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Remember summer?



CEHS sophomore Noelle Webster's photo "Underwater Adventure" won a regional Scholastic Art Award and will move on to New York for national judging. Story on page 2.

Public hearings set on assisted living facility and zoning ordinance amendments

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold two public hearings on long-awaited issues at its February meeting. One, a site plan for the former Viking Nursing Home at 126 Scott Dyer Road, and the other, proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance related to agriculture.

The hearings are both scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall chamber. The board typically reschedules its

February meeting to accommodate school vacation week, but this year there will be enough members present for a quorum.

At their meeting Jan. 19, the board ruled on an application from Woodlands Assisted Living of Cape Elizabeth LLC to redevelop an existing building at 126 Scott Dyer Road into an assisted living facility for residents with Alzheimer's disease.

—see PLANNING, page 18

Superintendent's plan to offset curtailment would use undesignated and Medicaid funds

By Wendy Keeler

If the School Board adopts a proposal that Superintendent Alan Hawkins unveiled in mid-January, undesignated school funds and Medicaid reimbursements will provide the lion's share of money the school district needs to offset an anticipated curtailment in state aid of more than \$621,000 this school year. The plan, which the board will vote on at a Feb. 9 business meeting, does not call for staff layoffs, program cuts, or furlough days.

Although Hawkins considers the plan the best solution for this school year, he does not propose it easily.

"I worry a great deal about spending so much of the unexpended money we have, but if we're making choices that have the least effect on student education right now, this seems to be the most logical step to take, but the School Board may see otherwise," Hawkins said Jan. 25.

In the fall, the Maine Department of Education announced a projected \$38 million cut in state subsidies to schools to help make up for state revenue shortfalls. Cape's share of the curtailment, \$621,440, represents 3.5 percent of the school budget, one of the highest percentage cuts in the state, Hawkins said in December.

Undesignated funds

Under Hawkins' plan, the School Depart-

ment would use \$341,899 of its \$541,942 undesignated fund balance. This school year, the district has more money in the fund than it does traditionally, School Board Chair Rebecca Millett said.

"This year it is larger than in recent history because last year after the state informed us of a curtailment in funding we froze spending.

Then federal stimulus money became available and the state used the stimulus money, so we did not experience a cut in funding," Millett said. "We also spent a good deal of last year under a budget freeze, which resulted in an increase in our undesignated fund balance that was carried over to this year."

If Hawkins' plan goes through, \$200,113 in undesignated funds still would be available next year. In the past five years, the district typically has carried over \$250,000, School Department Business Manager Pauline Aportria said.

Medicaid reimbursements

Under the superintendent's plan, the district also would use \$210,429 in Medicaid reimbursements received last year for special education services to Cape students during the 2008-2009 school year.

"In this proposal, Alan is recommending that we use funds that we received a year

—see CURTAILMENT PLAN, page 18

'If you're making choices that have the least effect on student education right now, this seems to be the most logical step to take.'
—Superintendent Alan Hawkins

Chance meeting with robot launches life of programming, tinkering, 'fun'

Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series of profiles about Cape Elizabeth residents and their lives.

By Wendy Keeler

Love-at-first-sight stories about humans and robots happen in science fiction books. They happen in movies. They happen in the future.

But Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Jensen first spied the robot that would change his life in 1962. Surreal though it felt at the time, the chance meeting took place in a room off a very real "long, grey hall with closed grey doors" located in the bowels of a building at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Jensen, who had entered MIT the previous year, was taking an introductory computer class in a room behind one of the grey doors, "just to find out what these new things were," he says on a sunny weekday morning in early January at his home, which is perched up high, overlooking Casco Bay.

"One day, walking up that long grey-on-grey corridor, one of these doors opened, and four men walked down the hall talk-

ing. They left the door open," Jensen says. Two of the men were "names in the history books": cognitive scientist Marvin Minsky, a pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence, and engineer and mathematician Claude Shannon, known as "the father of information theory."

"I recognized their faces, so after they left the room, I stuck my face in the open door and discovered a robot feeling its way around the floor. My jaw dropped about four inches," Jensen, 68, says, registering a look of shock just recalling the moment. "So I walked in and stayed and acquired an addiction right there."

That robot launched Jensen on a 40-year computer-programming ride that would take him from reading machines and Braille printers in the 1960s to newspapers and page-layout programs from the 1970s to the 1990s, and then on to generators, carburetors, Stirling engines, and even engineer

Dean Kamen's two-wheeled Segway.

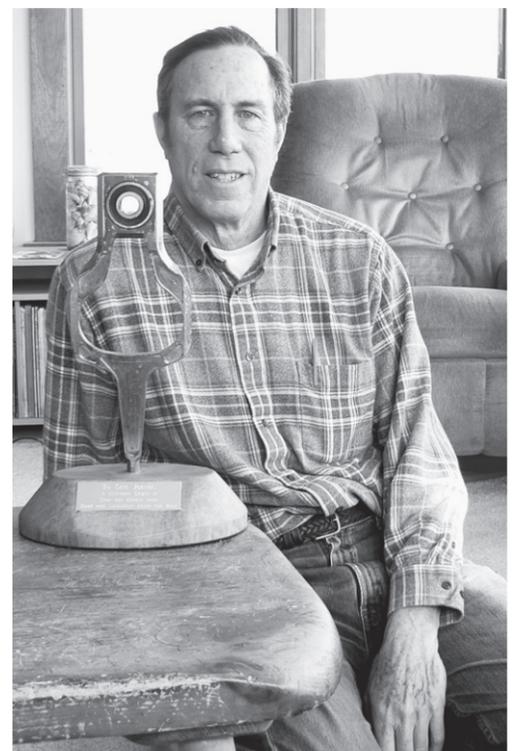
Four years ago, when Jensen retired, he and his wife Laurie moved from New Hampshire to the house in Cragmoor that his mother built in 1965. The house sits on the very spot where she grew up in a house where her father, Willis Hay, lived in the 1890s. Big windows abound, offering a view that stretches from the Diamond islands to the islands of Outer Green and Junk of Pork.

Although Jensen can't get enough of the panorama, which includes six lighthouses, he is not sitting idle in his retirement.

In addition to swimming every weekday morning with Laurie, Jensen volunteers in the Cape schools, where he has spent hours helping high school math

'I am definitely not a management type. I don't have the genes for that. I'm a geek, and I recognize that.'
Eric Jensen

—see CAPE PROFILE, page 16



Eric Jensen sits with the mounted "Stirling engine" he received when he retired.



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Old sign to be recycled for park fee issue

“NO FEE—KEEP IT FREE”

That was the slogan on the sign before the referendum on the last go-round on the Fort Williams fee proposal. I saved the sign because I was sure that, despite an overwhelming majority of “no” votes, its ugly head would be raised again. Makes me wonder if the [letter] writer in the last *Courier* was right. She wrote, “I can’t help but think that this old, tired and VOTER REJECTED idea keeps coming back because there is somebody(s) behind the scenes who stands to profit a lot from it.”

Tour buses, yes. The rest of the public, NO. As someone wrote in an e-mail to the council, “Tour buses need a year’s notice of a \$1 per person cost increase? (B.S.) Do the oil companies give a year’s notice of gas price increases?”

Other suggestions for increasing revenues have been made. I defer to them in order to save readers’ time.

By all means, let there be a referendum. Don’t jam it down the electorate!

Bob Tripler

Reader suggests Cape Courier blog

I write to suggest the *Courier* start a blog. I don’t know how much effort it would take, but I think the *Courier* should consider adding an opportunity for resident comments to its online edition.

As we are all aware, print editions of newspapers are not doing well, but online editions are. Most newspapers’ online editions seem to have an opportunity to comment. A blog feature could be especially helpful to the *Courier*, as it comes out only biweekly.

The *Courier*’s letters section is useful but isn’t conducive to an exchange of views because of the delay between issues and the short time period between an issue’s publication and the deadline for comments to be included in the next issue. For example, the Jan. 16 *Courier* issue came out at the beginning of a long weekend, and the deadline for submissions for the next issue was noon on the following Tuesday.

The Cape Citizen page of the town Web site is good but contains only communications to and from municipal officials—school officials don’t permit communications to them to appear there. I have a blog, but most comments are understandably in response to the articles.

A *Courier* blog would give Cape residents a forum for communicating with each other on *Courier* articles, as well as any aspect of town affairs, including school affairs. Please give consideration to the blog idea.

Mary T. Esposito

Correction

The photo of Austin Chadd that appeared on the front page of the Jan. 16-Jan. 29 edition of *The Cape Courier* incorrectly placed him. The photo of Chadd was taken at Old Ocean House Farms. The photographer was Samantha Rocray.

Special thanks to Cape Schools Technology Coordinator Gary Lanoie for lending a hand to *The Cape Courier* this issue. It’s nice to have friends in this community!

Generous support at tree pickup provides funding for additional hockey team ice time

The CEHS Boys Ice Hockey Team would like to thank the Cape Elizabeth community for their generous support of the second annual Christmas tree pickup fundraiser.

Donations from participating families provided funding for five additional hockey practices at local ice arenas. Despite the wintry weather, the pickup was successful.

We’ll see you again next year!

Betsy St. Germain



Wilson Laprade, Zach Labbe and Ryan Jackson, CEHS Ice Hockey Team players, drop off a truckload of trees at the Transfer Station. The Christmas tree pickup prevailed despite snow and winds on Jan. 2.

Cape student wins ‘Gold Key’ award

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School artist Noelle Webster will never forget the day, a “perfect” Cape Cod summer day, the day she memorialized in her photograph, “Underwater Adventure,” which recently won Webster a regional Scholastic Art “Gold Key” award (see prize-winning photo on page 1).

Webster, 15, and her 13-year-old cousin, Eric Knight, were swimming in a pool near Old Silver Beach in North Falmouth, Mass., the place to be on an 85-degree day.

