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Candidates for Town Council, School Board answer *Courier* questions

The *Cape Courier* sent questions that we thought voters would care about to the three candidates for three seats on the Town Council – incumbents Jessica Sullivan and James Walsh and newcomer Jamie Wagner – and to five candidates for three seats on the School Board – incumbents John Christie, David Hillman and Kate Williams-Hewitt and hopefuls Michael Goulding and William Gross. Here are their answers.

TOWN COUNCIL Q&A

What's the most pressing issue facing Cape Elizabeth, and why? And how would you deal with this issue?

SULLIVAN: Overall, the most pressing issue is the need to progress our one-town concept because of its benefits and efficiencies with respect to the use of tax dollars. Individually, the priority is the library. Its main sections are 162 and 100 years old. We desperately need a new facility that is efficient to run, technology friendly, safe and accessible for all citizens. Overall, we can improve collaboration with all community departments and stakeholders by making better efforts to explore common needs. Once the library bond passes, a building committee, appointed by the Town Council, will proceed carefully and economically.

WAGNER: The quest for a more interesting and vibrant Town Center. I would continue the discussion surrounding the library, in conjunction with other concepts that would make Cape Elizabeth's Town Center a more appealing, useful, and aesthetic gathering spot and destination.

WALSH: The ballot question asking for up to \$6 million for the replacement of the Thomas Memorial Library is the most pressing issue facing our community. The Town Council has the responsibility to balance the expenditures for all the resources we have in Cape Elizabeth. The TML is long overdue for replacement or major renovation. Last spring, the Council listened to the public and decided to turn this important decision over to the citizens. I encourage every citizen to visit the TML, study the issue thoroughly, understand what this dedicated group of library leaders envision for our library and

then vote. The Council will follow the citizens' direction. The community vote will determine any action that the Town Council will follow.

What significant cuts or increases would you favor in upcoming budgets?

SULLIVAN: I am reluctant to ask any more of our taxpayers, so I want to continue the careful review of all budget items. With the library, we have the opportunity to borrow without raising debt.

WAGNER: I believe the existing Council has done a fine job arriving at a reasonable budget.

WALSH: Based on the recently completed capital needs study, we will need to increase our annual commitment to school and municipal building maintenance/capital projects.

How would you address capital needs of the community?

SULLIVAN: Long-term planning and prioritization, with budget projections, is the way to go. Maintenance of our community facilities should be planned budget items.

WAGNER: I would consider other sources of potential revenue and potential cuts.

WALSH: We have received a report from Harriman Associates on the state of our facilities and what our future capital needs will be. During the coming year, the Town Council and School Board will study this report. A group representing both boards, along with town manager and school superintendent, will be established to create a plan for the one town concept.

—see CANDIDATES, page 8

Community celebrates its new path



Top: About 100 people arrive for a Shore Road Path celebration at Fort Williams on Oct. 8, after walking from Town Hall along the new path. **Middle:** Town Council Chair Sara Lennon addresses the crowd during dedication ceremonies. **Bottom:** a dedication rock, which says: "The Shore Road Path is dedicated to the spirit of community in the town of Cape Elizabeth." Top photo by Jacinta Littlefield. Bottom photos by Town Planner Maureen O'Meara.



Connolly leaving for superintendent job; district to seek interim CEMS principal

By Wendy Keeler

After 21 years at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, and the past seven as principal, Steve Connolly will leave the district in the late fall for a job as superintendent of Regional School Unit 60, a district in York County that includes North Berwick, Berwick and Lebanon.



Steve Connolly

"I'm extremely excited," Connolly said Oct. 9 about the next phase of his career.

In addition to serving as CEMS principal since 2005, Connolly, a South Portland resident, taught at the middle school from 1983 to 1996. In between his stints in Cape, he served as assistant principal at Portland High School and as principal at Baxter Elementary School in Portland, Young School in Saco, and Pleasant Hill Primary in Scarborough.

"I was in the classroom for 17 years, and this is my 17th year as an administrator, so I kind of view this as I'm starting my next 17. Now I go to a different scale," he said.

