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Search for Cape superintendent goes nationwide

By Wendy Keeler

This month, as former Yarmouth Superintendent Ken Murphy settles into his first weeks on the job as Cape's interim superintendent, the School Board is ramping up its search for a permanent school chief to take over on July 1, 2011.

School Board members, who voted Jan. 11 to establish an 11-member "Credentials Review Committee," are accepting applications from Cape citizens for four seats on the ad hoc group, which will help the board evaluate superintendent applicants' credentials. Two board members, a town councilor, two Cape school administrators and two teachers also will serve on the committee.

"We wanted to get public input at a higher level of the search, and the committee will enable us to do that," School Board Chair Mary Townsend said in mid-January.

Since the fall, the board has sought public input about Cape's next superintendent.

In November, most of the 340 people who took a community survey asking residents the most important qualifications of a superintendent named leadership the priority. In mid-December, community members again stressed leadership in meetings with superintendent search consultant Jackie Roy of Massachusetts-based J.A. Roy & Associates, whom the board has hired. During her eight years as director of Harvard Univer-

—see SUPERINTENDENT, page 18



Photo by Lloyd W. Alexander

A tufted titmouse finds a wintery perch at Fort Williams Park

Municipal budget projected to go up by 1.5 percent

By Bob Dodd

The town manager plans to submit to the Town Council a municipal budget that would translate into a 1.5-percent tax increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilor Sara Lennon, finance committee chair, provided the council with the information at the Jan. 10 meeting. A formal budget proposal was not submitted at the meeting.

The proposed increase would mean a property tax increase of about \$6 per \$100,000 of a home's value to cover the municipal services portion of the budget. For a \$300,000 home, this would add \$18 to the property tax, noted Lennon.

The town expects to spend \$8.88 million in the period from July 2011 to June 2012. This would be an increase of \$340,647 in expenditures over the current fiscal year and includes a 2-percent increase for payroll. The budget increase would also allow for key building repairs and equipment replacement.

The planned increase follows two years of small declines in the municipal portion of the budget.

The municipal budget includes only costs related to town services and does not include school costs. School costs represent about 80 percent of the total town budget.

—see TOWN COUNCIL, page 18

Cape dynamo Kim Brooks fesses up: 'I get into all sorts of trouble just being me'



Cape resident enjoys a high point during a trip to Europe in 2010, a "lifelong dream."

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

By Wendy Keeler

Kim Brooks tries. She really does, but when it comes to saying no, the Cape resident messes up sometimes. When Brooks' husband Rich isn't around to stop her, the 51-year-old mother of two does things like agree to be president of Cape Elizabeth's 50-member Lions Club two months after attending her very first Lions meeting.

"I get into all sorts of trouble just being me," Brooks says, laughing on a recent morning in the kitchen of her Gladys Road

home. "My husband says, 'My job is to protect Kim from herself, but I have to work full time.'"

Mention a house-painting project to Brooks, and she may arrive on the doorstep in painting clothes, ready to work. Give Brooks a digital camera, and soon she's taking hundreds of shots, manipulating images in Adobe Photoshop and creating professional-quality hardcover books filled with her pictures.

She also cross-stitches, creating pieces depicting everything from Cape landscapes to intricately detailed copies of paintings by the masters. If Brooks continues making scrapbooks at her current rate, the family may have to add a room to the house. The phrase "half-measure" doesn't seem to exist for her.

In 1990, when Brooks met her husband, a Cape resident, on a blind date, she was just as busy. In the middle of a combined baccalaureate-master's program in nursing at the University of Southern Maine, she also worked at both Mercy Hospital in Portland and at University of New England in Biddeford.

So when Brooks stopped working part time five years ago, she didn't fill the ex-

tra time eating bonbons. In 2007, when her older son Billy, who is now a Cape Elizabeth High School junior, was old enough to stay home for a couple of hours with their younger child, Michael, a current fifth-grader, Brooks decided to attend her first

Cape Lions meeting. Rich, the Cape Lions' treasurer, had been attending three meetings a month for 20 years.

"I thought it would be nice for me to do

—see KIM BROOKS, page 18

Inside: Artist Jean Pilk, in her own words



Photo by Justin Rogers

Jean Pilk at work in her Cape Elizabeth studio. A profile of Pilk and another photo appear on page 5.



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Duddy praised for nine years' service on Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission thanks Michael Duddy for serving on the commission for his full three terms (nine years). He has been an inspiration to the commission, which has enabled its volunteers to design and maintain an extensive trail system in Cape Elizabeth. It is through his vision and hard work that we Capers can boast of having the most interesting and best maintained walking/riding trail systems of any community in the state of Maine.

Michael is an attorney for Kelly, Remmel and Zimmerman in Portland, a licensed professional forester, is married to Jennifer Duddy, and has two sons. Michael was presented with the American Hiking Association's Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004.

All the citizens of Cape Elizabeth have greatly benefited from Michael's hard work; spending much of his weekends making and maintaining our trails.

I thank him, on behalf of the commission, for his passion, love, devotion and, most



Mike Duddy

importantly, his know-how and knowledge of forestry and open space. This work has made Cape Elizabeth one of the best towns

in Maine.
Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission Chairperson Dena DeSena

Judy's Produce Pantry seeks volunteers for second season of helping neighbors

Although there's still snow on the ground, planning for the second season of Judy's Produce Pantry will soon be under way. Started last growing season in memory of Judy Simonds, the pantry provided fresh, local produce to Cape residents with limited resources struggling to feed their families with healthy food.

Over 1000 pounds of 26 varieties of vegetables were distributed to 22 pantry visitors last season and fed over 50 family members. The vegetables came from several plots at the two Cape community gardens plus generous additions from Jordan's Farm as well as from other Cape residents

Last season's effort was a pilot program; we hope to expand the pantry in the upcoming season to include more local produce for additional Cape families in need.

We would welcome hearing from anyone who would like to participate in the pantry in any way — as a recipient, as a donor of pro-



The pantry sign was made by Laura Rumph, the daughter of Judy Simonds, in whose memory Judy's Produce Pantry was named.

duce from your garden, as a member of the pantry's organizing committee, or as a volunteer to staff the pantry during the growing season. Please e-mail *nmiles@maine.rr.com* for further information.

Nancy Miles

Dyslexia help available

Several weeks ago in a conversation with a friend, I mentioned that I was on the Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexic Center in Portland. I was quite surprised when he told me he has suffered from the disorder all his life.

This letter is intended to bring to the attention of parents who might have a child who has difficulty with reading, writing and, perhaps, arithmetic, that he or she may have dyslexia, a neurological disorder affecting the ability to connect sounds to letter symbols. While dyslexia is lifelong, persons with the disorder frequently respond favorably to timely and appropriate intervention.

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Interested persons should contact the center director at the above address or by calling 207-773-4949. Additionally, an informative video can be seen on CETV, channel 3. See channel 3 schedule at *www.capeelizabeth.com*.

Leslie L. Newton, Jr.

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Remember your Valentine next issue. See page 19.



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CEHS Boys Hockey Team

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Fifth graders 'very thankful' for books



Mrs. Walsh's fifth grade class displays some of the books selected at the fall book sale.

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Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Connolly and Mrs.

Welch were invited to preview the Fall Book Sale and select appropriate books for their classroom libraries. All of these wonderful books are being enjoyed by the fifth - and sixth-graders at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Kathy Walsh

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Capital Improvement Plan for 2012-2016 is a 'work in progress'

The Town Council on Jan. 10, 2011 accepted as a "work in progress" a capital improvement plan for 2012-2016, one that Town Manager Michael McGovern said attempts to take care of the millions of dollars worth of land, roads, buildings and equipment that are entrusted to the town.

