudberg, Maci Russell, Hannah Saturley, Hannah Sawyer, Ashley Tinsman, Andrew Volent, Claire Zimmerman, Sarah Zucchero

Honors—Curtis Alexander, Mathias Barth, Kate Bosworth, Timothy Brigham, Paul Calande, Cole Carpenter, Cole Caswell, Matthew Chipman, Kathryn Clark, Nicole Cloutier, Alexandra Coggeshall, Alicia Davis, Jack Demeter, Matthew Denison, Charles Dietz, Emma Dineen, Mary DiPietro, Hayley Doss, Jacob Downer, Jack Drinan, Benjamin Duddy, Katherine Ewald, Emily Faria, Edward Galvin, Rachel Garrity, Thomas Gleeson, Adam Godfrey, Curtis Guimond, Andrew Harrington, Luke Harrison, Maygan Hatt, Noah Haversat, Caroline Kelley, Eamon Kelly, Andrew Kelly, Kyle Kennedy, Hunter Kent, Thomas Lalouche, Brette Lennon, Sarah Loring, Emily Lynch, Samuel MacDuffie, Robert MacKay, Olivia Mantsch, Jonathan Merritt, Mitchell Morris, Ethan Murphy, Ethan Nestor Darling, Aubrey O'Meara, Wyatt Page, Leah Parrish, Monica Planinsek, Paige Riddell, Noah Robinson, Melissa Rudberg, Hayley Saari, Rachel Seekins, Benjamin Shea, Tierouviel M.B. Some, Josephine Spidle, Benjamin Stanley, Acadia Stewart, Lindsay Stewart, Sadie Stiles, Conner Sullivan, Rebecca Tarling, Andrew Thomas, Griffin Thoreck, Zachary Vaughan, Leo Wing

Busy speech team plans Jan. 27 'NFL Night'



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team, who have a full calendar this month, gather in the library in December.

January is a busy time for Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team, which has three major events planned in the second half of the month.

The 30-member team will host a tournament Saturday, Jan. 16, in which more than 200 participants from 20 schools, including some from Massachusetts, will compete. Two weeks later, the team will vie for top honors against 20 Maine high school teams at the state meet at University of Maine at Orono. Cape, which last won the states in the mid-1990s, will compete against strong

contenders such as Skowhegan, Lewiston, and Poland.

Members of the community are invited to attend the team's annual National Forensic League Night, which will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the CEHS auditorium.

Students will be featured in 13 categories of public speaking, from humorous interpretation and extemporaneous speaking to current events, storytelling, original works, and poetry. The event, which will be free, will run about an hour and a half. Refreshments will be served.

Bottle collection benefits CEHS science team

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

Bottles can be dropped off at Hannaford in pre-labeled, prepaid green "Clynk" bags which are available by contacting science team members Jack Queeney at frocksie@

maine.rr.com or 650-6570, or Will Daly at willd46@hotmail.com or 756-4458. Both will deliver labeled bags to people's homes.

Proceeds will help cover travel expenses to meets and meet registrations for the team, which lost school funding this year. As a result, the team has had to reduce the number of meets in which it competes.



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CEHS, CEMS musicians selected to perform in honors music festivals, special groups

Twenty-five Cape Elizabeth middle and high school musicians have been selected to perform in honors festivals and special musical groups in coming months.

Southern Maine Music Festival

Fourteen Cape Elizabeth High School musicians will play 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.

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.

Violinist Charlotte Ruddy was selected to perform with the District 1 Orchestra. French horn player Aubrey Landsfeld and clarinetists Mary Simms and Rebecca Strout were invited into the District 1 Band.

Six singers will perform with the District 1 Chorus: Griffin Carpenter, Matt Barksdale, Sam Barksdale, Tom Schrank, Laura Catsos and Arianna Cogswell.

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.

Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival

Eleven Cape Elizabeth Middle School musicians have been selected to perform in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the Scarborough High School auditorium, 11 Municipal Drive.

Amanda Barnett, Madison Duong, Shannon Howard, Katie Rabasca, Claire Zimmerman, Meghan Flaherty, Cole Carpenter and Alex Conrad will sing with the chorus.

The following musicians will perform with the honors band: trombonist Nick Shedd; Liam Simpson, who plays trumpet; and Brian Nestor, who plays the French horn.

All-State Festival

Two singers, Catsos and Carpenter, have been selected for the All-State Chorus. Landsfeld and violinist Madeline Kraft will perform with the All-State Orchestra. Simms will perform with the All-State Band.

All three will play at the All-State Festival May 20-22 at the University of Maine at Orono.

