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Tax-rate-reducing budget proposed

By Elizabeth Brogan

A municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2011 which will maintain all current services, continue the current level of spending, and allow a three percent reduction in the tax rate has been proposed by Town Manager Mike McGovern.

The \$8.5 million budget proposal came in a February 22 "Budget Message" delivered to the Town Council and posted on the town Web site. The message is packed with graphs

and charts and includes extensive supporting documents.

Several factors permit flat budget

"The FY 2011 proposed budget is flat at a time when the CPI-U has increased 2.6 percent over the 12 months preceding," McGovern said, a feat attributable to a combination of things. Nonunion employees and public works bargaining unit employees are not re-

—see BUDGET page 6

Forget the eggs: Buy a lottery ticket at the IGA and win \$1 million

A Cape Elizabeth resident's longtime tradition of buying lottery tickets at Pond Cove IGA paid off big time in the last week of February. Victor Antos won \$1 million on a Maine State Lottery Weekly Grand ticket on Thursday, Feb. 24.

In an early-morning call that morning from the Maine Lottery Commission, IGA employees learned the store had sold the winning ticket.

The staff set about finding the winner. First

they posted a sign on the door announcing the win and asking the victor to bring the ticket to the store. One employee called customers who frequently buy Maine Lottery tickets at IGA, one of whom was Antos, who arrived at the store later that morning, ticket in hand.

Antos, who is in his 60s and owns a cleaning business, did not want to comment on his win. Ernie Livingston, assistant store manager at IGA, also declined to comment.

—Wendy Keeler

Superintendent to present three 2010-2011 school budget scenarios March 9

By Wendy Keeler

Superintendent Alan Hawkins will present three budget scenarios for the 2010-2011 school year at the School Board's March 9 business meeting. On Feb. 23, the School Board finance committee, which includes the whole board, voted 5-2 to direct Hawkins to come up with a trio of plans: one cutting programs and preserving the current tax rate, another maintaining programs and raising

taxes, and a third middle-of-the-road plan. Kathy Ray and Linda Winker voted against the motion.

Cape Elizabeth faces a school budget gap of about \$960,000 for the 2010-2011 school year, Cape Elizabeth School Board Chair Rebecca Millett said at the end of February. Contributing to the shortfall will be an anticipated \$40,000 curtailment in state education aid to the district, salary and benefit increas-

A wild ride, cleanup ahead



Photo by Patricia McCarthy

Cape residents have a lot of work ahead of them after a Feb. 25 storm that took down trees and power lines. At the Altnauer home on Kill Deer Road, at least two dozen very old, large trees were felled after midnight on Friday. Greg Altnauer says it sounded like a freight train as the trees went down in succession. Impy Altnauer stands next to the root end of one of the huge uprooted trees on March 1 to show the scope of the damage. The town will waive fees at the Recycling Center for storm-related debris until at least March 16. More details on page 4.

Celebrating Cape history



Photo by Janice Reale

Elizabeth Peterson writes out a memory card at a May 2009 "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" session. The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society is celebrating community history this month with an exhibit at the Thomas Memorial Library. An opening reception for the exhibit is set for Friday, March 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the reception and exhibit. For more details about the exhibit, see page 12.

Public hearing on Rudy's renovation set for March 16 by Planning Board

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing March 16 on plans for a renovated 80-seat restaurant and convenience store for Rudy's of the Cape, located at 517 Ocean House Road. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Landscape architect Patrick Carroll of Carroll Associates, on behalf of Two Lights General Store LLC owner Mary Page, presented a revised plan to the board Feb. 16, pointing out several enhancements designed to buffer business activities from the surrounding neighborhood.

A major change to the parking lot would be redirected traffic flow from Route 77 at a single entrance to the north of the building, moving to parking at the sides and behind the building, and ending at a dedicated exit to Route 77 to the south. The new configuration, Carroll said, improves traffic circulation and the appearance of the site from Route 77.

Currently Rudy's patrons park in front of the building, with ingress and egress pos-

sible from any point on Route 77 in front of the property.

Landscaping and parking reconfiguration will reduce slightly the amount of impervious surface on the lot, from 21,209 square feet to 20,754 square feet, with gravel surface.

Carroll also presented plans for vegetative buffering around the property. Most of the 25 parking spaces and the outdoor eating area will be on the south side of the building, away from the neighbors, he said.

A small expansion of less than 800 square feet will be added to the building, and an outdoor dining area will also be added to the southern end. Seating for 80 people will be divided between the indoor and outdoor areas depending on the weather. The outdoor siting also takes advantage of seasonal sunlight.

"I think it will be an attractive amenity for Route 77," Carroll said.

An earlier plan to add multiuse space to

—see PUBLIC HEARING page 18



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Council proposals 'unfair' to taxpayers

Over the years our Cape Town Council has done a pretty commendable job.

However, they occasionally display illogic—like the two fees currently being discussed which ask Cape taxpayers to pay twice for the same things. Economic times are tough, but this tactic is just wrong.

1. "Per bag" fee: As a taxpayer in Cape—already paying too-high taxes, including the ridiculous and exorbitant so-called "excise tax" (your vehicle's annual tax for which most states charge a flat fee of about \$45 or so and Maine charges MANY hundreds of dollars regardless of the actual cost of the vehicle, money which benefits Cape)—there is NO WAY I will also accept paying a "per bag" fee to use the recycling station for which I'm ALREADY paying in my Cape taxes. That's double taxation and unfair!

2. Fee to enter Fort Williams: Charge visitors if you must, but there should be NO CHARGE at all for taxpaying citizens of Cape. If your car has a Cape recycling station sticker, that needs to be sufficient. Generally considered Maine's "affluent community," we just give ourselves a black eye charging people to enter the park; we will be perceived as greedy and, simply put, it's terrible public relations. There are other ways to raise money, if necessary. Frankly, there is NO WAY that I will pay a fee—even a reduced fee for Cape taxpayers—to enter Fort Williams, when I'm ALREADY paying high taxes to Cape to maintain the fort. That's double taxation, and unfair!

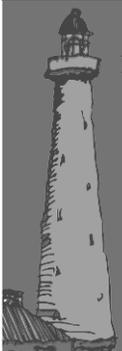
We too often allow ourselves to be quietly led like sheep, and we too often fail to challenge what our Town Council does. It's time for EVERY taxpaying citizen of Cape Elizabeth to stand up, have your voices heard and STOP THE INSANITY of these proposed fees.

Dan Davidson

Fourth-grader seeks help with Maine report

My name is Molly Johnson. I am a fourth-grader at Evansville Day School. I am doing a state report on Maine. I would appreciate it if you could publish my letter in your newspaper. I would like your readers to send me information, postcards, brochures, etc. about Maine. That would be excellent. They may send their information to me, care of: Evansville Day School, 3400 N. Green River Rd., Evansville, IN 47715

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Discuss 'large changes' for our schools now

In the final January edition of *The Cape Courier*, I read about the actions the school administration and the School Board were considering to close this year's deficit (subsequently approved on 2/9) ["Superintendent's plan to offset curtailment would use undesignated and Medicaid funds," Jan. 30-Feb. 12, 2010]. The most impactful included: the use of the contingency fund, the acceleration of the use of Medicaid reimbursements and a delay in purchasing supplies.

These initiatives provided \$676,000 to mitigate the current shortfall of \$940,000. No bold actions here I thought, but that's okay; at least we can finish this school year without too many changes. Then I read on that next year our shortfall will be \$1.7 million (now it seems to be closer to \$1 million) and there is no obvious plan to address it, or at least a plan hasn't yet been revealed.

The time to discuss large changes we need to make is now—perhaps an already scheduled February workshop can begin that process. Otherwise, in a few short months, we will be deciding between "Draconian measures" that will hurt our children or a tax increase which at this point I would peg at 5-10 percent to keep school and town services on par with this year. Of course, the state might allocate more money to Cape Elizabeth, but I wouldn't count on that.

What we need now is leadership to explore meaningful structural changes in the Cape school system with the involvement of our community. Using contingency funds and lobbying in Augusta do not amount to a feasible long-term strategy—they only make it possible to continue with the status quo for just a little longer.

Piotrek Stamieszkin

Former chair of park commission clarifies reporting

As last year's chair of the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, I would like to address one statement in the article "Fort fees will go to referendum, again," in the Feb. 13 issue. The statement is "At the meeting, the council voted 5-2 to adopt the pay/display system of parking fees recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Committee." Although the commission did propose that parking fees be collected, the parking fees adopted by the council were not those proposed by the Advisory Commission. The commission proposed a per-hour fee structure.

The council adopted a flat fee structure - \$5 no matter how long the stay.

I also quibble with the use of the word "recommended." The commission was asked by the council to develop a proposal to make the park financially self-sustaining. The commission did this, to the best of our ability and using expense data available to us at the time. The commission never held discussions as to whether we supported the implementation of parking fees. We simply submitted a proposal, as requested.

Dan Chase

Valentine's Day story appreciated by reader

Just wanted to thank *The Cape Courier* and Ellen Van Fleet for the profile on the Lombards ["Valentine's special: longtime-loving Lombards look back on life together," Feb. 13-March 5, 2010]. I know this couple slightly and they are delightful. He used to have a greenhouse from which he sold plants and you never bought one that he did not give you an extra. He also had coops for birds and is quite an original and interesting individual and really exemplified what I used to think of as a true Mainer. She is a charming person who whenever you ran into her was offering to do a kindness for you or in the midst of doing one for someone else. Our town is very different now from the town they grew up in, and I'm not entirely sure it is for the better.

It seems instead of holding out a helping hand to each other we are holding out a grasping hand (fees at Fort Williams).

Thanks again for the article, and I look forward to other such stories.

