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Talking their way to the top!

Photo by Jenny Campbell

The CEHS Speech Team celebrates on Jan. 31, following their state championship win.

By Wendy Keeler

When it came time to celebrate, members of Cape Elizabeth High School's state championship-winning speech team let flashing lights, horns and banners do the speaking at an impromptu parade held in the middle of town the morning of Sunday, Jan. 31. Hours before, at around 2 a.m., the team returned home from Orono, where Cape outspoke 14 other schools at the Maine Forensic Association's 2010 state tournament at the University of Maine.

Winning CEHS its first state speech championship since the mid-1990s, the team did so against all odds.

"This team of young people, parents, and coaches has, in two years, taken the team from the budget-cut floor to a championship season," said CEHS theater teacher Richard Mullen, who coaches the team. "At the risk of tooting our own horns, we are making a bit of noise to memorialize this remarkable comeback."

At the state meet, Cape speakers won and placed in many categories. Senior Liz Briggs took top honors in the category of extemporaneous speaking on current issues. Junior Kelsey Krull came home with a first in the original work category and placed among the top six in the dramatic interpretation category. Sophomore Will McCarthy won for original oratory and placed in the oratorical

—see SPEECH TEAM, page 18

Fort fees will go to referendum, again

But Town Council also approves parking and bus fees

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council voted to send Fort Williams parking fees to voters. Again.

The referendum vote likely will be in June. The date was set to coincide with the initial vote to validate the 2010-2011 school budget.

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the council voted 5-2 to place the following ballot question before town voters:

Would you favor the town establishing a 'pay/display' parking program for Fort Williams Park?

Referendum 'wisdom' questioned

Councilor Jim Walsh questioned the wisdom of going to referendum. He said councilors were elected to make these difficult decisions and he was uncomfortable with the delays the referendum process would cause in making the park self-sustaining.

"The whole issue of a referendum is a dangerous path to go," he added, "without some serious discussion about what we would put to referendum in the future."

Fellow councilor Dave Sherman agreed with Walsh, except for the fact that the parking fee issue had recently gone to referendum and had been defeated.

"I am very reluctant," said Sherman, "to say to the people who voted against fees three years ago, well, sorry, we're going to just completely disregard what you said."

In November 2006, Cape residents voted overwhelmingly to reject a proposed pay-and-display system at the park. The vote against the proposal was 3,145 to 1,951.

Advisory nature of referendum explained

At the meeting, the council voted 5-2 to adopt the pay/display system of parking fees

—see TOWN COUNCIL, page 18

Cape's brighter news about education aid gets grayer days later

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth's state education aid roller coaster ride continues. In the stomach-dropping first four days of February, school officials went from the depths—a forecasted $900,000 loss in state and federal funding for the 2010-2011 school year—to an estimate from the Department of Education that the district would lose only $40,000 next year. That was followed by news that the loss could be closer to $150,000—maybe.

"We have no idea what's going to happen," a frustrated School Board Chair Rebecca Millett said on Feb. 5 after learning about the most recent dip in the ride of what she calls the "arcane state funding allocation process."

—see EDUCATION SUBSIDY, page 18

Valentine's special: longtime-loving Lombards look back on life together

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

By Ellen VanFleet

Lester and Henrietta Lombard had their first date on snowshoes that still hang in their garage. She was 16, he was 22, and both agree that she was the pursuer. They met because Lester went hunting with Henrietta's relatives, who also lived in Cape Elizabeth.

Married in 1941 when Henrietta was 22 and Lester 29, they will have been married 69 years this summer. Add in their seven years of courtship, and they have known each other three-quarters of a century.

The Lombards still live in the house they built from plans from an L.C. Andrews catalogue for cedar log homes. In 1941 Henrietta pressed Lester to get started digging the foundation. Lester did start on the foundation—or at least that's what he told Henrietta he was doing.

"I was really digging for worms to go fishing, with her settin' on the edge of that bank" watching me, said Lester, an avid outdoors man.

The foundation was critical because it was considered a third of the value of the loan they needed.

"They figured that was your downpayment," explains Lester. "When you had that, then you could borrow. … We borrowed from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association $1,250 for the whole house except for electrical and plumbing."

Neither Henrietta's mother nor Lester's mother thought the couple should build the house that summer of 1941, because the war was coming. But that didn't stop Henrietta.

"I pushed just the same. … You couldn't get the windows," as materials were in short supply. But when they got "the [L.C. Andrews'] package," things began to progress. Other than their mortgage, they bought everything with cash and didn't charge anything except the stove. The lumber for the house was supplied by L.C. Andrews.

"We hired two part-time carpenters to build the whole house," Henrietta said.

A high priority for the young couple was paying back the mortgage. The Lombards paid "back $25 a month. We wanted to pay $22 because we didn't feel we could afford $25. … And the guy died laughing. The guy

—see LOMBARDS, page 3

In this photograph taken in 1942, Lester Lombard poses with one of his hunting dogs and an animal pelt, while his wife Henrietta is dressed impeccably in a muskrat coat she bought on a splurge. Henrietta remembers a favorite aunt who helped her coordinate her outfits: dresses, hats and shoes. She even dyed gloves to match.

Photo courtesy of Lester and Henrietta Lombard

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Lost keys a vehicle to renewed faith in kindness

On the most beautiful winter morning of Saturday, Jan. 23, I took time off from my usual routine to take me and my two pups for a hike through magnificent Fort Williams. Sunny, snowy, glistening, awe-inspiring, fun would be the words I'd use to describe our trek; I was intoxicated by my surroundings.

Upon return to my Honda Element following this hour's expedition, parked in the Shore Road lot, I discovered my keys were missing. A lovely woman in a white SUV pulled in next to me with her black lab, made some suggestions and stated she would keep her eyes out for my lost keys.

Fortunately, I had my cell phone, called my family to assist in retrieving an additional set at home and deliver them to the fort. The pups and I set out to retrace our steps to retrieve the keys.

No luck.

Instead of heading to the gift shop at the Head Light to see if someone might have turned in a lost set of keys (which was my first instinct), I decided to get to the Element to wait for my family.

For some strange reason, I reached to open the passenger door and it was unlocked—someone had found my keys, made it their business to find my vehicle as it was not in a traditional parking spot, unlocked it and then lovingly put my off-color driving pillow on the driver's seat with my keys splayed so that I could see them ... My witness is the lovely woman in the white SUV who had just returned from her walk, this time to find me in tears!

Why tears? Relief, disbelief, joy, and more; you see, my wallet was also in clear view of the driver's seat, mail on the passenger floor and nothing was amiss. To those who made it their mission to return my keys—thank you. Truth is, keys can be replaced but faith in human grace and kindness not so easily. I appreciate your reminding me that people, for the most part, are gracious and kind.

It will be "paid forward."

Anne M. Neelon

Fifth-grader seeks help with Maine report

Hello, my name is Anna M. I am a fifth-grade student at Napa Valley Language Academy in Napa, California. The reason that I'm writing this letter is because my class will be doing state reports, and I have chosen your wonderful state, Maine.

In my report, I will be writing about your state's history, agriculture, historical landmarks, natural parks, geography and famous historical people. I will also be doing a power point and oral presentation.

I would really appreciate it if you posted my letter in your newspaper so that I can get all the help I need for my report. What I need from you or your readers are brochures, magazines, pictures, postcards or souvenirs that best represent your state. [Material may be sent to Napa Valley Language Academy, 2700 Kilburn Ave., Napa, CA 94558-5623].

Thank you in advance for all your help in making me a great researcher of your astounding state.

Anna M.

Park fee issue may provide lesson in 'sharing'

The Town Council appears ready to put the question of fees at the Fort out to referendum. They are doing this while at the same time going forward with seeking money to implement the Shore Road pathway. They gave $110,000 in "seed money" for the path while they are decrying the $160,000 in annual maintenance for the Fort.

Does the Town Council know net income from the Cape's two fee-for-entrance parks? How much net revenue does it get from the gift shop?

Could that ratio be used in determining potential income from a fee system?

Fort Williams serves all Cape Elizabeth residents and costs each person in taxes about $17 a year. Schools serve 1,500 students. This costs each resident (including those children), $2,250 a year or 70 percent of the total budget, or $14,000 per student. Some fee-seeking people want the schools further subsidized by fees.

Entrance fees mean staffing (at least two people) and maybe traffic backup on Shore Road. Also, some kind of a structure marring the view of the park from Shore Road. Traffic meters mean staffing, again two people at least. How to collect from scofflaws? Will we boot cars?