McGovern told councilors that he worried over the plan, and asked that they acknowledge receipt of it rather than adopt it. "We're going to continue to work on it, particularly between now and when the [2012 budget proposal] is submitted to you," McGovern said.

In the near term, the plan calls for an \$825,000 investment in capital projects, most notably \$260,000 for road paving and drainage; \$140,000 to replace a 41-year-old road grader with a used grader; and, \$125,000 for library building repairs, energy and boiler work.

Capital needs of the library remain a question both for councilors and for town staff. After a months-long study, a 2009 report from the ad hoc Thomas Memorial Li-

brary Study Committee is recommending a new library building. "Over the next few months we will struggle to figure out how much we should be investing in boilers and other things at the library," McGovern said. "But not knowing what the long-range plan is, we just don't know," he said.

The plan does include a \$4 million bond proposal which McGovern called a "placeholder" for councilors to keep before them as a possible way to help fund capital needs at the library.

Town and school officials are also looking to clarify needs for boilers and other capital needs of the School Department.

"The important piece of this is that we do have quite an infrastructure of land, of buildings and equipment," McGovern said. "This plan tries to take care of those assets," he said.

Town Council goals adopted at the same meeting call for officials to look at additional metrics, such as mileage and engine time, when making capital planning decisions.

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Engaging People: Jean Pilk, in her own words



Photo by Justin Rogers

Jean Pilk, above, in her Cape Elizabeth studio, is recognized as a top American portraitist. Among the hundreds of subjects she has painted are Gen. Colin Powell, President Harry S. Truman, J. Edgar Hoover, Will Rogers, and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Her work may be viewed most extensively in Washington D.C., where she has been called "one of the Capital's most sought-after portrayers of political figures." She has lived and worked in Cape Elizabeth in the house her son, Jack Pilk, built for her since 2005.

I was born in Kansas City, Mo.

It sounds very precious, but I had grandparents and great-grandparents who lived on the same street. I spent a lot of time with my great-grandparents. I would sit down and draw their portraits. I just wanted to draw people. I wasn't much about trees and flowers. I was about five years old.

In Kansas City we have a fantastic museum — the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art — and they had Saturday classes for kids, and I would go to that.

The funny papers had a competition for kids drawing paper dolls, and my paper doll won. That was my first claim to fame.

I was an art major in college, but after that I went to the Art Students League in New York City.

My mother thought I was very Midwestern and needed a little smoothing out. From the Midwest to New York City ... that was a big step.

My three youngest children knew my great-grandparents. Isn't that incredible? I'm from a family of long-livers.

I say [to aspiring artists] be dogged because it's really tough. It is tougher yet for women in art. There is still the idea that men are suffering for their art and women are amusing themselves.

I don't think young people realize what a struggle it is to make a name for yourself.

My husband graduated from West Point, and in his class were two astronauts, Mike Collins and Ed White, and his class wanted a portrait of them. I did a small painting to show them what I would do. They asked me the price and I told them what it would be, and they said, "Oh, but you're the wife of a classmate." I said that if a man walked in and said, "This is what it will cost, you would just say 'yes' or 'no.'"... I turned on my heel and walked out ... They did have me do the portrait.

My husband was a true Renaissance man. He really was. He loved being with the troops ... but he was a great writer and a great mind, and he also loved art.

I was always cautioned: "You have to have a studio away from home so people don't think of you as a housewife." I have always had my studio in my home; I have five children ... It does add that little caveat that you are doing this as a pastime rather than a career.

There is an initial meeting where we discuss what the client or subject wants ... I try to put something in the background of the painting that is a mini-biography. I think it makes someone stop and look at the painting more.

I painted Gen. Colin Powell. He said, "I don't want my painting hung until the preceding chairmen of the Joint Chiefs have been painted." They asked me if I would do the preceding chairmen [of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. Armed Forces]. In the Pentagon I have the preceding 11 or 12 chairmen. It is now a corridor of its own ... In painting these men [I realized] these are staggering, wonderful people and they all have such wonderful stories ... They are so totally dedicated, and that was incredible to hear their exploits."

The first time I met [retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor] was in the Justice Building, and the buildings in Washington D.C. are so grand and marvelous ... As she walked in, I kind of shook. *I'm painting the first woman Supreme Court Justice.* She lived up to these laurels hung on her. The fact that she was chosen ... she had to have something special. And she did.

I painted Gen. MacArthur and President Truman. I would have liked to have painted Gen. MacArthur live because I think he was such an individual, and he didn't give a damn.

When I was painting the governor [Gov. John Baldacci], the background was very complex ... You have to make the background what you want it to be but still have the person be the first thing you see.

I have three kids here [in Cape Elizabeth]. I just love it ... I have the most fantastic kids in the world.

I had to start over and make my name here. It was a heck of a lot easier in D.C.

I love being near the ocean here. I love the water; I just don't want to be in it.

My favorite place [in Cape Elizabeth] is my house. It really is. I said to my daughter [Candace Karu] one day, "With just a little effort I could be a hermit." She said, "What do you mean, you *could be*?"

--Interviewed by Elizabeth Brogan

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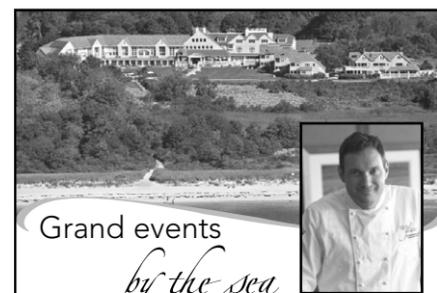
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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 12-25 An officer met with several residents of the Scott Dyer Road area about motor vehicle burglary complaints. Most of the missing items were located in a recovered stolen motor vehicle.
- 12-29 An officer responded to a report of a vehicle that had gone off the road on Wainwright Drive and damaged some mailboxes. The officer spoke with the driver, who was not injured and would contact the owners of the mailboxes.
- 12-30 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about damage to his mailbox.
- 12-30 An officer met with a representative of a local company about a theft of brass fittings from a fuel storage tank.
- 12-30 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. A GPS and power cord were missing from the vehicle.
- 12-31 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a loose dog that had attacked the resident's dog.
- 12-31 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area about a misuse of a credit account.
- 12-31 An officer met with a resident about

- 1-2 Two officers responded to a domestic dispute in the Shore Road area.
- 1-2 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area about a domestic violence assault.
- 1-3 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about a motor vehicle burglary report. Missing from the vehicle were a wallet, GPS and power cord.
- 1-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Sawyer Road area for a well-being check. The subject was located.
- 1-3 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about a motor vehicle burglary. Missing from the vehicle was an iPod wireless transmitter and charger.
- 1-8 An officer located and assisted two subjects and their stuck vehicle on the property of a local business in the Spurwink Avenue area.
- 1-10 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area for a motor vehicle burglary report. Missing from the vehicle were a Garmin GPS, black handbag, and about \$10 in change.