Fifth-graders visit Mayan world for four days



Photo by Susan Dana

David Carey, a University of Southern Maine history professor, shares his experiences living, studying, and conducting research in Guatemala with fifth-graders on Dec. 18 at the Cape public safety building. Carey, who visited during the fifth grade's Mayan exploration unit, focused on the modern-day Maya and their language, culture, and customs. He taught students some simple greetings in Kaqchikel, a Mayan language he speaks fluently, and discussed other facets of Mayan culture, including foods, weaving, and arts. The Maine Parents Association funded the program, which the CEMS Spanish team and fifth-grader teachers developed.

Bottle drive raises funds for Chewonki program

Donating bottles to Hannaford will help Cape Elizabeth Middle School maintain its tradition of more than two decades of sending sixth-graders to the Chewonki Foundation's outdoor experience program in Wiscasset for five days in May. Bottles can be dropped at the "Clynk" center in pre-labeled, prepaid bags.

Until last year, the school budget funded a portion of the program. This year the Middle School Parents Association will contribute \$13,950, or \$90 per child, for Chewonki. Each family will pay \$150 per child. This fall, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation awarded a grant that will provide \$10,000 for the program over three years. An anonymous donor matched that amount.

Contact Lisa Stevens at lstevens@maine.rr.com for bags or information.

Annual Pond Cove Craft Night planned for Feb. 4 in cafetorium

The Pond Cove Parents Association's annual Craft Night is planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, in the school cafetorium.

At the event, which is geared toward younger children, kids and families will make crafts, do art projects, and create Valentine's Day gifts.

The evening will also include a baked goods sale.

Admission will be \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

All interested in baking for the event or volunteering should contact co-chairs Michelle Whitney at maisey@maine.rr.com or Heather Evans at heatherevans@yahoo.com.

Hannaford gift card program: fundraiser for CEHS, CEMS

Hannaford shoppers can raise money for both the middle and high schools by doing their regular shopping with prepurchased Hannaford gift cards. Funds from the cards, which are available through the high school and middle school parents associations, will support student activities and teacher grants.

"This is an opportunity we can't refuse, given our budget situation," said MSPA member Amy Stanley.

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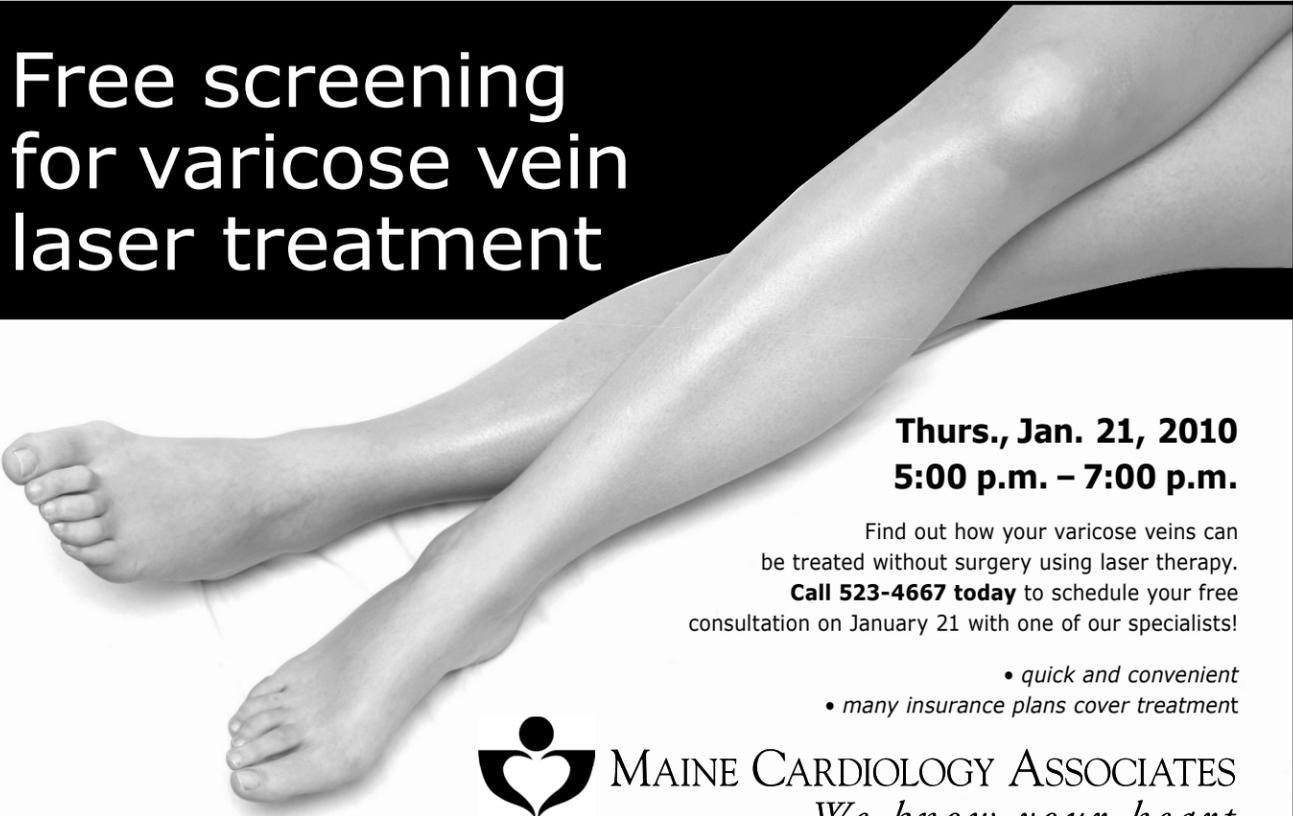