A first lesson taught children is to share. Maybe we should amend that to: share unless you have a financial gain by not doing so.

There is pride to some in Cape Elizabeth in sharing our beautiful park, while others seem to view it with dollar signs dancing in front of their eyes.

Emily Materson

'In person' interactions are 'more productive'

The idea of a *Courier* blog is an interesting one, but as we tell our children, never communicate anything online that you would not say in person. I think more productive communication is done person to person and provides the opportunity to say things in a thoughtful and careful manner.

If Cape citizens are interested in more discourse about town affairs, there are many opportunities for face-to-face interactions.

Paula Zeitlin

'Generosity' of one farming family makes new farm possible

We are very happy to be one of the new farms in town. But we would like everybody to know that our new farm [Down Home Farm] would not be possible without the generosity of one of the oldest farming families in town, the Maxwells.

Nate and Kathy Maxwell sold me [Nick Tammaro] the land for my house and barn. And I use some of their land for pastures. Nate Maxwell, Bill Bamford and I hay their land to feed my animals and we also sell hay to other local farms.

Nate and Bill's knowledge of the land and farming has been invaluable. My love of animals and their love of farming makes us a great combination for starting a new farming venture.

Nick and Nicole Tammaro

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Family Fun Day committee invites boosters to participate in 2010 event, set for June 12

Photo by Bob Dodd

There was fun for the whole family at Family Fun Day 2009.

Planning for this year's Family Fun Day, set for June 12, is under way.

Family Fun Day, an annual June tradition held at Fort Williams Park, serves two purposes: to bring the community together for a great day at one of the most beautiful spots in the world, and to provide an opportunity for local nonprofit groups and craftspeople to raise funds.

The Family Fun Day committee volunteers are inviting booster clubs to join the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club, the Chess Club, the Youth Football Boosters and various other church and civic groups at Cape Elizabeth's 2010 Family Fun Day.

Family Fun Day activities include a parade, balloon rides, a climbing wall, "Fun in the Foam," local bands, a talent show, various children's games and lots of food.

Booster clubs can join in the fun and raise money at the same time by running games of their own or selling food.

"The committee works hard to make sure that there is a variety of food so that you don't need to worry about someone selling the same thing you are," said organizer Steve Culver. "It is easy to reserve your space."

If you have any questions about Family Fun Day, please call Culver at 767-9072, or e-mail sculverhbc@msn.com. To reserve your space, call Gene Weismann, 767-7111.

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

Lombards

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said we had to pay at least $25, so we did," Henrietta says.

They paid for the house in one year.

"We paid them back all we could," Lester explains. "We paid them all my salary. I worked at the shipyard, and we lived off Henrietta's salary."

Ask Henrietta and Lester about the biggest changes they have seen over the years, and the way that people handle money is one of them.

"Nowadays it goes on the credit card—people can't say no!" Lester complains. "They feel they owe it to themselves."

"They want it now, right now," Henrietta adds.

But for this couple, the rule is, "If you can't pay for it, you can't have it. If we can't pay it off in a month, [we can't have it]," Henrietta says.

"In other words, we can say 'no,'" Lester interjects. "We never go against each other, because we know the other one is right. … Because you know you can say no. You don't owe anything. We knew that even way back then."

The Lombards' life is full of mementos, memories, lots of laughter—and love.

After hours of conversation they happen to mention that they took in a neighbor boy and raised him as one of the family with their only son, Rusty. Still hanging in the garage is an old L.L. Bean woven-basket pack for backpacking. They carried Rusty in it, and of course Lester used it when he went trapping.

Another big change the Lombards notice is how people spend their time.

"You don't see a kid around here. You won't see a kid anyplace. Saturdays, they are all inside on the computer or watching television," Lester says. "There are no people out either. We take a ride out to Scarborough, and if we see three people, I mean anywhere, doing anything—I don't care if they're going out to the mailbox or what—I can't believe it. … Drive down Cheverus Road here, the place is loaded with cars. You won't see a soul."

> 'We never go against each other, because we know the other one is right.'
> — Lester Lombard

Thinking about his childhood, Lester commented, "It wasn't like it is today. The kids all had everything like we had ... in other words, not much. We made our own fun. My mother would say, 'Go out and play.' What the hell would you say to a kid today? They wouldn't know what you are talking about. They'd ask, 'What can I play?'"

Married 69 years, this is one special couple. Obviously, shared values, but also a sense of humor, have bound these two together. Being together so many years has brought new perspectives.

Lester recalls a friend saying about him, "He'd give her [Henrietta] anything but his time."

"I thought it was enough [time]," Lester says, "but now I know it wasn't."

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Local fire departments may benefit from federal grant dollars

By U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree

When nine firefighters were recently laid off in Portland due to budget cuts, members of the local union dug into their own pockets to support their colleagues. In York, the volunteer fire department is holding a fundraising drive to replace an aging fire engine. And in Raymond, knowing that their breathing apparatus was outdated didn't stop firefighters from responding to fires.

These stories are incredible examples of why we hold first-responders in such high regard.

But they also highlight a serious problem. Too many fire departments are struggling to find the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. Too many fire departments lack the critical equipment that will better protect the lives of the men and women who respond to emergencies. For all that they are doing for us, we need to be doing more to support them.

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

In November, I spoke on the floor of the House of Representatives in support of the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009, a bill that will provide funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) programs. In response to a nationwide lack of resources, these grants provide billions for local fire departments to purchase equipment and vehicles as well as to hire and train staff.

Some surprising statistics show how much our local departments need these funds. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 65 percent of fire departments in the United States do not have enough portable radios to equip all firefighters, 60 percent do not have enough breathing apparatus, and 36 percent of all fire departments delivering emergency medical services have not provided formal training in those duties to all personnel.

Dependent on volunteers and hit hard by the recent economic downturn, small towns like those in Maine especially are making do with fewer resources. At the same time, they are being called to do more than ever before—not only putting out fires, but answering the call for Hazmat emergencies and Homeland Security. They are being stretched to the breaking point.

But AFG and SAFER grants can make a big difference in bridging the gap between the needs of Maine towns and their ever-tightening budgets.

In the last year, 50 town departments across Maine received $6 million in fire grants. Each dollar has gone toward saving lives and jobs.

On the floor of the House, I told my colleagues how these grants provide critical equipment to departments throughout Maine. In Raymond, for example, a $150,000 grant replaced outdated breathing apparatus for its volunteer department. Saco used funds to install an exhaust system in the fire station so personnel wouldn't have to breathe in diesel fumes. Brunswick, facing the challenges of a naval base closure, was able to hire critically needed firefighters, thanks to a SAFER grant.

While managing the debate on this bill on the floor of the House, I also told my colleagues about the town of Berwick, where funds have allowed the department to hire enough staff to start an EMS program, decreasing emergency response times. And in Hermon, smoke detectors paid for by a SAFER grant helped save a family of six.

We depend on these people simply too much to have them respond to emergencies without the right equipment or training. The grants this bill would fund are an investment in our own safety and a bold statement of support for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line for our sake.

I'm happy to report that this important legislation has passed the House and is now awaiting action in the Senate.

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree represents Maine's First District in Congress and lives on the island of North Haven. You can contact her office in Portland at 207-774-5019 or online at pingree.house.gov.

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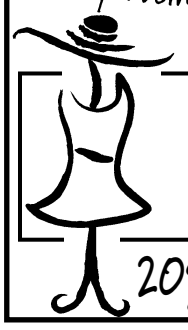

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Suzi Van Wye selected as Cape Arts Council grant recipient for her bookmaking

Suzi Van Wye, a former Cape Elizabeth Middle School art teacher, has been selected as a Cape Elizabeth Arts Council grant recipient.

Van Wye is a maker of handmade books. She plans to put the funds toward the purchase of a Kutrimmer, a specialized machine used in bookmaking. In her application she explained that the Kutrimmer would bring a higher degree of professionalism to her work by allowing greater flexibility in choice of materials, according to the CEAC grant coordinator Wendy Seltzer. "She feels the Kutrimmer would also allow for new design ideas, multiple copies of books, and would facilitate more efficient use of her time," Seltzer said, adding that Van Wye currently does all cutting for her books with X-Acto and utility knives.

Van Wye is currently offering a class through Community Services called Handmade Books. The class begins Feb. 25 and will run for five weeks in the evenings at the Community Center. Registration for the class is through Community Services.

