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Learning roots at root of success for spelling wiz

By Glenn Jordan

Fixing lunch for my sons after returning from an exhausting but exhilarating week at the National Spelling Bee, I glanced up wistfully at the kitchen whiteboard.

For the past year, ever since our daughter Lily had competed in the 2010 national bee in Washington D.C., her mom had written a "Root of the Day" on the board, along with a few examples. Nancy compiled a list of these Greek and Latin roots and occasionally quizzed Lily on it before bed.

They both realized, having seen the excellent documentary "Spellbound" and the elite spellers among the national field of 275, that natural aptitude alone might get you there, but only through dedicated preparation would there be a chance to advance through the preliminary rounds to the semifinals, when ESPN television coverage begins.

That was Lily's goal, to reach the semifinals. So Lily learned her roots. Her friend Amelia helped her affix putty to index cards upon which Lily had written challenging words derived from a variety of languages. They stuck the cards to the walls and, in one instance (*gullible*), the ceiling.

Having read some stories about previous champions, Lily decided she would spend one July day studying words for 17 hours, one more hour than 2010 champion Anamika Veeramani reportedly did.

That marathon session was the exception, however. As an active 13-year-old, Lily had plenty of time to attend summer camp, hike, swim and kayak around Mt. Desert Island; boogie board at Scarborough Beach; and play field hockey in the fall, ice hockey in winter and softball in spring and early summer.

Spelling became part of her bedtime ritu-

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Happiness, bubbling over



Photo by Ann Kaplan

After receiving their diplomas and regrouping to hear closing comments at the June 12 commencement ceremony in the Cape Elizabeth High School gymnasium, members of the Class of 2011 were relaxed and happy. Here, Jack Barber blows bubbles to the amusement of Sydney Banks beside him as fellow graduates await the recessional.

Cape's next school chief: 'So many things attracted me'

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth's next superintendent, Meredith Nadeau, has a lot dangling right now – where her family will live and where her daughter will attend kindergarten in September among them – but Nadeau, 41, the director of special education, instruction, and the humanities curriculum for the Oyster River Cooperative School District in Durham, N.H., knows one thing for sure: Cape Elizabeth is where she wants to be.



Meredith Nadeau

"I was planning to begin looking for a superintendent job this year, next year, or the year after, but when this one came up, I knew I needed to find out more," said Nadeau, whose first official day on the job will be July 20. "Finding the right fit was very important to me."

While learning about the Cape Elizabeth district, Nadeau put check mark after check mark next to attributes that matched her preferences.

"So many things attracted me to Cape Elizabeth. Number one is the value for education," said Nadeau, noting that both Cape Elizabeth and Oyster River are high-performing districts with high schools that regularly make *U.S. News & World Report's* top 1,000 list.

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Land Trust hopes to add 63 acres near Robinson Woods

By Wendy Keeler

For Robinson Woods regular Lisa Wolfinger, it didn't matter that the first day of summer was a couple of weeks away. For the Wood Road resident, who for years has frequented the 80-acre property off Shore Road that the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust acquired from the Robinson family nearly a decade ago, June 7 might as well have been Christmas.

That's when Wolfinger learned about CELT's plan to acquire a 63.6-acre parcel running southwest of Robinson Woods. "Robinson Woods II," which CELT would buy from Robinson Family LLC with the help of town, state and private funding, is noted for its wildlife habitat and is loved by walkers, hikers and nature lovers.

"This is fantastic," said Wolfinger, who sometimes feels like she is "trespassing" while walking on trails on the property, which the Robinson family has allowed people to use. "To me, the

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Photo by Jenny Campbell

Grand Marshal Dexter Hunneman, a World War II Army veteran, observes proceedings at the May 30 Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade. For more Memorial Day photos, see page 6.



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Army of volunteers leading arboretum project to fruition

**By Kathryn Bacastow
Arboretum Steering Committee chair**

The Arboretum at Fort Williams – a project of the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) – is ready to grow, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers who have devoted more than 4 ½ years to the planning and design of this town-endorsed initiative.

In 2007 a small group came up with an idea to incorporate an arboretum within Fort Williams Park. The arboretum concept addresses the ecological objectives outlined in the town's 1990 Master Plan (revised in 2003 and currently under review). Shared goals include: reversal of damage by invasive species, creation of native and sustainable landscapes, restoration of native habitat, enhanced outdoor recreation possibilities, and new educational opportunities.

A volunteer Arboretum Steering Committee had specific horticultural objectives but also recognized that town resources were limited. Many areas within the park were overgrown with aggressive, invasive plants. Public access in many areas was lost to tangled thickets. Magnificent views that many had enjoyed over the years were gone.

The steering committee stepped in to help by providing manpower along with a willingness to seek private funding to help return the park to its natural state while achieving town goals. Many of the committee members grew up in Cape Elizabeth and remember when the fort was purchased from the military for \$240,000. They recognize that purchase's significance for all who enjoy the park today. Their goal is to create a legacy for future generations.

In 2008 the group obtained support and approval from the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, Town Council and Planning Board to create 15 individual landscapes (ranging in size from a tenth of an acre to 1.1 acres, for a total of about 7 acres) around the park's perimeter, linked by walking paths. At a public hearing in November 2008, the Planning Board approved a 15-site arboretum plan.

After discussing plans with more than 30 current and former Cape Elizabeth residents, the group chose to begin with the cliffside demonstration site, a highly visible and overgrown spot at the northern end of the cliffwalk. Once invasive plants are eliminated (this summer) and replaced with native and sustainable trees and shrubs (next spring), this site will showcase the possibilities for the remaining 14 sites.

Last fall, with support from town leaders,

Volunteers will complete site clearing and begin tackling the invasive plants over the next few weeks. This summer, there will be many workdays to cut back new growth and dig out existing roots.

more than 140 volunteers from 10 Maine towns and other New England states spent a week clearing the site. Views that had been hidden for more than 20 years reappeared.

After site clearing, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suspected that New England cottontail rabbits may have resided there. All sitework ceased. Wildlife officials and the town worked together to develop a plan to proceed. Going forward, the town will work closely with state officials to review proposed sites, identify opportunities to create additional habitat, and educate the public about the complexity of issues related to environmental preservation.

In March, a local collaborative team – Terrence J. DeWan & Associates and Bruce John Riddell Landscape Architect – was selected to create a design for the cliffside site. The objectives were clear: to ensure and preserve the character of the park, including its natural beauty, unique views and feeling; to restore indigenous plants supporting habitats of native animals and insects; to minimize ongoing maintenance; to provide an accessible environment for all; to recapture views; to provide paths and places to sit; to design a children's feature; and to eradicate invasive species using environmentally sound methods. The preliminary plan was approved unanimously by the Advisory Commission on May 19.

Volunteers will complete site clearing and begin tackling the invasive plants over the next few weeks. This summer, there will be many workdays to cut back new growth and dig out existing roots. Join us and learn techniques to manage unwelcome plants, such as bittersweet, multiflora rose and others that plague many Cape Elizabeth residents in their own yards. More information is available at arboretumatfortwilliams.org.

The overall arboretum plans are on display at the cliffside site. Stop by and take a look! Final design plans will be presented to the Advisory Commission this month.

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Reader grateful for extra-generous arboretum backer

The Arboretum at Fort Williams project team would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Rodney Voisine, who hosted a fundraising plant sale at Old Ocean House Farms on Memorial Day.

Dr. Voisine generously provided the location, staffing and some of the plant material for the sale, and also as cheerfully hosted visitors at his wonderful property.

Many happy neighbors and friends went home with gorgeous trees, shrubs and perennials to enhance their properties. The sale brought in over \$1,600, which will benefit the Arboretum project.

Thank you also to those folks who signed up as volunteers and for future events – welcome to the team!

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Map courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

An aerial map shows the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's existing Robinson Woods property, the 63-acre parcel CELT hopes to acquire and trails CELT proposes for the land.

Land

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property feels like a place somehow separate from the rest of the world. To have the freedom to use that space is fantastic."

The parcel encompasses the land around and behind the brook that flows into Pond Cove, the field off the Cranbrook fire road, Beyer Pond, and some of the land fronting the pond. The property is a "perfect complement" to the mostly wooded Robinson Woods parcel, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Executive Director Chris Franklin said.