Emily Materson

Suspension of e-mail publication on town Web site prompts discussion about speech

There is a discussion going on in Cape Elizabeth around the hiatus of citizen e-mails being posted on the town Web site. I encourage you to watch and listen, as there are policies determined for posting, blogging, and lifting e-mails. It may be time for Capers to come together for a good old-fashioned town meeting, where free speech is welcome and expected.

RuthAnne Haley



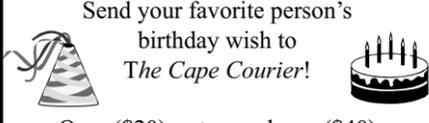
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Shore Road Pathway fundraising launched

Supporters of the Shore Road Pathway have formed a nonprofit to collect funds for the construction of the two-mile pathway along one of Cape Elizabeth's busiest and most scenic roads. Members of the Safe Access For Everyone (SAFE) group have secured nonprofit status and are seeking donations to provide the local matching funds required by construction-funding grants.

While it is expected that the pathway will be built with federal bicycle and pedestrian Traffic Enhancement grant funds provided through the Maine Department of Transportation, these funds require that local communities provide 20 percent of the total project amount. With an estimated cost of approximately \$1 million for the entire project, the SAFE group is planning to raise about \$200,000 to cover the local matching funds.

"The Town Council was pretty clear in saying that while the town would commit funds to final design and permitting, they would not provide the 20 percent local match," said SAFE Chair Jim Kerney. "We are seeking to mobilize community support to raise these necessary matching funds, and

with luck, construction could begin by 2011."

The group plans to raise the funds through a combination of general and specific appeals for support. Nonresidents are welcome to contribute. The group has launched a Web site, www.safecape.org, which provides more information about the Shore Road Path and the fundraising campaign. The group has also created a Facebook page, "Safe Access for Everyone" to help raise awareness of the campaign.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the community to build a great project that will enhance safety and access along this popular corridor which connects so many of our most important facilities, including the schools, Robinson Woods, Town Center and Fort Williams," says Kerney. "And hopefully, the grant funds will make this an incredible bargain—we get 80 cents for every 20 we put in!"

Tax-deductible donations towards the local match for the project can be mailed to Shore Road Pathway, PO Box 215, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. All donors will receive a letter confirming their tax

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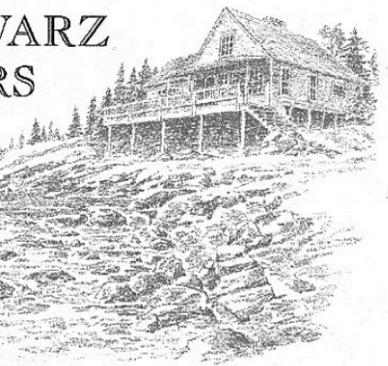
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Grant approved for energy-efficient lighting at schools, Community Center

Cape Elizabeth has received a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant that will help pay for energy-efficient lighting at the schools and the town's Community Center.

Town Manager Michael McGovern announced the \$85,000 award on Feb. 17.

Along with the grant application, the Town Council last December approved a \$51,412 matching appropriation toward retrofitting lights at all three of Cape Elizabeth's schools and the Community Center. The local funds were from a 2008 bond issued for capital improvements. The grant and the local match enables \$136,412 of work to be done at the schools and the Community Center.

"Thank you to all who helped to develop the idea and all who helped with the material leading to the grant," McGovern said, in an e-mail to town councilors and to members of the ad hoc Alternative Energy Committee.

The estimated payback period in terms of electricity charges is 2.4 years. The payback return on the local part of the investment is a little more than a year, and the 15-year savings is estimated at more than \$846,000.

Application for the grant was made to the Maine Public Utilities Commission for the grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (federal stimulus).

--from the Town Web site
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Published e-mail correspondence 'on hiatus'

The town of Cape Elizabeth has suspended publication of e-mails to councilors and members of other boards on the municipal Web site.

In a Feb. 12, 2010 e-mail to town councilors and to "Cape Citizen," an area of the Web site that includes e-mails written to officials on issues of public interest, Town Manager Michael McGovern said that publication of the e-mails was "on hiatus."

"The posting activity in recent months has revealed some challenges in resolving policy and technical issues with the administration of this Web site feature," he said.

Since January of 2009, the town has optionally made e-mails sent to the Town Council and other boards available online for public view.

While the town wishes to keep the content of published e-mails intact, some e-mails have included material that may conflict with existing Web site publishing policies.

In addition, some content has conflicted with the town's policy not to provide official blogging sites. "In reviewing the comment threads in our Web site e-mail feature, some of the pattern of comments is clearly blog-like," McGovern said.

"Until these technical and policy issues are reviewed, the posting of new e-mails online on the www.capeelizabeth.com Web site is being placed on hiatus," McGovern said. He said he is recommending this administrative decision be included in the Town Council's review of communication strategies, one of the council's goals this year.

Residents may continue to send e-mails to town officials, and members of boards and commissions, through links on the town Web site. All e-mails sent to the town of Cape Elizabeth remain public records, and those sent to the Town Council and other boards will be available for public inspection in full accordance with Maine's Freedom of Access statutes.

--from the Town Web site
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Hearing set for March 8 on regulations for postconstruction stormwater management

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall chamber on proposed updates to the Conservation Ordinance regarding stormwater management.

The proposed postconstruction stormwater management ordinance updates will bring the town into compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, as enforced by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The updates also follow the town's 2003 Stormwater Management Plan.

"This is primarily a reporting requirement," said Town Councilor David Sherman, chairman of the council's ordinance subcommittee, at the council's meeting Feb. 8.

The ordinance revisions will apply to new subdivisions or proposals that come to the council after their enactment.

Robert Malley, Public Works Director, said the revisions were modeled from templates provided by the Maine Municipal Association and by the town of Yarmouth. Cape Elizabeth has been part of an 11-member group of communities working toward compliance with the state and federal requirements for the last eight years.

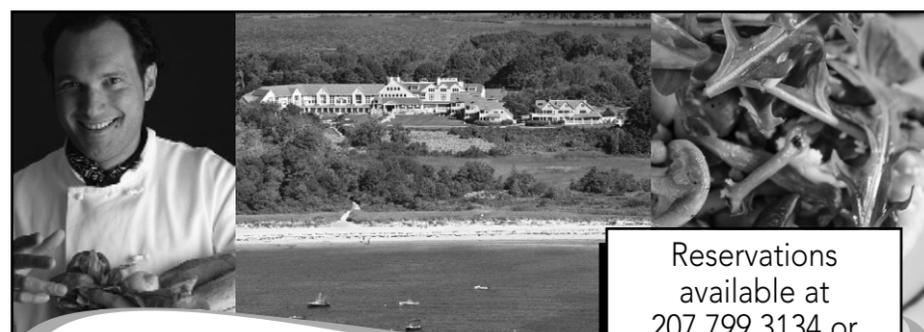
"It really formalizes our reporting requirements, a lot of this we're doing right now," said Malley.

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Recycling Center waiving fees for storm debris

The town will be waiving the fees at the Recycling Center for storm-related debris resulting from the high winds of Feb. 25, 2010. Debris includes portions of trees, limbs, etc.

This grace period will run for three weeks, in an attempt to give residents time to clean up their yards, said Public Works Director Robert Malley on Feb. 26. This period may be extended, depending on winter storm ac-

tivity or other adverse weather conditions. Contractors hauling debris for property owners will not be charged disposal fees during this time period, as long as they provide written verification from the property owner that the debris was a direct result of storm damage on their properties.

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



Local hero

Central Maine Power lineman John Nunley fixes a line at Cape Woods and Mitchell roads on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 28. As late as then, many homes in Cape still did not have power from the previous Thursday's destructive storm.

Photo by Patricia McCarthy

Waiting for iguanas ... with *The Cape Courier*!



Linda Burke takes a break from watching for the endangered Blue Iguana to check out *The Cape Courier* with son Skyler Burke at the Queen Elizabeth Botanical Gardens in Grand Cayman, B.W.I. in February. "We always enjoy the photos of people reading *The Cape Courier* in interesting locations around the world and thought we might bring a *Cape Courier* with us on our trip," said Brad Burke, who also snapped the picture.

Online registration for B2B March 12-13

Online registration for the 2010 TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race begins for the general public at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. However, beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 12, Cape Elizabeth residents will have 24 hours to fill 600 slots reserved for the host community.

Last year registration for the race closed in under two hours. As part of a new process this year, a lottery has been added for those who do not secure a spot through online registration.

The entry fee is \$35. The race is set for Saturday, Aug. 7.

For more details about race registration go to <http://www.beach2beacon.org/2010registration>.

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Budget

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ceiving pay adjustments. Debt service costs are decreasing by \$151,332, due to bond refinancing and debt retirement. The cost of refuse disposal is decreasing by \$79,961 as trash put in the hopper has decreased more than 10 percent. Street lighting costs are decreasing over \$12,000 with last year's light reduction initiative "more effective than planned," and the cost of the remaining lights put out to bid. Likewise, the electricity cost for the community pool is down \$18,000. "We also have been aggressively obtaining bids for a number of other services to take advantage of a more competitive bid environment," McGovern said.

McGovern gave "special recognition" to the town department heads and staff "who are adjusting to our budget restraints while maintaining exceptional services to our citizens."

Some increases necessary

Spending increases are also detailed. These include a \$66,000 13 percent increase in health insurance costs due to a 7 percent rate increase and changes in the marital status among staff as well as an increase in the cost of unemployment insurance from \$3,200 to \$16,500. General assistance for local families and individuals in need is also up from \$12,000 to \$25,000. The collective bargaining agreement with the Cape Elizabeth Police Benevolent Association will result in about \$30,000 in additional costs.

Family Fun Day is budgeted for \$5000 after no budgeted funding in FY 2010. Capital outlay for infrastructure needs is increased by \$66,178.