In his next position, Connolly will lead a district of more than 3,000 students. Cape Elizabeth has about 1,675 students.

School officials plan a two-step process to replace Connolly, Cape Elizabeth Superin-

tendent Meredith Nadeau said at the School Board's Oct. 9 business meeting.

First, the district will seek an interim principal to start around Thanksgiving and serve through the end of the school year. Connolly is scheduled to begin his new job by January and would like to start even earlier, she said.

Nadeau will work with a small group of faculty members to review applications for an interim principal who ideally will have experience both as an administrator and with middle-school students, she said. The interim will be able to "maintain the good work that has been going on in the school; support faculty, students and families; and collect and share information with the permanent principal once he or she is hired."

In mid- to late January, the district will

begin advertising for a permanent principal, said Nadeau, who hopes a candidate will be selected by March and start work on July 1.

"Typically, you want to get out kind of early in the ball game when you're looking for strong candidates," Nadeau said about advertising the position in January.

A committee made up of Nadeau, School Board members, school faculty, one school administrator and community members will work on the selection process for a permanent superintendent, Nadeau said.

Connolly thinks the timing of his departure is good for the middle school.

"We're off to a great start this year. The schedule is all done, kids are in their

—see CONNOLLY, page 19



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Hamann would be 'a strong voice on behalf of all Mainers'

Our dedicated and wonderful four-term representative, Jane Eberle, is term-limited and cannot seek re-election.

Fortunately, District 123 has a talented and energetic candidate running to fill her seat. His name is Scott Hamann, whom I have had the pleasure of getting to know over the last year. Scott has been a small business owner for eight years and has lived in District 123 for the past seven.

Scott has a very diverse and interesting story, geographically spanning Maine, New Hampshire, Film School at Montana State University, and time as a student in South Africa. He chose Maine as his home because he cherishes Maine's quality of life.

Scott, with his partner Charlotte, are foster parents of two boys. His role as a foster parent has given him keen insights into the impact that poverty can have on infants and children. Scott believes that that a strong educational foundation – including pre-K, Head Start, and early intervention – is vital to breaking the generational cycle of poverty.

He also advocates that barrier-free access to health care is critical to keeping Maine's children secure and safe. He believes that health care instability is not an option we can afford. Scott believes that Gov. LePage and his Republican colleagues have turned their backs on their most needy neighbors.

He will be a strong voice on behalf of all Mainers and a firm voice on rational economic policy. Please support Scott Hamann on Nov. 6 (or earlier by absentee).

Jamie Wagner

Reader: Experienced Hillman 'brings much to the table'

Experience matters.

A School Board whose members are familiar with their roles and responsibilities, state mandates and politics, school administrative staff and students, is an effective governing body.

In today's challenging economic climate and educational landscape, we need School Board members who have the knowledge and experience to successfully navigate our district forward.

Re-elect David Hillman and you will have such a member.

David is a highly intelligent individual who understands school law and finance; education policy and its impact; and student perspective and experience. He has amassed this deep body of knowledge through his professional work as an attorney as well as his recent work on the School Board, his involvement in the school system as a volunteer and parent.

He quickly scaled the learning curve presented to every new member of the board and thus brings much to the table in terms of decision-making abilities, familiarity with protocol and ultimately, leadership.

Budget constraints, legislative waffling at the state and federal level, and concurrently increasing and changing demands on our educational system, continue to face us. To effectively respond and thrive, our district needs someone like David Hillman who can quickly identify the heart of an issue, analyze the pertinent data, make a decision and then steer any resulting implementation, in the right direction.

David Hillman has the skills and experience to get the job done effectively, successfully, and immediately upon his re-election to the School Board.

Penny Jordan

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on pages 3, 5, 6 & 7**

Gross backer 'cannot think of a better person' for School Board

I am delighted to support William Gross for School Board. I have known him for years and he is a brilliant, thoughtful listener who has worked as a telecommunication engineer in the United States, Turkey and Nigeria as well as 10 years as a software developer for a mutual fund.