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Old-school education



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Students play outside Cottage Farms School on Woodland Road in about 1920. The school, which opened in 1919 and included kindergarteners through eighth-grade students on one side of town, was enlarged in 1931 and was closed down in 1977, when schools were consolidated in the Town Center.



Students at Ledgemere Country Day School pose with a furry friend in an undated photograph that Ledgemere owner and director, Diane Nicholson, sent to *The Cape Courier*. "It was in September of 1935 that Mrs. Francis York opened the doors of her home at 243 Mitchell Road to a group of local children," Nicholson wrote in an e-mail. "Since then thousands of children have attended, and it is not uncommon for a child to be dropped off for school by a grandparent who also attended Ledgemere." In September the school will celebrate its 75th anniversary. As her predecessor did, Nicholson lives at 243 Mitchell Road with her family.

Cape student actors in this undated historical society photo appear to be of high school or middle school age. Although the name of the actors' production is not known, if the Cape thespians were anything like their current-day successors, the play was a hit. The costumes certainly made an impression.



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society



Ledgemere pupils of yesteryear take a break from eating for a snapshot in this undated photograph provided by school owner and director Diane Nicholson.

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Worship in the snow



Photo by Ted Haider

On a snowy Sunday, Jan. 3, the Rev. Ruth Morrison, far right, of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church and parishioners Carol Haider, far left, and Mark Braun make "impressions" on the pews of the church's outdoor chapel area during part of the early service.

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Farms

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to open Banbury Hill Farm, 20 Old Sea Point Road, off Old Ocean House Road. Robin and her husband, Bruce, have built a nine-stall barn and large outside ring. They are developing a trail-riding network and have negotiated indoor ring time with a neighboring farm. They have already filled seven of the stalls and have room for two more boarders.

"My main objective is to create a fun riding atmosphere for all the owners who board with us." Robin is a skilled horsewoman and the horses in her charge get excellent care.

Down Home Farm fits its name. Nick and Nicole Tammaro are putting down roots on Harvest Lane off Spurwink Avenue. They recently built their home and have put in the foundation for a permanent barn to house their various farm animals. Nick and Nicole are an engaging young couple, enthusiastic about their future in farming. They have a little sign on a post that says "enjoy the animals," inviting visitors afoot, walking the back property, to stop and enjoy a little bit of farm life.

Down Home Farm will be providing locally grown beef, meat chickens, and pigs all to be reserved by prospective consumers in the springtime. They will raise the beef, pigs and chickens to fill orders. The beef and pork

will be marketed by the half and quarter, and the chicken individually. They are taking orders "anytime now through the spring." The farm presently has four head of cattle, and the herd will grow according to orders and demand.

The Old Farm Christmas Place is sure to become a destination for every Cape Elizabeth family. Jay Cox's new farm is located at 1148 Sawyer Road. Starting in November or December of 2010 the farm will be open for the Christmas season. Cape families will be bundling up the kids and getting in line for the hay ride to the top of the hill where they'll find a pit ablaze with fire and will be warmed by hot chocolate and marshmallows. They can choose and cut their own Christmas tree and take it home or Jay will deliver it. At the bottom of the hill is the retail store in the shingled barn. Jay is installing a kitchen and a cozy wood stove to warm the space. He plans to offer ornaments and decorations from all over the world, locally made crafts and made-to-order wreaths.