Spending and revenue trends

McGovern details trends in municipal spending and the tax rate since 2008. From FY 2008 to 2009, spending rose 3.9 percent with a 10 percent rise in the tax rate for municipal services attributed to declining revenue. From FY 2009 to 2010, spending was down 3.1 percent with a slight municipal tax rate decrease. McGovern's proposal for FY 2011 keeps spending at just \$17,864 more than in FY 2008, an increase of 2/10 of 1 percent since FY 2008.

Declining revenue from sources other than property tax is identified as a continuing challenge. "We are at a lower level than ten years ago," McGovern said in his message. "During the ten-year period, municipal spending has increased 28 percent and municipal revenue from sources other than property tax decreased 9 percent."

The proposed budget, which does not include school, county or community services expenditures, also specifically does not reflect changes that may result from upcoming recommendations from the Health Benefits Review Committee, the Municipal Operations Review Committee and the Alternative Energy Committee. Nor does the budget take into account any potential revenue from pending policy considerations, including pay/display parking at Fort Williams Park and pay per throw at the Recycling Center.

McGovern said that those pending initiatives could "reverse" the 10 year declining trend of revenue from sources other than property tax.

Looking ahead

The budget will be formally presented to

the Town Council at its regular meeting on March 8. The council will review the budget in public sessions beginning Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the William H. Jordan Conference Room at Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road.

School budget

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The motion approved on Feb. 23 also states that "to the extent that it's possible," the administration will incorporate suggestions from the curtailment workshop into their budget scenarios.

Having three plans to consider will be a plus, Millett said.

"By having these scenarios available for review, I think the School Board will be in a good position to make an informed decision about the best way to support education in our town during these challenging times," Millett said.

Good news

The board got some favorable news in mid-February in an e-mail from state Rep. Jane Eberle to School Board member David Hillman.

Earlier in the month, Cape educators learned that the district might be out an additional \$110,000 in funding next year because of a proposed change in the way that the Maine Department of Education would

distribute funds raised through penalties to school systems that have failed to comply with the state's two-year-old school consolidation law. The estimated \$5.9 million to be raised through penalties were to be made available only to districts that comply, as Cape does. But in the beginning of February, the Legislature's Education Committee voted that money raised through the penalty charges should be split among all districts, even those that don't conform to the law. The change would have resulted in Cape getting \$110,000 less in funding.

Cape won't be out any money, however.

"... The 'penalties' provision that would have negatively impacted Cape Elizabeth has been voted down ...," Eberle wrote in a Feb. 13 e-mail.

School districts may get some more good news. On Feb. 23, Maine lawmakers learned that state revenues are \$51 million higher than expected. Whether or not, the funds will trickle down to school districts remains to be seen, however.

School Board budget schedule

Other school budget meetings planned include School Board budget workshops and public hearings at 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, and Thursday, March 18, in the Cape Elizabeth High School library, both of which will be videotaped. The board will adopt a school budget at the members' regular business meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the Town Council chambers. The board's recommended budget will go to the Town Council on Friday, April 23. The School Board will present the budget to the council at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the council chambers. Millett, school board chairs from five Cumberland County school districts, and state legislators held a press conference Feb. 25 to officially announce a resolution approved by the six districts' boards which dealt with asking the Legislature to change the state education funding formula and re-proving lawmakers for current education funding policies and practices.

Education funding resolution

Last month, the Cape School Board approved the "Resolution Seeking Fair, Equitable, and Transparent Funding of Education in Maine," along with school boards in Falmouth, Scarborough, Yarmouth, South Portland, and Portland.

To read the resolution in full, go to the school Web site, www.capek12.me.us, click on "School Board," click on "Agendas and Minutes," and then on "Regular Business Meeting Feb. 9, 2010. Finally, click on the link titled, "joint cmtly resoluton_Item7c.pdf."



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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-29 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about suspicious vehicles. The vehicles were located and checked.
- 2-7 An officer met with a resident about possible illegal drug activity.
- 2-9 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Taken was a purse that contained cash, digital camera, credit cards and personal ID.
- 2-9 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst Road area about criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.
- 2-9 An officer met with a Cape Elizabeth school bus driver regarding a vehicle that passed his bus while he was stopped and discharging students. A plate number and operator description was obtained, and the suspect was identified and contacted.
- 2-9 An officer met with a resident regarding harassing phone calls.
- 2-11 An officer met with a school department representative at the middle school regarding a criminal mischief complaint.
- 2-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 2-12 Two officers responded to a residence

- in the Scott Dyer Road area for an unattended death.
- 2-12 Two officers met with a resident in the Shore Road area about the theft of a St. Francis statue described as white, about 22 inches tall, and about 20 pounds.

SUMMONSES

- 2-3 Brunswick resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-3 Gorham resident, operating after license suspension, Wells Road, \$310
- 2-3 Portland resident, speeding (45/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 2-3 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$133
- 2-3 Raymond resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Road, \$133
- 2-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (45/35 zone) \$137; failure to produce insurance, \$137, Spurwink Avenue
- 2-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 2-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Shore Road, \$131
- 2-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 2-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-4 New Hampshire resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 2-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road

- 2-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 2-5 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 2-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Bowery Beach Road, \$133
- 2-6 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Avenue, \$171
- 2-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Bowery Beach Road
- 2-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Old Ocean House Road
- 2-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/30 zone), \$119
- 2-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Scott Dyer Road, \$131
- 2-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Road, \$171
- 2-11 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 2-11 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 2-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$135
- 2-13 New Hampshire resident, speeding (76/50 zone), \$263
- 2-14 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$208
- 2-15 Pittston resident, illegal transportation of drugs, Route 77
- 2-15 Pittston resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Route 77

- 2-15 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Kettle Cove Road, \$133
- 2-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Bowery Beach Road, \$208
- 2-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Shore Road

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 2-6 Speeding (64/35 zone), Ocean House Road
- 2-13 Failure to stop for a stop sign, Ocean House Road

ACCIDENTS

- 2-15 James Glidden hit a deer on Route 77
- 2-15 James McCarthy, accident on Locksley Road

FIRE CALLS

- 2-4 Hunts Point Road, chimney fire
- 2-9 Ocean House Road, broken water pipe
- 2-9 South Portland, mutual aid
- 2-11 Running Tide Road, fire alarm
- 2-14 Fenway Road, brush fire
- 2-15 Locksley Road, car accident

RESCUE CALLS

There were 10 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 4 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 3 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.



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Gem of a read!



Cape residents Fran Bagdasarian and Diane Brakeley read *The Cape Courier* at the entrance to the Gem Mall in Tucson, Ariz., during a bead and gem show in February, where the two bought supplies for their businesses, Bagdasarian's Morning Dove Designs and Brakeley's Della Mano Designs. "We had a blast!" Brakeley said.

Tak Suppasettawat of Merrill Lynch in Portland, recently earned the designation "Certified Financial Planner," after meeting education, examination, experience and ethics requirements set by the CFP Board. For 20 years, Tak has worked for financial institutions in the U.S., the United Kingdom and Asia. Before joining Merrill Lynch in 2007, she was a tax accountant with Baker Newman Noyes in Portland. She holds a bachelor of science degree in finance and accounting from the University of Southern Maine, where she graduated magna cum laude and now serves on the alumni association board. She also serves on the board of the World Affairs Council of Maine.



Tak Suppasettawat

Cape physician **Christopher A. Wellins** has been named Maine Medical Center's medical director of care coordination, a new position established to provide links among caregivers, physicians, and the hospital on matters relating to improvement of patient transitions through the health care system.

A graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, Wellins completed his training in internal medicine at MMC and earned a master's degree at the Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. He has been in practice with Maine Medical Partners Internal Medicine since 1997.



Christopher Wellins

More Neighbors on pages 9, 20

Helping others begets trip to Disney, encounters with Joe Jonas, Mickey Mouse and Demi Lovato

By Wendy Keeler

For years, people in town have said thank you to Kim and Chris Gillies and their daughters Zoe and Christie for the family's countless kindnesses: the yearly bake sales for the Make A Wish Foundation, the Christmas-caroling wagon rides benefiting the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland, the Thanksgiving baskets for Cape families in need and May Day baskets for senior citizens, the "valentines for veterans," the fundraisers for the Animal Refuge League, and the award-winning Family Fun Day parade floats they create each year with themes honoring Cape farmers, Cape teachers, and others.

In February, the Gillieses got a thank you the likes of which the family had never received: an all-expenses-paid, one-week trip to Disney World in Florida, courtesy of the Hands On Network. The international organization, which seeks to "inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world," named the Gillieses the "Maine Family that Volunteers." Families in the other 49 states won the same trip.

Nomination

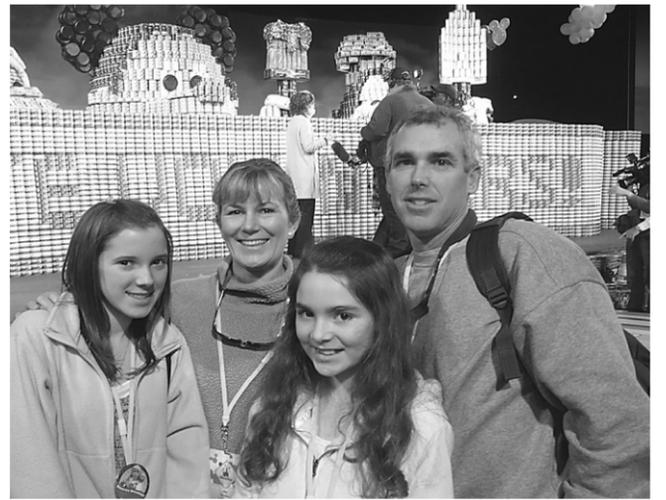
Cape resident Sue Guerette, who heard Hands On was looking for state nominees, e-mailed the organization a list of the Gillieses volunteer efforts throughout the years along with warm words of praise for the family.