“The sun streamlined these rays down to the pool, and I thought it would be a cool picture,” said Webster, who had her underwater Olympus camera with her.

Months later, a panel of artists judged the photo cool enough to earn the highest award possible in the 2010 Maine Regional Scholastic Arts Awards competition.

The competition is the longest running student recognition program for the visual arts in the United States. Since the late 1920s, when the competition was established, some winners have gone on to become nationally renowned artists—Richard Avedon, Robert Indiana, and Andy Warhol among them.

Regional award-winning works will be on display from March 8 to 17 at Heartwood College of Art, located at 123 York Street in Kennebunk. Show hours will be from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students who have received Silver and Gold Key awards or honorable mentions will attend an award ceremony and reception at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Coastal House in Wells. The pieces will then move on to New York for national judging.

A student in Richard Rothlisberger’s advanced photography class, Webster got the photo bug even before she took Rothlisberger’s introduction to photography course last year. But her passion really kicked in while taking the class.

“In general, I always have a camera with me in my bag, and I have since last year,” she says.

Photography isn’t Webster’s only passion. A swimmer who won the 500-yard freestyle on Jan. 15 at a meet at Cape Elizabeth’s Donald L. Richards Pool, Webster also loves to paint.

Her bag may get heavier in the future, as she adds other artists’ implements to the camera.

“I’m taking art fundamentals next quarter, and I’m hoping to maybe double up next year with painting and drawing and another course.”

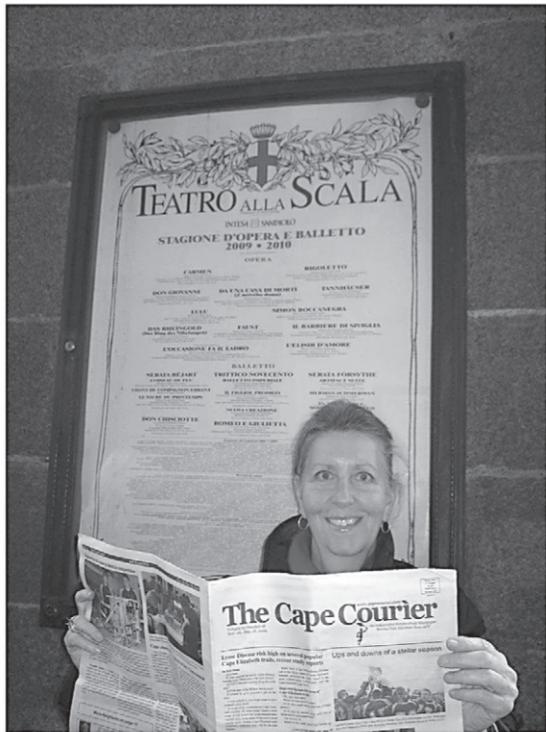
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Photo by Noelle Webster

Asked to capture the spirit of Portland for an advanced photography class last fall, Webster photographed buildings reflected in a window.

Hometown news from La Scala



Peg Aikman catches up on hometown news during her visit to Milan, Italy in December.

"The opera "Carmen" was in rehearsal, and we were actually allowed into a closed rehearsal," Aikman said. "I was blown away. Such history and beauty." Aikman's trip to Italy also included a visit to Florence.

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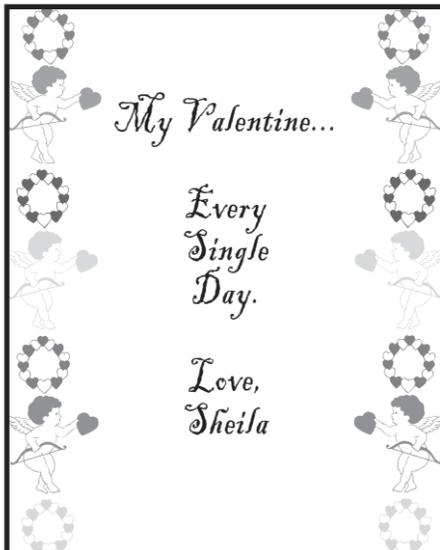



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Engaging People: Anita Samuelsen, in her own words

Anita Samuelsen has lived in Cape Elizabeth since 1972. She worked in the Cape Elizabeth school system from 1973 to 1994, mostly in the middle school library, but also in the main office and guidance office at that school, and briefly in the high school guidance office. She is a proofreader at *The Cape Courier* and a parishioner at St. Alban's Church. She is 77.

I was born in 1932. I'm a Depression baby.

I am the daughter of an illegal immigrant. He jumped ship when he was 17 or 18. He later got general amnesty.

He was expert at getting steel shreds out of peoples' eyes. He could do anything, actually. He was a very gifted person.

One of my mother's favorite sayings was "Self-praise stinks." We always knew our parents were proud of us though.

My maiden name is Holmsten.

I was Miss Finland in the New York World's Fair in 1939. I was 7. They had "National Days." There was some other little girl who really should have been it—she spoke Finnish, but she was too shy—and so I was it. I got to sit on the top of a float and ride.

I always loved school. I love learning. And you never stop.

My musical tastes are pre-Rolling Stones or Beatles. I like all kinds of music, but I've never really learned much about rock 'n' roll.

I love the old jazz classics.

The stuff you heard in the juke box in high school, that's the stuff you remember.

I heard some of the other stuff with my kids, but it's nothing I'm attuned to.

I'm a great baseball fan. My husband and I lived in a Lutheran parsonage in Brooklyn. We used to go to Ebbetts Field on the subway. We lived in Brooklyn when the Dodgers won the World Series. There were cars honking all through the night, celebrating. It was really something. Then they had the nerve to leave Brooklyn. I'm a Red Sox fan now.

After college, when I knew we'd be living in Germany, where my husband studied medicine, I went to Katharine Gibbs [School]. It was probably the most rigorous training I had. My daughter went years later. I read the brochure and it was full of mistakes. I still have my Katharine Gibbs handbook at *The Cape Courier* office.

Any work I ever did I loved. It was really the people I liked.

The most exciting job I had was at Radio Free Europe, from 1958 to 1964. I was an administrative assistant in the Audience Research Department. RFE was a group of five radio stations that broadcast out of Munich to Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia, staffed by the exiles from those countries. It was supported by the CIA, but I didn't know that at the time.

I shook JFK's hand in Brooklyn. I was in Munich when he was killed. I remember people weeping in the trolley... He was handsome, but more than that, it was the wit.

I loved the middle school kids...you get them at 10 years old when they still like adults.

A lot of children, and from across the board, have never been trained in good manners. I always considered it part of my job [at the schools] to let them learn to say "please" and "thank you."

Life is full of phases. Looking back, you think, "Is that all me?" For each time there is an adjustment. There are such good things in each phase.

What I most value in a friend is the ability to be open and intimate. Age doesn't really matter. One of the greatest blessings in my life is that I have friends of different ages.

What young women do today is amazing.

I certainly have changed. I certainly don't believe all the same things I did when I was 20 or 30 or 40. It would be very sad not to adapt to some extent to a changing world.

I don't use Facebook.

The first time I saw Maine was on my honeymoon.

My first meal in Maine was a lobster stew in Kittery. That was delicious.

I'm not a foodie. I like sweets, unfortunately. I could live on just sweets.

I'm think the little local paper may survive in a way the big papers won't. It's the only way to get local news the way you want to read it.

After Ellen Van Fleet started *The Cape Courier*, I was amazed we had survived so long without it.

Proofreading ... It's the way I read, actually. I tend to spot the errors.

I served four or five terms as Junior Warden on the vestry at St. Alban's Church. I have been pretty steadily a member of the Newcomers' Committee. It's our job to welcome people to the church. Our church has grown from 300 to over 1,000 during that time, so there has been a lot of welcoming to do.

— Interviewed by Elizabeth Brogan

This is the first in a periodic series of profiles of engaging people in our town. If you'd like to suggest an interesting person for a future profile, please e-mail: editor@capecourier.com.

TD Bank Beach to Beacon has a new name, new logo, more equitable registration process

Organizers of the TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race on Jan. 19 unveiled an innovative new online registration process aimed at providing a more equitable way for runners to secure bib numbers when registration gets underway in March.

A name change for the title sponsor also means the 13th edition of the popular road race, set for Saturday, Aug. 7 will have a new name: the TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K. A new logo and signage have been developed.

The new registration process combines the previous first-come/first-served approach with a bib lottery for those who get shut out online, and also earmarks bib numbers to accommodate Cape Elizabeth residents and those who have participated in every previous race.

"We feel like we've developed a very fair and equitable registration process for the race this year that balances the needs and the concerns of a number of constituencies," Race President David Weatherbie said.

Race organizers began looking at improvements after the first-come/first-served online only registration last year opened and closed in less than two hours, shattering the previous record of 26 hours. The high volume overwhelmed computer servers and led to duplicates and confusion for some who tried to register within the two-hour time period, and frustration for others who couldn't access a computer in time and got left out.

Weatherbie, Race Director David McGilivray and Joan Benoit Samuelson, the race founder, devised the new process after listening to concerns and seeking input from the running community, including feedback from 1,300 runners who participated in a survey.

Runners will continue to register at the race Web site, www.beach2beacon.org. The 2010 race entry fee will remain at \$35.

Here is how the new online registration process will work:

Phase One: Beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 12, Cape Elizabeth residents will have a 24-hour window to fill 600 slots. Addresses will be verified to ensure a Cape Elizabeth zip code.

Phase Two: Online registration will open to the general public at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. Registration will remain open until 4,000 runners have signed up.

Phase Three: Once the online registration limit of 4,600 is reached, visitors will be automatically directed to the lottery registration process. The lottery system will distribute

1,500 bib numbers. Lottery registrations will be gathered over a one-week period, ending at midnight on Sunday, March 20.

Lottery entrants are limited to one online entry but can include up to two registrants in that entry. Entrants will be charged a per-entry lottery fee of \$5, which will be used for race enhancements.

The lottery drawing will occur on Monday, March 21.