SUMMONSES

- 12-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of

- 12-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/30 zone) Shore Road, \$119
- 12-31 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$133
- 12-31 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 12-31 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 12-31 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (47/30 zone), failure to produce insurance, Point Road, \$356
- 12-31 Yarmouth resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 1-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to provide insurance, Spurwink Road, \$171
- 1-1 Shapleigh resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 1-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (54/45 zone) Route 77, \$119
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Sawyer Road, \$137
- 1-6 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-7 Kennebunk resident, speeding (56/45 zone), failure to produce insurance, \$308
- 1-7 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 1-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Mitchell Road, \$137
- 1-7 Scarborough resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Sawyer Road, \$137
- 1-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Wells Road, \$137
- 1-7 Gorham resident, speeding (50/35 zone) Ocean House Road, \$185

- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 1-8 Lewiston resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Sawyer Road, \$137
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 1-9 South Portland resident, speeding (51/35 zone) Ocean House Road, \$185
- 1-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 12-30 Assault
- 1-8 Failure to provide insurance, Spurwink Road

ARRESTS

- 12-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road

ACCIDENTS

- 12-28 Anthony Theriault, Jay Jalbert, accident on Hampton Road
- 12-28 Richard Otto, accident on Route 77
- 1-6 Mary Casey, James Dougherty, accident on Channel View Road

FIRE CALLS

- 1-10 Old Fort Road, water problem

RESCUE CALLS

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Registration open for 2011 Cape Little League players; league adds home-run hitting contest

Registration for the 2011 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open at www.cape-ll.com and will close on Tuesday, March 1. In response to parents' preference, CELL will no longer hold an in-person registration.

The league provides T-ball, softball, and baseball opportunities to all children ages 5-14 who live in Cape Elizabeth.

Assessments will be held in the middle of March, leaguewide clinics and team practices will be held during the month of April, and the season, which will run through the end of June, will officially kick off during the last week of April, with opening ceremonies planned April 3.

The league also participates in the annual summer Little League All-Star Tournament, in which players have the opportunity to compete against other towns within the state

and potentially beyond.

Softball change

This year for the first time, softball players who are 6 years old and have played a year of T-ball are able to register for the 7/8-year-old softball league. Contact John O'Sullivan at 7-8softball@cape-ll.com for more information.

Home-run hitting contest

Another new feature of the 2011 season will be the addition of a home-run hitting contest during the season. The event will be open to league players of all ages.

Visit www.cape-ll.com or contact CELL President Mike O'Connor at president@cape-ll.com or CELL Information Office Blaine Riggle at info-officer@cape-ll.com for more information.

Tournament champs!



Cape's seventh-grade travel basketball team won the Holiday Hoops Tournament Dec. 28 and 29 at Scarborough High School. After defeating Waynflete and South Portland in round one, Cape went on to beat Scarborough and Gorham. Coached by Jim O'Rourke, not pictured, the team includes, left to right, rear, Ryan Harvey, Joe Carignan, Brandon Ledoux, Vince Tarpo, Justin Guerette, Joe Inhorn, Riley Pillsbury, J Bottomley, Nico Pappas; and, front, Harry Queeney, Shaan Abbas, Tommy Brett, Jack O'Rourke, Jake Nelson, Marcus Donnelly and Matt Graham.

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Soccer referee-certification class March 28-30

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

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

The cost for each participant, who must attend all 16 hours to become certified, is \$112 for the class and \$44 for a uniform.

Payment is due the first night of the class. Checks should be made out to "Southern Maine Soccer."

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

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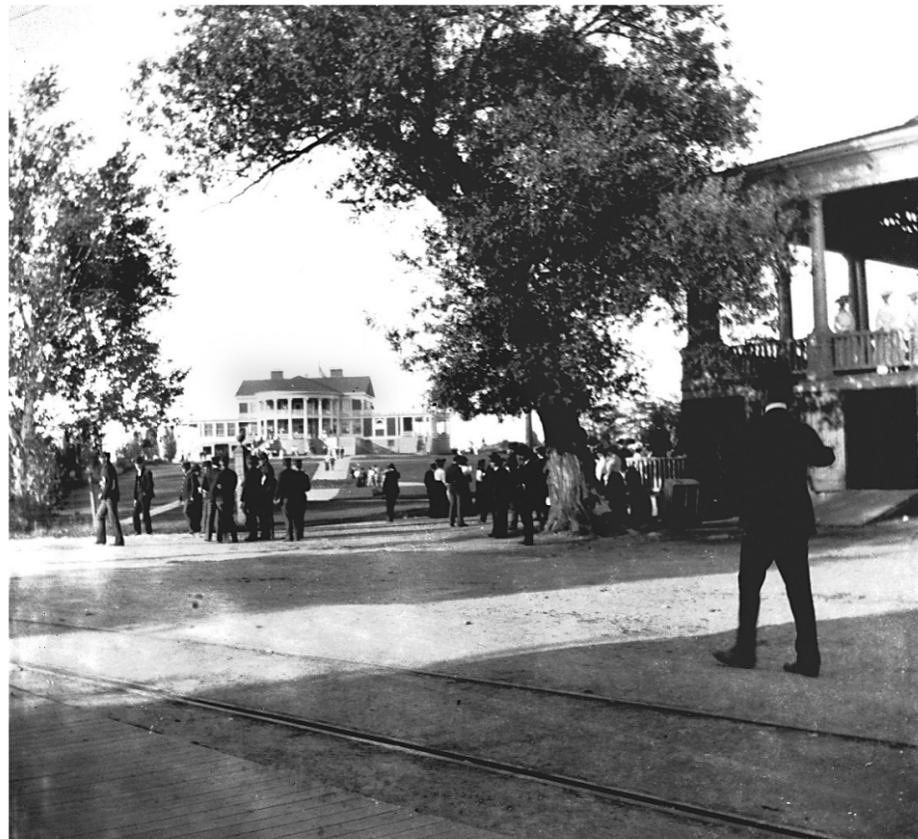
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Can you help date these photographs?



Photos courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Armstrong's Store, pictured at right in this photograph taken sometime in the early 1900s and donated to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society recently by Cape residents Joe and Dorothy Higgins, was located in the building that is currently home to the Cape Cottage Post Office. The Cape Cottage Theater, which was dismantled in 1921, was right across Shore Road from the store.



A recent donation by Joe and Dorothy Higgins, this photograph was taken from Armstrong's Store, pictured in the photograph at top. The corner of the Cape Cottage Theater is at right. Beyond is Cape Cottage Casino, built in 1889 for the Portland & Cape Elizabeth Railway. Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1958 recently gave the historical society a scanner that can make digital images from negatives and slides, enabling society members to create digital images of the two photographs here. Society members, who meet Thursday mornings, will train people to use the scanner. Call 799-1720 or e-mail cehps@thomas.lib.me.us.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Society publishes inaugural issue of newsletter, 'The Keeper'

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth Historical Society members, whose business is to preserve history, have created a piece of their own: "The Keeper," a newsletter that society members will receive in the mail three times a year.

The four-page inaugural issue includes photographs from historical society collections, tidbits from the past, and also mention of future goings-on in the publication's upcoming events section, "The Fog Horn."

Sumner Dyer

Atop the front page of the newsletter is a head shot of Sumner Dyer, keeper of the Life Saving Station at Two Lights from 1899 to 1919. Dyer's photo will be a permanent feature of the masthead.

"While Cape is known for lighthouse keepers, Sumner reminds us that there was more than one kind of keeper here — and now we add our newsletter as a new kind of keeper in town," the newsletter states.

The maiden issue also includes a brief history of the Two Lights' Life Saving Station written by Sumner Dyer's great-great-grandson, Wayne Alex Brooking, vice president of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society.

Higgins-Carr Collection

Getting the biggest play in the inaugural issue, however, is a collection that Cape residents Joe and Dorothy Higgins and the Carr family have been donating to the historical society for years.

The collection includes not only family-related items but also military items from Fort Williams. Most of the items relating to Fort Williams date back to World War I through 1964, when the Town of Cape Elizabeth bought Fort Williams, but some of the items are from as far back as the early 1900s.

The Carr-Higgins collection's photographs, letters, high school memorabilia, souvenirs, dance programs and military manuals "provide fresh insight into life in those times," CEHPS member Jane Beckwith states in a newsletter piece about the collection.