"It is without hesitation and with great honor and enthusiasm that I cheer on the Gillies family as the Maine Family that Volunteers, as the Gillieses give it back to all of us, young, old, homeless, heroes and animals!" she wrote, adding, "They dedicate themselves equally to whatever they set out to accomplish, regardless of the final recognition."

The Gillieses were completely surprised about winning—and modest.

"We were just lucky, because there are so many people who do so many things," Kim Gillies said.

And the trip?



Gathering at Disney World the third week of February are Cape residents, left to right, Zoe, Kim, Christie and Chris Gillies.

"It was unbelievable," Kim said the week after the family returned. "We had no idea about what to expect. They told us that we would stay on-site at Disney, and when we got there we found out that we had a suite with a washer and dryer looking out on Disney, seven-day park-hopper passes which meant we could go between Epcot and the Magic Kingdom in the same day, and all our meals were included."

One stipulation

Hands On Network organizers had one stipulation—a wonderful one, it turned out.

"They wanted us to attend an all-day press event, and all they said about it was, 'You'll have a fun-filled day.'"

They weren't kidding.

All 50 families attended the festivities, held at Epcot. The CEO of Disney spoke about volunteering, and characters and actors from Disney movies and TV shows turned out for the event. After the unveiling of a sculpture of Disney characters made out of 115,000 cans of food, the families spent time packing up the cans to be sent to food pantries across the United States.

"It was fun to see our kids filling boxes, and they also had bags and toiletries for Haiti, and trees that would be planted all over Florida," Gillies said.

Give a Day, Get a Day

This year, Disney has a program called "Give a Day, Get a Day." People sign up online to volunteer all day with a nonprofit organization in their area, "and after you get documentation, you get a free day-pass to Disney," Gillies said.

The evening included a surprise that Zoe, a Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader, and sister, Christie, who is in fourth grade, will never forget.

The Gillieses returned to Epcot that night to discover half the park closed off for the 50 families, who first ate appetizers served by Disney staff bearing trays around the park, and then a catered dinner. Then came the best part for the night for the girls: a concert by performers Demi Lovato and Joe Jonas.

"Our girls were right in front of the stage. It was great," Gillies said.

Fireworks followed. For Gillies, however, the highlight occurred the next night at dinner: "Our girls said, 'Thanks for teaching us to volunteer and help other people.'"

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Firefighters, CEHS hockey players to face off

The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department and Cape Elizabeth High School boys' varsity ice hockey teams will face off in their third annual benefit game at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Portland Ice Arena. The event

will benefit Engine 2 Company.

Tickets to the game are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Please contact Ben Davis at ben.davis@capeelizabeth.org for information.

'Barefoot in the Park' at Portland Players

"Barefoot in the Park" will run through Sunday, March 28, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road, South Portland.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15-\$20. Call 799-7337 for information, or visit www.portlandplayers.org.

Cape Republicans to meet March 23

The Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday March 23, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. The meeting will include "coffee, dessert, and insight," Committee Chair RuthAnne Haley wrote in an e-mail to *The Cape Courier*.

Go to <http://caperepublicans.org/> for updates and news.

NEIGHBORS

Retired U.S. Navy Cmdr. **Craig Munson** was the keynote speaker at a memorial service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Brunswick Naval Air Station chapel. Munson spoke to 120 BNAS sailors and Department of Defense civilians about the challenges King faced and his accomplishments.

BNAS is scheduled for closure next year.

"I was stationed twice on this base during my 25 years of service, and it is bitter-sweet to be a part of one of the last official ceremonies on this base before it closes in 2011," Munson said.



Ret. U.S. Navy Cmdr. Craig Munson

Dr. John H. Robinson, the son of **Dr. Edward H. and Jackie Robinson**, was named president of the New Hampshire Medical Society Jan. 22 at Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, NH.

A graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., he received his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa. Chief medical officer of Schaller Anderson in Concord, N.H., he lives in Kittery, Me.

Rotary hosts senator



Maine Sen. Susan Collins, second from right, spoke at the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's Feb. 18 meeting at the Purpoodock Club. Also attending were, left to right, Rotary Club President Joan Frustaci, Cape Elizabeth Town Councilor Anne Swift-Kayatta, and Cape Town Manager Michael McGovern, a past president of Rotary International. At the event, Collins addressed health care and the national debt.

Cape permaculture expert to speak

Cape Elizabeth resident Lisa Fernandes who designs permacultures, agricultural systems to create a self-sustaining ecosystem, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

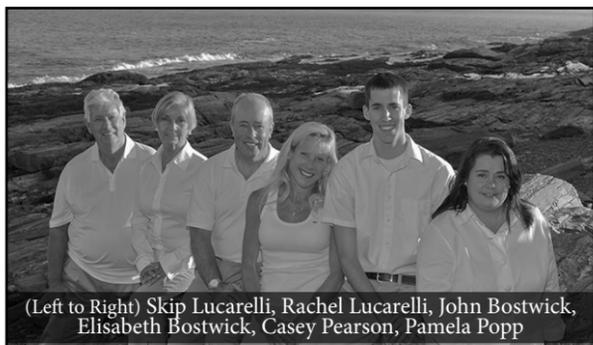
In a slide show, Fernandes will show how people and communities can use permaculture to address challenges of economic upheaval, climate change and peak oil.

The free event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a half hour of food and refreshments, is open to all.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Contact Fernandes at 229-2611 or hibernia33@gmail.com for 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

Saturday, March 6

Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road. "How We Ate: Early American Fare."

Monday, March 8

School Board Human Resources Committee, 7:30 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

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

Tuesday, March 9

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

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

Wednesday, March 10

Municipal Operations Review Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

Thursday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 14

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

Monday, March 15

School Board Teaching and Learning Committee, 12 p.m., Superintendent's Office, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

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

Tuesday, March 16

Impact of Media on Youth, 6 p.m., middle school library, 14 Scott Dyer Road

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

Town Council Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive

Thursday, March 18

Basketball Bonanza, 6:30 p.m., middle school gym, 14 Scott Dyer Road

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, March 23

Town Council Finance Committee, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road

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

School Board workshop, 7 p.m., high

school library, 345 Ocean House Road
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road

Thursday, March 25

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

Friday, March 26

School Board meeting with legislators, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 27

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

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 Purpodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. For more information on the SP/CE Rotary Club, contact club president Joan Frustaci, 767-2490.

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

'I Remember Cape' sessions March 20, April 13



Photo by Janice Reale

Cape Elizabeth resident "Maurice White writes on a memory postcard at a previous session of "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories."

Cape Elizabeth photographer and writer Jan Reale invites longtime Cape Elizabeth residents to two sessions of her free, informal series, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories." Both will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Community Center, with the first planned March 20 and the second April 13.

A member of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, Reale encourages people to turn out for one or both sessions to share personal stories about life in Cape, "whether it be about growing up during

World War II, farming, fishing, riding the trolley from Portland, school experiences, Fort Williams, or anything else. All stories are of interest," she said. "These informal sessions will give participants an opportunity to record their memories and make memory postcards to help preserve Cape Elizabeth history."

Some of the memories Cape residents have recorded in past "I Remember Sessions" are currently on display at Thomas Memorial Library (see page 12).

Contact Reale at 799-2457 or realephoto@maine.rr.com for information.

Lions' breakfast, dinner planned 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.

A breakfast is set for 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 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, March 27, featuring 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.

Additional pancake breakfasts are planned Sundays, April 11 and May 9.

Contact club president Kim Brooks at 767-2733 for more information.

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Town Council (live)

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March 10 & 11 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

School Board replay

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Cape historians to share stories on bus tour



Photo by Janice Reale

Cape Elizabeth natives Wayne Brooking, left, and Norm Jordan, members of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, will share stories about Cape history and about familiar and not-so-familiar places around town on a school bus tour planned from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6. The bus will leave the back of the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per rider, and funds raised will benefit CEHPS. Sign-up is required. Call Community Services at 799-2868 to register. Call Jan Reale-Hatem at 799-2457 for more information.

Cape jazz singer Hannah Kramer to perform at restaurant grand opening on March 13

Nineteen-year-old Cape resident, Hannah Kramer, will be the featured jazz vocalist at the grand opening of the new Snow Squall restaurant in South Portland, scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13.

To the accompaniment of jazz guitarist,

John Johnstone, Kramer will perform both jazz standards and pop numbers at the newly renovated restaurant and bar, which is located at 18 Ocean Street.

Go to www.snowsquallrestaurant.com for information.

Food historian to speak in Cape on March 6

Food historian and author, Sandy Oliver, will speak about 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, to 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 eating pease porridge, roast beef and beer in England.

Oliver's book, "Saltwater Foodways: New Englanders and Their Food at Sea and Ashore in the Nineteenth Century," won a Julia Child Cookbook Award.

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

Cape pianist to perform at Rossini Club concert

Cape Elizabeth pianist Susan Rudy will perform at a Portland Rossini Club concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Portland.

Rudy will perform "Sonata Opus 1" by Alban Berg, published in 1910 and Berg's only piano sonata. Berg did not start studying music until the age of 15, and his career was interrupted by Nazi persecution of Jews and new music.

Rudy also will accompany soprano Beth Harmon, who will sing five songs by Claude Debussy.

The suggested donation for admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and students attend free. The church is located at 143 State Street. Contact Richard Roberts at 797-8318 or robpiano@msn.com for information, or visit www.phyllislecke.com.

Wet Paint Auction July 18; submissions sought

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is accepting submissions for Paint for Preservation 2010, the organization's third annual juried Wet Paint Auction, to be held Sunday, July 18.