The remaining bib numbers will be set aside for so-called streakers, runners who have participated in every TD Bank Beach to Beacon, and sponsors, elite athletes, and charities.

"By combining a lottery with the first-come/first-served component, everybody who wants to get into the race is going to have a fair shot, and that's really the best we can do," said Race Director David McGilivray.

The computer platform used to handle registration has also been upgraded, he said.

Weatherbie said runners who completed the survey were evenly split between retaining the first-come/first-served process, going to a lottery only and implementing some combination of both.

The hybrid registration approach taken by the TD Bank Beach to Beacon is unusual in the road race industry, he said, and will be watched closely as race organizers across the country grapple with how to deal with races filling up faster and faster each year.

In addition, he said, a large number of survey respondents outside Cape Elizabeth indicated that residents in the host community should get special accommodation, due to the huge volunteer effort the town makes to stage what is regarded as a first-rate event.

They recognized the sacrifices the community makes in hosting this event and wanted a mechanism to ensure Cape residents can get in, Weatherbie said. In 2009, 579 Cape residents finished the race.

The field size will increase only slightly for 2010. Race organizers will accept 7,000 registrations, compared to 6,850 in 2009, again targeting a race day field of 6,000. The race has doubled in size since it debuted in 1998 with a race day field of 3,000.

Even as the field has grown, registration for the race has consistently closed earlier and earlier each year. In the early years, the race did not fill up until June. By 2007, it closed in 10 days. In 2008, the first year of online only registration, it filled in 26 hours, setting up last year's stunning result.



The 2004 Beach to Beacon "pack" at the start

Photo by Ann Kaplan

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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS

The Cape Elizabeth School Department has inspected all school buildings for the presence of suspect asbestos-containing building materials in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) EPA 40 CFR 763. A written plan for the management of these materials has been maintained by Environmental Safety & Hygiene Associates Inc. of Westbrook, Maine.

The AHERA Management Plan is available for inspection by the general public at the Town Office of Cape Elizabeth, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The plans may be inspected during normal office hours by appointment. Copies of the plans can be provided at a cost of 25 cents per page.

The Management Plan is a guidance document outlining operational procedures designed for the proper maintenance and safety of all people who work, study, or are otherwise present in any of the following facilities:

Cape Elizabeth High School Middle School Complex

The materials are bi-annually inspected for change in condition during six month periodic surveillances conducted in March and September. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Ms. Pauline Aportria, LEA Asbestos Coordinator at (207) 799-2217.

Students make winter visit to farm

By Louise Sullivan

Apple Tree School is well known in the Two Lights Road neighborhood for investigation and action, so it wasn't a surprise to have 18 children and four teachers pay a visit to Journey's End Farm on a cold January afternoon.

Founder Pam Mullin grew up on a dairy farm in Kittery, and for many years, her daughters Isabel and Elsa raised a Holstein calf on Two Lights Road for their 4-H project. The girls are grown and away now, and the calf barn has been turned into a Nature Lab for the school, but Pam is carrying on the tradition of teaching children to know and respect the traditions of rural life.

At a recent Cape Farm Alliance meeting, Pam set up a visit to Journey's End. She knew from experience that it would be a great field trip in the winter. On Monday, the children had the opportunity to observe the sheep at close quarters as the flock is in the fold next to the barn in preparation for late winter lambing.

The visit began with a lesson in the importance of electric fences.

One child, Matthew, said, "They keep dogs and other predators out." The children also knew that our main predators in Cape Elizabeth are dogs and coyotes. Stepping



Photo by Pam Mullin

Students from Apple Tree School visit Journey's End Farm.

into a tray of bleach solution before entering the fold introduced the class to the basics of biosecurity. Another child, Ryer, told me, "It's important to step in it so you don't give sheep germs."

Since many hands make light work, we all got right down to chores. The children carried hay outside to shake loose on clean snow and filled the water buckets. They renewed the mineral mix, and closed one of the big barn doors. The sheep barn is a converted cabbage cellar so it's an easy trip into the loft to see winter hay stores and visit the chickens.

Before saying goodbye, I asked the children what they had learned about sheep. Everyone had lots of observations. Marcus said, "Sheep have four stomachs." Matthew knew that the sheep at Journey's End are Katahdins and have hair instead of wool. Will, who was one of the bucket-brigade, told me that water is the sheep's most important food. He added, "It's everyone's most important food." And he's right!

Apple Tree School plans to come back after the lambs are born. For more pictures of their visit, go to the Cape Farm Alliance Web site at www.capeelizabeth-farms.com.



Photo by Amy Arris

A student takes a closer look at the sheep.

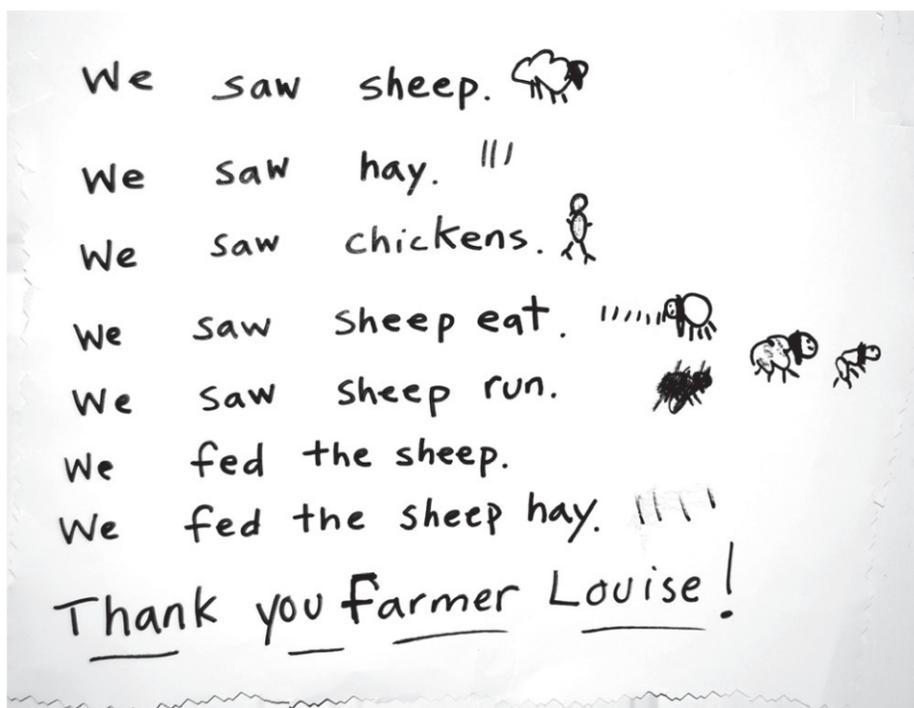


Photo by Carrie Croft

A thank you note from appreciative Apple Tree School students says it all!

Investment in broadband infrastructure to benefit Maine economy

By Rep. Cynthia Dill

With all of the headlines focused on the budget crisis, it may be easy to miss some of the good news. In the last few months, Maine received a huge boost to our efforts to build our broadband infrastructure – a virtual superhighway that is quickly becoming the frontier of commerce. Linking our rural communities to the Internet is vital for the development of Maine's economy and our future. That's why the \$25.4 million award to the state from The National Telecommunications and Information Administration for GWI's "Three Ring Binder" middle mile project is so important.

As the House chair of the Broadband Strategy Council (BBSC), and sponsor of the bill creating it, I am very excited that the federal government has chosen to accept the council's recommendations to fund the biggest of the four major broadband infrastructure projects the BBSC recommended.

This project is a public-private effort which will allow Maine telecommunications companies and vital Maine institutions to enhance high speed (i.e. "broadband") Internet access in rural Maine. The end result will be high-speed Internet connections in more than 100 additional towns throughout the state, and a secure, reliable telecommunications infrastructure for our government institutions, public schools, universities, hospitals and libraries.

Any plan to provide connectivity to a given area has to overcome the absence of what the telecom industry calls a "middle mile" connection to the Internet. The middle mile connection is similar to an electronic artery capable of carrying large volumes of information at high speeds to big geographic ar-

reas. Private companies then provide the "last mile" of service to the home or business from the main artery. Another analogy is a highway system with the interstate serving as the "middle mile" and the smaller roads the "last mile." In many areas of Maine, such digital middle mile arteries simply do not exist.

When the BBSC began its assessment process last summer, it measured each project against the overall goal of a secure and reliable telecommunications network that provides broadband access to unserved and underserved populations and regional areas. We put a special emphasis on projects that would foster economic development, create jobs and enhance the delivery of goods and services.

GWI's "Three Ring Binder" project met all those criteria, as it will significantly improve the telecommunications infrastructure of our state and greatly enhance our ability to compete in the global economy.

There is a wealth of information available about GWI's middle mile project and broadband infrastructure projects around the state. For information regarding the scope and funding of the "Three Ring Binder" project, check out <http://www.threeringmaine.com>.

Also, the state's ConnectME Authority offers grants to companies that will sponsor projects in unserved areas of the state. For more information on the new round of grants, visit <http://www.maine.gov/connectme/ConnectMEAuthorityGrantProgram.htm>.

The success of funding this much-needed project in Maine is the result of hard work and collaboration through a public-private partnership, which serves as a wonderful example of how the people of Maine can invest in their economic future, even when times are difficult.

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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-11 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about damage to the windshield of a motor vehicle.
- 1-11 An officer met with a resident of the Queen Acres neighborhood about the theft of Christmas decorations valued at \$340. Missing are three yard candy canes, two evergreen kissing balls, and one burgundy gazing ball.
- 1-11 An officer met with a representative of a local business regarding bad checks.