"It has 12 acres of field, five acres of ponds and extensive wetlands that are significant in terms of waterfowl and wading bird habitats." The land is home to the state-threatened spotted turtle and New England cottontail rabbit, he said.

On June 13, the day *The Cape Courier* went to press, the Town Council was scheduled to vote on a proposed town pledge of \$350,000 to CELT for acquisition of the \$1.1 million parcel. The town's land acquisition fund would supply \$150,000, and the rest

would come from money the town would save by refinancing a portion of municipal debt, said Town Manager Mike McGovern. For years, the parcel has been considered significant for the town's conservation plan, he said.

"For over 30 years, it has been a high priority for the Town Council to implement a greenbelt plan developed by the conservation commission. Since the early '70s, the area of the proposed Land Trust acquisition has been shown as a key greenbelt link, so the council was pleased to hear of the Land Trust's purchase and sale agreement to acquire this 63-acre parcel," McGovern said in early June.

CELT would receive the town funds after securing the rest of the money needed to buy the parcel. CELT has applied for conservation funding through the state's Land for Maine's Future program and should hear back in July.

The Land Trust plans to raise money privately for the purchase, but no formal fundraising campaign has been established, Franklin said.

"It's very early in the process, so we're focusing on the known parts, which is the funding from the town and the Land for Maine's Future," he said.

formation on park issues from interested parties and to provide an update on the goals and objectives of the draft of the master plan.

The master plan was last updated in 2003.

A more formal public hearing will be held in the fall, when the draft of the master plan update is complete.

Committee to examine costs and benefits of open space

The Future Open Space Preservation Committee is going to conduct an analysis of the costs and benefits of retaining open space versus development.

The committee issued a request for proposals on June 3, seeking a consultant to conduct the analysis. Responses are due June 24.

The goal is to look at the impact of development on taxpayers. The analysis will consider factors such as the cost of providing services to residents compared to town revenue from property taxes and the cost of buying and preserving open space compared to the cost/benefit analysis for developed land.

The committee wants the consultant to look at four specific neighborhoods, a farm and a wooded area to do the analysis.

— Compiled by Patricia McCarthy from town and other reports

Efforts paying off: recycling is up in Cape Elizabeth

Cape Elizabeth's recycling rate is continuing to climb.

The town's recycling rate for 2010 was 83 percent, according to a report from the State Planning Office, up from 72.4 percent in 2009 and 62.2 percent in 2008.

The report is based on waste information provided by the town to the state.

The report said the town had a base recycling rate of 68.03 percent, meaning 68.03 percent of all waste generated in Cape Elizabeth is recycled.

State planners added 5 percentage points for bottle returns and 10 percentage points based on an estimate of the volume of materials taken to the recycling center that is composted.

Learn status of plans for Fort Williams at June 16 meeting

An informational meeting on the Fort Williams Master Plan will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 16 in the Public Works building on Cooper Drive.

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A beautiful turnout and morning for the Pond Cove 5K



Top left: Erin Thibeault, age 12, (No. 248) leads a group heading into the home stretch of the June 3 Pond Cove 5K Challenge. **Right:** 10-year-old Tory McGrath and her mother Laura keep the same 7:49 pace per mile to finish an impressive 62nd and 63rd, respectively. **Bottom:** Runners round a bend. Tom Ryan and Pete Bottomley both crossed the finish line in 17 minutes, 27 seconds to win the race.

Photos by Beth Rand



Beach to Beacon organizers seeking lots of volunteers

Even if you're not a runner, you can still take part in the 14th annual Beach to Beacon 10K road race. Organizers of Maine's premier running event are looking for more volunteers to help out with the Aug. 6 race, which winds through Cape Elizabeth from Crescent Beach to Portland Head Light.

One area with a big need for help on race day is the expanded parking program. Race organizers said they're looking for volunteers to help runners and spectators parking near the start line on Route 77 and in Fort Williams, where the finish line is located, along with satellite lots at South Portland High School and the Hannaford Bros. corporate headquarters on Pleasant Hill Road in Scarborough.

Volunteers also are needed for the Kid's Fun Run on Aug. 5 and for the race's recycling program.

Volunteers who sign up early usually have the pick of the best jobs and returning volunteers who want to work in the same area as last year should register by June 17.

Volunteers can sign up online at beach2beacon.org/volunteer. Call 272-3545 or email bestn92@gmail.com with questions.

Farm Alliance offers online tool to make buying local a cinch

The Cape Farm Alliance has a new online tool to make it easier for residents to buy local. The group posted an interactive map of farms in town to make people aware of the variety of places to buy fresh local food.

The map shows the location of all the farms in town that offer products or services to the public. Each farm location has a clickable icon that provides information such as the farm's address, phone number, the products sold and hours. The map also uses the Google Maps platform to provide driving directions.

"We realized that apart from some of the more well-known farm stands, consumers didn't quite realize how many farms and farm-related businesses we had in town, let alone where to find them," said Lisa Fernandes, a member of the Farm Alliance's outreach committee.

The map is at www.capefarmalliance.org.



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Family Fun Day 2011 a big hit as usual



Photos by
Jenny Campbell



Family Fun Day was its usual success on June 11, despite increasingly rainy conditions, said Ted Smith, a member of annual event's organizing committee. From top, Smith paints the face of a delighted little girl; Yankee, owned by Debbie Hammond and Bob Bernstein, captures one of many first-place prizes in the Family Fun Dog Show; Kelsey Krull, a member of the Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 2011 with Broadway ambitions, sings the national anthem; and marchers take part in the annual parade.

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Strawberry Fest offers fresh and tasty fun

After a long snowy winter and rainy spring, the warmth of June conjures up one thought in Cape Elizabeth: strawberries!

The third annual Strawberry Fest will be held June 24-25, with music, food, lots of fun activities and, of course, strawberries galore.

The festival kicks off on Friday night, June 24, with the "Strawberry Jam" lobster bake and pig roast. The dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Shady Oak Farm, 30 Fowler Road. The evening features a silent auction and bluegrass music by The Potato Pickers.

Tickets (\$25 each) are available at the Wm. H. Jordan Farm on Wells Road and Alewives Farm on Old Ocean House Road. Proceeds benefit the Cape Farm Alliance.

The next day, Saturday, June 25, tractor rides, a children's tent with facepainting, crafts from local artisans and food from vendors will be available from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Maxwell's strawberry fields on Two Lights Road.

Parking will be available on site, and pets are not allowed.

Entertainment is scheduled throughout the day Saturday. It starts with kids' music: Matt Loosigian from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Carolyn Fernald from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At 12:45 p.m., the fiddle group City Chickens will play, and at 2:30 p.m., magician Phil Smith will perform. The final act will be Jerks of Grass, a traditional bluegrass band, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Strawberries can be picked at Maxwell's fields on Two Lights Road or Bowery Beach Road and at Alewives Farm on Old Ocean House Road.

A complete schedule and more information is available at the Cape Farm Alliance website: www.capefarmalliance.org.

Cape community comes together to honor those who served

Top: Memorial Day parade organizer and former Navy Capt. Jim Huebener, left in foreground, salutes along with other veterans May 30 at the post-parade ceremonies near Thomas Memorial Library. **Bottom right:** Eighth-grader Aaron Dobieski plays "Taps." **Lower left:** The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department color guard marches past Town Hall.



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- 5-22 An officer met with a Shore Road area resident about a motor vehicle burglary. A Blackberry and wallet were missing from the vehicle.
- 5-19 An officer responded to a mutual aid call from South Portland to assist with a possibly armed suspect.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Woodland Road area about a motor vehicle burglary. Missing from the vehicle was small change.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a motor vehicle burglary. Two GPS units were missing.
- 5-24 An officer met with a resident about a lost or stolen sticker from the rear license plate of a car.
- 5-25 An officer met with a visitor at Crescent Beach about a motor vehicle burglary. Missing was a purse with credit cards, cash and a camera.
- 5-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-28 An officer received a purse found in the Bowery Beach area. The purse contained personal ID, credit cards and cash. Attempts were made to contact the owner.