On the day of the event, juried artists will paint onsite at designated public and private locations chosen to highlight Cape Elizabeth's natural beauty. That evening, the newly painted art work will be auctioned at a cocktail reception at Breakwater Farm in Cape Elizabeth. Proceeds from the event benefit the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Saving Cape's Great Places initiative.

Interested artists are invited to submit two

samples (slides or digital images on CD) of original paintings in any medium for juried consideration to participate in Paint for Preservation 2010. Slides or CDs should be sent to CELT Paint for Preservation 2010 at Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, P.O. Box 265 ccb, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. The deadline for submission is Friday, April 9, 2010.

CELT's Wet Paint Auction is open to all mediums. Artists working in watercolors and pastels may provide a mat. No frames are permitted. The minimum size of the artwork is 10 by 10 inches and the maximum is 48 by 48 inches.

Teacher Mary Hart's work in PMA show with Matisse, Picasso, Chagall, others

By Wendy Keeler

When Cape Elizabeth High School art teacher Mary Hart tells her students that hard work can bring unexpected rewards, they should believe her.

Hart, who has been painting for 27 years and teaching at CEHS for 17, recently learned that her oil painting, "Elegy," is sharing the walls in a Portland Museum of Art exhibit along with works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Marc Chagall, Andy Warhol, Robert Mapplethorpe, and many more acclaimed artists.

Called "Objects of Wonder: Four Centuries of Still Life from the Norton Museum of Art," the show includes more than 50 works of art in various media from the West Palm Beach, Fla., museum. To the show, the PMA has added some pieces from its own permanent collection and others that are on loan.

Hart's "Elegy," which PMA acquired five years ago for its permanent collection, has hung in a couple of exhibits at the museum, most recently in 2008 in the "New Natural History" show. But Hart had no idea "Elegy" would be part of "Objects of Wonder" until two days after the show opened.

"I got an e-mail saying, 'You should check out the show,'" said Hart.

She was delighted by what she found.

"It's really exciting to be hanging near all these people whom I have admired all these years. 'Georgia O'Keeffe is right across the way, and she was a big influence, certainly.'"

A boat ride Hart took eight years ago provided inspiration for the 7 x 5.75-inch oil on panel painting of flies on the horizon during a sunset, she said.

"I was out on a ferry ride in Portland harbor before a thunderstorm, and that's where the sunset comes from, and the stormy sky," Hart said. "I had painted a lot of flies, and they are just hovering there on the horizon like lost souls. The painting is called 'Elegy' for that reason."

Next to "Elegy" in the exhibit hangs a trompe l'oeil done in the 1600s by Flemish painter Jacobus Biltius. The piece depicts birds hanging on strings against a white-washed wall, with a spider, flies and other



"Elegy" by artist Mary Hart, who teaches art at Cape Elizabeth High School, is part of an exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art.

insects nearby.

Not far from "Elegy" is a wood sculpture of a fish skeleton by Hart's Dartmouth College sculpture teacher, Fumio Yoshimura, who died in 2002.

Hart paints in a studio at her home in downtown Portland, where she lives with her husband, fellow painter C. Michael Lewis, and their 13-year-old son.

In addition to teaching at CEHS, Hart is a teacher at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, where she won a teaching prize and served as artist-in-residence during the 2007-2008 school year.

—see MARY HART, page 14



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Celebrate Cape history at the library

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society continues its celebration of community history through March at the Thomas Memorial Library.

An opening reception is set for Friday, March 5, from 5:30 to 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" and hand-colored and black-and-white note cards by Reale depicting familiar Cape Elizabeth sights will also be available for purchase.

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 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

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

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

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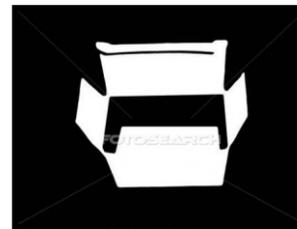
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would like to continue Murray's mission by encouraging preservation of artifacts, buildings, and memories of town history.

Annual membership in the society is \$15. 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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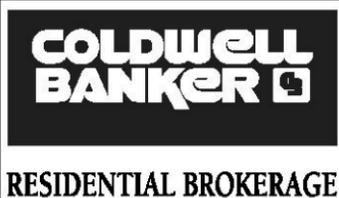
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Cape teacher Ted Jordan serves as adviser on video about judicial system

By Wendy Keeler

Next year, when an educational video about Maine's judicial system becomes available to students across Maine, some kids will get to see their teacher's name in the credits: those in Ted Jordan's government classes at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Jordan, a Cape resident who has taught social studies in Maine high schools for 20 years, has served as an adviser on the video since the fall when First Circuit Court Judge Kermit Lipez invited him to join a committee advising Maine Federal-State Judicial Council members on the creation of the educational video. Jordan taught at Brunswick High School for seven years before joining the CEHS social studies department 13 years ago.

For the project, Jordan, along with Lipez, Colby College professor Sandy Maisel, Superior Court Judge Michaela Murphy, and a few other Maine high school social studies teachers, reviewed oral histories of Maine judges.

"These Maine judges, both state and federal, discuss a variety of things in the film: who or what first inspired them to study law, their experiences in law school, their first impressions once they became judges, the challenges they encounter, and the way that they view their position in the legal system. Some include their most memorable cases," Jordan said. "I am confident that this work will help government and social studies teachers around the state."

Last month, the committee met with the MFSJC at the Maine Judicial Center in Augusta to review the video so far.

"It is outstanding," said Jordan, adding, "It has been stimulating and rewarding to be a part of this process. I am deeply grateful to Judge Lipez for the opportunity to help on this project."

After final editing this spring, the video will be available to Maine schools next fall.

PCPA Bingo Night, raffle drawing planned on March 26

The Pond Cove Parents Association's annual Bingo Night will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, in the school cafeteria. The event, which will feature prizes and a bake sale, will also include the drawing of the PCPA's annual raffle.

Each Bingo card will cost \$3, and \$5 will buy two. Contact Bingo Night co-chair Judi Logue at jmlogue@maine.rr.com for information.

Raffle items include tickets to Sea Dogs, Maine Red Claws, and Portland Pirates games; a Nintendo DSi, a \$20 Nonesuch Books gift certificate, entry to the Pond Cove 5K Challenge, a ride to school in a Cape police cruiser, a chance to be "Pond Cove Principal for the Day," a \$50 gift certificate to Flatbread restaurant in Portland, and more. Raffle tickets are \$1 apiece, \$10 for 12, and \$25 buys 30 tickets. Raffle ticket sheets may be printed off the PCPA Web site, www.capepcpa.org, or purchased by contacting raffle co-chair Kim Shur at kimberelyshur@yahoo.com or 232-0356.

Proceeds from the raffle and Bingo Night will help fund teacher mini-grants and Pond Cove Arts Day, which this year will be held Wednesday, April 14, earlier than in past years.

MSPA Basketball Bonanza, raffle drawing set for March 18

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

Eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball team players will play faculty teams. A free-throw and foul-shot contest for all middle-schoolers is planned at halftime. The event will also include the drawing of the MSPA's annual raffle.

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

Food will be for sale. Kids younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The event raises money for teacher grants. Contact Trish Brigham at pbrigham@maine.rr.com about volunteering or donating raffle items.

Pond Covers raise \$2,162 for Haitian victims

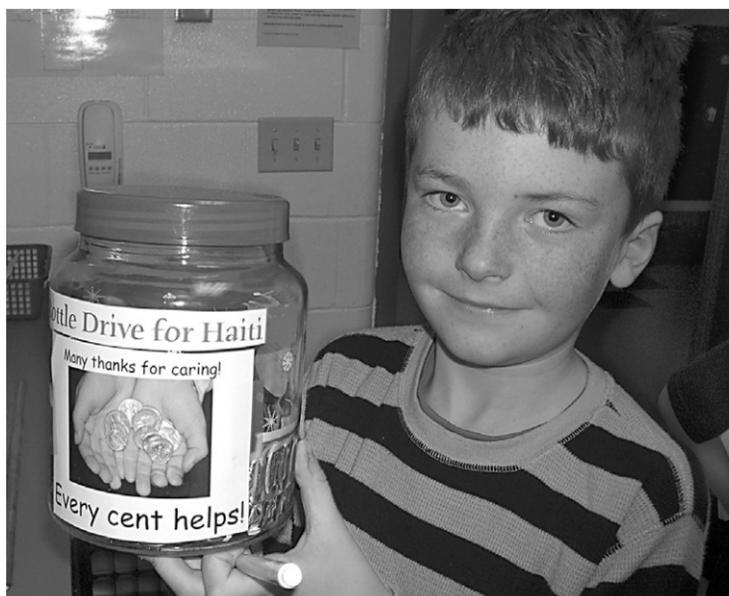


Photo by Sara Carroll

Pond Cove School second-grader Sam Whitney proudly displays a bottle of coins and cash raised during a three-week school bottle drive for victims of Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake. Students raised \$2,162, which Pond Cove donated to the Red Cross.

Bauman Electric Celebrates Ten Years of Service to the Community

"There's water coming out of my circuit box!" In a panic, afraid to touch anything and fearful the house would go up in flames, the homeowner called Bob Bauman.

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In 2010, Bauman Electric, Inc., celebrates its tenth year of business in Cape Elizabeth. Over the last decade, the work of Bauman Electric has grown

to include residential and commercial new construction and remodeling, along with industrial repairs.

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(LR) Bob Bauman, Ryan Piper, and David Clukey installing a new outside power line.

"In an electrical service company such as ours, the path is different everyday," says Bauman. "It energizes me. Once you know the theory behind how electricity works, you can figure out why it's not getting where it should. The challenge is putting together the system or repair in such a way that it satisfies safety and National Electrical Code."

Bauman's training began with the many mechanical skills his dad Harold taught him as he was growing up in Michigan. His formal electrical training began in the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power Program and has been enhanced through further education and on-the-job experience.