Cape Elizabeth has a long history of farming and agricultural enterprises, thus making sense that more farmers are braving the economy to try their hands at providing our citizens with local produce and livestock. We are fortunate to have the addition of four new farms all providing resources, food security, local products and ecologically friendly additions to the town's landscape and economic base.



Photo by Bethany Angle

Nick and Nicole Tammaro pose with their beef cows at Down Home Farm.



Photo by Bruce Mills

Robin Mills stands in the Banbury Hill Farm stable with her son, horses and dog.

Fees

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any revenue resulting from fees be dedicated for the park, rather than general town use.

George Morse cautioned the council not to view the park as "some kind of cash cow."

Many citizens offered alternative fundraising ideas ranging from gift shops and lobster rolls to the more extraordinary idea of a park battery as a memorial and storage for cremated remains.

The latter idea came from Fred Prince, who called the proposed fee generation "chump change," and urged the town to "go after some real money."

Carl Dittrich proposed raising the registration fee for the Beach to Beacon road race from \$35 to \$50, with the extra \$15 per each of the 6,000 registered runners going to support the park.

Kathy Johnson asked for another committee to be formed to consider alternative opportunities for revenue raising.

Concerns were raised about changed expectations for amenities like trash cans and public restrooms.

Two speakers involved in the cruise and tour bus industry said that there was a risk that tour buses might bypass Cape Elizabeth altogether, or simply drive through the park without stopping at the Portland Head Light Museum gift shop, if a tour bus fee was imposed. The importance of shopping for the bus tourist was emphasized, leading to a suggestion that perhaps the town should work to draw the buses in rather than charge a fee.

Next steps

"I think the council was pleased with our first try of an interactive public-input workshop," Town Council Chair, Anne Swift-Kayatta said, in a Jan. 5 e-mail to *The Cape Courier*. "We decided to experiment with the format of some of our meetings since one of our 2010 Town Council goals is to re-engineer town policy development processes to provide for increased and earlier citizen input on key decisions."

"The council is working to provide and balance the many important competing needs that citizens have while also trying to keep the tax burden on Cape property owners as low as is possible. Figuring out how to pay for everything in the coming budget will be a challenge given the difficult economy and our declining revenues from the state, from excise taxes, and from lower investment income, but we're working hard on the issues," Swift-Kayatta said.

A second workshop on the topic will be held Jan. 25, but this will be a council work session, open to the public, but not an open forum.

Swift-Kayatta said that she anticipates reaching a consensus on policy issues, including: whether there should be parking fees, whether tour buses should be charged, where any possible revenue should go, and whether there should be another citizen referendum, at the Jan. 25 workshop. Swift-Kayatta also anticipates a decision will be made at that time whether to move forward with a council vote on the recommendations at the council's regular Feb. 8 meeting.

Town Council

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The town is requesting a grant in the amount of \$600,000, with a total estimated project cost of \$980,000. Town Planner Maureen O'Meara, in a brief presentation before the council, explained that \$600,000 was the total amount of grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle improvements for the region.

McGovern, in his presentation, said that while the town expected any PACTS money to come with an 80/20 funding stipulation, the 20 percent to come from private fundraising, there was also a possibility of stimulus or other funding. O'Meara and McGovern explained, as well, that requesting funding for the whole project, rather than just a portion of the path, gave them the most flexibility at the grant application stage.

Councilors Penny Jordan and Jessica Sullivan expressed concern that the town might have to fund some of the construction cost, in the event that private fundraising was in-

sufficient to complement any grants. It was made clear by McGovern, O'Meara, and Councilor David Sherman and Town Council Chair Anne Swift-Kayatta that any construction costs not covered by grants needed to come from private fundraising efforts or that grant money could be refused.

The council voted 5-2 to authorize the grant application, with Councilors Jordan and Sullivan voting against the authorization.

Sprague easement accepted

The council gratefully accepted a newly refined easement from the Sprague Corp. in the vicinity of Great Pond and Alewife Brook. The easement provides a buffer around existing trails. There are also new boat storage rules to protect the vegetation around Great Pond. Boat storage racks will be built for licensed public use near the pond.

The council also agreed to request the Planning Board to remove recently approved conditions relating to hours of use and dog leashing at Winnick Woods.