SUMMONSES

- 5-17 New Hampshire resident, operating without a license, Route 77
- 5-17 South Portland resident, unregistered trailer, Sawyer Road, \$193
- 5-18 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 5-18 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance and license, Ocean House Road, \$308
- 5-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, furnishing alcohol to minors, providing place for minors to consume alcohol, Woodland Road.
- 5-19 New Hampshire resident, possession of alcohol by minor, Woodland Road
- 5-19 Jonesboro resident, possession of alcohol by minor, Woodland Road

- 5-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 5-23 Portland resident, operating without a license, Route 77
- 5-23 California resident, speeding (45/35 zone), Route 77, \$137
- 5-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, passing stopped school bus, Route 77
- 5-24 Ocean Park resident, speeding (44/30 zone), Shore Road, \$137
- 5-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (53/35 zone), improper passing, Route 77, \$370
- 5-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Ocean House Road
- 5-26 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 5-26 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, operating with expired license Bowery Beach Road
- 5-27 Connecticut resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 5-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of alcohol by consumption, Casino Beach
- 5-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of alcohol by consumption, possession of marijuana, Casino Beach
- 5-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of alcohol by consumption, Cottage Road
- 5-28 North Yarmouth resident, uninspected vehicle, failure to produce insurance, \$310
- 5-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of instruction permit, Kettle Cove, \$137
- 5-29 Dixfield resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 5-29 Bryant Pond resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$177
- 5-30 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 5-20 Speeding (44/30 zone), Fowler Road
- 5-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault
- 5-30 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension.
- 5-30 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia
- 5-30 South Portland resident, illegal transportation of drugs

ACCIDENTS

- 5-25 Nicholas Martin, accident on Route 77
- 5-26 Helen Roos, Maura Nichols, accident on Route 77.

ARRESTS

- 5-19 Lewiston resident, warrant from probation violation, Scott Dyer Road
- 5-18 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 5-26 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Bowery Beach Road
- 5-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release, Spurwink Avenue

FIRE CALLS

- 5-17 Wainwright Drive, fire alarm
- 5-18 Prout Place, fire alarm
- 5-25 Ocean House Road, motor vehicle accident
- 5-28 Sawyer Road, fuel leak
- 5-28 Maple Lane, investigation
- 5-30 Salt Spray Lane, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 19 runs to Maine Medical Center. There was 1 run to Mercy Hospital. There was 1 patient treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

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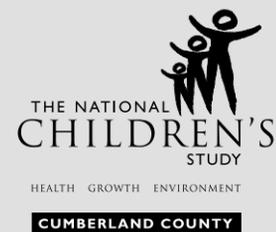




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Troop 2222's big adventure



Sixth-graders in Cape Elizabeth Girl Scout Troop 2222 perform their original play, "Fifi and Ren's Big Adventure," May 27 at Village Crossings. Troop members also performed the show, featuring historically important women, for Brownie Troop No. 799 and Cape Memory Care residents and donated historical material to Cape residents of all ages. "As a means of encouraging others to learn more about important women in history, the troop purchased and donated to Cape Elizabeth Middle School a biography of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA," troop leader Christine Mackenzie said. "Additionally they donated films featuring strong women in history for the film libraries of both eldercare facilities."

Two Cape students were named to the spring-semester dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. **Samuel Eisenberg** is majoring in biomedical engineering. **Samuel Naseef** is majoring in robotics engineering. Both are 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduates.

"Oldest Child," a documentary by Emmy-Award-winning and-nominated filmmakers **Lisa and Kirk Wolfinger** and their South Portland company, Lone Wolf Documentary Group, about a 100,000-year-old skull of a child found in a cave in Morocco, will air on National Geographic Channel 54/HD 559, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.



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About 150 years ago, on the eve of the Civil War, the people of Cape Elizabeth were going about their daily business, unaware of the trials to come. Certainly there were signs of trouble brewing, but except for the recent election, it all must have seemed very far away. In coming months, a Cape Courier series by Ellen Van Fleet follows the development of the war through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth in 1861.

Cape Elizabeth author Paul J. Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," will be the main guide. Small entries in the Courier will capture the news and concerns as events unfolding outside of Cape Elizabeth thrust their way into the local consciousness.

June 15, 1861 – As we go to press on Wednesday, we learn that a telegram to Mayor Thomas states that our troops had captured both Little and Great Bethel. The masked battery of 21 rifled cannon was captured and 1,000 rebels taken prisoners. [Portland Transcript]

THE LADIES AGAIN – The ladies still continue to play an active part in the war. It is stated that at a period of great danger, a young lady succeeded in reaching Washington with very important information, including the position of the hostile forces, which proved serviceable to the Government. [Portland Transcript]

Vegetation is coming forward rapidly. The grass is very luxuriant, strawberries promise to be plentiful, corn comes up well, though the nights are a little too cool for rapid growth. The cut worms are very numerous and destructive, and the yellow striped bugs are on hand as usual. [Portland Transcript]

Frank Connelly, a Scotchman, employed at the Gas Works, had his leg badly broken, just above the ankle, on Sunday, by the falling of a staging at the works. [Portland Transcript]

June 22, 1861 – Mrs. Sarah Sampson, wife of Capt. Sampson, of Company D, 3d Regiment, accompanied her husband to Washington to act as a matron to one of the army hospitals. [Portland Transcript]

The State of Maine has purchased in England, through the agency of Hon. Freeman H. Morse, U.S. Consul, 2,000 Enfield rifles for the use of the militia of the State. [Portland Transcript]

The report of the capture of Great Bethel, alluded to in our last, was false. [Portland Transcript]

Chamberlin has opened his Ocean House for the season, and people who want to keep cool and live in comfort during the hot season, will be sure to patronize him. [Portland Transcript]

BUSY FINGERS – The ladies of Portland have made for the soldiers 3,400 flannel shirts; 1,600 pairs of drawers; 4,200 towels; 1,800 needle books; 1,200 neck ties; 1,600 handkerchiefs; 700 bed sacks; 900 sun hoods; 800 linen havelocks; 840 rubber blankets. Of the above number 334 shirts and 254 pairs of drawers were made by the ladies of Saco and Gorham. [Portland Transcript]

The ambulances manufactured by Kimball & Clement, of this city, for the Fourth Regiment, are quite suggestive of the realities of war. They bring up visions of the wounded and the dying. It is gratifying to see that they are constructed with a view to the comfort of the poor soldier, having springs, mattresses, curtains and other arrangements to give him an easy position as he is removed from the view of battle to the hospital. [Portland Transcript]

Mr. Robinson, residing in Cape Elizabeth, was dangerously injured at the Kerosene Works on Saturday while working at a circular saw, by the board's slipping and striking him in the abdomen with great force. [Portland Transcript]

June 24, 1861 – 5th Maine Regiment reports that 12 Cape men have enlisted for its three year commitment. ["A Main Town Responds"]

Fashion accessories by Cape Elizabeth resident, **Marcia Livada**, will be on display on Saturday, June 18, at the Art on the Green exhibit at The Pinehills in Plymouth, Mass., an outdoor festival that will feature 80 artists and live entertainment.

Three Cape students recently earned degrees from the University of Vermont in Burlington. **Patrick J. Hackett** and **Lauren T. Wendell** received doctoral degrees in medicine, and **Samantha V. Welch** earned a bachelor of science degree in wildlife and fisheries biology.



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Dancing the night away at Senior Prom



Photos by Noah Whittenburg

A "Back to the '50s Senior Citizen Prom" took place June 3 at Village Crossings.

The event was sponsored by members of Cape Elizabeth High School's senior class and Community Services.

Photos from top: The Prom King and Queens' crowns are displayed before the announcing of the winners. Prom King Andrew Sadowy shares a dance with Queen Selma Cohen. Meredith Riker, who attends Simmons College, looks delighted to hit the dance floor with Sadowy. And Hugh Campbell and Helen Adaii sit out a dance and take a breather.



CALENDAR

Reported by Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, June 16

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Public Works
Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Library

Monday, June 20

Riverside Cemetery Board of Trustees, 10 a.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Friday, June 24

Cape Farm Alliance Strawberry Festival - Lobster Bake and Pig Roast, 6-9 p.m., Shady Oak Farm, Fowler Road

Saturday, June 25

Cape Farm Alliance Strawberry Festival, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Maxwell's Strawberry Field, Two Lights Road

Tuesday, June 28

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Town Hall

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July holiday: Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center, Community Services, Donald L. Richards Community Pool and Fitness Center closed. Recycling Center will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 5.

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.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third **Tuesdays** (except July and August) at Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road. Steve Hayes, 799-4610, or Bruce Balfour, 831-0166.