The underpinning of the Bauman business comes from the love and support of wife Laurie, who manages the busy family, and children Max, Cliff, Haley and Madeline.

New Preventive Electrical Maintenance Program

This year, Bauman Electric is introducing a program of once-a-year preventive electrical maintenance for homeowners. "Money can be saved by prevention," says Bauman. He and his team will do a thorough inspection, including tightening all connections in the breaker panel, checking for water infiltration and signs of corrosion, changing smoke detector batteries, and free estimates for any needed repairs or code updates.

Watch for New "Tips for Homeowners" Series

To go along with the tenth anniversary, Bauman Electric, Inc., is launching a new series of "Tips for Homeowners" advertisements. Watch for a new "Tip" in each edition of *The Cape Courier*.

Tips for Homeowners
March 6



(LR) David Clukey, Ryan Piper, Paul LeBlanc, Kyle McCormick, and Bob Bauman take a break from a recent job in Cape Elizabeth.



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Pond Cove fourth-graders seek online donations to buy blank books for their fiction stories

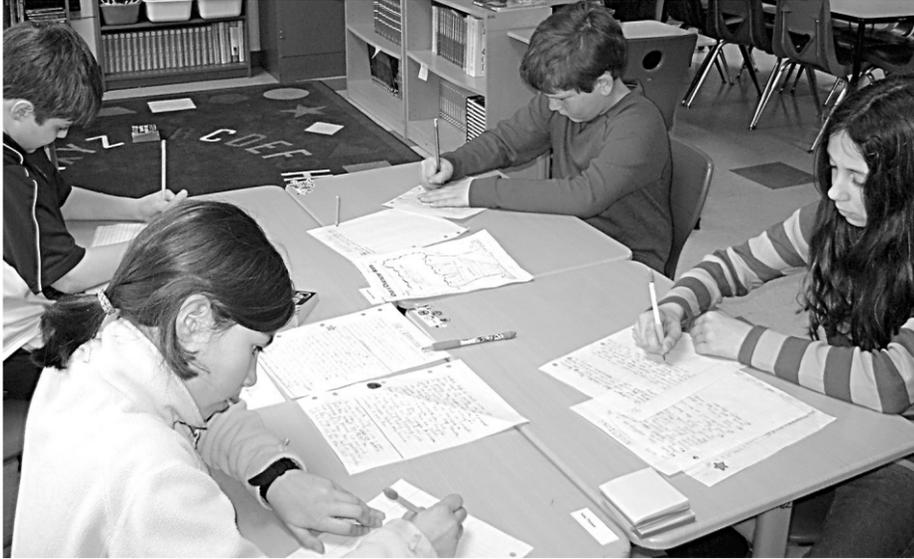


Photo by Ingrid Stressenger

Fourth-graders work on the stories they hope will grace the pages of hardcover books.

By Wendy Keeler

If Pond Cove fourth-graders have their way, 130 new hardcover books will fill the school halls this spring. The fourth-graders are quite specific about the identities of the authors of the books: themselves.

"I asked students, 'What would you think if we put your stories in a blank book that you would illustrate and read with the younger kids in the school?'" fourth-grade teacher Ingrid Stressenger said. "There was resounding enthusiasm for that."

The hitch: buying the books. To help raise the \$400 needed for the purchase, Stressenger registered with Donors Choose, an online charity for school classrooms.

"We are a fourth grade in a public school in Maine. We have been writing some great stories and would like to publish them to read to the younger students in our school," the site reads.

Last spring, responding to an often-repeated request from students for a fiction-writing unit, Pond Cove teachers asked for and received a grant from the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation to bring in Cumberland author and teacher Jennifer Ja-

cobson to guide teachers in fiction-writing instruction. Teaching kids how to write fiction requires know-how, Stressenger said.

"There's a fine line between unleashing a child's imagination and letting them have control over the story, but also helping them create a quality piece of writing," Stressenger said.

"Jennifer Jacobson has been really wonderful. She has been able to take what is a pretty daunting thing to teach and help us get our arms around it."

Since the start of the school year Jacobson has worked with both Pond Cove teachers and students, who have been busy writing stories. In recent years, educators have determined that young students' writing improves when they write about what is familiar and important to them.

"Young kids need to write about what they know and what they have experienced," Stressenger said.

To donate, go to <http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=365526&sharebar=true>.

Contact Stressenger at ingrid_stressenger@cape.k12.me.us for more information.

Beach Day!



Photo by Sara Carroll

Second graders, left to right, Caroline Mahoney, Piper Strunk, Meredith Hetrick, and Maren Wold show off their summer togs on Friday, Feb. 12, Pond Cove School's "Beach Day." The school climate committee established the day "as a partial cure for the winter blues," the Jan. 28 Pond Cove News stated. In addition to bringing Hawaiian shirts, leis, shades, and beach bags to school, students packed their sand buckets and shovels for play in the snow.

Breakfast with the governor



Cape student Max Bulger, a senior at Cheverus High School in Portland, fourth from left, had breakfast with Maine Gov. John Baldacci, far left; Cheverus President, the Rev. William R. Campbell, second from left; and fellow Cheverus students at the Portland Chamber of Commerce's "Eggs & Issues" program last month at Holiday Inn By The Bay in Portland. Baldacci spoke about Maine's need to develop its natural and energy resources.

Math meet

Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School teachers spent two days this winter working with an author of the schools' math curriculum, "Everyday Mathematics." With a focus on improving and expanding math instruction, Kathleen Pitvorec, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago in Illinois, worked with teachers in kindergarten through grade five. The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which seeks to fund programs that fall outside the Cape Elizabeth school budget,



Kathleen Pitvorec, far right, head of table, meets with members of Pond Cove's second-grade teaching team earlier this winter.

funded the grant that enabled her visit. Pitvorec will remain available to teachers and administrators as a consultant.

Mary Hart

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Except for two years she spent teaching full time at CEHS, Hart has taught part time in order to be able to paint.

"I have periods when I paint a lot and periods when I teach a lot," said Hart, who likes the mix. "In the studio you're working

on your own and you're pretty isolated a lot of the time, and teaching allows you to make a very direct connection to other people and to make a difference. I care a lot about my students."

The show will run through June 4. The museum is located at 7 Congress Square. Visit www.portlandmuseum.org or call 775-6148 for information.



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Waynflete

'Extreme Makeover: Teacher Edition'



Showing off their new looks Feb. 12, during Cape Elizabeth High School's Central Africa Vision's "Extreme Makeover: Teacher Edition" fundraiser, are CEHS teachers, left to right, Sue Guerrette, Mary Page, Joan Moriarty, Doug Worthley, Gretchen McNulty, David Peary, and CAV advisor Bill Brewington. Teachers who got the highest bids from students earned the lucky chance to be made over by CAV members, who in recent years have raised more than \$6,000 for a high school in Rwanda and for micro-bank co-ops, which give loans to impoverished widows in the region so they can start small businesses to support their families.

Robotics dinner, auction, demonstration March 24

The Cape Robotics club will host a home-style dinner and silent auction fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. The Buttered Biscuit in South Portland and Barber Foods are sponsors of the dinner, which will include a robotics demonstration by CEHS graduate by Conor Dodd. Now

an engineering student at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., Dodd will talk about his engineering experiences during a trip to China. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Contact Kathy Barber at 767-1007 or kbarber@maine.rr.com or Audrey Castro at 799-3948 or castro614 yahoo.com for information.

International Affairs Trivia Challenge March 21

Cape Elizabeth High School's World Affairs Council will hold its third annual "International Affairs Challenge" at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the CEHS cafeteria. Tables of eight will participate in a trivia-style competition focused on select areas of world knowledge and current events. Prizes will go to the most knowledgeable participants at three

tables. Light refreshments will be provided. The event will benefit WAC, which seeks to promote awareness of global issues throughout the high school and community. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$100, and individual seats are available for \$15. For more information, contact Peter Brigham at peter_brigham@msn.com.

Face lift!



Gathering last month in front of the wall they painted after school and on weekends to update the Cape Elizabeth Middle School snack shack located in the gym lobby, are Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, left to right, Emma O'Rourke, Olivia Clifford, Julia Lennon and Mary Perkins. Not pictured are Hannah Bosworth, Mariah Deschino, Zoe Gillies and parent organizer Trish Brigham.

Holy Cross School honor roll

Schuyler Black, a fifth-grader at Holy Cross School in South Portland, was named to the honor roll for the second quarter.

Cheverus High School honor roll for first semester

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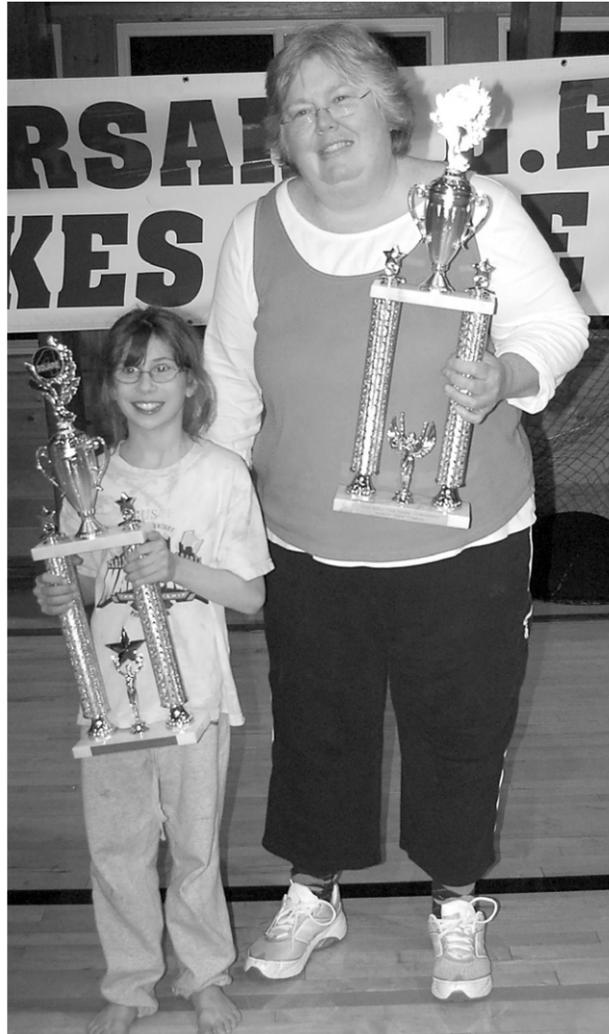
The high before the low

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Andrew Dickey reaches for the ball during the Western Class B boys' basketball semifinals Feb. 18 at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. Cape beat Greely High School in the semifinals by a score of 51-43. Two nights later, the team made a disappointing bid for a third straight regional Western Class B boys' basketball title when second-seeded Falmouth beat top-ranked Cape, 53-40. Cape went 19-2 this season.