SUMMONSES

- 12-31 Cape Elizabeth resident, expired registration, Two Lights Road, \$70
- 1-1 Biddeford resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, operating without a license, violation of conditions of release, possession of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, Ocean House Road
- 1-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (45/30 zone) Sawyer Road

- 1-5 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-5 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-5 Biddeford resident, speeding (42/25 zone) Scott Dyer Road, \$185
- 1-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Mitchell Road
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating without a license over 90 days, Route 77, \$137
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 1-6 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Mitchell Road
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-8 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (66/50 zone) Route 77, \$185

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 12-31 Possession of marijuana, tobacco

- product
- 12-31 Possession of alcohol
- 1-1 Possession of alcohol
- 1-1 Violation of interim license, Ocean House Road
- 1-9 Possession of tobacco, Oakwood Road
- 1-9 Violation of interim license, Oakwood Road

ARRESTS

- 1-1 Biddeford resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, refusal to submit to test, operating without a license in violation of conditions, violation of conditions of release, possession of alcohol by a minor, sale and use of marijuana

ACCIDENTS

- 12-30 Stephen Page, Leah Bruns; accident on Oakwood Road
- 12-31 Alexander Rosenfeld, accident on Broad Cove Road
- 12-31 Karen Hamilton, accident on Route 77
- 1-1 Patrick Boland, accident on Hillcrest Drive
- 1-1 Daniel Connley, accident on Shore

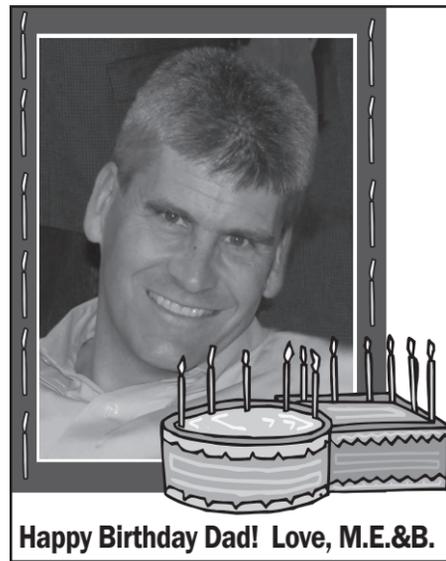
- Road
- 1-2 Theodore Doudakis, accident on Route 77
- 1-10 Nicholas Golden, accident on Cross Hill Road

FIRE CALLS

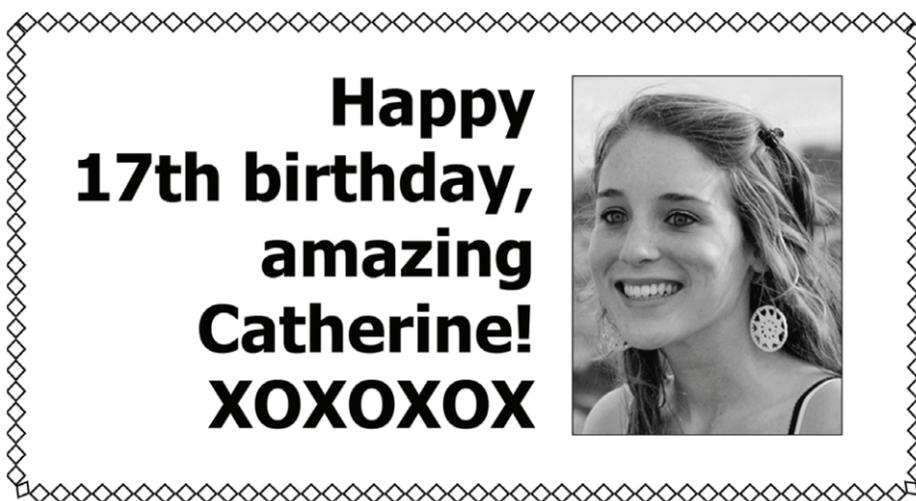
- 12-29 South Portland Mutual aid
- 12-29 Dennison Drive, Fire alarm
- 12-30 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm
- 1-1 Shore Road, car accident
- 1-1 Smuggler's Cove Road, chimney fire
- 1-1 Park Circle, odor investigation
- 1-3 South Portland Mutual aid
- 1-4 South Portland Mutual aid
- 1-7 Silva Drive, fire alarm
- 1-10 Running Tide Road, carbon monoxide alarm

RESCUE CALLS

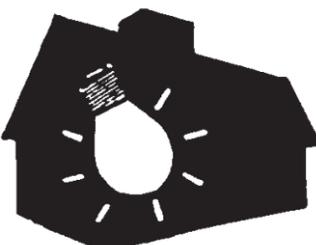
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Breaking record first time just didn't cut it for Cape senior



Photo by David Hillman

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Jonathan Bass sets a new Western Maine Conference pole vaulting record at the CEHS indoor track team's first meet of the season Jan. 4 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

Breaking the Western Maine Conference pole-vaulting record once just wasn't enough for Cape Elizabeth High School athlete Jon Bass, who took up pole vaulting last year.

On Jan. 15, 11 days after the senior had set a new conference and Cape Elizabeth High School track record on Jan. 4, he broke his own record.

At the CEHS indoor track team's first meet of the season held at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham, Bass vaulted 13 feet, 2 inches.

Fast forward to Jan. 15, same time, same place.

Bass added two and a half inches to his Jan. 4 performance, jumping 13 feet, four

and a half inches. The jump qualified as a "National Elite Performance" and a "National Silver Standard," his mother Dede Bass said.

The only other Cape Elizabeth High School track athlete to set a WMC pole-vaulting record was Keegan Toot in 2005 with a 13-foot jump.

Currently, CEHS graduate Kevin Harrison holds the WMC triple jump record of 43'09.25, which he set in 2006.

Referee-certification class for soccer planned in Cape

Soccer Maine will hold a 16-hour, three-session referee-certification class in Cape Elizabeth that will begin Sunday, March 28, and end Tuesday, March 30.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria; from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Community Center; and from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Community Center.

The cost for each participant, who must attend all 16 hours to become certified, is \$112 for the class and \$44 for a uniform. Payment is due the first night of the class. Checks should be made out to "Southern Maine Soccer."

Registration is required, and the sign-up is on a first come-first served basis.

To register, e-mail Anne Bosworth at abosworth@maine.rr.com.

Bottle collection raises money for boys' ice hockey

Community members can raise money for the Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey 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 Randi Bollenbach at rbollenbach@maine.rr.com or 799-2102.

Proceeds help the team cover ice rink time costs, uniforms and other program expenses.

Pickup games for adults, open gyms held every 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.



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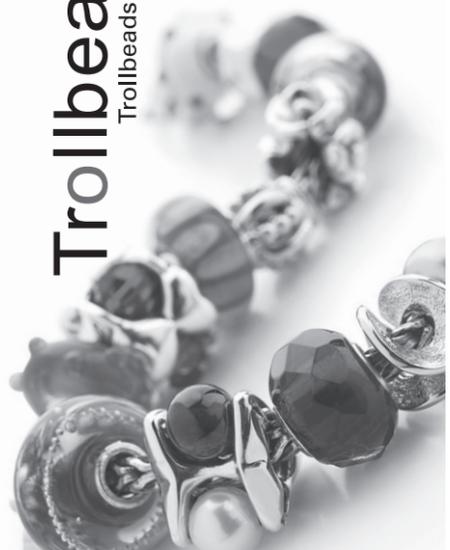
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Cape residents raise money for Haiti

By Wendy Keeler

Cape residents of all ages, at school, church, work and home, are organizing clothing and bottle drives, writing checks, sending text donations, emptying piggy banks, and praying for victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

In the initial days after the quake, some in town sat glued to computers, searching news sites to learn the status of friends.

Cape Elizabeth families and St. Alban's Episcopal Church parishioners constantly checked e-mail and a Facebook page set up for people trying to get news about members of Les Petits Chanteurs, a boys' choir from Holy Trinity Music School in Port-au-Prince. In 2007 and 2008, when the choir performed at St. Alban's during a visit to the U.S., the boys stayed at parishioners' homes.

Francois Alzinor, 21, a boy who stayed in town both summers, died in the quake. A teacher also died. Neither was at the school at the time.

"It's heartbreaking," said parishioner Mary Townsend, who hosted members of the choirs both years.

Miraculously, everyone inside the school, which was demolished, survived.

Townsend got bad news and then wonderful news about a boy her family hosted in 2007. The day after the quake, Townsend read in an e-mail that Marc Valens, who stayed with her family in September 2007, had died. The next morning, she and her family were overjoyed to learn he was alive. But two days after the quake, on a CNN clip online, Townsend saw Valens' mother wailing while trying to find her son.

"No one had been able to contact his mother to let her know he was alive, even two days later," said Townsend, who hadn't learned anything else about the two more than a week after seeing the CNN report.

Cape resident Sara Merrill and another St. Alban's parishioner were scheduled to leave for Haiti five days after the quake to work at another school St. Alban's parishioners support in Haiti: St. Luc's in Tru du Nord. After receiving word that nonessential volunteers should stay home, the two postponed the trip.

Although tremors shook St. Luc's, students, staff and the school building were untouched—at least, physically.

"So many of them are affected because they have loved ones and family members in the port, but in general their communication is lacking in information, which often can cause far more worry," said Sue Raftice, who has volunteered at St. Luc's twice in the past two years in trips that have included Merrill, and Cape residents Kevin Wallace and Nancy Pezzullo.

Parishioners host yearly events to raise money for both schools and for Haiti. For now, the group is waiting to hear about needs.

"We don't want to impose our sense of what the priorities are," Raftice said. "We'll wait to hear from them once they are able to better assess their needs. At this point there is such chaos, and they're struggling to meet the basic needs."

St. Alban's youth group members are collecting gently used instruments for the music school. Call 799-4014 for information.

Relief organizations

The Sunday after the quake, churches in town raised thousands of dollars for relief organizations. For information about donating through a church or congregation, go to the town Web site, www.capeelizabeth.com, click on "Organizations" and then on "Places of Worship" for a list of Web sites.