He has a strong interest in a great education for all Cape Elizabeth children. William has spent the last two years working at Cape High School as a volunteer in Michael Efron's honors physics classes. He has been impressed with the talented teachers and the bright young students. He feels more needs be done in preparing all the incoming high school students and would like to see the Middle School do more in teaching and understanding math.

He feels strongly that all students starting at the earliest grades should spend more time writing and learning how to read not only for pleasure but for content.

Working on the superintendent's volunteer committee to draft a new "Vision and Mission Statement" has given him new perspectives for a better and exciting new revolution in education that is just starting at Cape schools.

William would be a passionate leader for the School Board. He wants to serve in order to balance the need for educational excellence with the needs of our teachers and the burden on our taxpayers.

I cannot think of a better person to have on our School Board. Please vote for William Gross and make our schools even better.

Dena DeSena

Citing his record, Governali urges voters to re-elect Christie

Cape Elizabeth residents would be well served to have John Christie on the School Board for another term. John's experience on the board over the past three years, his passion for education, dedication to our kids, his creativity and intelligence, and ability to collaborate with key constituencies, all argue for him retaining his position for the next three years.

In his tenure on the board, John has been an integral part of the revitalization of the district with new leadership, a new mission and vision, and an eagerness to reach out to the community. Broad community support for our schools is an important part of making Cape Elizabeth a special place to live.

One of the key achievements of John's tenure on the board has been his leadership in developing greater transparency in the budget process. As Finance Chair, John spearheaded the effort to create a budget, along with presentations and workshops that were clear, understandable and accurate.

This effort has continued under current Finance Chair Michael Moore and is now ingrained in the processes and culture of the board. This has been a critical achievement for the schools because a budget, and the process that develops it, needs to engender the confidence of all constituencies in order to get it approved by voters and embraced by the school community.

I strongly urge voters to return John Christie to the School Board, so he may continue his work to help Cape Elizabeth schools and our students achieve their full potential.

Frank Governali

Editor's note:
*Far more space than usual
is devoted to letters this issue
because we received so many.
Let the people be heard!*

Publication of letters in election season

The Cape Courier will not be able to publish all letters received in support of candidates for the November election. No more than one letter of support for any particular candidate, received by deadline, will be published in any single edition of *The Cape Courier*.

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Reader praises Bishop's business background, leadership skills

I'm writing to endorse Roger Bishop as an Independent candidate for House District 123. Roger's strong business background will be an asset in promoting economic growth both locally and at the state level.

His leadership roles in Human Resources Management speak to his skills in working with a wide variety of people to help them solve problems and resolve disagreements.

I can speak personally about Roger's willingness to serve his community and use his leadership skills during the past three years with the Cape Community Garden. He willingly takes on more than his share of the work with attention to details and a timely completion of whatever he undertakes. He works well with everyone and offers guidance as a member of the steering committee – always with a smile.

I urge your support of Roger Bishop's candidacy.

Nancy Miles

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Backer thanks Sullivan for ‘exemplary service’

Cape Elizabeth is fortunate to have citizens willing to serve our community as a member of the Town Council.

As a member of the fifth generation of her family to live in Cape, Jessica Sullivan personifies that special commitment needed to be an effective public servant.

Prior to her election to Town Council in November 2009, Jessica served with distinction on the Thomas Memorial Library board of trustees. As chair of the Library Study Committee appointed by the Town Council in 2007, I was privileged to have Jessica as a dedicated member during our work to study and assess the need for a 21st century library for Cape Elizabeth.

Jessica is the current chair of the Town Council Appointments Committee and represents the Town Council on the Conserva-

tion Commission, the Future Open Space Preservation Committee, the Thomas Memorial Library board, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation, and the Facility Use Study Group.

As part of her liaison role with the Conservation Commission, she represented the Town Council on the Open Space and Greenbelt Management Committee and was actively involved in the creation of the Open Space and Greenbelt Management Plan.

Thank you, Jessica, for your exemplary service and for carrying off all of these multitude of responsibilities with aplomb and grace.