Fire-Police meetings, 7 p.m. **third Thursdays** 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. John LoBosco: 799-1842.

Author Wolff to lead Q&A at June 17 showing of 'Forks Over Knives'

Healthy-eating advocate and author Meg Wolff of Cape Elizabeth will lead a four-person panel to answer questions June 17 after the first showing in Portland of the "Forks Over Knives" documentary.

The film explores the idea that most of our major health issues – including heart disease, cancer and diabetes – can be prevented – and even reversed – by following a whole-foods, plant-based diet (based on whole grains, beans and vegetables).

"Forks Over Knives" will have a weeklong run at the Nickelodeon theater in Portland, starting with a 7 p.m. showing on June 17. A short Q&A session will follow this showing, with questions fielded by Wolff, a two-time cancer survivor, two doctors – John Herzog, an orthopedic surgeon in Falmouth, and Reuben Bell, a family physician in Saco – and a representative of Whole Foods Market.

"Everyone should see this movie," says Wolff, who helped bring the movie to Portland. "It really could save your life."

Thirty artists set for July 17 wet paint auction

Thirty artists will paint during the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's fourth annual wet-paint auction fundraiser, Paint for Preservation, on Sunday, July 17. Throughout the day, people will be able to view the artists at work at designated public and private locations around town. That night, the newly created artwork will be auctioned at a reception that John Higgins and Nano Chatfield will host at Ram Island Farm.

Cape artists Bill Barton and Cooper Dragonette will be joined by 20 other Maine artists and artists from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey, all selected through a jury process.

In addition to Barton and Dragonette, artists will include Lauren Andreach, Paul Black, Paul Bonneau, Louise Bourne, Catherine Breer, Martha Burkert, Daniel Corey, Kathleen Galligan, Roberta Goschke, Bruce

Tour of private Cape gardens set for July 9

Community members will have a chance to tour private gardens in town on Saturday, July 9, during the first Maine Home + DESIGN Garden Tour: Hidden Gardens of Cape Elizabeth. The event, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be similar to past kitchen tours sponsored by *Maine Home + DESIGN* magazine.

The tour will benefit the Arboretum at Fort Williams Park, a nonprofit group seeking to eradicate invasive plant species and restore native gardens around the park.

Tickets, \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour, are available at local garden centers, in Cape at the IGA, and in South Portland at Drillen Hardware, Nonesuch Books, and the Mill Creek Hannaford store. The tour will start with registration at Fort Williams. Tourgoers will check in between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at a tent located near the cliff walk.

Volunteers are needed to help with logistics, public relations and marketing, and to advertise sales and work on gardens. Contact Evelyn Garland at evelyn.d.garland@gmail.com or call 767-6036 for more information.

CETV video answers question: 'What is a salt marsh?'

The answer: Dominated by grasses that can tolerate flooding by salty, tidal waters, they form where rivers meet the sea, and support the purpose of the Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge.

The question: What is a salt marsh?

CETV, Cape Elizabeth's public access channel 3, is showing a 6-minute video on the importance of protecting our neighboring salt marshes. The video, produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, airs at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. during June.

The video shows how moisture from tidal flooding encourages lush growth and strong roots in salt marshes, ultimately protecting

our shores and providing homes for abundant wildlife. Salt marshes are among the most productive ecosystems in the world, but human activities, ranging from dikes built in the 1800s, to climate change and rising sea levels, are causing salt marshes to decline.

The video also suggests ways we as neighbors to the salt marsh can help the Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge in its efforts to restore and strengthen them. These include keeping a respectful distance from the marsh, disposing of yard wastes properly, and limiting use of fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides that run into the marsh with stormwater.

CABLE GUIDE

CHANNEL 3

What is a Salt Marsh?
Daily 12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Town Council replay
June 15 & 16 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
June 18 - 9 a.m.
School Board replay
June 17 & 18 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Words of Peace
June 18 & 19 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
June 25 & 26 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Children's Dyslexia Center - Portland
June 18 - 8:30 a.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals (live)
June 28 - 7 p.m.
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Two June events to honor memory of Sean Casey

A silent auction on June 22 and a June 25 baseball game will honor the memory of Cape resident Sean Casey, who passed away in August 2009 at age 21 as a result of an undetected heart anomaly.

The second annual Sean M. Casey Scholarship Silent Auction, to be held from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at Joe's Dockhouse in South Portland, will include entertainment, food, a raffle, a cash bar and a wide variety of auction items. Tickets are \$25,

and proceeds raised at the event will fund an honorarium awarded to a Portland High School faculty member. Call Deb Casey at 799-4614, Wendy Tait at 767-4691, or Erin Grady at 650-4458 for tickets, which will also be available at the door.

The second annual tribute baseball game in Sean's memory will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Deering Oaks in Portland. Contact John Casey at 799-4614 for more information about the game.

Arboretum committee seeks helpers June 18

Members of the Arboretum at Fort Williams Committee, working to replace invasive plants at the fort with native species, invite community members to help finish clearing a site near the cliff walk from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 18. The area is just past the fort's first parking lot, on the left.

Volunteers should bring garden hand tools, loppers and gloves; wear gardening-friendly clothes; and leave children and dogs at home, said organizer Janet Villiotte.

Contact Villiotte at 899-1657 or leapeyear72@mac.com about volunteering.

Garden Club tour planned on July 13

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club plan a tour of selected members' gardens on Wednesday, July 13. Club members will meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Saint Bartholomew Parish to share rides. Lunch will follow at the home of CEGC treasurer Carol Christ. Members should bring sandwiches; drinks and desserts will be provided.

Officers installed in May at the club's annual meeting are Jane Zimmerman, president; Betty Montpelier, vice president; Kris Blaisdell, secretary; and Carol Christ. The club continues to welcome new members. Contact Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

Classes of 1971, 1976 plan summer reunions

Alumni from Cape Elizabeth High School's Classes of 1971 and 1976 plan reunions this summer.

or 799-7957 for more information or to send contact information about a class member.

Class of '71

Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1971 will hold a class reunion from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, at the Falmouth Country Club, 1 Congressional Drive. Contact Steve Hughes at flyingpond@aol.com for more information about the reunion.

Class of '76

Members of the Class of 1976 will hold their 35th reunion from 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 8, at Camp Ketcha in Scarborough. Tickets are \$30 apiece. Contact Erin Grady at eringrady@maine.rr.com

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Tales for Tots

Songs, stories and movement for toddlers 18 to 36 months. **Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10 a.m.**

Story Garden

Songs, stories & movement for pre-schoolers 3 to 5 years. **Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

Family Story Time

Songs, stories & movement for toddlers & preschoolers. **Saturdays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

World Tales Story/Craft Program

Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m.
Preregistration required.

**** Library Summer Hours ****
begin June 18. Also, a variety of special events for school-aged kids begins July 3.

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday.....9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday..... Closed.



"Liquid Parabolas" is among the photographs by Bob Harrison that will be on display from July 1-31 at Thomas Memorial Library.

Library offers summer story times and programs for older kids, too

By Rachel Q. Davis,
Children's Librarian

The library's summer children's programs begin the week of July 3.

In keeping with this year's summer reading program theme, "One World, Many Stories," story times for all ages will focus on stories from around the world. Instead of the usual summer themes, story times for toddlers and preschoolers will focus on stories from cultures in North and Central America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

In addition to regular story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, the library will offer a weekly program for children ages 5-8 called World Tales, featuring stories and crafts from different countries. The first World Tales program will focus on "A Visit to India." Kids will listen to Indian folktales, and make and decorate an ornate Indian elephant to take home. The program will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 6.

Other regions explored will include Turkey, Japan, Australia, Spain and Central America. Preregistration for each of the World Tales programs is required to ensure that there are enough supplies on hand. Register at the library, by phone at 799-1720 or online at the library's website: www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

The library also will have special summer events for a variety of ages, including a dance party, a puppet show for younger kids, and a jewelry-making workshop for teens. For a full schedule of summer events, please stop by the library, or visit the website.

The sign-up period for the library's two summer reading programs continues through Aug. 13. Kids 12 and under may participate in the "One World, Many Stories" program, in which they keep track of either time spent reading, or books read aloud to them, and earn prizes from the library's "treasure chest." Kids also receive a voucher for a free ticket to a Sea Dogs game when they sign up.