The newsletter's inner spread includes 12 photos from the collection. One, of the current Cape Cottage Post Office, was taken

when the building housed Armstrong's Store, which Fort Williams personnel frequented for sundries and postal services. The photograph shows the trolley tracks that ran in front of the building.

The pictures run the gamut from Portland Head Light keepers standing in front of the lighthouse to a keeper sitting stiffly in his office, beds lined up in Fort Williams barracks, the interior of a Fort building decorated for a Christmas party, and an invitation to a "full dress ball" on New Year's Eve 1902 at Fort Williams, hosted by members of the 74th Company.

Some of the Carr-Higgins photographs are undated, and CEHPS members welcome input.

"It is difficult to date many of the pictures," said CEHPS President Ellen Van Fleet, adding that members "hope to have others help us with dates."

... Cape is known for lighthouse keepers ... and now we add our newsletter as a new kind of keeper in town. — 'The Keeper'

'The Keeper's Log'

In a section called, "The Keepers Log," devoted to recent CEHPS goings-on, member Barbara Sanborn writes about an open house the society held this fall, which focused on the history of the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department.

Other sections include information about 2010 donations to CEHPS and volunteer needs on Thursday mornings, when CEHPS, located on the bottom floor of Thomas Memorial Library, is open to the public.

CEHPS President Van Fleet, the founder and former publisher of *The Cape Courier*, is the newsletter's publisher.

Membership

All CEHPS members receive "The Keeper" in addition to invitations to historical outings and discounts on historical society publications such as "A Culinary History of Cape Elizabeth," the cookbook CEHPS published last year. The cookbook includes photographs, background stories and family observations and anecdotes related to the recipes, which span the past to the present.

To become a CEHPS member and get a newsletter subscription, send \$15, name and address to "CEHPS, c/o Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107."

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CALENDAR

Reported by Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, January 27

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Saturday, January 29

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m.
Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Wheeler Road

Tuesday, February 1

Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m.,
William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Planning Board Special Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, February 2

Community Services Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Thursday, February 3

Alternative Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,

Saturday, February 5

Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Monday, February 7

High School Parents Association screening of "Race to Nowhere" 6:30-9 p.m., high school auditorium

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

Tuesday, February 8

School Board 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

Open Space and Greenbelt Management Plan Committee, 8 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall

Wednesday, February 9

School Board Wellness/Coord School Health Committee, 7 a.m., Town Center Fire Station

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77). Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church, 885 Shore Road.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, except holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road. Volunteers assist with information searches. Public welcome.

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 president, Steve Hayes, 799-4610, or Bruce Balfour, 831-0166..

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.

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Purpoodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. Contact John LoBosco, club president, 799-1842 for more information.

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

Lions Club to host Jan. 29 spaghetti dinner; plans additional dinners, pancake breakfasts

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will hold the first of three upcoming spaghetti dinners from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Lions' spaghetti dinners include all-you-can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Soft drinks are served, and diners may bring their own wine or beer. The cost is \$10, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners benefit maintenance of the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, the Lions' clubhouse.

Additional spaghetti dinners are planned Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 26, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse.

Pancake breakfasts

The Lions Club will also host four monthly pancake breakfasts set for Sundays, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8, Mother's Day.

The breakfasts, which run from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, include a choice of pancakes, French toast or scrambled eggs and toast, plus a serving of sausage, coffee and juice. The cost for the breakfasts is \$5, and \$4 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will go to Lions' charities.

Contact Lee Taylor at jltaylormsu@gmail.com for more information about the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, the spaghetti dinners and the pancake breakfasts.

Upcoming CELT programs include walk, skiing

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust members plan two programs in the next month.

All are invited to join CELT members on a two-hour cross country skiing adventure through the CELT trail network. CELT volunteer Brian Guthrie will lead the outing, which is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, conditions permitting. Participants will meet at the entrance to Robinson Woods on Shore Road.

The program is designed for intermediate cross country skiers. All who plan to participate should bring their own equipment. The cost for the outing is \$6.

CELT volunteer Bob Cash will lead a nature walk focused on winter shore birds at Pond Cove from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. The walk will happen, snow, rain or shine, so participants should dress ap-

propriately. The cost is \$6 per person, with a \$12 maximum fee per family. Walkers will meet at the CELT kiosk on Shore Road at the entrance to Robinson Woods.

The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Land Trust conserves and provides stewardship for lands cherished by Cape residents for the education, use, and enjoyment of current and future generations.

People planning to participate in either program should register in advance by going to Community Services' home page, <http://www.cape.k12.me.us/commserv.htm>, and clicking on the blue ActiveNet.com box, or by signing up in person at the Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Contact Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

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CHANNEL 3

Zoning Board of Appeals replay
Jan. 26 & 27 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Jan. 29 - 9 a.m.
Portland Area Transportation Issues & Opportunities
Jan. 28 - 9 a.m., 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Words of Peace
Jan. 29 & 30 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 & 6 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Children's Dyslexia Center - Portland
Jan. 29 - 8:30 am
School Board (live)
Feb. 8 - 7 pm
School Board replay
Feb. 9 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Subject to change. Please check program guide on Channel 3 for up-to-date listing

Issues, opportunities in area transportation are subject of video to be shown on CETV

CETV, Cape Elizabeth's public-access Channel 3, will broadcast an update from the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS) on Friday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Future broadcasts will also be scheduled in early February. Please check the program guide on Channel 3, or the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

The 80-minute video is titled "Transportation Issues and Opportunities, a Briefing for State and Local Elected Officials" and was recorded on Dec. 13. It features impromptu

questions and answers from representatives of the state Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority.

The presentation focuses on planning for an east-west transportation corridor in the Greater Portland region.

Presenters include: John Duncan, PACTS executive director; Paul Godfrey of HNTB Engineering; and Patricia Quinn, executive director of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

The briefing was moderated by State Rep. Ann Peoples, D-Westbrook.

'Rent' to run at Lyric from Feb. 18 to March 5

The rock opera "Rent," which follows a year in the life of seven friends living in New York City's East Village, will run at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland from Friday, Feb. 18, to Saturday, March 5. Shows are planned at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Based on Giacomo Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," the play, which opened on Broadway in 1996 and ran through 2008, brings to life a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side under the ever-looming shadow of HIV/AIDS. Playwright Jonathan Larson died the day before his show opened on Broadway.

Michael Donovan directs the production, which features Chris Austin as Roger, a brooding rock singer coping with his own mortality and HIV status. Jason Phillips will portray Mark, a disconnected filmmaker who

documents the lives and loves of his closest friends. Celeste Green plays a troubled exotic dancer Mimi, also battling her HIV status and a major drug addiction. Newcomer Tyler Beck portrays Angel, a selfless and caring drag queen.

Rounding out the principle characters are Rebecca Rinaldi as Joanne, Jennifer Miller as Maureen, Thomas Smallwood as Collins, and Brian McAloon as Benny.

Ensemble players include Jonathan Carr, Will Carter, Brittany Cook, Jona Cormier, Kristi Drew, Chris Foulke, Kelsey Franklin, Melissa Morad, Dan Neuville, Adam Normand, Ashleigh St. Pierre and Jane Stevens.

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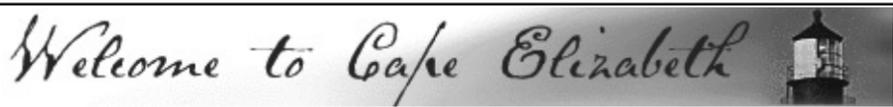
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Genealogical stories to be shared on Feb. 5

Members of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society will present stories based on family artifacts or heirlooms at the society's 1 p.m. meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road. The presentation will be preceded by a 12:30 p.m. social time. Meetings, held the first Saturday of each month, are free and open to the public. Go to www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg for more information.