I urge my fellow citizens to join me in voting your support for Jessica Sullivan for Town Council in the Nov. 6 election.

Nancy H Marshall

Proud sister urges voters to support Myrick

I'm the sister of candidate, Kenneth (Jake) Myrick. I'm the oldest of eight children, Jake being child No. 7.

He has had to struggle and fight since the moment of his birth. He was born premature and weighed less than 2 pounds. He lived a childhood full of dysfunction, poverty and parents that had problems.

Jake being the strong fighter and caring person that he is broke that cycle to become the outstanding, hardworking and considerate human being that he is.

Right after graduation from South Portland High School, he enlisted in the Army and served six years.

He served in Iraq, Kosovo and Korea. I believe he would still be serving his country if not for a knee injury which occurred

during training.

Jake and Wendy are the proud and loving parents of three beautiful children: Conrad, Mya and their handsome new edition, Blake!

I truly believe that Jake is the right candidate for the Maine House District 123 seat, representing South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. He will fight hard for what he believes is best for Maine.

Some of those beliefs include, lowering property taxes, support for families, children, veterans, small businesses and to reduce wasteful government spending.

Please vote for the best candidate, my brother Kenneth Myrick. You will not be disappointed.

Tracy Oliver

Millett ‘uniquely qualified’ to represent Cape

I am writing in support of Rebecca Millett, candidate to represent Senate District 7. Rebecca is uniquely qualified with an impressive record of public service, schooled in finance (MBA), advocate of quality education, strong environmentalist and proven leader.

She cares about people as her volunteer services in New York City, the Peace Corps and here in Maine attest.

Senate District 7 has 40,000 constituents encompassing Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and part of Scarborough. It is a diverse mix of people, income levels, large and small businesses, public and private services. It is a vibrant and forward-looking community.

We need a senator who understands and respects diversity, can deal with competing interests and complexity, collaborate with

others and find fair and equitable solutions. Rebecca can.

A few years ago, Rebecca and I served together on a citizen committee that dealt with a widely known tax proposal that would have wreaked havoc on Cape Elizabeth's municipal and school services. Rebecca's ability to dig into the figures, analyze them, propose solutions and articulate a vision for our schools was impressive.

While serving as School Board chair, she demonstrated her leadership skills in bringing other chairs and educators together to better serve the region and the state.

I remember thinking she would make a great legislator. Her time has come.

Please join me and vote to elect Rebecca Millett to the Maine Senate.

Steve Simonds

Supporter: Thompson will ‘make a difference’

This is a letter of recommendation for Nancy Thompson, candidate for the Maine House of Representatives.

Nancy's commitment to ‘make a difference’ for her family and community started over 25 years ago. Her leadership started in small ways, supporting local clubs, church events and sports organizations.

These experiences give her the background to represent us. With her knowledge of business principles, she assists organizations to make solid fiscal decisions. Nancy's approach to community service is a masterpiece of connection, and her understanding of economic issues, educational challenges, interpersonal relationships at state and federal level are where she shines.

Nancy served as moderator for the ‘It Takes a Community’ symposium on Oct. 2 at the Portland Public Library, covered by

MPBN. Nancy approached the event in her usual strong and compelling manner – believing that through public awareness and talking about mental illness we can build support and break down stigmas. These are the qualities of a representative that we need in Augusta speaking for us.

Nancy will ensure that our educational values are advanced for all students. She will improve the climate for business owners because that is her experiential background. She will work for our retirees to lower taxes and make strong decisions based on facts.

We're fortunate to have a candidate with Nancy's qualities, experiences and knowledge willing to work on our behalf. Regardless of party beliefs, give her your support in November because we will all benefit.

Nancy Pond

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- * High energy costs due to an outdated heating and cooling system
- * Mold problems due to leaks and poor air circulation
- * Difficult access for seniors, parents with strollers and disabled patrons
- * Maxed-out electrical and technology capacity

Our town library is an important resource for children embarking on a lifetime of learning, for adults who lack home access to technology, and for seniors to remain connected in a busy community.