Teens 13 and up have their own program this year, called "You Are Here." Teens sign a contract with Kevin Goody, young adult librarian, to read a certain number of pages over the summers.

Upon fulfilling the contract, teens will choose from prizes. And for every three books read, teens will receive a raffle ticket to enter in a drawing for one of several larger prizes, such as an iTunes gift card. The drawing will be Aug. 31.

Goody issued another challenge to teen readers: If the teens who participate can collectively read a total of 75,000 pages by Aug. 31, he will dye his hair purple!

Cape photographer Bob Harrison offers 'Digital Reflections' at the library in July

The gallery space of Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth will be exhibiting the work of photographer Bob Harrison for the month of July.

The exhibit is titled "Digital Reflections" and will present an exploration of reflections using a wide variety of subjects, from Maine lakes and lighthouses to airport fountains (see above photo) to Irish castles and beyond.

Harrison, an environmental scientist and Cape Elizabeth resident since 1990, has

more than 30 years of photography experience around the world. His work has been shown and sold locally for several years, including previously at Thomas Memorial Library.

A reception will be held on Friday July 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the gallery space of Thomas Memorial Library.

The library art gallery is managed by the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission. Call the library at 799-1720 for more information.

Register for June 18 'Fancy Nancy' Party

Kids 3 years and older are invited to come to the library dressed up for a "Fancy Nancy" Party from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 18.

The program will feature "Fancy Nancy" books, crafts, activities and more. Preregistration is required. Register in person at the library, by phone at 799-1720, or online at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Book donations prompt mini-sale, starting June 20

Many more books will be added to the ongoing lobby sale at Thomas Memorial Library the week of June 20-25. The sale will extend into the hallway between the lobby and the children's library.

Library officials say they've received numerous book donations this spring, so they've decided to offer a mini-sale.

The sale will expand further, into the downstairs community room, on June 23-25.

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Eighth-graders build boardwalk, repair bridges in Robinson Woods



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Cape eighth-graders, left to right, Robert Mackay, Noah Haversat and Andrew Thomas carry a wood plank in Robinson Woods in late May.

By Suzanne McGinn

Continuing their yearly spring tradition of doing community service work with the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, 146 Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders put in a combined 300 hours of labor in Robinson Woods the week of May 23.

Working side by side, students, teachers, parents and CELT volunteers built a 75-foot boardwalk from scratch next to a large vernal pool, to help preserve the pool's integrity. The group also repaired an existing bridge and moved yards of downed brush along the trails to allow greater wildflower growth.

"The kids were enthusiastic but courteous, curious and creative, as they worked collaboratively to problem-solve effective ways of removing brush, lifting logs, and transporting by hand 200-pound planks to boardwalk sites," CELT member Trish

Wasserman said.

Cape Elizabeth High School seniors Austin Logan and Leo Ledman offered leadership and guidance by working alongside the eighth-graders as part of their senior transition project, in which all CEHS seniors spend time working on projects outside school during the last few weeks of their Cape school careers.

CELT members expressed gratitude to members of Cape Elizabeth High School's next freshmen class.

"We continue to enjoy and appreciate the partnership we have with CEMS eighth-graders and their teachers, and we look forward to next spring," said Wasserman, who encourages Cape community members to witness for themselves the eighth-graders' successful efforts. "Be sure to walk the trails at Robinson Woods soon and enjoy the fruits of the amazing work."

Raised in France by Spanish parents, CEHS teacher Medina now a U.S. citizen

By Wendy Keeler

Most naturalized U.S. citizens can't boast about being welcomed as U.S. citizens by President Obama before actually being sworn in, but Cape Elizabeth High School teacher Sonia Medina can. A few minutes before she and 12 other immigrants were officially naturalized on May 27 at the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services office in South Portland, they watched a video in which the president congratulated them on being U.S. citizens. Then they grabbed their chairs and an American flag and headed outside to be sworn in, Medina said, laughing, a week after joining her husband and two sons as an official American citizen.

"The person who is in charge of the INS office said, 'Because the office is so small, and the weather is so beautiful, we'll do this outside, but we're going to have to switch the order, so just pretend you are American when you watch this video, even though you aren't American yet,'" Medina said. "We were all laughing. It made us all feel very relaxed."

Soon Medina was crying.

"I watched the video and had tears," said Medina, who was born and raised in Paris and moved to the United States in 1994 to join her husband Helio Medina, her fiancé at the time. "For many years, I have wanted to do this."

The couple, who live in Portland with their two sons, Roman, a Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader, and Alexander, a first-grader at Pond Cove, have international roots. A native of Portugal, Medina's husband moved to the United States when he was 6 years old and became a U.S. citizen during his 20s. Medina grew up in France, but both of her parents grew up in Spain, so Medina is fluent in both languages in addition to English. For 15 years, she has taught Spanish at CEHS.

Medina's inability to vote in the last presidential election ate at her, she said.

"I felt very disappointed in myself because that was a historical election, no matter what the outcome was going to be. I said, 'OK, you missed that opportunity, but you're not going to miss two.'"

In February, Medina sent in her application. In March she received a letter instructing her to go to the INS office for fingerprinting. Then she "studied and studied and studied" from an INS booklet that includes 100 questions and answers relating to U.S. history and institutions. Members of her Advanced Placement Spanish class quizzed her relentlessly.

"Every time I would walk into class, they would ask me a question," she said.

At the naturalization test in May, Medina had to name one branch of government;



Photo by Lauren Nicholson

Ted Jordan and Sonia Medina at a June 3 celebration at Cape Elizabeth High School.

answer who is in charge in the absence of the president and vice president; and what the Declaration of Independence did.

Medina did stumble on one question.

"I was so nervous that when he asked me, 'How many times have you been married?' I said, '93,' and he said, 'What?' and he asked the question again, and I said, 'Just once.'"

A week to the day after her first swearing-in ceremony, Medina had another official swearing-in – at Cape Elizabeth High School. At this event, Medina was all smiles as CEHS social studies teacher Ted Jordan read a proclamation.

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"We all signed the scroll," said Jordan, praising Medina's knowledge about international affairs and her teaching gifts. "Sonia has taught a lesson each year in our American history classes on the Spanish Civil War. She took her sabbatical several years ago, traveled to Spain and interviewed the survivors of their civil war and the repressive rule of Francisco Franco. She shares their memories with our students, gives her impression of the museum in Guernica where Hitler's Luftwaffe was first used in bombing raids all day long on this historical center of Spanish culture. I have filmed her doing this, and she is impressive in her presentation."

Immediately after being officially sworn in as a U.S. citizen, Medina, who is not a big fan of fast food, indulged in one American pastime, to her sons' delight.

"After the celebration, we went to McDonald's to have a cheeseburger," she said. "The boys were very happy."

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A review of the market statistics for the 1st quarter of 2011 reveals the following:

- 18 single family homes were sold;
- the highest sale price was \$1,400,000, while the lowest sale price was \$180,000;
- the average sale price was \$440,008, with a 94% average list to sale ratio; and the median sale price was \$335,000, with a 92% median list to sale ratio.

These statistics indicate that both the average and the median sale prices in the first quarter of 2011 were higher than they were for the same time period in 2010 (though not higher than those for the entire 2010 year). Though I would not yet consider this a trend, it may be good news for sellers.