Cape adults, families can play volleyball, soccer, basketball in town throughout winter

Community Services has several adult programs going on this winter for sports-loving Cape residents who want to stay active during the cold months.

Indoor soccer

Veteran Cape Elizabeth High School soccer coaches Charlie Carroll and David Peary have organized an indoor soccer program for adults 30 and older who want to play games. Games are scheduled for Sunday nights through March 27, and players can sign up to play at 5-6:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Games will be played in the high school auditorium. The cost is \$50 per session.

Pickup basketball

High school students through adults have an opportunity to play basketball from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays through April 7. The cost for each game is \$4, and games take place in the high school gym. Steve LaRose runs the program, which operates on a drop-in basis.

'Over-40' basketball

Community Services is also offering a pickup program for basketball players who are "over 40, or play like you are." Community Services' winter-spring catalogue states. Residents pay \$4, nonresidents pay

Members of Class of 1945 at Cape High seek fellow classmates

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1945, who are organizing a reunion, would like to learn the whereabouts of Dotty Speller, Barbara Stevens, Elma and Kathleen Wilson, Lois Erickson, and Ann Hudson.

Please contact Marion Higgins Soule at 775-1607, or Jerry Payne Greaney at 772-1447.

\$5, and games are played in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School gym from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 3.

Coed volleyball

Community Services is also offering pickup coed volleyball this winter from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays through May 25. Residents pay \$4 per game, and nonresidents pay \$5. John Woods runs the program.

Open gyms for families

Open gyms for families in the high school gym will be held from noon to 2 p.m. every Sunday from Jan. 23 through March 27 except Feb. 6. Athletes young and old can shoot hoops, play pass or play indoor soccer. The drop-in fee is \$2 per person, and families pay no more than \$5 at the door.

Community Services now offers online registration for programs, but residents also can sign up in person at the Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Go to Community Services' home page, <http://www.cape.k12.me.us/commserv.htm>, and click on the blue ActiveNet.com box, to register online.

Contact Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

Screening of 'Race to Nowhere' documentary planned in Cape on Feb. 7

By Trish Brigham

"Race to Nowhere," an educational documentary that focuses on the dark side of America's achievement culture, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. All in the community are invited to attend.

The film, which is being screened at festivals and schools across the country, is the work of Vicki Abeles, a concerned mother turned filmmaker who was inspired to make the movie out of concern for her three children and the pressures they faced.

"As a mother, I experienced the stress first hand and realized that no one was talking about it. I saw kids who were anxious, depressed, physically ill, checking out, abusing drugs and, worst case, attempting suicide," says Abeles, a former Wall Street lawyer whose 12-year-old daughter was being treated for stress-related illness. "I felt compelled to speak out about this crisis by making a film and giving voice to the students, teachers, and parents. I wanted to expose a deeper truth about our education system. We are graduating a generation of robo-students, unable to think and work independently, creatively and collaboratively."

"Race to Nowhere" features stories of young people, interviews with educators and parents, and with psychologists, adolescent medicine specialists and the dean of the School of Education at Stanford University.

The Cape Elizabeth High Parents Association will host the event in collaboration with the Scarborough and South Portland school departments. The film was shown in Freeport in December and at Falmouth High School on Jan. 25.

The film has received positive reviews from *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, both of which have reported on the impact the film seems to have on audience members, forcing self-reflection and conversations about how to raise competent, well-adjusted children in an educational system and society preoccupied with testing, competition and rigid definitions of success.

Tickets for the movie are \$10. Visit <http://rtncapeelizabeth.eventbrite.com> to buy tickets. Depending on seating availability, tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15. In the event of a weather-related cancellation, the movie will be shown Feb. 10.

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Fiber artist Nancy Hill exhibits in February

The Thomas Memorial Library will present a fiber art exhibit, featuring works by Nancy Hill of Cundy's Harbor, throughout the month of February. The exhibited work, all in fabric, depicts familiar local and iconic scenes in a "painterly manner."

After more than twenty-five years of designing and making bed quilts for family members and clients, Hill turned to fiber painting "as her next challenge in artistic expression." While employing many techniques used in quilting, fiber art permits unrestricted experimentation with additional media, according to Hill.

"The primary focus in each picture is the texture and color suggested by the fabric itself and the suitability of its design to the



Nancy Hill's depiction, in fabric, of Portland Head Light

subject," says Hill. "Shapes are cut and fused or appliquéd onto a fabric background. The work is quilted by machine or by hand to add additional texture and shading and to secure the work to its background. It is then embellished, a step that can utilize the full range of art products available, including pencil, ink, dye, bleach, paint, thread painting and embroidery. The framing finishes the work as a picture, rather than a quilt."

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Lunch at SMCC planned Feb. 17

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The cost, \$16, will include lunch, dessert, a beverage, and transportation. Payment will be due when reservations are called in to the Community Services' office at 799-2868. Checks, payable to "Cape Elizabeth Community Services," can be sent to 343 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

A bus will depart for SMCC at 11:15 a.m. from behind the Community Center.

Indoor walking Tuesdays, Thursdays at Community Center

Community Services' indoor walking program for senior citizens is underway on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Community Center. Seniors can drop in anytime between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. to walk at any pace and for any length of time.

There is no fee, but participants are asked to sign in at the front desk.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

Identity theft scams to be topic of free program on Feb. 8

Community Services will offer a free program for people interested in learning how to spot identity theft scams.

Jane Mullen of the Dignity Memorial Smart & Safe Living Program will discuss six rules for avoiding cons and scams in a talk planned from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Community Room at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

Community Services offers Cape seniors monthly newsletter

Adults 55 years old and up can receive regular newsletter updates in the mail about a wide range of adult activities offered at the Community Center throughout the year, including luncheons, trips, theater performances, exercise programs, art classes, card playing, and more.

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

Call 799-2868 for more information.

Free computer training for Cape senior citizens offered through May by high school seniors

Senior to Senior, a community service organization of Cape Elizabeth High School seniors who perform free services for Cape senior citizens, is providing one-on-one computer training to Cape Elizabeth senior citizens through May.

"We have a lot of kids signed up for this service and would like to start getting some seniors to match up," Senior to Senior founder Jayne Hanley said. "For all of the seniors out there who would love to learn how to use their computer to stay in touch with their families and, in particular, their grandchildren, these kids will show them how to use e-mail, how to upload or download photos, how to use Skype or video-chat, or how to use Facebook."

Sessions can be at senior citizens' homes or at the high school. Call 799-1789 or e-mail capeseniors@gmail.com to schedule a training time.

Drop-in bridge games scheduled twice a week through end of April

Community Services is offering bridge players the chance to play at two different times each week through the end of April. The drop-in games are geared from beginning to intermediate-level players who prefer a less competitive, more relaxed environment.

Games are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 27 in the Community Center's Activity Room, and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 29 in the Community Center's Living Room. The cost per game is \$5, payable at the door.

Players should bring lunch for a brief break midway through the game.

Games are usually held during Cape school vacations, but anyone planning to play during the third week of February, when schools will be on vacation, should call Community Services at 799-2868 first. Games will not be held when the weather is bad.

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Pond Cove's annual Craft Night set for Feb. 10



Children focus on their creations at last year's Pond Cove Parents Association Craft Night.

The Pond Cove Parents Association's annual Craft Night is planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, in the school cafeteria.

At the event, which will be geared toward younger children, kids and families will make crafts, do art projects, and create Valentine's Day gifts. The evening will also include a baked goods sale.

Last year's Craft Night, which drew a

crowd of more than 128 children and their families, raised more than \$600 for the Pond Cove Parents Association.