On November 6, we will make a critical decision: whether or not to invest in the future of our library and the many services it provides to all Cape citizens.

Our investment in the future can be made without increasing taxes since town debt being retired is more than the new library bond costs will be.

Please join us in voting 'yes' for a new Thomas Memorial Library building!

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Retired econ professor: Benefits outweigh costs

As a retired applied economics professor from the University of Minnesota, and Cape resident, I am convinced that the benefits of a new Thomas Memorial Library building will far outweigh the costs.

For library users, one benefit is the savings from not having to buy books.

According to the Maine State Library's calculator (www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm), my wife and I saved over \$1,700 last year by using our library, many times our annual taxes for a new building.

Even non-patrons benefit as:

- Children in preschool programs have greater success in school, reducing remedial costs (and hence lowering taxes).

- Youth continue to read during school breaks, doing better academically, earning more and handing on their love of reading.

- Local leaders use the references and interlibrary loan services to study effective and efficient policy options.

- Non-patrons have the option to use the library in the future.

These benefits make Cape Elizabeth an attractive place to live and raise a family. Having a good library helps us all maintain the values of our homes.

The library building has over 100 structural and mechanical problems. It is an opportune time to build a new library because interest rates and construction costs are at record lows.

Earlier generations invested in our library. Now it is our turn to invest for the present and future generations. Please vote "yes" for the new Thomas Memorial Library.

George W. Morse

Avid safe biker urges drivers to be considerate

This letter stems from a close encounter between a driver and myself as I finished my bike ride today. First, I wish to apologize for being angry. I felt threatened in spite of the precautions I take to ensure vehicle drivers are aware of my intentions. I wear high-visibility gear, my bike is equipped with reflectors, LED flashers and mirrors.

At every turn, I utilize standard hand signals. In this instance, I felt my hand signal intention to turn left was ignored or translated to mean it was OK to pass me on my left. Bike mirrors are limited in view to what is directly behind, and to be honest, I simply did not see nor realize you had pulled into the opposite lane to pass me as I was preparing to make my turn. I urge vehicle drivers to

remember that bikes do not have turn signals and intentions are signaled by hand. If I had been in a vehicle with my left blinker on, I doubt you would have attempted to pass me on my left.

The same applies to bikes. They are vehicles when ridden on public ways and are required to adhere to the same rules as automobiles. As a driver and a biker, I have seen actions by people on bikes, as well as drivers in automobiles, that mystify and frustrate me, too. I also have experienced and appreciate consideration when riding my bike.

Finally, the bumper stickers that read "Be Considerate, Share The Road" applies to folks driving their vehicles and bikers alike.

Capt. R.S. Horr

Construction of a new library 'unnecessary'

I am opposed to the town obtaining bonding of \$6,000,000.00 toward the \$8,500,000.00 cost for the construction of a new library.

In my opinion, with the introduction of the Kindle and similar reading pads, on which millions of books can be downloaded, from numerous sources, including books from public libraries, and can be read at no cost to the reader, the construction of a new library seems unnecessary.

Kindle has many features attractive to readers of all ages, one of which, is the ability to upsize or downsize the print which of course cannot be done in a "real" book.

With this new technology, there will be no additional maintenance costs/expenses, as there would be for the upkeep of a new library. The town should concentrate on reducing its indebtedness, especially during this period of economic uncertainty.

Richard A. Davis

TML board chair: Think about neighbors, vote yes

Growing up, I visited my local library frequently, met friends, enjoyed a comfortable chair, brought home piles of books. The library was an anchor in our community. I introduced my children to the library at an early age and then watched them meet friends, borrow books, use computers, and even do some homework.

When I worked on my graduate degree, I went back to my local library. This familiar place provided a refuge to escape the competing distractions at home, to research, use the inter-library service, and enjoy a comfortable chair. Now I use the library to meet friends, share ideas, or attend programming.