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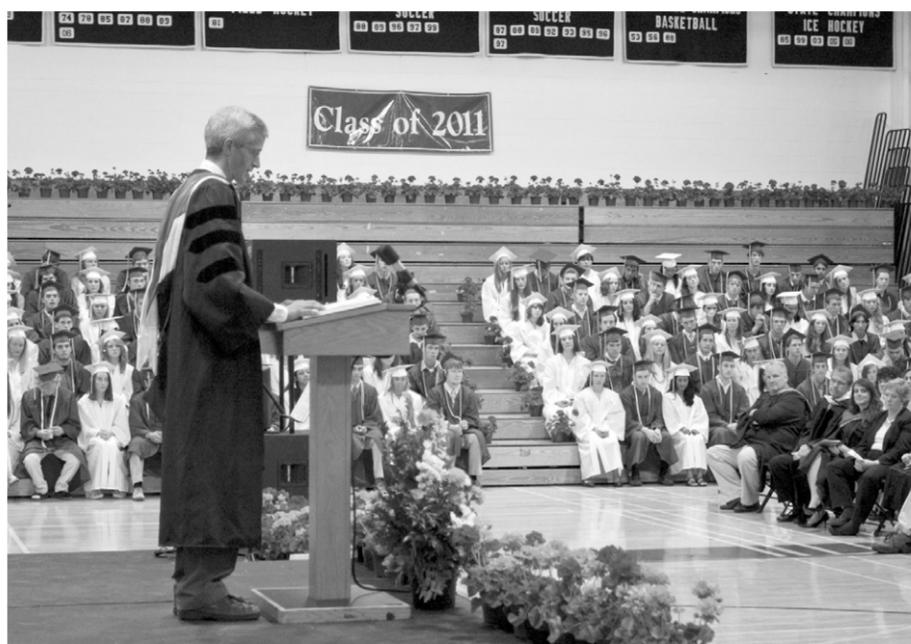


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Top: Alex Dutton and Alana Cooper exuberantly hug after graduating June 12 from Cape Elizabeth High School. Above: Principal Jeff Shedd thanks the outgoing "special class" of seniors, calling the group kind, respectful and fun-loving.

By Wendy Keeler

The rain that forced graduation ceremonies for Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2011 indoors did not dim the glow inside the school gym on June 12, when, in the final hours of their Cape school careers, class members shone as brightly as ever.

Although noted for earning athletic championships, high SAT scores, and honors in jazz, Model United Nations, science, mock trial and speech, members of the Class of 2011 may be remembered best for their character.

"You have been a wonderful class," CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said. "I applaud you for your kindness, your respectfulness, and your fun-lovingness that have made you a special class."

Even the seniors' choice for class speaker illustrated something about their values. Instead of selecting the traditionally popular irreverent class comedian, the class picked Brendan Stewart, who grew up in Singapore and entered CEHS as a sophomore. An Eagle Scout noted for his humble involvement in school and community programs, Stewart will attend Columbia University — after serving a mandatory two-year conscription in the Singapore military.

In his address, Stewart cautioned classmates about making quick assumptions, recounting a boyhood incident when a stranger approached him as he walked home from a Boy Scout meeting. The man's head was "covered in boils" and "half eaten away," said Stewart, who was terrified at the time.

When the man approached and said,

"Child, what are you doing? It's late out, I was shocked," Stewart said. "That night I learned that we cannot take anything or anyone at face value. ... An intimidating character may well be the friendliest person you'll meet. On the flip side, the devil may be hiding behind an angelic face."

The same principle can be applied to situations, Stewart said.

"Our actions also must not be judged in prominence based on what seems to be their outward gravity," he said. "The most menial conversation may result in a beautiful friendship or a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, while what seems important in the moment is, in reality, a transient sensation of false significance."

Class President Robert Macdonald praised his classmates for being able to find joy in the mundane, recalling a full-blown, impromptu dance party that the class struck up during an ordinary lunch period in junior year. To the accompaniment of a Miley Cyrus soundtrack, class members moved their lunch tables and "got up and did the robot across the entire cafeteria," Macdonald said.

"The secret to what makes our class so special lies in this spontaneous lunchtime fashion show. We have the good humor, imagination, and courage to make our own fun, even when our daily routines seem humorless," he said. "It takes guts to get up and moonwalk across the cafeteria just like it takes guts to voice your own beliefs in history class, or ask what we might think is a stupid question. ... But the class of 2011 is a courageous one. And we find the strength

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At left, top: And they're off! Seniors send their mortar boards sailing toward the Cape Elizabeth High School gymnasium rafters on Sunday, June 12. From left below: Valedictorian Jack Queeney reminds students about the importance of community; Brendan Stewart, whom class members selected to speak, talks about the importance of not judging people by their appearance; Catherine Powell beams after receiving her diploma; and a group of seniors, from left, Kelsey Krull, Lexi Weatherbie, Lindsey Goodykoontz, Eliza Tunstall-Weiner, Camille Braun and Jaime Blumenthal sing "At the Beginning."

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and courage in each other to do these things, even when it feels like the whole world is watching. If we are not afraid to embarrass ourselves in little ways, then we are liberated to attempt bigger things, things that will benefit our friends, family, and communities."

Valedictorian Jack Queeney also spoke about community.

"People in our town have a lot to be proud of: two state parks, three lighthouses, public beaches, the Beach to Beacon, arguably the best school system in the state – and the Swap Shop," he said. "However, we wouldn't have any of this without the people who step up to coach their kids' teams every year, parents who bake the brownies and organize the fundraisers, teachers and coaches who devote their time and even their own money to extracurricular programs, and people who volunteer for organizations like the Education Foundation and Land Trust Trust to ensure that the next generation of Capers will continue to have access to the great schools and open spaces that define Cape Elizabeth."

Queeney encouraged class members to carry on the example.

"If we work hard, make some sacrifices, care about the people around us, and always seek to embrace the 'steeze' of Cape Elizabeth, we might be able to do some pretty cool stuff in the world," he said.

At the ceremony, science teacher Kerry Kertes, whom the class selected as faculty speaker, led the last experiment of his 20-year teaching career at CEHS. Kertes is off to Beijing to serve as aquatics coordinator and a physical education teacher at a school for students in kindergarten through grade 12. His experiment's hypothesis: "All the good times end with high school."

To the score from Alex Trebek's "Final Jeopardy," Kertes asked crowd members to raise their hands in answer to, "What years – decades – were the best times of your life?"

After audience members, who could vote again and again, gave high scores to many decades of their lives, Kertes concluded, "Life over the long haul has many more

good times than not, and every stage of your life is important and adventurous and should be enjoyed."

Shedd presented eight seniors with CEHS Citizenship Awards for character (see July 6 issue of *The Cape Courier*).

A few hours after graduation, Cape Elizabeth High School's newest alums boarded buses for Project Graduation, a traditional post-graduation mystery trip organized by senior parents and chaperoned by parents of juniors. The grads returned to town at 4:45 a.m. the following day.

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CEEF awards schools \$52K in grants

Cape Elizabeth High School will receive the lion's share of the \$52,000 in grants that the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recently pledged to Cape schools, but Pond Cove School also will receive support from CEEF, which seeks to fund innovative programs that fall outside the school budget.

The high school will receive \$43,000 to provide iPad2s to teachers and students in grades 9-11 by March 2012 and to all CEHS students by September 2013. The money will cover training as well.

Odyssey of the Mind

CEEF has also pledged money to Pond Cove to fund the extracurricular Odyssey of the Mind program, in which students work together at length to solve predefined problems and present the solution at a competition, where they also have to solve a problem posed to them that day. This fall, two Pond Cove parents started the program, and with the support of teacher Karen Abbott, they

wrote a grant to expand and formalize the program in 2011-2012.

Professional development

Three grants will provide money for professional development for Pond Cove and CEHS staff, including tuition toward a summer retreat writing workshop; six registrations for a summer literacy assessment conference; and four registrations for a professional learning community conference.

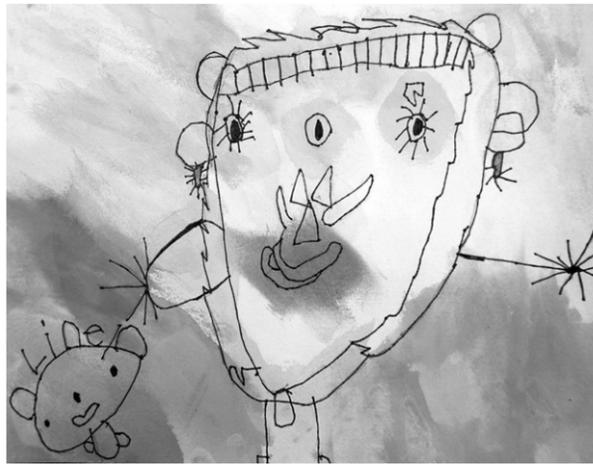
CEEF grants also will fund training, guidance and instruction for a special Pond Cove curriculum designed to help teachers cultivate a sense of community and create a positive learning environment. The project will involve collaboration between instructional support and regular education staff.

Since its founding nearly 10 years ago, CEEF has funded grants totaling more than \$886,000 in addition to building an endowment of \$345,000 for future grant-giving.

Visit www.ceef.us for more information.

'Leo and Me'!