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

All who are interested in volunteering should contact co-chair Marisa Haydar at marisahaydar@hotmail.com. Contact Haydar or co-chair Heather Evans at heatheryevans@yahoo.com for more information.

Parents of 2011-2012 kindergartners need to contact Pond Cove

Parents of children who will turn 5 before Oct. 15, 2011, should contact Pond Cove School about enrolling their children in kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Please call Pond Cove at 799-7339.

Cape graduate to share his story of drug use, recovery, sobriety

A recent Cape Elizabeth High School graduate will share his experience through his drug addiction and recovery and his current 18 months of sobriety at an upcoming presentation.

The session, set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, in the high school cafeteria, will be sponsored by H.O.P.E., Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education, a Cape organization that encourages students to make wise choices and avoid the pressures of drugs and alcohol.

The young man and others involved with his recovery will explain how he dealt with the doldrums of his addiction and will offer strength and hope to families who are dealing with struggles related to drugs and alcohol.

The meeting will be free and open to the public.

Cape senior Douty performs in Maine All-State Jazz Festival



Reid Douty

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Reid Douty not only played the saxophone in the All-State Honors Jazz Band at the Maine All-State Jazz Festival held Jan. 6-8 at Scarborough High School, but also was selected to be the lead tenor saxophonist in the band. Musicians must audition to be in the band.

At CEHS, Douty plays in the Monday Night Concert Jazz Band directed by CEHS Band Director Tom Lizotte and the Thursday Afternoon Jazz Combo led by director Ralph Norris. Douty began playing sax in sixth grade. Since eighth grade, he has played in the Thursday Combo with trumpet player Jack Roos, alto sax player Ryan Ayers, drummer Will Daly and bass guitarist Delaney Ratner.

Douty, who will attend the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in Philadelphia next year, hopes to continue playing in a small ensemble in college.



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How you spell bee winner: J-O-R-D-A-N



Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Lily Jordan, who won first place in the middle school spelling bee, and her brother, sixth-grader Jacob, who came in second, will compete in the Cumberland County Bee on Feb. 1 in Yarmouth.

By Wendy Keeler

In Cape, “J-o-r-d-a-n” doesn’t only spell fresh produce and agriculture. Thanks to two middle-schoolers, the Jordan name is now also synonymous with spelling excellence, from the town and county levels on up to the level of state and national bees.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Lily Jordan, who clinched her third straight win in the annual Cape Elizabeth Middle School spelling bee on Jan. 13, was joined on the podium this year by brother, Jacob, a sixth-grader, who came in second. The two will compete against other county spelling whizzes on Feb. 1 at the Cumberland County Bee, which will be held at Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth.

Last year, Lily not only nailed the county bee but went on to win the Maine State Bee in March. In June, she made it through three rounds with top spellers from across the

country in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in June in Washington, D.C. Lily hopes to head back to D.C. this June.

“I plan to try to make it back next year, and maybe even make the semifinals,” she wrote in the June 26, 2010 issue of *The Cape Courier* in a report about her experience at the national bee. “With a lot of studying, maybe it will happen.”

Even if Lily doesn’t make it to D.C., she won’t soon forget the event, where she got Shaquille O’Neal’s autograph and met spelling champs from around the world.

“I’ll always remember that week: the places I visited, the friends I met, the words I learned, the memories I made,” she wrote.

Forty-three CEMS students competed in this year’s bee, which CEMS Librarian Amanda Kozak and seventh-grade social studies and language arts teacher Aaron Filieo judged. CEMS Principal Steve Connolly officiated.

Cape speech team to host NFL Night Jan. 26; state meet to be held at Maranacook on Jan. 29



Members of Cape Elizabeth High School’s speech team, who are in the midst of a busy month, gather at the high school on Jan. 15, when the team hosted a tournament in which 200 students from 20 schools, including some from Massachusetts, competed.

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School’s 35-member speech team will host their annual National Forensic League Night, which will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the CEHS auditorium. All in the community are invited to the event.

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

and a half. Refreshments will be served.

Jan. 29 state meet

At the statewide meet, set for Saturday, Jan. 29, at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield, Cape, the defending state champion, will vie for top honors against 20 Maine high school teams.

Contact Mullen at rmullen@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

CEHS Choral Director to play piano on Feb. 1

Larry “Flash” Allen, Cape Elizabeth High School’s choral director, will play piano from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb 1, at the Local Buzz to raise money for a CEHS chorus trip to New York City in May. The chorus plans to attend the Heritage Music Festival.

Ten percent of all Buzz profits on Feb. 1 will go to the chorus trip.

Contact Ann Barksdale at 799-8392 or ahbarksdale@earthlink.net for information about the trip.

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Freshies will donate 10 percent of profits from sales of large pizzas bought through the end of April to the 2011 Project Graduation, a post-graduation mystery trip organized by senior parents to give newly graduated seniors a safe night of fun.

For people who want visual reminders about the program, "Freshies Fund for Project Graduation," cards are available through 2011 Project Graduation Committee member Kerri Berman, kberman@maine.rr.com or 799-5336. Families of all CEHS seniors recently received two cards in the mail.

The Maine high school that tops all others in pizza sales will receive double the dollars that it raises in the program from Freshies.

Visit www.freshiesforfunds@rhfoster.com for more information about the program.

Tournament winners!



Cape Elizabeth High School freshmen Luke Dvorzniak, left, and Anthony Castro, pictured in December at CEHS, beat out 35 VEX robotics teams from around New England to win the QCC VEX Robotics Competition Jan. 15 in Worcester, Mass. At the meet, robots which students build out of VEX Robotics System components attempt to score the highest number of points by putting the greatest number of rings onto their team's post. The CEHS team has qualified for and will compete in the VEX Robotics World Championships in April in Orlando, Fla.

St. Alban's youths plan Jan. 30 bottle drive

Cape teens in St. Alban's Episcopal Church's sophomore-class youth group, ROPE, or Rites of Passage Expedition, will collect bottles and cans in Cape neighborhoods from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, to raise money for a June mission trip to Washington, D.C. All who are interested in donating should leave bags at the end of driveways.

The 11 sophomores who belong to the ROPE 2013 group will spend a week in Washington in June working with community organizations that serve D.C.'s poorest population.

Bottles and cans also can be dropped off at the garage located at St. Alban's parking lot anytime during the day of the collection. People are also welcome to deliver cans and bottles to St. Alban's through June, or request to be put on the group's pickup list.

Contact St. Alban's Youth Director Brenda Kielty at brendakielty@stalbanmaine.org or 885-4041 for more information.

Cape Methodist to host Feb. 5 supper

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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A Cappella Choir from Massachusetts to perform Feb. 25 in Cape

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church and Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will present a 7 p.m. concert featuring the A Cappella Choir from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., on Friday, Feb. 25, at Cape Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road.

The 50-voice choir, which sings a wide range of choral music, performs not only in the Boston area but also throughout the Northeast, including at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Chamber Singers group, a smaller subset of the choir, travels internationally and has done tours of the British Isles, Eastern Europe and Fiji.

The choir will perform at Long Creek Youth Center in South Portland the morning of Saturday, Feb. 26.

Eastern Nazarene College is a four-year liberal arts college which serves a student body of about 1,000 students.

Choir members will stay at the homes of parishioners from both churches.

Contact the Rev. Jon Twitchell of Church of the Nazarene at pastorjon@capenazarene.org for more information.



The A Cappella Choir from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., will perform Friday, Feb. 25, in Cape Elizabeth at a concert hosted by Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church and Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene.