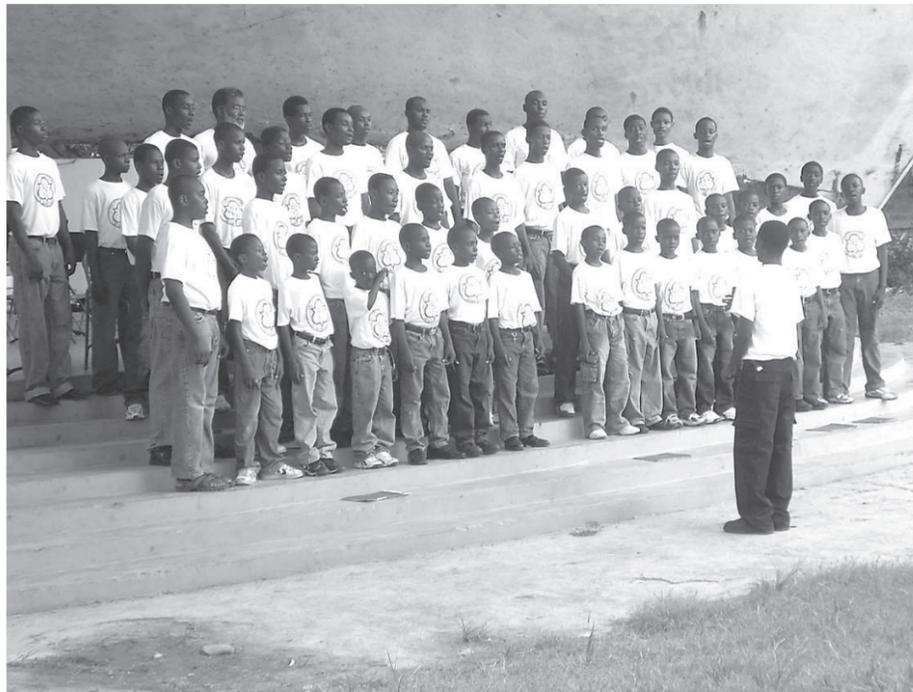
At Pond Cove School, students are holding a bottle drive for Haiti, funds from which will go to the Red Cross. Parents and students

who collect and redeem bottles can donate until Thursday, Feb. 11. Call 799-7339 for information.

At the middle school, students are fundraising in several ways. Students in Kathy Walsh's fifth-grade class, who have been holding hot cocoa sales during snack time, also have raised \$100 through a jar collection. Margaret Welch's fifth-graders are holding a clothing drive. Contact the teachers at margaret_welch@cape.k12.me.us and kathy_walsh@cape.k12.me.us.

A Cape Elizabeth High School club that supports Vilaj Espwa Orphanage in Haiti is also raising money. Although Vilaj Espwa, which means "Village of Hope," is not in Port-au-Prince, most of the orphanage's food comes from the capital. With the port in chaos and infrastructure destroyed, the home is having trouble getting food, Director Marc Boisvert, a Catholic priest and former U.S. Navy chaplain, states on the organization's Web site, www.freethekids.org.

Contact club advisor Sarah Ward at sarah_ward@cape.k12.me.us about donating.



Les Petits Chanteurs, a boys' choir from Holy Trinity Music School in Port au Prince, Haiti, that performed at St. Alban's Episcopal Church and stayed in Cape Elizabeth in 2007 and 2008, lost a student and teacher, as well as their school, in the Jan. 12 earthquake. The student, who stayed with a Cape resident during both trips, and all of the boys have been on the minds of Cape residents and parishioners who hosted the boys both years.





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

Saturday, Jan. 30

Women's Health workshops, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic, 200 Ocean House Road. Free, FMI 799-9355.

Monday, Feb. 1

Boards and Commissions workshop with Town Council, time to be determined, Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Candid Conversations with Community Liaison Officer Mark Dorval, 2:45 p.m. Cape Elizabeth Middle School library, 14 Scott Dyer Road

Free seminar "Polypharmacy", 6:30-9:30 p.m. Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. Call 799-6828 to register.

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

Thursday, Feb. 4

Pond Cove School Craft Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, Feb. 6

Cape Republican Caucus, 9-11 a.m., Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeteria, 14 Scott Dyer Road

Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, 12:30 p.m. social time, 1 p.m. meeting start, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

Monday, Feb. 8

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

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Sunday, Feb. 14

Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads. \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children 12 and younger

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, So. 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.

Treat your sweet to pancakes complete

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will hold a Valentine's Day pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Lions Clubhouse on Two Lights Road at the intersection of Wheeler Road.

Lions 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.

Pancake breakfasts also are planned on

Sundays, March 14, April 11 and May 9 at the same time and place.

Monthly spaghetti dinners will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays Feb. 27 and March 27. 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.

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

Cape singers to perform in Rossini Club concert

Cape Elizabeth resident Steve Blumenthal will perform in a Portland Rossini Club concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State Street, Portland.

The program will include piano music by Granados, Chopin, and Bach.

Special guests at the concert will be singers from the Musica de Filia Girlchoir, including Cape Elizabeth musicians Lyd-

ia Belden, Camille Braun, Laura Catsos, Emma Dadmun, Rosalind Gray-Bauer, and Kelsey Krull. Musica de Filia founder Jaye Churchill will direct the choir.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the general public and \$5 for seniors. Students' admission is free. Parking behind the church is accessed from Park Street.

Contact Richard Roberts at 797-8318 or robpiano@msn.com.

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.

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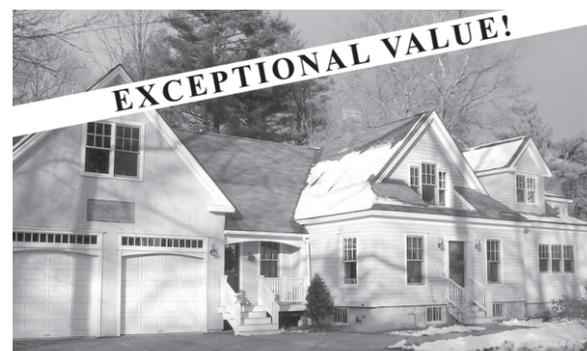
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Republican Committee caucus planned Feb. 6

The Cape Elizabeth Republicans will hold their party's biannual municipal caucus from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafetorium. "All Cape Elizabeth Republicans are urged to attend this important Republican meeting," group member RuthAnne Haley said.

The group has invited speakers, including Republican primary gubernatorial candidates, to attend. For information, go to <http://caperepublicans.org/> or call 767-3863.

Cape Democrats to hold caucus Jan. 31 in high school cafeteria

The Cape Elizabeth Democratic Committee will hold a caucus at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

All registered Democrats are invited, as well as citizens who are not enrolled but wish to register as Democrats.

Contact Jamie Wagner, chair of the Cape Elizabeth Democratic Committee, at wagnerjamie@yahoo.com.

Community Services has adult class openings

Community Services has openings in several adult classes. Three are planned at the Community Center and a fitness class will be held at the Donald L. Richards pool.

Karen Henderson, who manages Ram Island Landscape & Design, will present, "What is an Invasive Plant?" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Henderson will discuss invasive plant vegetation and how the issue has reached the political forefront. The cost will be \$14.

Staff members from Youth Alternatives Ingraham in South Portland, which partners with communities and individuals to deliver social services and mental health care, will offer two programs for adults. The first, "How to Foster Self-Esteem and Increase Resiliency in Children," will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at a cost of \$10. The second, "Dealing with Difficult Behaviors from Toddlers to Teens: A Mandt Systems Approach," is planned from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at a cost of \$10.

Cape resident Kathy Sheehan's program, "It Tastes Too Good to Be Healthy!" will include ways to cook while reducing carbohydrates and boosting fiber. Two classes, both featuring cooking demonstrations, recipes, and samples, will be offered, each at a cost of \$22. "This Can't Be Diet" will focus on desserts, sweet treats, and low-carbohydrate baking and will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11. "How to Love Vegetables" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

Trainer Sarah MacColl will lead a class, "Boot & Suit Camp at the Pool," in which participants will work on strengthening core and shoulders, improving swimming techniques, and doing interval training with deep-water running and swimming. The class has two sessions: one from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 2, and another from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Feb. 1. Each session is \$96.

For information about the classes, call 799-2868. To register, go to the Community Services office in the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

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.

'Owascoag' topic of Feb. 6 genealogy meeting



Photo by Janice Gower

Matt Barker of the Maine Historical Society, standing, speaks to a woman who attended his presentation about Maine's Irish history, at the December meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. Historian Patricia Bowden Corey, will speak Feb. 6 about the settlement of Scarborough.

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 pre-

ceded 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 firsthand account of life in the area from 1636 to the 1750s.

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

The Portland Players' production, "Cheaper By The Dozen," which includes young Cape actors, Luke Sisselman, Griffin and Blair Carpenter, and Jonathan Stanley, will run through Jan. 31.

Stacey Koloski directs the comedy, a true story by Frank Gilbreth, Jr., and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey of life in their large family. Set in the 1920s, the father is an industrial efficiency expert who expects his household to run as efficiently as his factory does, with amusing and

sometimes embarrassing results. Showtimes are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Box office hours are from 10 a.m. to 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.

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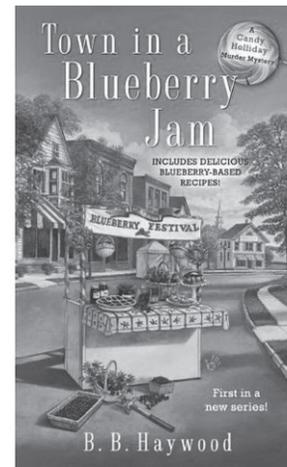
Cape Elizabeth author of new Maine mystery series to speak at the library Feb. 6

Beth Feeman is a longtime Cape resident, and now she is also one half of the writing team publishing a new mystery series under the pseudonym of B. B. Haywood.

The first book in the Candy Holliday mystery series will be published on February 2 by Berkley Books, a division of Penguin; two more entries in the series are under contract. The books take place in a fictional Maine town called Cape Willington. Beth and her writing partner, Robert Feeman, got the idea for the series while driving around the Maine countryside, stopping at different small towns throughout the state.