"Leo and Me," by Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Aphrodite Makrides is one of two pieces of art by Maine students selected for the 2011 All Kids Can Create show in Washington, D.C. Makrides painted a picture of herself with her cat, Leo, for the contest in which VSA, a nonprofit that showcases accomplishments of artists with disabilities, asked students to share their interests, talents and dreams through art.



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Junior receives one of top honors for student artists at Carnegie Hall

By Wendy Keeler

Noelle Webster had a good excuse – Carnegie Hall – for not attending Cape Elizabeth High School's June 1 undergraduate awards ceremony in the high school auditorium, where she was awarded, in absentia, the Maine College of Art Book Award.

The CEHS junior was in New York City receiving a 2011 National Scholastic Art & Writing medal for her photograph, "Stars, Stripes and Shadows," which won an American Vision Award.

Webster is one of three Maine high school artists whose works earned national honors this year in the contest, the longest running student-recognition program for the visual arts in the U.S. She is the only Mainer to win an American Vision Award, similar to a "best in show" in the program, in which 1,500 U.S. students in grades 7-12 won national art and writing awards.

This winter, Webster learned that six of her works had earned regional Scholastic Art honors. In addition to being nominated for an American Vision Award, "Stars, Stripes and Shadows" earned a Gold Key award at the state level. Five other works by Webster – two photographs, a charcoal figure study, a continuous line drawing and a continuous wire rendering – earned two regional Silver Key awards and three got honorable mentions.

Cape's starring moment

Webster's photo, which she took last summer during a five-week program at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, features a flag she spotted in a rose garden in the North End of Boston. But Webster's hometown had its own starring role at the awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

"We were in shock when Noelle's seven-second video, taken during that wild April 1 snowstorm, opened the night's ceremony," said Webster's mother, Beth, who accom-



CEHS junior Noelle Webster stands below her photograph, "Stars, Stripes and Shadows," top, middle, on June 1 at the World Financial Center in New York during the opening of an exhibit of works that received 2011 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

panied her daughter on the trip with her husband, Noelle's dad, Russell. "It showed the blowing snow and wild Pond Cove waves in the background with Noelle casually and lightly dressed, saying her name, hometown and award that she won."

"We had to send in a video greeting, and I had no idea what it was for, so it was a real surprise seeing mine open the presentation," Webster said. "I wasn't expecting it."

Webster won't soon forget her days in Manhattan, where the top of the Empire State Building was lit in gold on May 31 to honor the student artists' achievements.

"Meeting the other artists was the best part," said Webster. "It was incredible seeing the things people come up with and it was inspiring seeing different mediums that I typically haven't seen before."

This summer, Webster will attend a six-week precollege program at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I.

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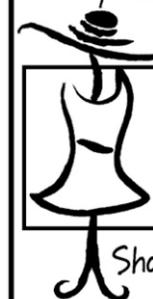
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Holden adds another 'All-America'!

For Cape Elizabeth lacrosse player Mike Holden, earning "All-America" status is becoming an almost annual event. A two-time All-America lacrosse player his last two years at Cape Elizabeth High School, Holden, an attack man, received Division III Honorable Mention All-America honors from the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association on May 29 in Baltimore, Md.

A 2009 CEHS graduate, Holden just finished his sophomore year at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he led his team in scoring with 39 goals and four assists for 43 points. He had a team-high 10 man-up goals.

Named to the All-Liberty League first team, Holden was "Performer of the Week" four times this year and twice last year.



Cape resident Mike Holden, right, and fellow Skidmore lacrosse teammate Jacques Ward, display their All-America awards on May 29.

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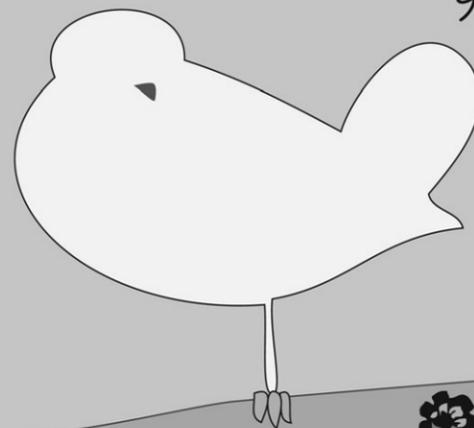


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The districts are comparable in other ways, too.

Residents in both tend to be well educated, she said, and “the districts are also similar in community involvement. Both value educating the whole child and have strong arts, music, language and athletic programs.”

The size of the Cape district also hit the bull’s eye for Nadeau. Cape Elizabeth has 1,700 students, and the Oyster River district, which serves three towns, has about 2,100.

“Size is important to me. I’m used to knowing a lot of students, teachers and families, which is hard to do if you’re in a really large district,” Nadeau said. “Personal connections are important to me.”

Finding the right match was so important to School Board members that they reopened their search in March after a first round of applicants didn’t meet the board’s criteria.

Nadeau, one of 33 applicants from 18 states during the board’s six-month search, more than fits the bill, School Board Chair Mary Townsend said.

“From the beginning of our search process, the Cape Elizabeth community has voiced a desire for a leader who steers all students toward a lifelong curiosity and love of learning – a person with energy and passion for continuous improvement. We believe that Meredith Nadeau exceeds these expectations,” Townsend said.

Nadeau, who grew up close to Concord, N.H., in Boscawen, has been an educator for 18 years in the Granite State, but she also has experienced education in Maine – at Bowdoin College, where she got an undergraduate degree after graduating from Merrimack Valley High School in New Hampshire.

In Nadeau’s first job after college, she worked for three years as a residential counselor in New Hampshire in a group home for children with emotional and behavioral chal-

lenges. She spent the following seven years at a middle school in Milford, N.H., first teaching language arts and then transitioning to special education to work with children with emotional, behavioral and learning challenges.

After serving as an assistant principal for four years at an elementary school in Peterborough, N.H., Nadeau spent another four as principal of a school for students in kindergarten through grade 6 in Mount Vernon, N.H.

Three years ago, Oyster River’s superintendent called Nadeau, who has a master’s degree in education from the University of New Hampshire and is working on a doctorate at Boston University. In Oyster River, Nadeau started as director of special education, but when the assistant superintendent retired, Nadeau took on additional responsibilities, including overseeing the district’s humanities curriculum, data assessment, instruction and professional development.

Nadeau and her husband Travis, a former high school history teacher who is staying at

home with the couple’s daughters, hope to buy a house in Cape Elizabeth, “or as close to it as possible,” Nadeau said.

Their older daughter Delaney, will start kindergarten in September, “and we hope it will be in Cape Elizabeth,” Nadeau said.

Nadeau’s contract with Oyster River ends in the beginning of July, but she hopes to spend a few days in Cape Elizabeth before then with Interim Superintendent Ken Murphy before officially starting as Cape’s next school chief.

She can’t wait.

“There is so much to be excited about. I look forward to meeting and working with district staff, parents, and community members during the coming months and years to sustain and build upon the excellence that already exists in the school system,” said Nadeau, who is delighted to be moving back to the state of her alma mater. “I love Maine. That was definitely one of the attractions.”

Bee

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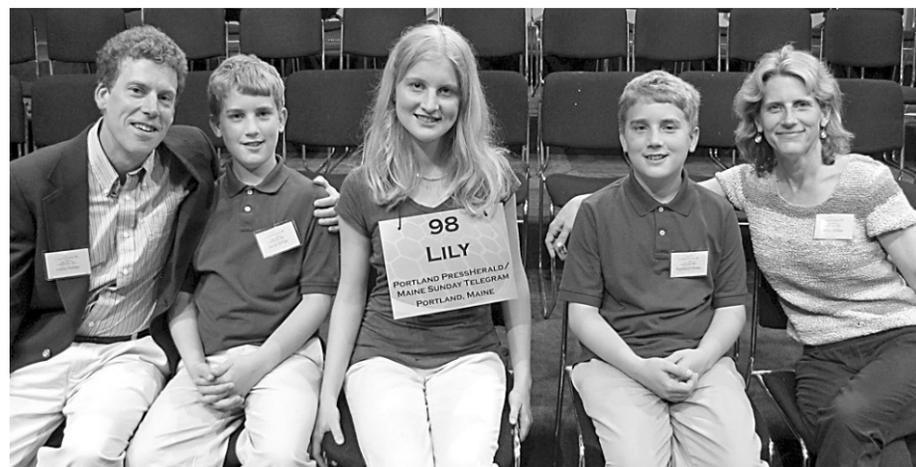
al, with Nancy lying on the bed and offering words from consolidated lists compiled (by someone with a lot of time on his hands) from previous bees. Each session lasted less than an hour. Lily also used an online spelling program so she could learn at her leisure.