My story is different from others. As a

university administrator, I see students use their local library more than the school library. They have given me the phone number in case I need to reach them. Many students do not have computers or Internet. They are searching for jobs and using email.

While I can tell you how much the local library means to me, I encourage you to think about your neighbors and the community as a whole. We need to make a decision for them, not just for ourselves.

I hope you will support the library and vote YES on Nov. 6 on the bond to rebuild the Thomas Memorial Library.

**RuthAnne Haley
Chair, TML board of trustees**

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Michael Wallace for State Senate in District 7

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Given ‘seismic shift,’ this voter saying no

Consider some of the storylines from the past two years: “Apple Sets Record For World’s Most Valuable Company At \$621 Billion” (8/20/12); “Borders closing signals change in bookselling industry” (7/20/2011); “E-book sales up 188%” (9/22/12); “Digital consumption of news and information continues to soar” (8/30/12); and “Encyclopedia Britannica ends its print edition after 244 years as it fully embraces digital age” (8/14/12).

We are living through a seismic shift in the way people receive information, education and entertainment.

The citizens of Cape Elizabeth will soon be asked to approve and fund an \$8.2 million library renovation that appears to create a space closely resembling libraries of the past 100 years, with ample space for bookshelves

and meeting rooms.

Given this seismic information delivery shift, I do not believe that is what the libraries of the future will look like. Given our nascent and very fragile economic recovery, this seems a particularly inopportune time to borrow millions of dollars and embark upon such a large-scale municipal construction project.

I would fix the current structural problems, lean on our popular Minerva program, let the dust settle, and in a few years reconvene the hardworking group of citizens who have promoted this proposal and others with experience in technology, education and architecture to draw up plans for a facility that will work for the next 100 years – a facility as innovative and forward-thinking as our citizens.

Donald E. Clark

Former skeptic now favors building new library

When plans to replace our library were first unveiled, I was a skeptic. I am by nature a conservative Yankee on spending issues. Too often the solution of first resort has the highest price tag when a better, less costly solution is possible if problem-solvers do their homework and use their ingenuity before spending other people’s money.

That process is called due diligence. I am persuaded that those charged with oversight of our library have met that obligation, and so this former skeptic will now be voting to support the library bond.

Many are recommending a less costly renovation plan, a camp I am often a member of.

But a conservative Yankee also questions the value of a band-aid solution if a

more expensive plan is a better long-term investment. Some want to spend less, not to lower our taxes, but to use the money saved for some other pet project.

It is legitimate to ask whether traditional libraries will continue to be needed. Technology is changing how many will access the adventures and wide world of information open to all of us through books. But borrowing – even electronically – rather than buying many titles will continue.

Our library can adapt to changing times. What we need to preserve in our community is a safe, inviting environment in which children can first experience the wonder of books, and the rest of us can indulge our passion for reading.

Jan Martens Staples

More Letters to the Editor on pages 2, 3, 5 & 7

Longtime user: ‘We desperately need’ new library

My family has been active users of the Thomas Memorial Library for years. My grandfather Pomeroy donated an acre of land in 1919 for the original library and he became library chairman at that time.

His wife, my grandmother, Emma Dyer, was chairman of the new book committee. My aunt Gladys Jordan helped catalog the first books, many of which were donated by William Widgery Thomas from his private collection.

As a child, I remember going to the library with my mother, when it was on its original library hill location, near the start of the Beach to Beacon race.

After the library was moved to its present location in 1944, our school classes would visit the library regularly.

As a longtime member of the Cape

Elizabeth Historical Society, I was asked to become a member of the Library Study Committee in 2007.

We studied the needs of the library in depth from 2007-2009, and worked with engineers, library specialists and heard input from over 1,000 Cape citizens during those two years of study.

The library is valuable not only to get a book, but to meet people, and maybe attend a lecture or a program in the meeting room. That meeting room, however, is sorely lacking, and, in one example, the ceiling is so low that anyone over 6 feet tall will hit their head!

We desperately need a new library building. Please vote yes for the library bond Nov. 6.