Ms. Van Wye also plans to offer a bookmaking workshop, free to the public but yet to be scheduled, in connection with her grant.

The CEAC offers one or two grants a year in amounts ranging from several hundred dollars to over $1,000. The council seeks to promote excellence, diversity, and public access to the arts, and to provide the opportunity to both create and present art in our community.

Grant applicants must be residents of Cape Elizabeth or a person or group primarily serving the community. Recipients are chosen by the Arts Commission based on quality, variety and target audience, according to Seltzer. For more information about the grants, visit the town Web site at www.capeelizabeth.com/CEAC grantapp.

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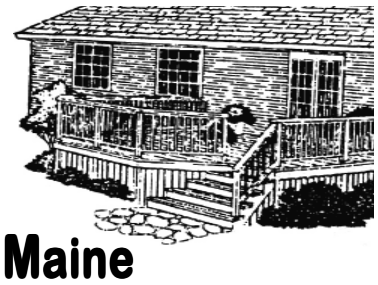

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Cat litter is a weighty problem at Recycling Center

By Gregory Walsh

Cats, thousands of them, are costing Cape Elizabeth taxpayers a lot of money.

It is said that 33 percent of U.S. households, on average, own at least one cat, while 56 percent of those cat people own more than one cat. On average, cat owners have 2.45 cats. All this comes from the Humane Society of the United States.

Since Cape Elizabeth has roughly 3,500 homes within its borders, we can calculate that there are close to 2,000 domestic cats living here. If you come up with different numbers, just keep them to yourself.

Some of those 2,000 cats are probably perfectly nice critters. But since most of them are connected to private homes, we can surmise that many of them are regular contributors to the waste stream that arrives at the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Center.

Cats themselves are not a problem, at least not in the recycling sense. Cat litter is the problem. Few things in the typical household waste stream are as heavy, per unit of volume, as "used" cat litter.

I can always tell when my wife has emptied out her cat litter box because our garbage can, normally light enough to lift with a finger or two, suddenly requires two straining arms and a mighty heave for removal from the back of the pickup truck, followed by an awkward crab walk to get it over to the hopper at the Transfer Station. Thankfully, that cat litter crab walk is less frequently required during warm months when the cat tends to do her business outside.

My wife buys these 21-pound bags of "clay" cat litter. Instructions on the bag direct cat owners to dispose of the "used" cat litter with household trash. By the time this stuff gets into the back of the pickup truck, it must weigh two or three times the original weight. And that ís the problem for Cape Elizabeth taxpayers.

The town pays a fairly steep price, by the ton, to have our household trash, including heavy, wet cat litter, hauled away to the incinerator at ecomaine. Hauling of recycled materials is much less expensive, by comparison, and, by the way, cat litter does not burn very well in the incinerator. It is what they call "negative fuel."

All those cats, one suspects, have no appreciation of the fact that we can reduce the town expenditure for refuse removal by 1) recycling more and 2) adding less weight to the hopper that gets our household trash.

So how to cut back on the amount of cat litter going into the hopper? After considerable research, it seems to me there is no sensible answer to this question. Reducing the cat population is one possibility, but that does not seem to be an option, at least not at our home, given the current occupants. Another (and this is what I am going to do as soon as the ground thaws) is dig a deep pit out back and dump cat litter in there. By the time it's full, maybe someone will have thought of a solution to the cat litter problem. Meanwhile, taxpayers will just keep on paying.

Hey, what about a tax on cats?

Community gardens await spring

By Nancy Miles

Cape's community gardens are frozen solid and snow covered now, but the planting season will be upon us before we know it. Cape has two community garden locations with a total of 90 garden plots available for flower, herb, or vegetable gardening by individuals and families who live in Cape Elizabeth. The first garden located next to the Gull Crest playing fields will begin its ninth season and the newest garden located at Maxwell's farm on Spurwink Avenue will begin its second season.

At each garden several plots are reserved to grow vegetables for the Plant A Row for the Hungry program, and over the last eight years over 2,000 pounds of fresh produce from the gardens were donated to area food pantries.

A plot for the children at the Ocean House Child Development Center to use is also reserved at the Maxwell location

Gardeners pledge to use organic methods, and in addition to tending their own plots, give at least six hours of their time to help with group chores and with the Plant A Row for the Hungry program.

Each garden is managed by a Garden Committee. The committee members at Gull Crest are Nancy Miles, Rachel Stamieszkin, Mary Murray Coleman and Tina Harnden. The Maxwell location is coordinated by Nancy Miles, Wendy Garland, Marybeth Richardson, Lynne Holland, Melissa Kelly and Deb Cavanaugh.

There may be some plots available for the coming season. We maintain a waiting list of interested residents. To join the list, e-mail nmiles@maine.rr.com.

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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

1-7 An officer met with a Portland resident who reported that someone smashed the passenger-side front window of his car while it was parked on Shore Road and stole a purse containing cash, credit cards and a cell phone.

1-9 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres neighborhood about the theft of some checks.

1-11 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.

1-11 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who said that someone broke the passenger-side front window of his vehicle while it was parked at the old main gate at Fort Williams and stole a purse containing money, credit/debit cards and a checkbook.

1-13 An officer met with a resident of the Starboard Drive neighborhood about a burglary complaint. Missing from the residence was a guitar and turntable.

1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a theft complaint.

1-16 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for an unattended death.

1-20 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a dog complaint. The case was forwarded to Animal Control.

1-19 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about a possible theft by deception complaint.

1-20 An officer met with a resident of the Cottage Farms Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing from the vehicle were a Leatherman tool and some money.

SUMMONSES

1-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, $70

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1-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana, Starboard Drive

1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, $133

1-15 Old Orchard Beach resident, speeding (65/45 zone), Bowery Beach Road, $215

1-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, $70

1-22 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, $133

1-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (38/25 zone), Scott Dyer Road, $137

1-23 Old Orchard Beach resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, $171

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

1-15 Failure to produce insurance, Bowery Beach Road, $171

1-16 Speeding (68/45 zone), Route 77, $215

1-23 Violation of interim license, Maple Lane, $137

ARRESTS

1-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, outstanding warrant

1-20 Westbrook resident, outstanding warrant, Route 77

ACCIDENTS

1-18 Helen Gorgas, accident on Fowler Road

1-20 Gordon Shoemaker, accident on Route 77

1-22 Kate Blake, Gerald Swan, accident on Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

1-16 Sunny Bank Road, fire alarm

1-18 Mutual Aid, South Portland

1-19 Stone Drive, snowblower fire

1-22 Ocean House Road, vehicle accident

1-24 Mutual Aid, South Portland

1-25 Sawyer Road, power line down

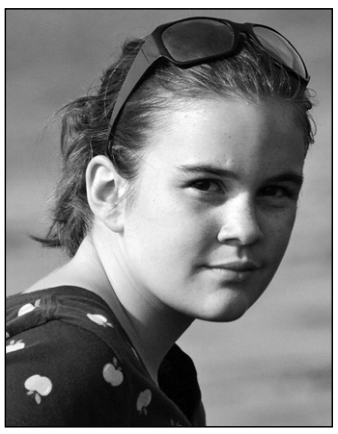
1-25 Cragmoor, gas alarm

1-25 Prout Place, fuel leak

RESCUE CALLS

There were 19 runs to Maine Medical Center.
There was one run to Mercy Hospital.
There were two patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

My Funny Valentine!



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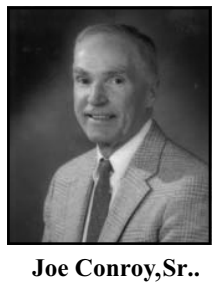

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Booster bonus

Bob O'Brien, left, of Noyes Hall & Allen Insurance in South Portland, presents Cape Basketball Boosters President Cam Brown with a $300 check Jan. 26 in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym. In the company's Cape Booster Shoot, a fan whose ticket is drawn at halftime at a Cape boys' home game can win a jackpot by making three shots of increasing difficulty within 30 seconds. A Falmouth fan won the $600 jackpot during the Cape/Falmouth game, $300 of which went to the boosters.

Maine Special Olympics Winter Games!

Photo by Kristen Cobb

Gathering at Sugarloaf Jan. 31 during the Maine Winter Games are members of Cape's Special Olympics team, left to right, freshman Nolan Dorrance, sixth-grader Peter Tarling seventh-grader Aphrodite Makrides, freshman Gabe Brewington, eighth-grader Thomas Bourdeaux, freshman Rudy Pelzer, and seventh-grader Sabrina Holmes.