When bee season rolled around this year, Lily once again advanced past the school, county and state competitions and returned to nationals, held just south of D.C. Bee Week works like this: You arrive on a Sunday, are treated to a barbecue on Monday, take a 25-word written test Tuesday morning, then spell a morning word and an afternoon word on stage Wednesday.

To give the kids their best chance of success, organizers send out a 400-word study guide about two months before the bee to spellers who have qualified for nationals. Words in Rounds 2 and 3 are drawn from this guide, as well as from a 1,150-word list sent in the fall to every school that registers for the bee. The elite spellers memorize both lists and almost never miss a word in Rounds 2 or 3. Qualifying for the semifinals means doing well on the written test.

Lily misspelled two words on it, *jiggety* and *pinelectomy*, but managed to negotiate the final-five minefield of *Kafkaesque*, *monodromous*, *vitelline*, *acetarious* and *hukilau*.

In the two oral rounds, Lily nailed *egre-*



Spelling ace Lily Jordan, flanked by dad Glenn and brother Jacob at left and brother Nat and mom Nancy to her right, at the National Spelling Bee last month. Lily tied for 10th at the bee.

gius and *Nostradamus*.

With each written word counting for one point and each oral word for two, a perfect score of 31 was possible. Would 29 be enough to advance? We didn’t know until Paige Kimble, the bee director and a former national champion herself, read off the numbers of 41 spellers who qualified for the semifinals.

When Kimble said, “... Speller 98 ...” we all broke into broad grins, but made sure not to celebrate because all around us were kids with dashed dreams. As it turned out, Lily just squeaked in. The cutoff score was 29, highest in history, meaning all those with 28 or below were eliminated, deemed to have tied for 42nd place.

Last year’s cut was 27 points, and the year before it was 28.

Wednesday night was a whirlwind of alerting family and friends to tune in the next morning. The congratulatory emails that flooded in from Cape Elizabeth warmed our hearts and lifted Lily’s already soaring spirits even higher.

Semifinals began promptly at 10 a.m. Thursday, with the ESPN cameras rolling. Lily’s twin brothers, 11-year-old Nat and Jacob, made their way to the ballroom early and got good seats on the aisle.

Just let her get one word correct, I thought, maybe two. We knew there were spellers who had put in much more time and study than Lily had, so advancing to the evening

finals seemed far-fetched, but not entirely out of the question.

Lily seemed calm. She’s always carried something of an unflappable air, whether she’s in the softball circle with the tying run on third base or in the hockey crease having already given up eight goals.

The first 11 spellers nailed their Round 4 word, then the girl before Lily, from Kentucky, misspelled, and we heard the dreaded ‘ding’ for the first time. Up stepped Lily to ... *thanatophobia*. Something about snakes and death. Pulling out the roots, Lily pieced it together.

On to Round 5, with 35 spellers remaining. Nine went down, but Lily remained alive with *batrachophagous*, an adjective meaning feeding on frogs. (A few years back, Amelia, Lily and their siblings and buddies held a neighborhood Frog Camp for younger neighbors. Score one for karma!)

With 1 o’clock approaching and ESPN’s coverage scheduled to end, we thought organizers might send the remaining 26 spellers on to the finals. Instead, the semis slogged on for two more rounds to pare the field to below 15. Lily survived with *verein* (a German word that had been part of a longer word on her wall. Yay, Amelia!) and *dolichopodous* (another long adjective from Greek involving an abnormally long foot).

The rest of the day was surreal, from the announcement of the 13 finalists to their families meeting with the organizers and ESPN folks to being whisked away to a special meeting room for a catered lunch to hair and makeup specialists giving Lily the star treatment. Then it was off to the finals, where we were positioned on stage to watch Lily spell *Cassiopeian* before finally missing *phanerogam* in the ninth round and finishing in a tie for 10th.

What stands out from that frenzied Thursday, however, was the outpouring of support and pride flowing down from Maine. We heard that classrooms were erupting in cheers when Lily got her words right. The same held true at several offices in Greater Portland, including at the Press Herald, where I work. Proud grandparents in Vermont and Connecticut and aunts, uncles and cousins from all over the East Coast got swept up in the excitement.

We feel so blessed to be a part of the community of Cape Elizabeth and this wonderful state of Maine. Feeling grateful and nostalgic as I spooned out meatball subs for Lily’s brothers, I looked once more at the whiteboard ...

... and my jaw dropped.

I blinked my eyes and looked again at the Root of the Day from the Friday before our departure, still in Nancy’s red handwriting:

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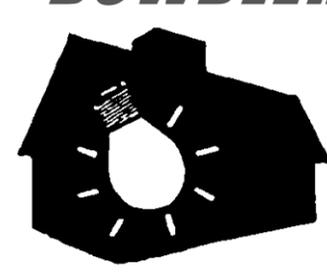
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Lovers of Cape resident **Gari Piscopo's** Scala and Cinn breads no longer need bemoan the closing of Piscopo's Bakery in Portland six years ago. Piscopo recently opened a bakery at Highland Avenue Greenhouse and Farm Market in Scarborough.

In December, Joe Viscone, who owns the greenhouse and market, approached Piscopo with the idea of opening a bakery inside the front shop. Both are committed to using local, organic produce. Piscopo soon will begin making the chicken pies and stuffed breads that were popular during the 15 years his Portland bakery was open.

Piscopo and his wife **Missi** have two children, **Kyle**, 18, a college student, and **Prezli**, a Pond Cove School fourth-grader.



Gari Piscopo and Joe Viscone

Cape resident **Nathan M. Weatherbie** was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, Pa., where he is majoring in history.

Two Cape Elizabeth students received academic honors for the spring semester at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. **Hannah Doss** is majoring in chemical engineering, and **Erik Shaw** is majoring in business administration.

Cape resident **Bruce Balfour** was named "Broker of the Month" in May at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate, where he received the same honor in April.

Cape Elizabeth resident **William Kayatta, Jr.**, is one of two candidates for the First Circuit Court of Appeals seat that will open when Judge Kermit Lipez retires at the end of the year. After a judicial screening panel selected Kayatta, a partner at Pierce Atwood in Portland, and Justice Jon Levy of Portland as candidates, U.S. Representatives Mike Michaud and Chellie Pingree forwarded their names to President Obama, who will send one name to the Senate for confirmation.



William Kayatta, Jr.

Maureen Kertes received a bachelor of science degree on May 8 from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, where she majored in geology and was an infielder on the softball team.

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Chelsea Leighton, center, with her parents, Jeffrey and Susan Leighton, received a bachelor's degree May 22 from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., where she graduated cum laude majoring in English, with a minor in art history. A 2007 graduate of Waynflete, she works at Sikkema Jenkins & Co. Art gallery in New York City.

Three Cape students received degrees from the University of New Hampshire in Durham last month. **Chelsey Johnson** earned a master's degree in elementary education. **Danielle Steinman** earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. **Heather Bruce** earned a bachelor of arts degree in studio art.

Bethany A. O'Meara, the daughter of **Christine Balsa-O'Meara** and **Richard O'Meara**, has been named to the spring-semester dean's list at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. A rising senior majoring in environmental studies, she is a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Emma Keogh was named to the second-semester dean's list at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla., where she is majoring in molecular biology.

Emily Dodd, a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2004, recently earned her master's degree in education policy from Harvard University. Emily graduated from Skidmore College in 2008 and taught for two years at a public school in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is currently working at Harvard Public Affairs and Communications. Emily is the daughter of Cape residents **Carole Haas** and **Bob Dodd**.



Emily Dodd

Engaged



Cape residents **Craig Lomma** and **Deb Houge** announce their engagement. They plan a spring 2012 wedding.

Emily Doliner, a 2007 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, received a bachelor of science degree in psychology and early childhood education, with a minor in business administration, from Tulane University in New Orleans, La., on May 12. Emily will continue to live in New Orleans, where she will teach elementary school in the fall.

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