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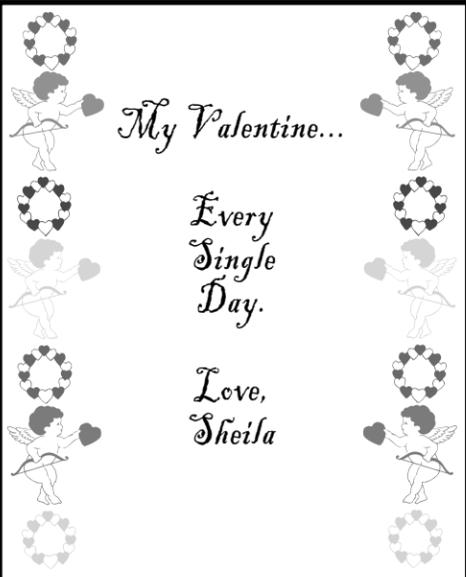
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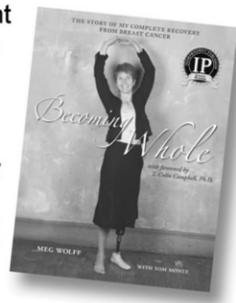
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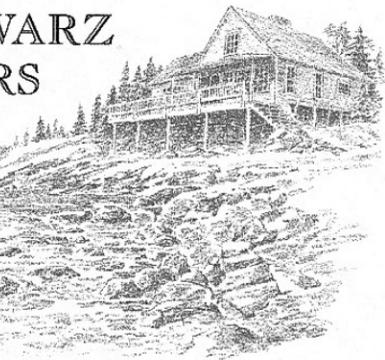
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Pvt. **Stephanie J. Lawsure** of Platoon 4038 in Oscar Company's 4th Battalion graduated on Dec. 4 from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C. Her family and friends were with her as she crossed the parade deck one last time, ending her recruit training and earning the title, "Marine." Her parents are **Daniel and Theresa Lawsure**.



Stephanie Lawsure

Adrienne Hansen has become a partner in the Portland employment law firm Reben, Benjamin & March, where she represents Maine workers in a variety of contexts. Adrienne joined the firm in 2002, after she and her husband Chad moved to Portland from Boulder, Colo. She received a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in 2002 and her bachelor's degree from Duke University in 1997. Previously, she interned for the National Organization for Women, working with a team of advocates to educate judges and law enforcement officers on domestic violence issues.



Adrienne Hansen

Inn by the Sea's green initiatives were featured recently with seven other Maine sustainability projects at a multi-media event produced by Green Living Project, a media production, marketing and entertainment company that showcases global sustainability initiatives around the world. In addition to the inn, which has won awards for its green efforts, the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, the Maine Compost School in Monmouth, and Maine Huts & Trails' new hut-to-hut system were featured. GLP, which is sponsored by National Geographic Adventures, seeks to encourage individuals and communities to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. The eight projects were the first that GLP has featured in Maine.

Cape attorney **Peter Clifford** was selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of "New England Super Lawyers" in the category, "personal injury plaintiff-general." The annual guide recognizes the top 5 percent of lawyers in the six New England states, based on a statewide, peer-reviewed survey of lawyers.

Body rolling



Melora Gregory, a yoga teacher for 18 years at Portland Yoga Studio, recently completed a second level of training in New York City to become certified to teach Yamuna body rolling. Introduced to body rolling five years ago, Melora teaches daytime classes at Portland Yoga and an evening class at Meetinghouse Hill Yoga in South Portland.

Cardiologist **Mylan C. Cohen** was named president of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology the first week in January. A professional medical society with more than 5,000 members, ASNC provides continuing medical education programs related to cardiology and related tomography, develops standards and guidelines for training and practice, promotes accreditation and certification within the field, and advocates for furthering research and excellence in the field. Cohen practices cardiology in South Portland with Maine Cardiology Associates, serves as medical director of noninvasive cardiology at Maine Medical Center and is a clinical professor of medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He also serves on the board of directors of the TD BankNorth Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, for which he is co-medical director, and on the board of Congregation Bet Ha'am in South Portland.

Cape Elizabeth resident **James B. Shaffer**, dean of the University of Southern Maine School of Business, has taken on additional responsibilities as the university's chief operating officer. In his temporary role, Shaffer will oversee operations of several senior-level units, and will help guide a reorganization process to ensure that USM is well-positioned to serve the educational needs of the region and state.

USM President Selma Botman also has asked him to lead a task force charged with analyzing economic data so that the university community is fully informed of fiscal consequences of decisions.

Shaffer spent more than three decades in senior executive positions at media companies, including The Sun-Times Company, The Los Angeles Times and the former Guy Gannett Communications in Portland. Shaffer has taught in USM's School of Business since 2004 and was named dean in 2006.

He is a former member of the board of directors at the Institute for Civic Leadership, the Maine College of Art, the Maine Science and Technology Foundation, the Portland Regional Chamber, the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education.



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