Photo by Scott Dorrancce

Gabe Brewington enjoys a happy moment sitting inside a snowmobile. All of the Cape athletes were taken on snowmobile rides.

The Cape Elizabeth Special Olympic team participated in the 2010 Maine State Special Olympic Winter Games at Sugarloaf from Jan. 31 to Feb 2. Peter Tarling, Aphrodite Makrides, Sabrina Holmes, Gabe Brewington and Nolan Dorrance competed in the 50-meter and 100-meter snowshoe events. Thomas Bourdeaux competed in the 100-meter and 500-meter Nordic ski event, while Rudy Pelzer, who is also a member of the Cape Elizabeth High School Nordic team, skied in the 1-kilometer and 3-kilometer races.

The Cape Special Olympic team practiced for their events throughout the month of January in preparation for the Winter Games. They all received ribbons and medals for their effort.

Cape softball player to compete in nationals

Shannon Nicholson

Cape Elizabeth softball player, Shannon Nicholson, will compete this summer with her team, the Southern Maine Smashers, at the PONY National Softball Tournament in Cary, N.C.

An Amateur Softball Association fast-pitch team in the 14 years old and younger division, the Smashers qualified to compete in the national tournament this past summer by winning a PONY qualifying tournament in New England.

In fast-pitch girls' softball, pitchers throw the ball in what is called a "windmill" type of pitch at speeds as high as 70 miles per hour.

A freshman at Cape Elizabeth High School, Nicholson is the only Cape player on the team.

Smashers players, who come from all over southern Maine, seek to raise money to help cover the cost of travel to North Carolina in July.

PONY, an international nonprofit organization, has softball and baseball leagues for players ages 5-18 in 21 countries.

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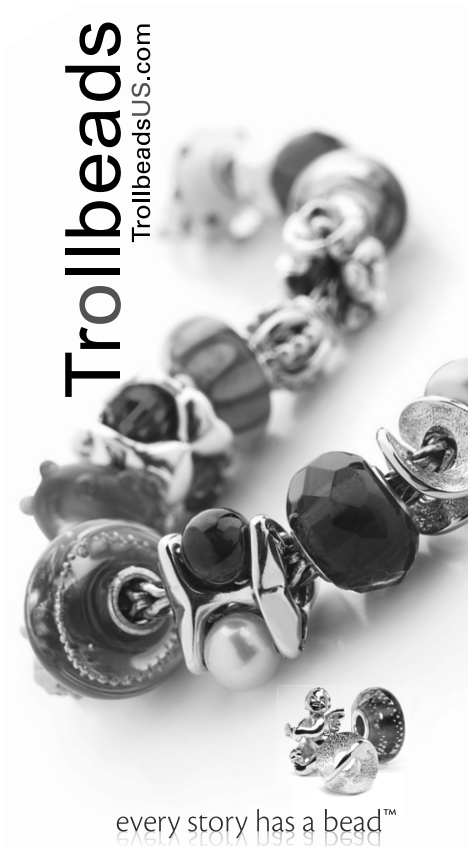

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Second place in first tourney of the season

Cape field hockey players Ally Boyington, front row, far left, and Lauren Nicholson, rear row, far right, and their under-19 premier indoor team, the Katahdin, got second place in a tournament Jan. 31 at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. In their first tournament of the year, the squad had four wins, one tie, and no losses. The team has players from around southern and western Maine.

What's news in your sport?

Student athletes, coaches, parents, boosters, and fans, send us your sports news! No time to write an article about your favorite team? Just send us a photo with caption information.

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Paula Banks has moved her two Cape Elizabeth businesses to Pond Cove Plaza on Ocean House Road.

A certified care manager, Banks runs **Paula Banks Consulting**, which provides geriatric care management services to elders and their caregivers, and **Two Lights Home Care**, a care and companion agency.

The new offices, in the former Evergreen Credit Union space, will better accommodate growth for the businesses and will be more accessible to the public, Banks said. Her office previously was located at the rear of the plaza.

Banks said she'd like her new space to be a community gathering spot. Toward that end, she will host periodic community events and display artwork from a variety of Cape residents. The first exhibitor will be acrylic and watercolor artist **Rose Kennealy**. A permanent display area will highlight photographer and writer **Janice Reale**'s "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories," a series of photographs and essays about Cape seniors. Reale will choose one senior to feature each month.

Matthew Bernstein was named to the fall semester dean's list at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., where he is a junior majoring in communications.

Chelsea Cogan, a junior at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., was named to the chancellors' list for the fall semester. She was recently invited and accepted as a member of Psi Chi Fraternity, an international honor society for students majoring in psychology.

Gregg Frame, a partner with the Portland law firm Taylor, McCormack and Frame, LLC, was recently nominated and confirmed as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Fellows are nominated by their peers, and membership is limited to the top one third of 1 percent of lawyers.

Liz Monaghan of Monaghan Mortgage in Portland recently participated in an event in Atlanta, Ga., with fellow members of the "Mortgage Revolution," a grass roots organization made up of real estate loan originators seeking to instill the highest order of ethics and transparency into their profession. The event, which focused on fiscal literacy, integrity and ethical lending, also raised money for charities that support amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, and sickle-cell anemia research.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Mary Hewett** has been promoted to vice president of employee development and training manager at Norway Savings Bank.

Mary Hewett

More Neighbors on page 20

Colby freshman organizing Feb. 26 Haiti benefit

Lisa Kaplan, a freshman at Colby College in Waterville, is cochairing the Colby for Haiti Benefit, a Feb. 26 fundraiser on campus that will include a silent auction, talks by two Colby students who were in Haiti at the time of the earthquake, dinner, and classical piano and a cappella performances.

Kaplan and another freshman, who are cochairing all campus relief efforts for Haiti, raised more than $5,000 in less than two weeks through sales of T-shirts.

"Our goal is to raise a total of $20,000 to $25,000, with $10,000 coming from students," Kaplan wrote in a Jan. 31 e-mail to *The Cape Courier*. "We've got a few other fundraisers and we're coordinating with campus groups … but our biggest project is the Colby for Haiti Benefit."

Tickets are $40 apiece, and a table of eight costs $300. Each business that sponsors an eight-person table for $500 will have its name printed on all tickets and programs, and will receive recognition during the evening. The event will include a cash bar.

Thanks to donations of food, services, and auction items, all money raised at the benefit will go directly to Partners in Health, an international health care organization that has provided major post-earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. The Boston-based nonprofit has had clinics in Haiti for more than 20 years.

The cochairs also seek items to be donated to the silent auction. Contact Kaplan at lckaplan@colby.edu or Danny Garin at dfgarin@colby.edu to reserve a ticket or table, or for more information.

Shannon Marie Smith was named to the fall semester dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Katherine Williams was named to the fall semester dean's list at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

'Career Club' to meet Tuesdays, March 2-16

Community Services will sponsor the "Career Development Job Club," a three-session class for people dealing with job-change and career-direction issues. Mindy Ruth Novick, a strategic advisor offering career counseling, training, and resume writing, will lead the sessions, set for 6-7:30 p.m.on Tuesdays, March 2, 9, and16, at the Community Center.

The program, which will cost $49, will teach strategies for success in a challenging job market, including how to identify and reposition transferable skills and how to get past companies' "online gatekeepers."

Job-seekers will be coached on how to strengthen marketing skills and develop ongoing consulting connections.

Call 799-2868 to register or get more information.

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CAPE CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 14

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Monday, February 15

Presidents Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Fitness Center and Donald L. Richards Pool will have adjusted hours

Tuesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 18

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

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 24

Family Fun Day committee, 7:30 p.m., Community Center Community Room, 343 Ocean House Road

Thursday, February 25

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

School Board Wellness Committee, 3 p.m.,

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

Friday, February 26

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

Saturday, February 27

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Tuesday, March 2

One Act "The Birds," 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

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

Wednesday, March 3

Community Services Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road

One Act "The Birds," 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

Thursday, March 4

One Act "The Birds," 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium, 345 Ocean House Road

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (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 Rd.; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church, 885 Shore Road.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.–noon Thursdays, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer 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.

CAPE CABLE GUIDE — CHANNEL 3

Words of Peace
Feb. 13 & 14 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 & 21 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Feb. 27 & 28 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Mar. 6 & 7 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

School Board replay
Feb. 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Planning Board (live)
Feb. 16 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay
Feb. 17 & 18 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)
Feb. 23 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board replay
Feb. 24 & 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. See program guide on Channel 3 for updated listing.