In the first book, "Town in a Blueberry Jam," protagonist Candy Holliday is thrust out of her idyllic life of tending to her blueberry farm when an aging playboy and the newly crowned Blueberry Queen are murdered. Candy investigates to clear the name of a local handyman, and as she sorts through the town's juicy secrets, things start to get very sticky indeed. The book includes tasty blueberry recipes at the end.

The library will host a party to celebrate



the publication of the first book in the series on Saturday, February 6, at 3 p.m. Come meet Beth Feeman and sample some blueberry tea and blueberry goodies. A book signing will follow. For more information, please visit the library's Web site at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

--Rachel Q. Davis

Children's Librarian & Webmaster

Mary Levine to exhibit at library in February

Mary Levine will be showing an exhibit, simply titled "Watercolors," at the Thomas Memorial Library in February. The exhibit will include both paintings and collage.

Levine, a former resident of Cape Elizabeth, and current resident of Portland, last displayed her work in Cape Elizabeth, over 30 years ago. She recalls that she was among

one of the first exhibitors in the library's gallery space after it was newly reconstructed to its present configuration.

Levine was a docent at the Portland Museum of Art for many years, and a longtime art instructor at Waynflete School in Portland, where she also cofounded the school's summer arts program.



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Topic of free seminar: risks of mixing medications, solutions

Cape Elizabeth resident and medical toxicologist Kevin Wallace who is on the faculty of the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice at U.N.E. College of Pharmacy in Portland, 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, as well as experience of the problem within his own family, 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, health care providers, pharmacists, and other support groups within the community,” Wallace said.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 to register.

Indoor walking happens twice a week

Community Services’ indoor walking program for senior citizens takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Center. Seniors can drop in anytime 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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Group to see ‘Spitfire Grill’ on Feb. 6

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

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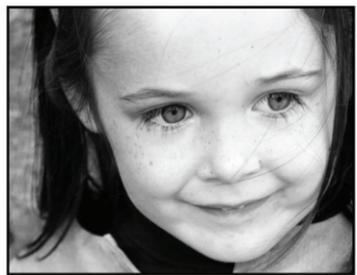
Adults who enjoy snowshoeing and cross-country skiing can sign up for several “Fifty-Plus Easy Adventure” activities this winter through Community Services. The program, which is offered through the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, is a health promotion initiative that coordinates low-intensity, fun,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

A group will snowshoe at Camp Ketcha

in Scarborough on Friday, Feb. 12, at a cost of \$5.

A cross-country ski series will be offered in Yarmouth on 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.

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CEMS musicians to perform Feb. 27

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

Trombonist Nick Shedd; Liam Simpson, who plays trumpet; and Brian Nestor, who plays French horn, will perform with the honors band.

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

Bottle drive raises funds for Chewonki program

Donating bottles to Hannaford will help Cape Elizabeth Middle School maintain its tradition 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 part of the program. This year the Middle School Parents Association will contribute \$90 per child. Each family will pay \$150 per child. The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation has awarded a grant providing \$10,000 for the program over three years, an amount an anonymous donor matched. Contact Lisa Stevens at lstevens@maine.rr.com for bags.

Next stop for victorious CEHS speech team: state championship meet in Orono



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team celebrate their victory Jan. 16 at CEHS after winning the Winter Blast Speech Meet, which the team hosted and which included 150 students from 16 schools. CEHS will compete in the state finals Jan. 30 at the University of Maine at Orono. "This outstanding team has a good shot at the state championship, having won top honors at all preliminary events this season," Coach Richard Mullen said.

After 'model' January book discussion, HSPA to host guidance department at Feb. 2 coffee

Parents interested in learning about the activities and initiatives of Cape Elizabeth High School's guidance department will have a chance to do so at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the school cafeteria. A brief meeting to discuss upcoming High School Parents Association events will follow the guidance department presentation.

The gathering will be the third in a series of informal coffees presented by the HSPA. Previous meetings featured CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd and Assistant Principal Tory Henninger.

"Any and all high school parents are invited to attend these sessions, which include informal, yet valuable conversations among parents, and between parents and school personnel," HSPA Co-chair Trish Brigham said.

A dozen parents who gathered at a book

discussion led by Cape Elizabeth High School social worker Bill Kueck, laughed about the sometimes-comic experiences involved in teaching teens to drive, as the group discussed the book, "Uncommon Sense for Parents of Teens," by Michael Riera.

"The evening's conversation also included more controversial topics such as teen drinking and parents' reaction and response to it, as well as academic expectations—how high should they be?" Brigham said.

Principal Jeff Shedd, who attended the talk, called the event "promising."

"The HSPA discussion offered great promise as a model for sharing among those who are performing just about the loneliest, toughest, most important and rewarding job in 21st-century America: parenting teens," Shedd said.

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Middle School Variety Show!



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Above, Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Quinn Malter sings "Home" to the piano accompaniment of seventh-grader Aaron Dobieski on Wednesday, Jan. 20, during the evening performance of the school Variety Show, held that day in the school cafeteria. At right, eighth-grade guitarist Brian Taintor performs the Kinks' "All Day and All of the Night" with his band, Band on the Run, during the afternoon performance. The show featured nearly 50 performers in 26 acts ranging from juggling, jump-roping, dance, and deejaying to violin, guitar, piano, and band performances, and duet, solo and a cappella vocal acts. Ten joke-cracking emcees took turns introducing performers.



Photo by Wendy Keeler

Cape police to address drug trends in Cape, display paraphernalia on Feb. 2 at CEMS

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Officer Mark Dorval and other Cape police officers will speak about drug trends in Cape Elizabeth at two one-hour sessions planned at 2:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School library.

"This will be a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the paraphernalia they should keep their eyes open for, as well as to have some candid discussions about what the Cape Elizabeth Police Department is seeing around town," CEMS guidance counselor Gretchen McCloy said. "We encourage parents to take action after this discussion and get involved with the HOPE (Healthy Outreach Prevention and Education) action team if they want to try to help make a difference about drug use in Cape Elizabeth."

Formed in 2008, HOPE seeks to provide information about legal, medical, social and

emotional issues related to the use of drugs and alcohol in order to promote a community climate that supports an alcohol- and drug-free lifestyle for Cape youth.

Throughout February, when the CEMS guidance team will focus on drug and tobacco awareness, "students will engage in activities around the theme," McCloy said.

Each month, the school highlights a wellness theme through advisory activities, morning announcements, presentations and signs posted around the school. Once a month parents are invited to an event related to the theme.

Topics this year have included eating local foods, depression awareness, kindness and compassion, alcohol awareness, and healthy lifestyles.

E-mail McCloy at gretchen_mccloy@cape.k12.me.us or call her at 799-7339 for information.

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 parent 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.

Contact Trish Brigham at pbrigham@maine.rr.com to buy a card to support CEHS. Contact Stanley at amystanley5@gmail.com to support CEMS.

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

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 cafeteria.

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 who are 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.



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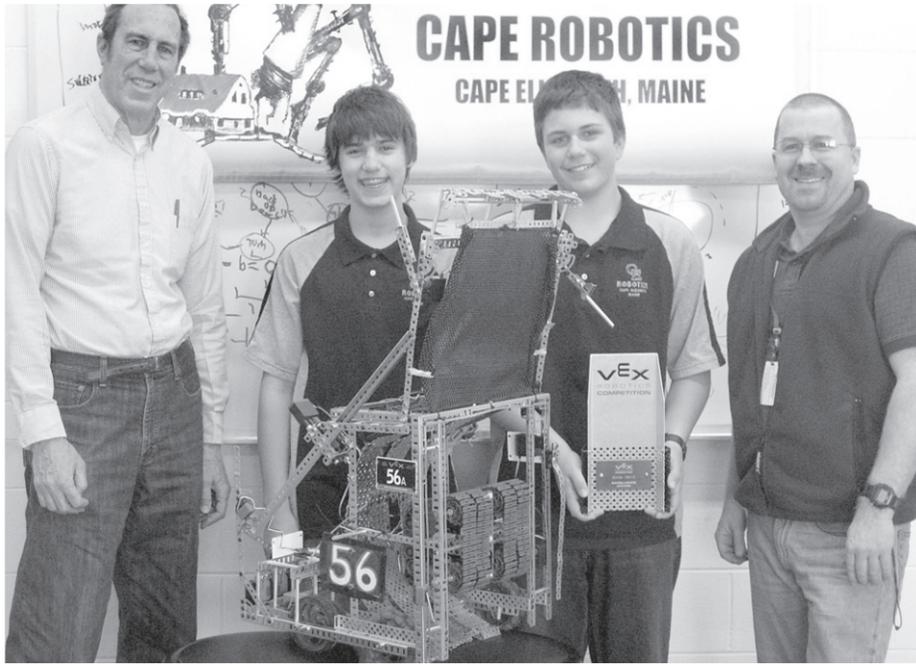


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Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders Anthony Castro, second from left, and Luke Dvorzniak, second from right, gather in the high school's new robotics room with their award-winning robot, their robotics team advisor Evan Thayer, far right; and retired engineer Eric Jensen, a Cape resident who lends his expertise to the team.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth's VEX robotics team just received a \$1,500 grant from Fairchild Semiconductor in South Portland to help

cover the \$4,000 the team needs to compete in the 2010 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship April 22-24 at the Dallas Convention Center.

The two-man team of Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders Luke Dvorzniak and Anthony Castro have been giving high school engineers around New England a time of it in recent months.

The only middle-school team out of 39 teams competing Jan. 16 in the high school division at the QCC VEX Robotics Competition in Worcester, Mass., the duo came in third.

This fall, Castro and Dvorzniak—again the lone middle school students—came in third out of 13 teams at a robotics meet at Boston University, where they won the event's "Excellence Award," given to the top all-around team.