Photo by Ann Kaplan

Four Square World Championship winners!



Cape residents Olivia Reale-Hatem and Audrey Castro share a happy moment on Feb. 27 at Bridgton Academy in Bridgton, where the two won awards at the sixth annual Four Square World Championships. Reale-Hatem was the recipient of the Four Square World Championship 2010 Audience Choice Award. Castro won the senior women's division, making her the top senior women's four square player in the world for the fourth consecutive year. "I brought home an even bigger hideous trophy this year," Castro said, adding, while laughing, that stories about her on both ESPN and NESN Web sites were to be posted on Tuesday, March 2, the day The Cape Courier went to press.

Alpine pride



Photo by Sue Sarka

Gathering Feb. 11 at Shawnee Peak are members of Cape Elizabeth Middle School's Alpine Ski Club team, left to right, Alex Conrad, Cole Spencer, Curtis Alexander, R.J. Sarka, Luke Dvorzniak, Lee Foden, Hannah Bosworth, Kinnon McGrath, Gabby Lawrence and Emma Dvorzniak. The Cape boys' team placed third in the state among middle school Alpine teams, and the girls' team placed sixth. Not pictured are Coach Ted Foden and skiers Emma Landes, Kate Bosworth, Jon Elias Fiutak and Mac Huffard.

Avalanche!



Cape hockey players, Jack Drinan, back row, fifth from left, and Drew Mitchell, standing to Drinan's right, celebrate their team's No. 1 status with fellow teammates on Feb. 21 in Marlborough, Mass., after their Casco Bay Hockey team, Avalanche, won its division in the New England Sports Center Winter Classic Tournament. The team beat others from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Both Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, Drinan is in seventh grade and Mitchell is in sixth.

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Public supper planned at Methodist Church on March 6

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Dinner will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts.

Prices will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children). Takeout will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. For more information, go to the church Web site, www.ceumc.org.

Catholic Charities' divorce support group starts March 16

"Divorce & Beyond," an eight-week support group for people who are divorced or are divorcing, sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry, will start Tuesday, March 16, at an undisclosed location in Cape Elizabeth.

"To promote registration and discourage walk-ins, we do not list the location in our press release," CCM's Parish Inclusion and Events Coordinator Bill Wood stated in a Feb. 2 e-mail. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Topics will include anger, stress, blame, loneliness, hope and healing. The group is open to people of all faiths.

The fee is \$25, and preregistration is required. Call CCM at 871-7464, extension 2672, or e-mail psm@ccmaine.org for information or to register.

St. Patrick's Day dinner March 13 at St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

Tickets for the catered dinner, which are \$25 per person, will include corned beef, vegetables, Irish soda bread, beer and desserts. The Highland String Trio will provide live Irish music.

Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Call 799-5528 for information.

History mysteries: Help us solve them!



Photos courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Who are the snow-shoer and walker who once walked in Cape's current-day Town Center?

Editor's note: 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 town may contact Ellen Van Fleet through The Cape Courier.



Know anything about this house and these people?

By Ellen Van Fleet

Help us solve these historical mysteries. In the files of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society you find remarkable pictures of a Cape Elizabeth that no longer exists. Many of these pictures are being highlighted in a current exhibit which attempts to connect the photos to their exact location in town and to add background information about them in an accompanying guide.

As part of that exhibit we are asking community members for your input – not only in adding information to the pictures we have "mapped," but also to enlist your help in identifying some photos that are mysteries. In addition to the mystery photos in the exhibit, above are two more that need identification. If you think you can help us identify

these photos, please contact the historical society by calling the Thomas Memorial Library on Thursday mornings at 799-1720 or e-mailing us at cehps@thomas.lib.me.us.

To see if you can identify any of the mystery photos displayed, please come to the Thomas Memorial Library in March to see the "Celebrating Community History" exhibit, which includes "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" memories and photos as well as Cape Elizabeth Historical Society member Barbara Sanborn's treasure-trove of articles on Cape history. This is an opportunity for native Capers to rekindle memories of by-gone Cape and for newcomers to appreciate the richness of Cape Elizabeth's past.

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Public hearing

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a second story has been scrapped, Carroll said. The plan submitted includes storage and office space on the second floor.

Plans are to keep business activity 100 feet away from existing residential areas, which will allow Rudy's to operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and to 11 p.m. up to three times a year for special events, provided they notify the town's code-enforcement officer in advance. The 100-foot buffer and hours of operation are part of new provisions of the Business A District adopted by the Town Council last June.

It's the second plan submitted to the town for review under the new zoning provisions, recommended by the 2007 comprehensive plan to encourage a neighborhood feel for the two Business A districts currently in town. In August, the Planning Board approved the first site plan under the new standards for a retail, office and multifamily use at 553 Shore Road.

Also consistent with the new zoning regulations are plans for pedestrian walkways along Route 77 in front of the new Rudy's, and a connector path to the mixed-use "Two Lights Professional Center" property behind it.

Assisted living facility approved

In other matters, the board approved a plan submitted by Lon Walters, of Woodlands Assisted Living of Cape Elizabeth LLC, to redevelop the former Viking Nursing Home and Crescent House assisted living facility into a new assisted living center for Alzheimer's patients.

The approved project, "Evergreen Memory Care," was renamed last month after public safety officials said they believed the original "Woodland Assisted Living" sounded too much like the Woodland Apartments off Mitchell Road.

Walters operates other facilities under the name Woodlands in Hallowell, Waterville, Brewer and Rockland.

The site plan was approved by unanimous vote, but with a number of conditions, mostly brought up by the town's engineer. These include concerns over snow removal, and an even greater concern that the plans show new and existing buildings in a 100-year floodplain, where flooding is likely to occur on average every 100 years.

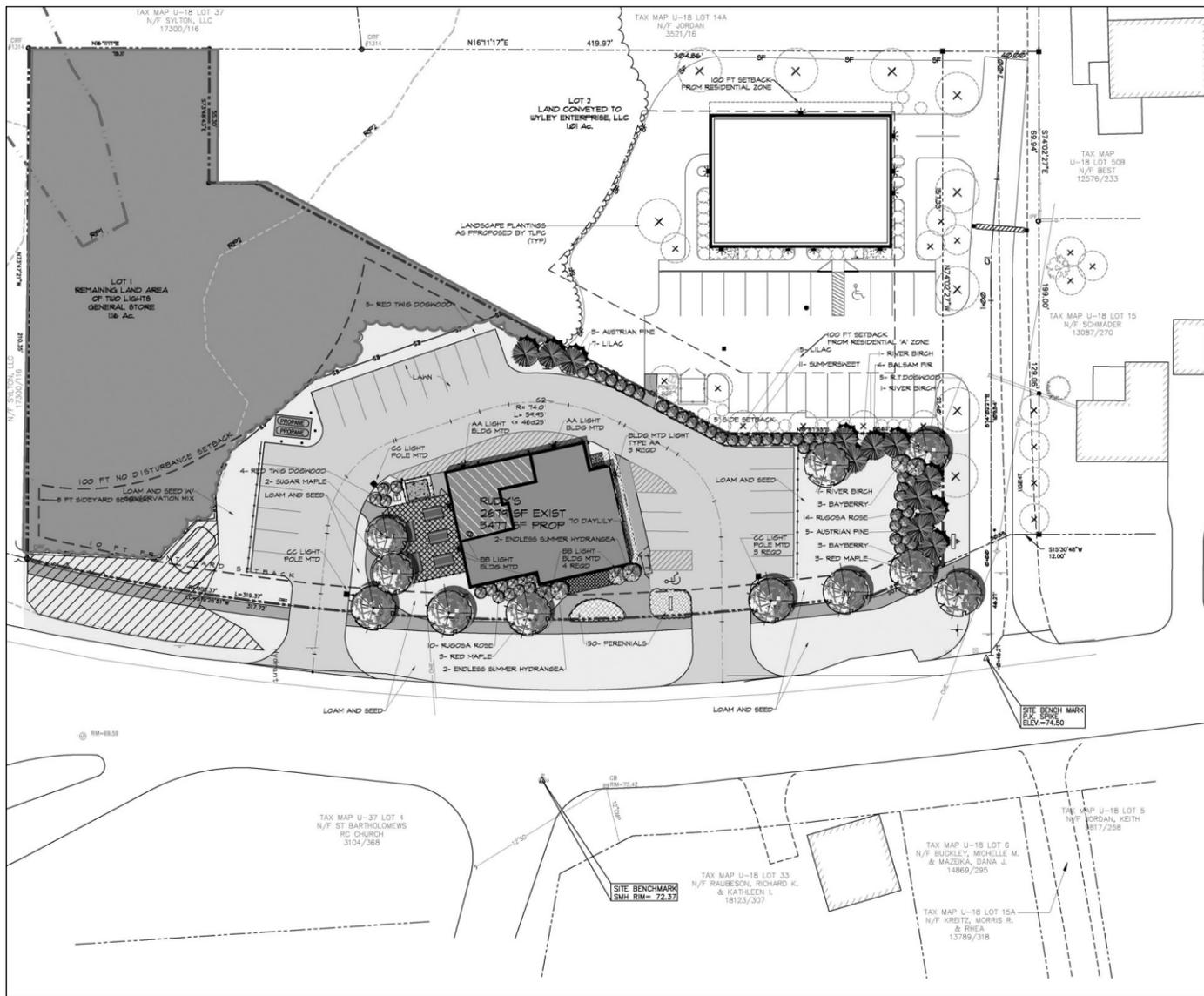
As a condition of approval, the board is requiring that the Woodlands obtain a revised floodplain map from the state. "The building is well above the 100-year flood," said project engineer Eliot Thayer. The Woodlands have submitted a revised flood map to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is waiting for approval, Thayer said.