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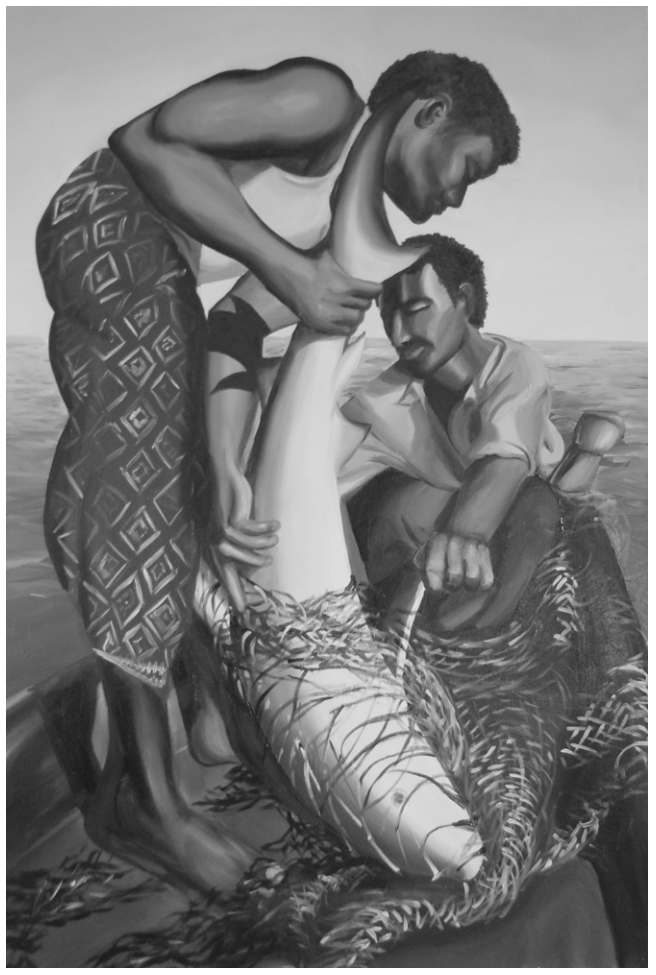
Cape artist Paige Pendarvis' works on exhibit Feb. 15-March 15 at cafe



Along with other paintings and photos by Cape Elizabeth High School senior Paige Pendarvis, this oil painting of fisherman will be on exhibit Feb. 15-March 15 at 158 Pickett Street Cafe in South Portland.

Paintings and photographs by Cape artist Paige Pendarvis, a senior in Cape Elizabeth High School's advanced art studio class, will be on exhibit Feb. 15-March 15 at 158 Pickett Street Cafe near the Southern Maine Community College campus in South Portland.

Works in the show include Pendarvis' human studies in acrylic and oil painting, as well as photographs she took while touring China.

In August and September 2009, through a U.S. Department of State scholarship, Pendarvis attended school in Changzhou, China, while living with a family.

As a sophomore, Pendarvis won the CEHS Principal's Award for a painting she did that year. She also was selected to attend Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Island, and has taken glassblowing at Cyroni Studios in Portland.

The 18-year-old plans to attend nursing school next year, but her longer term plan involves art, says her father, CEHS Spanish teacher Mark Pendarvis.

"Later she hopes to incorporate all her talents to work in the healing arts field," he said.

Pendarvis took the photos in the 158 Pickett Street Cafe show during her China stay—a memorable visit, her father said.

Her time there "included a week of military training with the whole school student body—fatigues, marching, rifle firing, and a grueling diet. She saw the Great Wall, was quarantined upon arrival, due to an illness on her plane, in an abandoned amusement park in some large cornfields outside Beijing for three days, and did attend school and live in an apartment on the ninth floor where she had a giant Kentucky Fried Chicken neon bucket rotating outside the window every night," Mark Pendarvis said.

Show hours at the cafe are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday and Monday, and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Safe Passage team holding bottle drive Feb. 13

The Cape Elizabeth High School Safe Passage Team will hold a bottle drive from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 13, in the parking lot behind the Community Center. Proceeds from returnable bottles will be used to support Safe Passage, which works with the poorest at-risk children of families working in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

"Please consider dropping off your returnables on your way through town center," Cape Elizabeth resident Mike Takach said. "Members of the Safe Passage Team will also be collecting bottles door to door through many neighborhoods.

Email Takach at mtakach@ maine.rr.com or 767-4924 for information.

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 St., Portland.

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

Special guests will be singers from the Musica de Filia Girlchoir, including Cape Elizabeth musicians Lydia Belden, Camille Braun, Laura Catsos, Emma Dadmun, Rosalind Gray-Bauer and Kelsey Krull. Choir 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.

Lions host pancake, spaghetti feasts this month

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will hold pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner fundraisers this month at the Lions' clubhouse on Two Lights Road at the intersection of Wheeler Road.

The club's Valentine's Day breakfast is set for 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. The Lions' monthly 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.

The club will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. The monthly spaghetti 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.

Another spaghetti dinner is planned at the same time and place on March 27.

Additional pancake breakfasts are planned Sundays, March 14, April 11 and May 9, at the same time and place as this month's breakfast. Contact club president Kim Brooks at 767-2733 for information about the meals or the club.

'Love letters' Feb. 13 at Portland Players

The Portland Players will feature "Love Letters," a one-night production, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Tickets to the show, which is a fundraiser, are $8-$10. The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road in South Portland. Call 799-7337 for information, or visit www.portlandplayers.org.

Fermenting fun

Cape residents Mark Kiefner and Nancy Bogg have fun preparing Cape Elizabeth-grown cabbage and other vegetables for small-batch fermenting on Jan. 26 at the Community Center. The 10 students in instructor Alison LePage's class went home with jars of kraut and knowledge about the history and health benefits of lacto-fermented foods, as well as how to prepare them. LePage plans to teach a class on preparing pickles and relishes later this year.

Cape graduate to play at Village Crossings Feb. 15

Professional musician Mike Beling, a 2004 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate who is pursuing a music degree at the University of Southern Maine, will perform at Village Crossings at 3:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15.

Beling, a pianist, and drummer Noel Brennan, a USM graduate, will also perform for senior citizens in assisted living centers in Portland, Scarborough and Falmouth "to bring music and happiness to the elderly," Beling said. "We are well versed in hundreds of standards—some of the most popular music of the 20th century, music that the residents loved during their younger years."

Call Beling at 939-7969, or e-mail him at michaelbeling@gmail.com for information.

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Mary Levine exhibits at library through February

Mary Levine is showing her exhibit, "Watercolors," at the Thomas Memorial Library through February. The exhibit includes both paintings and collage.

Levine is a former resident of Cape Elizabeth, and current resident of Portland. She last exhbited in Cape over 30 years ago.

She 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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Historical Society celebrates community

Photo by Janice Reale

From left, Cape resident Lucinda Peiffer, and historians Norman Jordan and Ellen Van Fleet at one of the May 2009 "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" sessions discussing a historic photo brought in by Jordan for the "Mapping Cape Elizabeth's Historic Photos" project.

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will celebrate community history with a month-long exhibit at the Thomas Memorial Library in March.

The exhibit opens March 2, with an opening reception Friday, March 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Exhibit highlights include "**I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories,"** with memory cards and photos, by Janice Reale. Stories from seniors about growing up in Cape Elizabeth have been recorded on displayed "memory cards." Many participants attended the "I remember Cape Elizabeth" sessions facilitated by Reale over the past year. This display is a continuation of a project that began in 2006. "The focus of the project is to document stories about places and events in Cape Elizabeth and build connections by sharing these stories and photographs with community members," Reale says. This program was supported by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

Mapping Cape Elizabeth's Historic Photos: an interactive exhibit is created by Cape residents Ellen Van Fleet and Norman Jordan. This part of the exhibit is a "working map" of Cape Elizabeth coordinated by Van Fleet and Jordan, who have been working over the past year to locate and document the Historical Society's pictures of bygone Cape Elizabeth.

Along with the map and accompanying photographs of noteworthy and historically interesting buildings is a guide with facts about the photos. The exhibit creators are looking to the community for corrections and more information, as well as more photos to add to the society's collection. Van Fleet writes the "Historical Snippets" column for *The Cape Courier*.

History Matters: a collection of articles about Cape Elizabeth is presented by Barbara Sanborn, the society's secretary, who has written numerous articles over the past several years for local publications, including *The Current*. Her stories are about the history of buildings, traditions and places in Cape Elizabeth.