Their performance in that meet qualified them for the international championship in Dallas, where teams from around the world will compete.

In addition to selling micro-robotic "bug" toys to raise money for their trip, the eighth-graders help Cape Elizabeth High School math teacher Evan Thayer and three high school students teach four after-school robotics and engineering classes for elementary and middle school students.

The team's one missing component has been funding. In the fall Dvorzniak and Castro put their tinkering skills to work in that area with the help of Dvorzniak's mom, Kathy Barber.

"The boys wrote some companies for

grants," Barber said. "We requested \$1,000 from Fairchild Semiconductor, and Fairchild replied with a \$1,500 grant. How often does that happen? The boys were thrilled."

Thayer, the person responsible for introducing robotics to Cape Elizabeth students in 2004, was thrilled too.

"I am very excited to see the recognition Fairchild has given our VEX robotics team. It's a real boost for us," Thayer said. "I believe in part [Fairchild] liked that we were putting in place a system to teach robotics concepts to young engineers as early as third grade."

Dvorzniak and Castro plan to raise more money for the team's trip. Thayer hopes that in the future more companies will provide grants to Cape's school engineering and robotics programs.

"I hope we can do more 'direct to industry' marketing of our team and its mission over the next year. Robotics is that good, and its direct connection to 21st-century technology will hopefully appeal to more of Maine's business and industry."

Cape Elizabeth resident and retired engineer Eric Jensen (see page 1 "Cape Profile" on Jensen) volunteers with the group. CEHS junior Jack Queeney, who coaches the team, will go with the boys to Dallas for the world championship competition.

Contact Thayer at evan_thayer@cape.k12.me.us for more information.

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teacher Evan Thayer with the after-school robotics program Thayer launched five years ago.

Jensen grew up in Portland. After graduating from Deering High School in 1960, he went on to MIT, where, he says, "I had a great time. It was on getting down there that I met my first computer."

In those days, computers bore little resemblance to today's machines, he remembers.

"You typed up punch cards, and you passed in your cards, and then you came back the next day to discover you had missed a comma or something like that," he says.

Computers occupied a lot of space back then. The second one he worked on at MIT "took up a whole class room. When you think that the size of that computer was 32 kilobytes, and now something like this has millions or billions," he says, waving his cell phone, "well, that's the life I've gone through, shrinking things down."

After graduating, Jensen spent seven years working at MIT's Cognitive Information Processing Group in the Research Laboratory of Electronics. There he worked on a machine that would enable people to "open up a book, drop it in a slot and have it read aloud to them. It started with character recognition, then a text-to-speech layer which is where I put my energy, then a speech generator on the outside," Jensen says. At CIPG, he also helped create a Braille printer.

In the early 1970s, the family moved to Manchester, N.H., where he and Laurie raised their two sons. Mike, 32, is a lawyer at the Department of Energy in Washington. Dave, 28, is finishing up a doctoral degree in math at the University of Texas at Austin.

In Manchester in the 1970s, Jensen wrote multi-terminal programs to automate newspapers. Next he worked on a page-layout system, a precursor to programs such as today's Quark and InDesign but tailored to individual newspapers. In the 1990s, as the newspaper business began to decline and ready-made, downloadable layout programs became more popular, Jensen looked for other options. Fate smiled on him.

"I was lucky enough to be able to walk down the street in Manchester and join up with DEKA Research and Development," the company founded by Dean Kamen, the inventor of the Segway. DEKA unveiled the self-balancing electric vehicle to much hoopla in 2001.

"When I walked in for the interview, they asked me how something could go wrong with a timer for a drug-delivery system the company was developing. They said, 'How can this fail?' and I laid out the details, and they said, 'It took us three weeks to find that problem,' and they wouldn't let me out the door till I joined up."

At DEKA Jensen worked on the "Stirling cycle," an external combustion system in which a cylinder is heated from outside instead of internally as it is with a car engine.

"We built an engine that was quiet enough that you could stand next to it when it was running and have an ordinary conversation, and clean enough that its nearest competitor for emissions was a gas stove. You could run it in the house without a vent," he says.

Although the generator didn't pan out for its original purpose—wheelchairs—it did for others. Truckers, who by law could not idle long-haul trucks at night, benefited. So did soldiers.

"Long-haul truckers liked to keep the cabin warm enough to sleep or keep their drinks cool, so some trucking companies wanted to add a small engine on the side of the big engine just to keep the cabin under control. We had a nice little packaged electrical generator," Jensen says. "The other usage we got was that the army wanted to run radios in the field. Soldiers were getting tired lugging batteries, which can be pretty heavy, so we built a 17-pound back-packable thing that could put out a few hundred watts. It ran on bottled gas."

Jensen can even claim his 15 minutes of fame with the Segway.

"They invited me in briefly as an outside reviewer for all of the code that controls the Segway, and I found one bug, so I guess I was worthy of my hire," he laughs.

'Football players get everything'

Jensen continues to work on a project Kamen was developing when Jensen worked at

DEKA: inspiring budding young engineers through robotics.

"My boss said, 'In high school football players get the girls, they get everything. I need engineers,' so he started a competition for engineers and put together FIRST, which stands for 'For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology,'" Jensen says. "The first year, he grabbed a bunch of his employees and we put together kits to send to high schools." Each school got a footlocker containing materials for building robots—"all sorts of industrial parts that we thought might be useful to build robots out of, and anything else we could fit in"—along with tools to make the robot, a small computer, and software to write programs to drive the robot.

FIRST, which has spread all over the world, has spawned other systems. VEX robotics kits, which older Cape students on the robotics team work on, cost less than FIRST kits. Smaller and less complex than FIRST robots, VEX robots are bigger and more challenging than Lego-system robots, which younger Cape kids create.

Every Thursday Jensen helps Cape Elizabeth High School math teacher Evan Thayer with the robotics team. He also volunteers in after-school Lego robotics and programming classes for younger Cape kids.

"I do the school stuff partly to keep my brain cells ticking and partly because I really enjoy people who enjoy the same sorts of things I do. When we're building robots we're using a different style of learning than people usually use in school, where you have to give the right answer on the test and you get one chance," says Jensen, who believes, "There isn't just one right answer."

With one chance, Jensen's Stirling engine generator, originally intended for a use that didn't pan out, might have been scrapped. The

Segway, which evolved out of DEKA's work on a wheelchair, would not be in existence.

Tangents and accidents can play an important role in engineering, he says, and robotics programs offer young people the chance to learn that. Jensen is delighted to see robotics gaining popularity in Maine, but he will never get involved in organizing the program on a statewide level, he says.

"I'm definitely not a management type. I don't have the genes for that. I'm a geek and I recognize that," he says.

Poetry and 'accidental' records

Jensen recently started writing poetry and has had pieces printed in a journal published by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine, where he and Laurie take classes.

But he has another claim to fame. Eight years ago, Jensen held a swimming record in his age group—"accidentally," he laughs. A top-10 New England swimmer when he lived in New Hampshire, Jensen decided to break the 200-meter backstroke record in Portsmouth, N.H., which had a 25-meter pool.

"Most American pools are 25 yards, most international are 50 meters, and during a short period people tried to split the difference and make 25-meter pools. As a result, the record book is very slim on the 25-meter."

Fifty-nine at the time—younger than most of the people in the 60-year-old division in which he was competing, because of competition rules regarding birthdays—Jensen broke the backstroke record by 15 seconds. When race officials out West lost the record book for 25-meter pools, "I wound up number one in the country," Jensen says.

The incident had a familiar ring.

"It was one of those collections of accidents that went my way."



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The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, featuring casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts.

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The temple's new gift shop, which opened this fall, features rare pieces such as a Torah pointer with silver filigree of Ben Zion David in Israel, an eighth-generation Yemenite master, to Mezuzah covers that run from fancy jewel-encrusted models to simple pewter covers.

Bet Ha'am members took their time selecting the shop's merchandise, Gift Shop Committee Chair Beth Sloven said.

"We have spent many months researching makers of fine Judaica by reviewing the items in other collections, such as The Jewish Museum of New York whose reproductions from the special collection we carry, to

the Skirball Cultural Center Museum in Los Angeles, to high-quality shops in the United States, and independent artisans," Sloven said. "Our small but lovely dedicated space within the synagogue carries items not available elsewhere such as hand-carved Torah pointers made by Lou Robinson of Chicago and a jewelry collection from artists like Michal Golan, Seeka, Ayala Bar, Ben Zion David, Dikla Meri and Davida Newman, that is beautiful and quite significant for our size."

Proceeds raised through sales benefit the synagogue.

The shop is open Sunday mornings, on Tuesday through Friday afternoons when the synagogue office is open, and by appointment.

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Curtailment plan

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ago, Millett said. "Historically, when we receive Medicaid reimbursements we typically do not allocate those monies into our budget for two years because we want to be sure that the federal government, in its review of our documentation, doesn't find errors."

From July to November 2009, the district received \$117,060 from Medicaid for special services to students this year. This school year's Medicaid money would not be touched and would be carried over into the next school year, Millett said.

Hawkins' plan, which the board was set to review Jan. 26, the day *The Cape Courier* went to press, also identifies savings, revenue, and unforeseen additional expenses

this year.

The spending freeze enacted in October on supplies, books, equipment and other nonpayroll expenses will save the schools an anticipated \$125,000.

Contingency money provides another \$70,000, the same amount the district is saving by postponing this year's capital improvement plans.

"Some interior painting at the high school has been eliminated, and they will not repair the trim and windows on the locker room side of the middle school building, which was budgeted for," Millett said. "At the middle school, floor replacement that was planned won't be done and replacement of hallway lighting to increase energy efficiency won't be done. We're hoping that a grant for federal stimulus funds for energy efficiency will

come through, but ours is one of 91 applications, so I'm not sure we'll get it."

Not filling positions

Not hiring staff for two positions that were scheduled to be filled this year—one for a part-time educational technician and the other for a part-time psychologist—saves \$17,000.