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Town Council

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Additional costs related to the Community Center and the Cumberland County assessment are also part of the overall town budget. Neither is included in the municipal portion of the budget.

The annual maintenance of Fort Williams Park may be the most notable cost increase in the planned municipal budget. The \$100,000 budgeted for park upkeep, maintenance and repairs represents an \$80,000 increase over the current budget. Lennon said she hopes these tax funds will be supplemented by private funds.

"With any luck, private fundraising will come close to matching these dollars," said Lennon, "so we can begin to address the many ongoing capital needs that received some attention last fall."

Lennon also noted that the town was in "excellent financial shape" at the midway point of the current fiscal year.

She noted that while revenues have continued to decline, the projection for the year is in line with the budgeted amount.

2011 Town Council goals

At the top of the Town Council's list of 2011 goals is the implementation of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan recommendations relating to open space and quality of life in

Cape Elizabeth.

The full list of goals was adopted by the council at the January meeting. Council Chair David Sherman described the two-page list as "an ambitious document."

"But I'm sure we're up to the challenge," he added.

The goals are grouped into four categories that deal with continuing initiatives, financial decisions and reporting, communications, and boards and commissions.

Many of the goals reflect the challenges of the current economy.

For instance, one goal is to "participate in regional efforts for economic development and for energy efficiency."

Goals related to continuing initiatives include increasing the marketing of town "entrepreneurial activities." These include Community Services, the Donald Richards Pool, the Portland Head Light gift shop and the Spurwink Church.

One goal specifies "review master plan amendments and a draft business plan for Fort Williams Park."

Under financial decisions, the council goals include implementing pilot projects at Fort Williams Park "and elsewhere to test potential revenue streams."

The council also set goals for increasing its collaboration with the school department in order to encourage townwide savings and to "increase collaboration and discussion

with the Cape Elizabeth School Board."

In total, 37 goals were adopted by the council.

Goals listed in the area of communications included enhancing communication and collaboration with such independent groups as the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, the Cape Farm Alliance, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation, the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation, "Cool Cape," the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and other groups.

In 2011, the council also will seek to "be more proactive in communicating upcoming agenda items" and to "report on the results of Town Council deliberations to local media."

Another goal specified is to assist boards with the exploration of grant opportunities. The council also does not plan to form "multiple new committees" in 2011, but to continue to work with existing boards and commissions.

Council denies Stonegate appeal

The Town Council denied an appeal of an October 2010 decision by Public Works Director Bob Malley to issue a driveway permit over property at 6 Stonegate Road. The property is located near the intersection of Stonegate and Mitchell roads.

The owner of the property, Early Bird Group, plans to subdivide the lot to develop

up to three new homes there.

With council members Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jim Walsh and Frank Governali recusing themselves from the discussion, the decision on the appeal fell to the four remaining councilors.

Malley's decision allows the requested construction of a driveway over about 25 feet of the lot and over about 70 feet of town-owned right of way to access Stonegate Road.

The decision was challenged by Stonegate resident Robert Stier, Jr. He argued, in part, that Malley "failed to consider the impact of the permitted driveway on the rights reserved by the Stonegate Homeowners Association to maintain stone walls and landscaping within the nontraveled portion of the right of way."

Stier also argued that any decision regarding the driveway permit had to conform with the town's subdivision ordinances.

Discussion of the appeal was lengthy, technical, and spanned significant portions of both the December and January meetings.

In the end, councilors voted 2-2 on each of the two key arguments of the appeal. A majority of 3-1 or better was needed to uphold the appeal.

Stier can appeal the council's decision to the Maine Superior Court within 30 days of the decision.

Superintendent

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sity's Graduate School of Education Career Development Office, Roy helped schools around the country find superintendents.

Website

To woo applicants, the School Board is making the most of technology. To learn more about the Cape job, educators can go to <http://capeleadershipsearch.com>, a website devoted to the search that went live on Jan. 14.

The site has sections devoted to Cape schools and the school budget, information about the town and community, and lots of color photographs.

Meanwhile, the board is advertising the position in *Education Week* and on Maine School Management Association and American Association of School Administrators websites.

Roy is also spreading the word through letters and postcards to superintendents across the country. The postcard, featuring six color photos of students at work, includes the website address.

"I am really excited about how we have chosen to do the search," a method that also will save the town some money, Townsend said.

Townsend wrote and compiled information for the website. Cape resident Megan McConagha, wife of School Board member, John Christie, designed the website at no charge to the town, and the cost of the URL is "a quarter of the cost of what brochures would have been," Townsend said. A local company printed the postcards at no charge.

Priorities

"The highest priority for the community appeared to be leadership and the ability to inspire and motivate, so our feeling, when we were thinking about how to attract a person like that, was that a two-color, tri-fold brochure couldn't convey all of the special, innovative things about our district," Townsend said.

In the survey and in meetings, citizens identified fiscal savvy as another crucial quality.

"We're looking for someone who will work with the board to develop a multiyear

strategic plan as we continue to try to educate our students in what we know will continue to be a fiscally challenging environment," Townsend said.

Cape's next superintendent also should possess a broad educational vision, citizens have told the board.

"We have been noted for our high level of academic achievement, and we take great pride in that, but we're also looking for a person who values a healthy social and emotional learning environment for all of our students."

Timeline

In mid-February, the Credentials Review Committee will meet with Roy to discuss confidentiality and the evaluation process. Would-be Cape superintendents have until Feb. 25 to submit applications, after which the CRC will begin reviewing and screening candidates.

In early March, the School Board will meet with as many as six semifinalist candidates. Board members plan to narrow the field down to two or three finalists by the middle of that month.

In early April, if all goes according to schedule, the board will announce the name of Cape's next superintendent.

Until then, Murphy will oversee the Cape schools, which are in good hands, Townsend said.

"Ken has been doing a great job helping us during the transition, guiding us and keeping the ship steady," she said. "He is a consummate leader and professional and an absolute pleasure to work with."

Credentials Review Committee applicants

Cape residents have until Monday, Jan. 31, to apply for membership on the Credentials Review Committee.

Visit http://www.capeelizabeth.com/government/elected_officials/school_board/form.html to apply online, or contact School Board member Michael Moore at search-crc@gmail.com or 233-7164 to get an application.

Updates

For updates about the superintendent search process, visit the school website, www.cape.k12.me.us.

Kim Brooks

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some community service, and I thought, 'Why not join the Lions Club?'"

Fast forward to a Lions Club meeting two months later, which Rich could not attend.

"They had an election of officers, and there was a minute of total, dead silence, and nobody was volunteering to take over the presidency, and I cracked and said, 'I know nothing, but I'll do it.'"

Brooks wasted no time.

"I knew how much the Lions meant to my husband, so my whole thing was I didn't want to embarrass him," she said.

Largest service organization in the world

Lions extend way beyond Cape. The largest service organization in the world, Lions Club International has more than 1.3 million members in more than 200 countries.

"The organization is considered to be one of the best nongovernmental organizations in the world," Brooks said. "If there's a disaster in the world, the Lions Club is one of the first organizations to release money and mobilize volunteers."

The Cape club's local efforts have included donating land for playing fields and defibrillators to the Cape schools. The group also raises money for scholarships for Cape students and for organizations such as the Center for Grieving Children, Camp Sunshine, the Ronald McDonald House and the American Diabetes Association.

Lions are perhaps best known for their efforts on behalf of the blind and visually impaired, from building eye hospitals around the world to providing eyeglasses, eye surgeries, screenings and medications to people in third-world countries.

Shortly after Brooks became Cape Lions' president, Lions Club International

asked individual clubs to make a five-year commitment to the Campaign Sight First II program, which has a goal of raising more than \$200 million to eradicate preventable blindness around the world.