Publications celebrated

The exhibit also celebrates the recent publication of "A Culinary History of Cape Elizabeth," edited by Jane Beckwith and compiled by members of the Historical Society and community members. The cookbook combines historical information about Cape Elizabeth with traditional recipes.

Limited copies of a previous Society publication, "Cape Elizabeth Past and Present" also will be available for purchase.

Hand-colored and black-and-white note cards by Reale depicting some familiar Cape Elizabeth sights will be available for purchase, with proceeds to benefit the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society.

Memories and memberships sought

Visitors to the exhibit will be able to document their own favorite memories and stories about Cape Elizabeth on memory cards. Residents and those having a personal connection to Cape Elizabeth, of all ages, are invited to create a card which will become part of the permanent town archives.

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society was established in 1986 by the late Constance Murray, Ph.D. Murray's family has deep roots in Cape Elizabeth. She grew up in the Two Lights area and returned to Cape Elizabeth following her retirement from teaching. She formed a local organization composed of concerned citizens dedicated to locating, researching and preserving items of historical value.

The Society would like to continue Murray's mission by encouraging preservation of artifacts, buildings and memories of town history.

Annual membership in the society is $15 a year. Membership forms will be available at the March 5 reception as well as throughout the month of March at the library. Contact CEHPS President Scott Berry at 767-0236 or CEHPS member and "Celebrating Community History" Show Coordinator Janice Reale @ 799-2457 for more information.

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Dining at the Inn without leaving school

Photo by Rauni Kew

Mitchell Kaldrovich, chef at Inn by the Sea's Sea Glass Restaurant, shares a light moment with Cape Elizabeth High School Wellness Committee members, Sydney Banks and Ben Berman, in the CEHS cafeteria at the Jan. 27 Chef of the Month day. Students and Cape residents dined on food prepared from recipes created by Kaldrovich, who also shared culinary expertise. The Wellness Committee sponsors the monthly luncheons, which highlight the importance of local food and healthy eating, in conjunction with the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, the Cape Farm Alliance, and the High School Parents Association.

Middle School Parents Association Basketball Bonanza fundraiser March 18

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parents Association will hold its annual Basketball Bonanza from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the middle school gym.

At the event, eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball team players will take on coed CEMS faculty teams. A free-throw and foul-shot contest, open to all middle-schoolers, is set for halftime. The evening will also include the drawing of the MSPA's annual raffle fundraiser.

Raffle items this year include the chance to be "gym teacher for a day," a Flip video camera, a pasta-maker, a Portland Head Lighthouse tour, a themed basket, a large pizza and wings once a month for the rest of the school year from Willows Pizza in South Portland, Red Claws tickets, and more.

Pizza, drinks, popcorn and sweet treats will be available to buy. This is a family event, and children younger than 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Trish Brigham at pbrigha@maine.rr.com about volunteering or donating raffle items.

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Playing chess before school Jan. 29 while coach John Brady watches are chess team members, left to right, at table on left, Ben Hansel, Ian McInerney, and Danny Brett; and at right table, Brett Parker, Peter Campbell, Ethan DiNinno and Anthony Freccero. Ian de Paula is not pictured.

Cape high school fields its first chess team; Fishbein and Reale-Hatem earn top ratings

By Ilene Schuchman

Cape Elizabeth High School has formed a chess team for the first time. John Brady, a part-time CEHS chemistry teacher and a highly rated, avid tournament player, volunteered to coach the team, which meets before school once a week. Team members are ninth-graders Brett Parker, Anthony Freccero and Ben Hansel and sophomores Ethan DiNinno, Peter Campbell, Ian McInerney, Brian Brett and Ian de Paula.

DiNinno has been instrumental in assembling and helping to organize the team.

In the team's first match, held Dec. 17, the team won against Cheverus High School 3.5-1.5. Cape tied 3:3 against Thornton Academy in Saco on Jan. 14. The team plans to enter the Maine State Scholastic Championship March 6, the first time Cape has entered a team in the high school section of the tournament.

Junior Grand Prix Chess Champion

In other chess news, the United States Chess Federation has announced that the 2009 Junior Grand Prix Chess Champion for Maine is Matthew Reale-Hatem, a seventh-grader at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Reale-Hatem came in ahead of older and more highly rated players throughout the state to win the title, based upon overall performance throughout the year with points awarded for games won against opponents with significantly higher ratings. Reale-Hatem's rating has risen an unheard-of 600 points in the past year.

Highest rated player in Maine

Teammate Matthew Fishbein finished fourth, ahead of three National Masters, at the Portsmouth Open held on Jan. 16 and 17 in Portsmouth, N.H., a tournament that included many of New England's top adult players. His USCF rating soared 115 points to 1789, which makes Fishbein, as a sixth-grader, the highest rated scholastic player in Maine, including all high school players.

It's an exciting time for the sport of chess in Cape Elizabeth. The elementary and middle school teams are seeking new members.

Call 741-2568 for more information.

Two Cape students inducted into Cheverus NHS

Two Cape Elizabeth students were inducted into the National Honor Society Jan. 31 at Cheverus High School in Portland: Katherine Haley is a senior, and Caroline Bulger is a junior.

NHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students.

The organization serves to honor students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Cape seventh-grader Lily Jordan wins second straight county spelling bee

Photo by Cathy Clough

Gathering last month after the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Spelling Bee are, left to right, winner Lily Jordan, second-place finisher Alex Mukai, and Nick Shedd, who came in third.

Lily Jordan, a Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader, needed 16 rounds to successfully defend her title in the Cumberland County Spelling Bee. Eighteen spellers from nine area schools gathered at Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth the evening of Feb. 2.

Cape sent two spellers, Jordan, and sixth-grader Alex Mukai, who had finished first and second at the school bee in early January. Such challenging words as "conundrum," "circuitous," "labyrinth," "rutabaga," "latitudinarian," "ineffable," "brigadier," and "analgesia" helped whittle the field to two spellers entering the fifth round. Jordan and a seventh-grader from Scarborough rattled off 10 perfect rounds before a misspelling in the 15th round put Jordan in position to win. Needing two correct words to do so, she spelled "necessary" and "predicate" to win the county bee for the second year in a row.

Each county champion advances to the state spelling bee, set for March 20 at the Abromson Center on University of Southern Maine's Portland campus. The state bee winner earns a trip to Washington, D.C., for the Scripps National Bee in late spring.

Cape's one act play, 'The Birds,' to open March 2

Cape Elizabeth High School's one-act play "The Birds," a comedy by the ancient Greek playwright Aristophanes, who lived from about 446 B.C. to 315 B.C., will open at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the high school auditorium, with additional shows Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Despite being more than 2000 years old, the satire still "resounds with comic vitality, witty dialog, and clever staging," CEHS Theater Department Director Richard Mullen says. "Humans remain remarkably amusing."

CEHS will perform the show at the annual One Act Festival. Cape has won the past four regional one-act awards, most recently for "Of Mice and Men."

Contact Mullen at dick_mullen@cape.k12.me.us for information.

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New CEEF members

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New members of the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation board are, left to right; Trish Brigham, Julie Merriam, Mike Concannon, Jennifer Duddy, Susan Leighton, Jane Anderson, at rear; Stephanie, Korupp, Mark Zajkowskil, Pond Cove School representative Julie Nickerson, Cape Middle School representative Steve Price, and Steve Lavallee. The nonprofit foundation seeks to support innovative programs that fall outside the school budget. Outgoing board members include Julie Armstrong, Donna Peterson, Matt Bates, Jack Melanson, Nancy Thompson, Ingrid Stressenger, Susan Dana, and Karen Burke. For information, visit www.ceef.us.

Here's pie in his eye!

Photos by Gail Osgood

Cape Elizabeth Middle School Principal Steve Connolly gets creamed by fifth- and sixth-graders Jan. 29.

Already slimed with whipped cream, Connolly gets ready to meet the pie launched by fifth-grader Lucy Citrine.

Pie-ing the principal while 80 people cheer you on—what more could a kid ask?

Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth- and sixth-graders who collected the most Box Tops For Education coupons earned the right to throw whipped cream pies at CEMS Principal Steve Connolly after school on Jan. 29.

For this sweet event, students brought in $230 worth of 5-cent Box Tops, which are clipped from food products and submitted to CEMS to raise money for the school.

Seventh- and eighth-grade Box Tops collectors get their turn next. Those who collect at least 50 coupons by the end of February will get to do the honors at the next school dance. Mr. Connolly, beware!