The refinancing of two 10-year-old bonds, which the Town Council approved in December, provides an extra \$73,110 for the school budget, along with a \$32,572 reduction in debt service payment on the bond.

Unforeseen expenses

The district does have unforeseen additional expenses this school year.

Special education will cost the district an extra \$166,500 this school year, a result of

unforeseen legal and out-of-district tuition expenses. Staff retirements at the end of the year will cost \$152,000.

Next year: darker outlook

Hawkins' proposal for this year's budget gap takes into account what's coming in 2010-2011. Next year's outlook is even worse, say school officials, who estimate a budget gap close to \$1.7 million.

Hawkins considered a furlough day for employees this school year—an idea some citizens have proposed—but said he doesn't think it makes sense right now, given what he will propose next year.

"At this point, I looked at the unexpended balance and I looked at the fact that we would be asking for a pay cut next year and my sense was a furlough day would not be worthwhile at this point," Hawkins said Jan. 25.

Planning

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The property, vacant since 2005, had a similar plan for redevelopment approved by the board in 2007, but the property was auctioned in 2009 and acquired by Woodlands principal Lon Walters. Walters has also developed the Woodlands assisted living facilities in Waterville, Brewer, Rockland and Hallowell.

Like the previous redevelopment plan, the Woodlands seeks to renovate the existing two-story structure that formerly housed assisted living units. The neighboring older structure, built in 1979 as the original nursing home, would be razed, said Woodlands architect Peter Bethanis.

Plans are to construct grade-level entrances for both the first and second floors, eliminating the need for residents to use elevators to get to their destinations. Each floor, operating independently, would accommodate 36 residents in single and double rooms, for a total capacity of 72 residents.

Name already taken

And, like the previous development plan, existing places in Cape Elizabeth are prompting the Planning Board to ask the developer for a better name.

The proposed name "Woodlands" is too much like the Woodland apartment complexes, located at Woodland and Mitchell roads, for the comfort of the police chief or the Planning Board. "It's about safety, fire safety response," said Planning Board chairman Peter Hatem.

Although sources of emergency calls are tracked by an enhanced 9-1-1 system, there is still room for error when place names are so similar. "My guess is anytime they hear 'Woodlands,' they're going to fly down to you guys," Town Planner Maureen O'Meara explained. The locations are four miles—and 14 minutes—apart, which could be an eternity for anyone having an emergency at the Woodland or Woodland South apartments.

Walters said he was reluctant to change the name because it has developed as a brand for his other facilities in the state, but, he agreed to try to think of a new way the Cape facility could be commonly known, other than "the Woodlands." The name of the previous redevelopment plan, 'Crescent Beach Retirement and Assisted Living Community', posed no safety threats, but did not sit well with board members because the location was three miles from Cape Elizabeth's Crescent Beach.

Agricultural zoning on deck

Also next Feb. 16, the board will take public comment on proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding agricul-

tural land use. The amendments are recommendations of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, and were referred to the Planning Board by the Town Council in November of 2008.

"Overall, the amendments are intended to create more flexibility for Cape Elizabeth farmers, with the goal of promoting farming by making it more economically viable," Town Planner Maureen O'Meara says in a summary memo.

The amendments were developed in collaboration with the Cape Farm Alliance, which also announced the draft in its January newsletter. "Some key proposals include a new, broader definition of agriculture; the ability to maintain existing agricultural ponds; clear standards for creating new agricultural fields; and less stringent site plan review standards for certain agricultural structures," the newsletter says.

Following the hearing the board will likely send the proposal back to the council with a recommendation for acceptance or rejection. The complete text of the draft is available on the ordinance section of the town's Web site, www.capeelizabeth.com.

Four-lot subdivision for Hannaford Cove Road approved

In other matters, the board unanimously approved a four-lot subdivision on Hannaford Cove Road proposed by the estate of Henry Berry III. The lots span 9 acres along the northern side of Hannaford Cove Road, starting at the intersection at Two Lights Road.

Seven residents spoke at an hourlong public hearing on the proposal, most raising concerns about wetlands alteration.

Florence Braff, 69 Hannaford Cove Road, was one of several speakers who questioned whether more of the area should not have been identified as critical wetland and subject to more stringent regulation. "The watershed back there is extremely complex," said Braff, who lives on the same side of the road as the proposed development. "I'm just concerned that the entire hydrology is being disregarded because of little nickel and diming over little bits of the land," she said.

Planning Board members were sympathetic and especially concerned about reports of rising water levels in the area. Liza Quinn, a member of the board, said she has



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

The site of the former Viking Nursing Home at 126 Scott Dyer Road is under consideration by the Planning Board for redevelopment as an assisted living facility for residents with Alzheimer's disease.

lived in Cape Elizabeth for three years and experienced flooded basements and insect-ridden yards. "I've scratched my head and I've wondered, 'how is it that homes have been allowed to be built here?'"

Both she and board member Jim Huebener said that at least one of the proposed lots appears to be too wet to be buildable, but none of the board members said they would ask for a second opinion on the wetland study submitted by the Berry estate. "I feel the results would be the same," said Quinn.

Neither did the board agree with the request of some neighbors for a prohibition of any future roads to be built through the property for purposes other than farming. The lot abuts another large parcel that also abuts the Broad Cove subdivision.

Speaking for the Berry family, surveyor David Titcomb said the estate has no plans for a road and none is depicted on the drawings. Even if such a restriction were imposed, a potential developer could simply return to the board and ask it be removed. Board Chairman Peter Hatem said, "It's not about the abutters, it's not about this particular applicant, it's about what's good planning for the town of Cape Elizabeth. Leaving it off is good planning."

The board did agree to a compromise condition of approval, suggested by the Conservation Commission, that any septic system built in an area not depicted on the plan be at

least 25 feet away from a wetland boundary.

The Berry estate will pay a fee of \$13,365 to the town to compensate for the development's impact on open space in the area. Town regulations require the fee or a donation of property to serve as open space in new developments. It's the first time a developer and the Planning Board have used the fee option since it was instituted in 1995.

Winnick Woods hours of operation, dog leash regs rescinded

Also Jan. 19, the board, at the direction of the Town Council, rescinded a condition imposed on a previously approved plan for parking at Winnick Woods that regulates hours of operation and dog leashing.

At their October meeting, the board approved an application from the town to expand a gravel parking lot, with the stipulation that hours of use for the lot be restricted to a half-hour before sunrise and a half-hour after sunset, and that reminders be posted that dogs should be leashed on all town properties outside of Fort Williams.

Following the Planning Board approval, however, Conservation Commission members saw the restrictions as a conflict in policies.

The town is expected to address these and other issues as it develops an open space management plan for all public lands in Cape Elizabeth.

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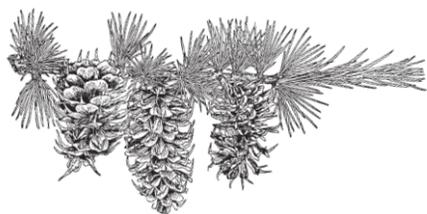
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The James Beard Foundation has selected Mitchell Kaldrovich, executive chef at **Inn by the Sea**, to cook at the house where James Beard lived before his death, in New York City on Feb. 27. Kaldrovich's menu will feature Maine ingredients including pan-seared Maine sea scallops, lobster and seafood ceviche, Atlantic cod and lobster chowder, and "Cold Spring Farm short ribs."

JBF, which seeks to celebrate, preserve, and nurture America's culinary heritage, is an "important meeting place for America's food community," the organization's Web site states.

"This is a huge honor for the chef and the inn, and we are thrilled that Mitchell will be recognized as a premier chef in this way," Inn spokesperson Rauni Kew said.

Kaldrovich has also been invited to demonstrate the cooking of pan-seared sea scallops with parsnip purée at the kitchen at Macy's Culinary Council on Feb. 24 in New York City.



Mitchell Kaldrovich

Casey Jordan, a senior at New England College in Henniker, NH, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

Thomas A. Toye III of Cape Elizabeth and Barbara and Scott Keller of Scarborough announce the engagement of their daughter, **Kathryn Wainwright Toye**, to **Peter Clinton Blake**, son of **Katharine and Richard Blake** of Cape Elizabeth.

The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Scarborough High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in 2002 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, and received his bachelor of arts degree in 2003 from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. He is employed by Remax by the Bay in Portland.

An August 2010 wedding is planned.



Kate Toye and Peter Blake

Michael Takach was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., where he is a freshman.

Bracelets of love for Haiti



Brentwood West friends **Helen Rieger**, left, and **Emily Supple**, who are parishioners at Saint Bartholomew Church, spent time Sunday, Jan. 17, making homemade pipe-cleaner-and-bead bracelets, which they sold at the end of Emily's driveway. The two kindergarteners, who charged 10 cents for small bracelets and a quarter for bigger ones, raised \$10, which they split. Then each donated \$5 to the church, Emily's mother, **Sherri Supple**, said.

David Backer, head of Drummond Woodsum's estate planning practice, has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court as a member of the newly formed Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission, to serve with four other members of the Maine State Bar Association's Trust and Estate Section, two Probate Court Judges, one Superior Court Judge, the Attorney General, and an individual appointed by the governor to represent the interests of older people. The commission is charged with conducting a continuing study of the probate and trust laws in Maine and making recommendations to the Legislature for improvements in Maine's probate and trust laws.



David Backer

Two Cape students were named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

Emily E. Wright, a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is a senior majoring in psychology. Her parents are **Thomas and Margaret Wright**.

Mary H. Brazell, a Cheverus High School graduate, is a freshman majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of **Colleen and Robert Brazell**.

James H. Wilcox was named to the fall semester dean's list at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. A 2008 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, he is the son of **Stephen and Pauline Wilcox**.

Douglas Ginn, a senior at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., has been named to the fall semester dean's list.

He is the son of **Gregg Ginn and Mary Ann Lynch** of Olde Colony Lane. He is majoring in philosophy.

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