"I said to our club, which historically had been giving locally, 'Would you please do this?' and they said, 'OK,'" Brooks said. "I feel very proud that our club said we would do this."

So far, the club has raised about \$10,000 for the campaign, and by the end of next year

Cape Lions will have committed more than \$16,800 to the program.

Lions awards

At the end of her first year as president, Brooks won the Maine Lions' "Rookie of the Year" award, and the Cape club was named the "Most Improved Club" in the state.

Last year, Brooks won the Maine Lions' "President's Award" for her work not only with Cape Lions but also as Breast Cancer Awareness chair of the Lions' Maine district.

But ask Brooks to talk about her individual accomplishments with Cape Lions, and she turns discussion to club members.

"I bumped into this local club, only to meet some of the nicest people you would ever want to meet," Brooks said.

She has similar words of praise for her neighbors. "I live in the nicest neighborhood in the world," she said.

If Cape Elizabeth ever needs a public relations person, Brooks might be the one for the job. While growing up in Portland, however, Brooks had a very different idea about Cape residents, she said.

"The 'rich kids across the bridge': that was the flavor of how Cape was perceived, even by myself," she said. "But living here, I know that's not the reality. A lot of people work very hard to live here. I have been surrounded by the nicest people in Cape Elizabeth: great people with good hearts."

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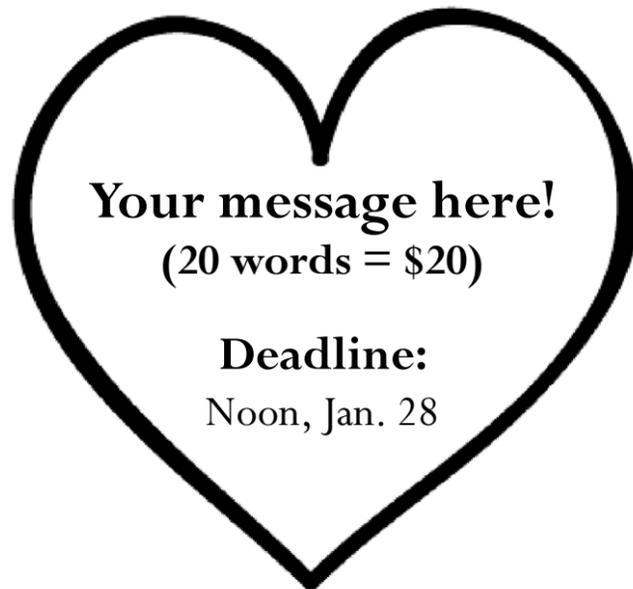
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Riding to work, from sunrise to sunset

By Elizabeth Brogan

January 18 was bitter cold, with snow falling heavily through the morning and a “wintry mix” predicted for the afternoon. Giving the extreme weather its due, Cape resident and Portland attorney Doug Kaplan did not ride his Cannondale “city bike” the eight miles to his office on Commercial Street.

“I missed it,” he said. “There really is something about this whole endorphins thing. It puts you in a good mood.”

Kaplan has been riding his bike to and from work since the summer of 2008. Initially, Kaplan and his wife Ann Kaplan “were trying to do something for the environment.” The couple also own a Honda Civic hybrid, and their relative predicted mileage for the day would determine who would take the hybrid and who would take the “gas guzzler.”

“I was usually driving the gas guzzler,” Doug Kaplan said. “In May of 2008 I said to Ann, ‘I should buy a bicycle.’”

Two of the Kaplans’ Broad Cove neighbors, Drs. Jim Wasserman and Jeff Saffer, the latter also Doug Kaplan’s physician, rode to their offices and were enthusiastic about the benefits.

After a year of trading car for bike, Kaplan learned about those benefits firsthand.

“There is a lot less of me,” Kaplan says. “At my annual physical I was 30 pounds lighter. My cholesterol was lower; my blood pressure was lower...[Dr. Jeff Saffer] was all excited. He was more excited than I was.”

During that first year, Kaplan rode only until daylight savings time ended, not wanting to ride home in the dark. The next year the Kaplans’ youngest child, Lisa Kaplan, went off to college, and the “empty nest” started to look like a promising after-dusk home office to Kaplan.

“I leave the office 40 minutes before sunset and work for a few hours at home,” says Kaplan. “I have two saddlebags that hook onto my bike, and I bring files back and forth.”



Photo by Ann Kaplan

Doug Kaplan and his trusty Cannondale

Kaplan will be back on the bike after this latest storm passes.

“Cape Elizabeth is really good about cleaning the bike lanes,” Kaplan says, acknowledging that his particular route to work from Broad Cove, along 77 and over the Casco Bay Bridge, is very cyclist-friendly. “The only place I don’t have a bike lane is a little stretch through Mill Creek and on Commercial Street, where it is so wide.”

Kaplan on his bike is a familiar site at dawn and dusk. “I get a lot of honks.”

And sometimes he gets more than honks.

“Some days you can have a brutal head wind and it’s really bitter cold. The other day the wind was 40 miles per hour going into work and 77 is hilly. It was all I could do to move forward, and I hear ‘Faster, big boy, faster!’ It was [fellow Cape resident and Portland lawyer] Jerry Petrucelli, yelling at me from his Lexus.”

Chase Dittrich, a 2005 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, made an appearance on “The Price is Right” television game show on Friday, Jan. 14. Even though he was eliminated after spinning the wheel in the CBS program’s “Showcase Showdown,” Chase did get to meet the show’s host Drew Carey. He also won a tournament-level shuffleboard game in the process, which he is sending to his father, Cape resident Carl Dittrich, said his mother, Ann Dittrich, a Pennsylvania resident.

A 2009 graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., Chase is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Chase Dittrich

Five Cape realtors from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage recently received recognition for outstanding sales in 2010: agents Bruce Balfour, Jennifer DeSena, AnnMarie Rosenfield and Kathleen Pierce, who also was named “Broker of the Month” for December. South Portland agent Mary Walker was named 2010 “Broker of the Year” for her performance.

James H. Wilcox, the son of Stephen and Pauline Wilcox, and a 2008 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Cape resident Gregory LaTorre was named to the first-semester dean’s list at Providence College in Providence, R.I., where he is a freshman.

Caroline LaTorre was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., where she is majoring in theater and speech.

Julie Littlefield, the daughter of Howard and Jacinta Littlefield, is engaged to be married to John F. Hirsch III, the son of Rita and John Hirsch Jr., of Orange Park, Fla.

A Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Julie received a bachelor’s degree in education and history from St. Michael’s College in Colchester, Vt. She teaches history at Fruit Cove Middle School in Fruit Cove, Fla. John, a graduate of Orange Park High School in Orange Park, Fla., received a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of South Florida in Tampa and teaches fifth grade at the Broach School in Orange Park.

A wedding is planned on July 16, 2011, in Cape Elizabeth.



John Hirsch III and Julie Littlefield

Cape artist Beth Harris-Hess of Wings Rest Studio won a book-cover design contest and now has a book to prove it. The cover of “Life your Way,” the book that Maine psychologist Amy Wood recently published, features Harris-Hess’s design: a photograph of clean white laundry hanging from a clothesline and dancing in the wind above a grassy, green expanse.

“I had the wonderful task of taking her work and then creating a concept that would clearly and honestly convey her intent and message and locating the lush yet simple photographic image for use on the cover,” Harris-Hess states in a press release.

Wood will be reading and signing books in town in coming months, Harris-Hess said.

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\$501 - \$600 K	14 sold	average sale price = \$543,642	average list/sale = 97%
\$601 - \$700 K	6 sold	average sale price = \$612,500	average list/sale = 93%
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