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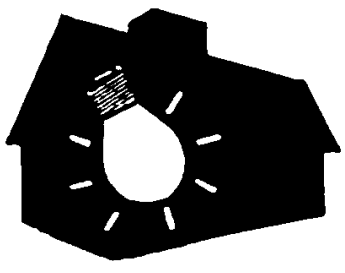

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'Spiritual dimension of aging' topic of author's talk at St. Alban's

Fred Brancato, the author of a new book titled "Ancient Wisdom and the Measure of Our Days: The Spiritual Dimension of Aging, Retirement, and Loss," will speak at St. Alban's Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Brancato, who holds a doctoral degree from New York University's department of culture and communication, has held a variety of jobs: professional baseball player, social worker, teacher, and director of a child welfare association. Now retired, Brancato teaches Tai Chi and conducts courses in the University of Southern Maine's continuing education program and at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USM.

Admission will be free, with donations accepted. The St. Alban's Spiritual Men's Group is sponsoring the event.

Call 799-6412 for more information. Call 838-4122 for assistance with transportation. The church is located at 888 Shore Road.

Wicked Good Band, 'Marden's Lady' to perform Feb. 27

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will sponsor a 7:30 p.m. concert featuring the Wicked Good Band and Birdie Googins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the church. All proceeds raised at the benefit will go directly to efforts by the United Methodist Committee on Relief to give aid to the people of Haiti.

The Wicked Good Band has performed at festivals throughout New England and in Washington, D.C. and has recorded four albums. Birdie Googins is known for the Maine-based humor she displays in television commercials for Marden's.

Tickets are $10 in advance at the church, and $12 at the door. Call 799-8396 or 774-7241 for tickets or information. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

For more information, go to the church's web site, www.ceumc.org.

Family History Center at LDS Church offers largest genealogical collection in world

Want to know where Aunt Suzy is buried, or in what country your dad was born? Could you be a member of the Mayflower Society and not even know it?

Answers to these kinds of questions can be found at the Family History Center, located at the rear of the building that houses The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean Avenue in Cape Elizabeth.

"There are many resources, and many are free, that mainstream America does not know about," center volunteer David Freeman said. "But the jewel in the crown is having our computers in contact with the 'mother' computer in Salt Lake City [Utah] where 'all things genealogical' happen."

Salt Lake City is the location of the Salt Lake Temple and the church's headquarters.

The LDS Church has the largest collection of free family history, family tree and genealogy records in the world. Early on, the church encouraged members to research their family history. During the 20th century, the church negotiated with governments and custodians of public records to preserve birth, marriage and death records by microfilming them, an LDS Web site states.

"Literally millions and millions of names can be researched from millions and millions of places using the vast store of knowledge that has been amassed over many years of hard work," Freeman said. "You can search in the United States or Europe or anywhere in the world." The church has 4,600 Family History centers in 132 countries.

"Coming to the center may open a whole new world that [people] didn't even know existed," Freeman said.

The center's hours are 9 a.m. -9 p.m. on Wednesdays, 1- 9 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call 767-5000 or e-mail portlandfhc@gmail.com.

Award-winning food historian to speak March 6 at 1 p.m. Genealogical Society meeting

Food historian and author, Sandy Oliver, will share her knowledge of early New England food in a presentation, "How we Ate: Early American Fare," at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at a meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. A 12:30 p.m. social time will precede the meeting, which will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

Oliver will discuss how New Englanders became cider drinkers and eaters of baked beans, brown bread, and pumpkin pie after leaving England, where they preferred pease porridge, roast beef and beer.

Oliver's book, "Saltwater Foodways: New Englanders and Their Food at Sea and Ashore in the Nineteenth Century," won a Julia Child Cookbook Award. Founder of the fireplace cooking program at Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut, Oliver, now a Maine resident, speaks at museums, and at culinary and historical organizations. She also leads training programs in historic cooking at museums. She is the author of four books.

Visit the chapter Web site, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmgs/, for information.

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Speech team

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declamation category.

The ensemble team of freshman Peter Campbell, sophomore Colleen Howard, and senior A.J. Frustaci won first place in their interpretation of "Sylvia," by A.R. Gurney.

In extemporaneous speaking on current issues, juniors Brendan Stewart and Robert Macdonald placed. Other top-placing speakers included freshman Lauren Steidl and junior Eliza Tunstall-Weiner in oratorical declamation, senior Tom Campbell in humorous interpretation, and freshman Arianna Cogswell and junior Brendan Stewart in storytelling. Sophomore Melissa Stewart and junior Lane Parrish placed in prose reading, and sophomore Charlotte Rutty placed in the original works category.

'Team effort all the way'

The win was a group effort, Mullen said. "Individuals have shown remarkable growth throughout the season in this demanding co-curricular activity, but for the state finals it was a team effort all the way," said Mullen.

Other team members include junior Ally Boyington, freshman Griffin Carpenter, sophomore Ali Dunton, senior Emma Goldbas, junior Lindsey Goodykoontz, junior Kelsey Harrington, sophomore Julia Hintlian, sophomore Thomas Janick, senior Lily Kalikow, sophomore Sasha Kohan, junior Rachel LaPlante, freshman Tara Pinette, and sophomore Luke Sisselman.

Volunteer assistants David Campbell, Cindy Stephanus and Lisa Melanson help coach the team, which won six of its seven meets this season.

Because of lack of student participation, funds for the speech and debate programs were cut for the 2007-2008 school year, but speech received funding last year.

In the spring, the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which seeks to fund innovative programs that fall outside the school budget, awarded a $3,000 grant to revive debate.

In October, speech lost its funding when Superintendent Alan Hawkins enacted a spending freeze. At that point, Mullen asked CEEF for approval to use debate funds to keep the speech program alive. The High School Parents Association, which had awarded $500 for debate, agreed to do the same.

Team members, who paid a $50 participation fee, also did fundraising.

"We have survived, barely," Mullen said.

Town Council

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recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Committee.

The fees would not go into effect until April 1, 2011.

So what happens if the town votes against the pay/display parking program the council adopted?

Town Manager Mike McGovern explained that the referendum is advisory. The council would have the option whether or not to reverse its vote as a consequence of the referendum results.

The parking fees adopted by the council include a $5 daily parking fee (via the pay-display system), and optional annual parking permits of $10 for residents and $20 for non-residents.

Two councilors, Sara Lennon and Walsh favored a higher annual permit fee ($25) for both residents and nonresidents. Councilor Penny Jordan argued that resident fees should be eliminated entirely. In the end, the originally proposed fee structure passed without change.

In a related action, the council voted that the park should remain free of any entry charges. Entry charges were a separate issue from parking fees.

The council also voted that all revenues generated within the park be kept for park maintenance, operations, capital needs and overhead. A Fort Williams Park Special Revenue Fund was established for this purpose. Portland Head Light gift shop and museum revenues were not included as part of this fund.

Council adopts fees for buses

The council voted unanimously to begin collecting fees from buses visiting Fort Williams Park. The bus fees will not go into effect until April 1, 2011. As with parking, the fees would be in effect from April 1 to Nov. 1.

> 'I am very reluctant to say to the people who voted against fees three years ago, well, sorry, we're going to just completely disregard what you said.'
> — Councilor Dave Sherman

It is estimated about 800 buses visit the park annually. The fees will be similar to those recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, ranging from about $40-$50 per bus.

Park events approved

The Town Council approved the following dates for events at Fort Williams Park in 2010:

*Cape Elizabeth Little League, May through July

*Cape Elizabeth High School Commencement, June 13

*Family Fun Day, June 12 (rain date, June 19)

*Portland Amateur Wireless Association, June 26 and 27

*Beach to Beacon 10K Race, August 7

*Monhegan Race Observation Post, August 6-8

*CEFD Engine One Art Show, Sept. 5 (rain date, Sept. 6)

Education subsidy

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In the fall, State Department of Education Commissioner Susan Gendron estimated that education aid to Cape for the 2010-2011 school year would be down $900,000 from this year's subsidy. Based on that projection, Cape Superintendent Alan Hawkins spent January preparing a 2010-11 school budget.

But on Feb. 1 Gendron put a halt to Hawkins' work on that budget plan. In an e-mail, she announced that Cape would lose a projected $40,000 in 2010-2011, a 1.5 percent cut in funding from this year's education subsidy.

Cape's recent property revaluation played a big part in the $860,000 difference, Millett said.