Another concern for board members was Town Manager Michael McGovern's approval of the project's financial capability. A letter submitted by Bangor Savings Bank had yet to be reviewed by McGovern at the time of the Planning Board hearing, but board members agreed with Chairman Peter Hatem that it was not enough to delay approval.

"The bonding requirement is what protects the town's interest, and they have to post that for public parts of the project before they get their building permit," Hatem said. "I don't see that as a reason to hold it up under the circumstances," he said.

The building has been vacant since 2005. A subsequent owner also submitted plans for redevelopment as an elder-care facility, but the property was taken over by the bank and auctioned in 2007. "This thing was bought out of a bankruptcy foreclosure, which we approved as having financial capability," Hatem said. "So that doesn't insulate it from financial issues," he said.

Walters is planning to renovate an exist-



Proposed plan for Rudy's of the Cape, showing enhancements designed to buffer business activities from the surrounding neighborhood

ing two-story building on the property into a 72-bed facility. An older, one-story building that was the original Viking Nursing Home will be razed, according to the plan. Plans are for separate, grade-level entrances to each floor of the renovated building. Snow that accumulates on the ramp entrance to the second floor will need to be removed to another area.

"I'd like to wish you good luck," said board member Barbara Schenkel. "It will be a pleasure to see that building being used for a good purpose again," she said.

Interim concession stand for Hannaford Field approved

In other matters, the board approved an application from the town of Cape Elizabeth for a concession stand to be used at Hannaford Field behind Cape Elizabeth High School. The application was considered an amendment to the approved site plan for the field.

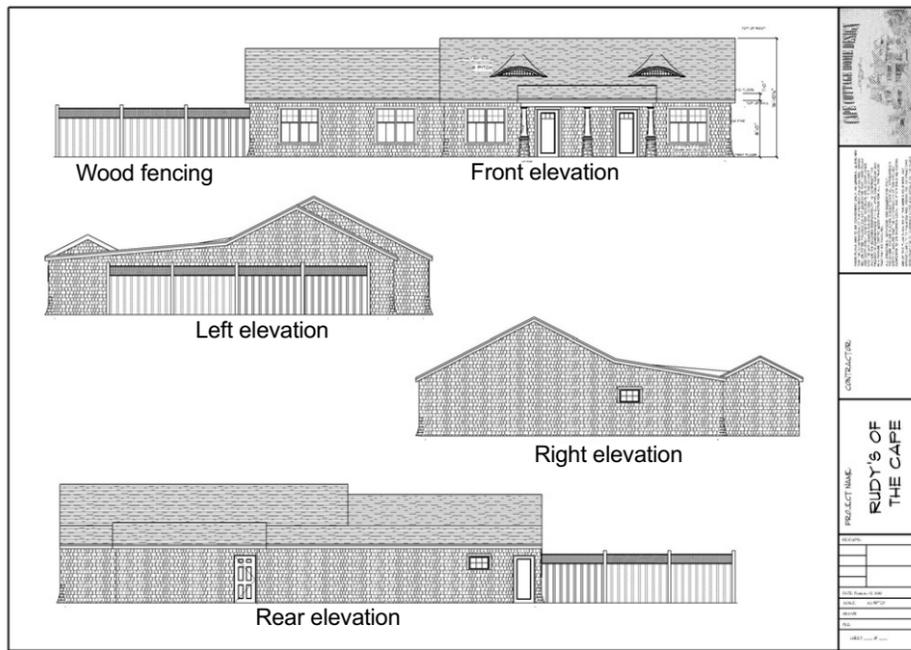
The building is considered to be an interim structure, between the tents and tarps currently used to house concession sales, and the permanent structure envisioned by booster clubs once funding is available.

Tom Greer of Pinkham and Greer engineers said the building would be put up to the north of the new bleachers. Power would be provided by generators because wiring to that location is difficult. The 16-by-20 foot structure could be picked up as a whole and moved to another location between seasons. Boosters selling concessions would continue to use hand-sanitizing gel in lieu of running water.

The board voted 7-0 to approve the amended site plan, but some were concerned about the generator's noise. However, considering its location next to the bleachers and the crowd, "you'll never hear that generator," said board member Jim Huebener.

Agricultural amendments sent to Town Council

In other matters, the board voted to recommend to the Town Council a set of



Proposed exterior views for Rudy's of the Cape

amendments to the zoning ordinance meant to enhance farming and fishing in Cape Elizabeth.

At a public hearing, the first held for the agricultural amendments package, Cape Farm Alliance Chairman Penny Jordan thanked the board for its time and consideration.

"Thank you for all you have done to value not only the existing agriculture, but the emerging agriculture that happens in our community," Jordan said. "As I travel around the state, I am proud to say that I live in Cape Elizabeth and we demonstrate the value of agriculture," she said.

The amendments are the third in a series of five packages of zoning ordinance updates recommended by the 2007 comprehensive plan. "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," according to a memo to the

Town Council, submitted on behalf of the board Feb. 18.

The amendments were drafted with significant input from the Cape Farm Alliance, and address:

- Minimum lot size for fish and farm markets,
- Temporary buildings needed for worker housing,
- Agriculture-related accessory buildings and uses,
- Agriculture definition,
- Agriculture-related products and uses,
- Restrictions on the percentage of non-farm/nonlocal produce that may be sold in farm markets.

Following the hearing, the board added language to the draft definition of "farm market" that allows products on display anywhere at the market, inside or outside, to be considered part of the 50 percent maximum area devoted to related products not generated by the farm.

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Interested residents may apply on line at www.capeelizabeth.com. Applications are also available at Town Hall by contacting Debra Lane, Assistant Town Manager at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Applications must be submitted to Debra Lane by March 15, 2010.

Benjamin T. Rautenberg, far left, was named to the first-semester dean's list at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., where he is majoring in political science. This summer, while interning in Washington, D.C., Ben played on the State of Maine Senate Softball Team, which had a fan in Maine Sen. Susan Collins, middle row, far right. Ben is the son of Lynne and Jay Cross of Cape Elizabeth, and Jeff Rautenberg of Hampton, N.H.



Nathaniel Gray, a senior at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, recently organized a benefit that included an auction and live music. Proceeds from the event went to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, which conducts programs in advocacy, research, education and community and patient services. Nathaniel's stepmother Elaine Gray succumbed to ALS in 2006.

Two Cape students were recently named to the first-semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston. **Abigail Delahanty** is a senior majoring in bio-psychology. **Blair Griffin** is a sophomore who has not declared a major.

Caitlin Barber was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., where she is a senior studying in the Charles F. Dolan School of Business.

Ross Phillipps was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., where he is a student in the College of Engineering.

A 2009 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, he is the son of **Lori and Paul Phillipps** of Littlejohn Road.

Tara Gallant, a senior at High Point University in High Point, N.C., just completed an internship at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro, N.C. She is a human relations major and received a 3.5 for the semester. She is a 2006 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Isabelle Christine Franks, granddaughter of **Emily and Edward Materson**, has been selected as an early decision applicant to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, where she will be a member of the class of 2014.



Isabelle Franks

Isabelle lives in Pleasantville, N.Y., with her parents, Amy and Chris Franks, and her younger brother, Dylan.

Andrew Guay and Emily Schwarz were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Saint Joseph's College in Standish.

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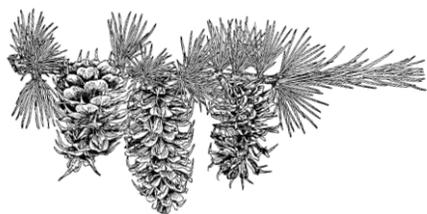
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Speakers of the house



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Pack 30 Webelos enjoy the view from the dais in the Town Council chambers during a Feb. 4 tour of the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall conducted by Town Manager Mike McGovern, who was a Cub Scout himself back in the day.

Two Cape students at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., were named to the first-semester dean's list. **William Oley Hall IV**, a junior, is the son of **William and Jenny Hall**. **Michael Thomas Ott Jr.**, a sophomore, is the son of **Michael and Grace Ott**.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage realtor Mary Walker, a South Portland resident, was named broker of the month for January at the Cape Elizabeth office.

Bruce A. Coggeshall, a partner at Pierce Atwood in Portland, has been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of "The Best Lawyers of America" in the area of corporate law. The list is derived from peer-review surveys.

Rebecca Morris was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Delaware in Newark, where she is a sophomore majoring in political science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alanah Lockwood of Oakhurst Road was named to the dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington, where she received high honors. A psychology major in her second year at the university, she was invited by the dean of academic services to be part of the National Student Exchange program, through which she will study internationally. The daughter of **Karla Lockwood and Steve Thomes**, she is the granddaughter of Patricia and Richard Aishton of Brussels, Belgium.

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