"Property valuation is the biggest factor that impacts the allocation of state funds. Ours decreased by 6 percent, and the state average was an increase of 3 percent, so that's a differential of 9 percent, and that's why our cut was much less than most other surrounding districts," Millett said.

Penalty money

Two days after Hawkins got the good news from Gendron, Augusta dampened it. An additional $110,000 may be added to Cape's projected $40,000 loss, which would mean a $150,000 loss in subsidy for the 2010-2011 school year.

The change has to do with how the state handles penalties to school districts that haven't complied with Maine's two-year-old school consolidation law. This year for the first time, the DOE plans to penalize non-conforming school districts by making them pay a higher mil rate. The estimated $5.9 million that will be raised through the penalty charges were to be made available only to districts that comply, as Cape does.

However, the Legislature's Education Committee made a move Feb. 4 to change the way that the penalty money will get doled out to school systems. By a 10-3 decision, committee members voted to have the money go to all districts, even those that haven't complied with the law.

The committee's recommendation will move on to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. From there it will go on to the Legislature.

Even if Cape is out the $110,000, the outlook still looks better than it did the morning of Feb. 1, when school officials still braced for a $900,000 loss in state subsidy.

> 'There may be some fluctuations in how much we're cut, but I don't see it going back to $900,000...'
> —School Board Chair Rebecca Millett

"There may be some fluctuations in how much we're cut, but I don't see it going back to $900,000, the figure we got this fall," Millett said.

The week Cape got the two announcements, Hawkins had planned to announce a budget-planning schedule.

"We had a schedule, but now we have to revisit it because Alan needs to go back and do some work with his administrators," Millett said.

Curtailment

The Legislature is set to vote soon on a supplemental budget for the current school year. In the fall, the Maine Department of Education announced a projected $38 million curtailment in state subsidy 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.

And next year?

"There could always be another curtailment next fall," Millett said.

Stablization funds

But states may get some help from the federal government, she said.

"A bill that passed the U.S. House and will go before the Senate includes money to stabilize state education," Millett said. "I would encourage people to find out more about that and contact our senators. From what I understand, whatever amount of money Maine gets would then be allocated directly to the districts through the DOE."

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the day *The Cape Courier* went to press, a School Board business meeting was planned.

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Twenty-two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland: **Joseph Barry**, **Christina Barry**, **Brett Cary**, **Lauren Caterina**, **Rachel De Long**, **Douglas Donovan**, **Steven Friesel**, **Nicholas Goodykoontz**, **Melissa Harney**, **Curtis Lane**, **Brandon Leaman-Farley**, **Linda Matthews**, **Andrew Moulton**, **Jordi Odlin**, **Susan Raftice**, **Mark Russell**, **Bradley Scovil**, **Yuan-Chen Tai**, **Ronnie Tellerman**, **Rebecca Thompson**, **Elizabeth Tinkham**, and **Kari Vance**.

Jonathan Butterworth, son of **Frank and Debbie Butterworth** of McAuley Road, was recently named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Boston University, where he is a senior majoring in music education. He recently completed his student teaching assignment in Medfield, Mass.

David Backer has been appointed to the board of directors of USA Canoe/Kayak, the United States Olympic Committee's national governing body for the sports of whitewater slalom and flat water sprint canoe and kayak. Backer serves as chair.

Jennifer DeSena was named sales broker of the month for December 2009 at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Cape Elizabeth. She and her husband, Danforth, live in the Oakhurst neighborhood and have three daughters.

Drummond Woodsum law firm in Portland recently won an award from the Maine Bar Foundation for providing access to justice for low-income citizens in Maine. Cape resident **Dave Sherman**, who coordinates the firm's pro bono efforts, received a letter from the director of the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project thanking the firm for accepting the highest number of VLP cases in 2009.

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Pierce Atwood partner **William Kayatta** received the Howard H. Dana, Jr., Award in January at the Maine State Bar Association's annual meeting in South Portland.

A trial lawyer in the firm's litigation group, Kayatta received the honor for his contributions to the development and implementation of private bar projects that improve civil legal assistance to the disadvantaged.

"Bill Kayatta's career is the epitome of exceptional legal advocacy. His intellect and trademark concentration have ensured him singular distinction among his peers and before the state's and the nation's highest courts; yet, for three decades Bill has equally and unselfishly devoted his passion for legal excellence and his quiet zeal to the cause of justice for low-income Maine citizens."

Wiiliam Kayatta

Sean Meagher was named to the dean's list at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., where he is a sophomore majoring in applied exercise science.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Jim Walsh**, who opened Waterglen Realty Group in southern Maine in 2006, was named the company's 2009 broker of the year for the number of units he sold. Walsh specializes in commercial, investment and residential real estate.

Inn by the Sea will reduce room rates by 50 percent from April 26 to May 28 in exchange for a $35 donation check payable to Habitat for Humanity. All funds donated will help build homes for deserving families. The "Hospitality for Habitat" program, which the Maine Innkeepers Association originally designed to raise funds for local Habitat chapters while encouraging spring travel to Maine, will donate a portion of funds to Habitat for Humanity projects in Haiti this year.

Jennifer Leigh Fortin, daughter of Denis and Elaine Fortin of Bellingham, Mass., and **Jeffrey Mitchell**, the son of **John and Susan Mitchell**, were married Aug. 1 in Centerville, Mass. A reception was held at the Nauticus Marina in Osterville, Mass.

Sarah Allen was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Kelly Connor, Jillian Fisher, Sara Keeney, Susan MacLeod, **Andrea Mahoney**, Caitlyn McCann, **Heidi Mitchell**, Julia Norman and Katie Thomson. **Caroline and Madelyn Mahoney** were flower girls.

Bradford Mitchell was best man. Groomsmen were **John Brownell**, Michael Fortin, **Michael Mahoney**, **Joshua McGeachey**, **Peter Pachios**, Andrew Reider, Andrew Ryding, **Jonathan Sahrbeck**, and **Andrew Townsend**. Thomas Andrellos was junior groomsman.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Bellingham High School. She earned a bachelor's degree at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., in 2001 and a master's degree in 2005 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She is employed as a fourth-grade teacher in Danvers, Mass.

Jeffrey graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 1998 and from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., in 2002. He is employed by Connelly Partners in Boston.

The couple, who honeymooned at Great Guana Cay in the Bahamas, lives in South Boston.

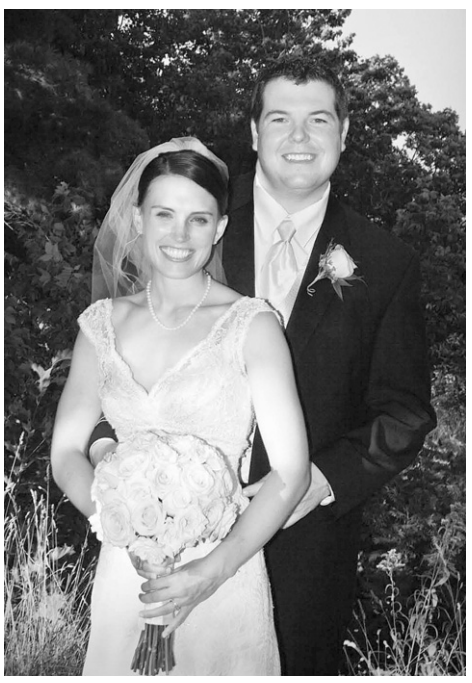
Jeffrey Mitchell and Jennifer Fortin

Lindsay Groff and Austin Barrett were married on August 15, 2009, at St. Alban's Church in Cape Elizabeth. The reception was held at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. The bride is the daughter of **Joe and Christine Groff**.The groom is the son of Gregory and Brigitte Barrett of Sudbury, Mass.

The maid of honor was **Sarah Groff**, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Corina Burke, **Emily Garvin**, and **Annie Ornatek**. The best man was Blake Barrett, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Nick Ferring, Steve Santulli, Jay Weiner and Pete Wolf.

Lindsay is a 2000 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and a 2004 graduate of Tufts University in Medford, Mass., where she received a degree in child development. She received a master's degree in literacy curriculum and instruction in 2007 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She is currently a kindergarten teacher in Wellesley, Mass. Austin is a 2001 graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury High School in Massachusetts and a 2005 graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., where he received a degree in business administration. He will receive his master's degree in business administration from Boston University in May 2010. He is currently a leasing representative with Boston Properties.

The couple celebrated their wedding with a trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They live in Charlestown, Mass.



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