Norman Jordan

Opponents: New library too pricey, unnecessary

We will be voting “no” on the library bond. We do not need to spend \$8 million (the no new taxes argument fails because maturing bonds will need to be replaced – why can’t a municipality try to save bonding for real emergencies) for another brand new municipal building which serves a function that is totally outdated.

Books are rapidly becoming an online function and those who roam the stacks are few and far between. Most patrons, in our opinion, order books online through the li-

brary website and stop at the desk to pick up their books.

As to whether the library is a community center, we already have one of those and it is underutilized.

As to the argument about providing for the children, seniors and those without computers at home – we would suggest installing 10 computer stations in the existing community center (at a cost of about \$20,000) and you will solve that problem.

Bob and Alicia Danielson

Study committee member convinced to vote yes

How did the library project become controversial? Was there contentious debate around the new police station, fire station and community center? Gull Crest Field, Public Works and the swimming pool were also completed in the same timeframe at a total cost much greater than the library proposal.

The pool and fitness center alone cost nearly \$2.7 million 12 years ago and was handily approved by voters (Maine statute required a vote to build on school grounds). These investments were one reason a young family like ours moved to this community and became active volunteers.

I served on the study committee for the library proposal and learned firsthand the cost of doing nothing is not nothing.

Some suggest remodeling the library would be sufficient, but the committee looked at this option and understood it would cost

over \$1 million to fix the major deficiencies pointed out in the study. That estimate would not provide a more useful facility, but would only fix problems inherent with maintaining a combination of inefficient buildings never designed for their current use.

Another misguided approach centers on the “uncertain future of books.” Libraries are information centers and the proposed structure was designed with technological advances and community uses in mind while providing many of the nooks and quiet spaces that current library users find attractive.

Libraries are unique: They are public buildings that attract a significant amount of private funds to offset the cost. Your YES vote allows volunteers to begin the process soliciting donations.

Robert Chatfield

Former chair, TML board of trustees



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Bond issue ‘the only option that preserves our town library’

I grew up in a small rural town in Maine, where dads worked at the shoe mill or the Navy yard, moms stayed at home, and girls dreamed of marrying their high school sweethearts.

But I imagined that I could be or do anything that I wanted. My imagination came from the books I read, and the books I read came from my town library.

Every Saturday morning, one of my parents would drop me off at the library and pick me up hours later. The library was a treasure trove and I loved pouring over the books and selecting the handful I would take home.

I dreamt, I imagined and I entered far-away places and long ago times. The books helped me discover myself and flush out my dreams and believe that if I could dream it, I could do it. Which I did.

Forty years later, I still love going to the town library. Now it's the Thomas Memorial Library. Times have changed and new technology has made information available in new ways.

With approval of the bond issue, the TML will have the structure and electronics to make the library a modern, safe and effective learning environment for kids of all ages.

The only option that preserves our town library is the bond issue. The half-measure avails us nothing.

Let's not discard a town jewel and source of so much learning and inspiration. It's as vital to the spirit of our community as are Fort Williams and Kettle Cove.

Stephanie Anderson

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Library users voting no say plan seems excessive

As supporters and users of the Thomas Memorial Library, we agree that the library has fallen into disrepair and recognize a need for a new library.

However, on election day, we plan on voting “no” on the new library as proposed because we are uncomfortable with the size and scope of the current plan.

At this juncture, a \$7.6 million facility that offers bells and whistles, such as a cultural center with 125 seats, art gallery, technology center, recording studio, café and separate children's, teenage and adult areas, seems excessive, given our town's size.

It seems inadvisable to write such a large check when we are in the midst of a digital

revolution which clearly will have a significant yet unpredictable impact on libraries.

We believe it is wiser to wait to see how unprecedented technological changes shake out before such a large investment is made.

We would support a proposal that lays out a more modest vision which would address our town's needs at this time, but one that won't saddle taxpayers into the future and one that won't prevent the implementation of other necessary projects that are bound to arise.

Let's take a fresh look and begin with a reasonable budget and proven needs.

Amy and Dana Stanley

For this resident voting yes, library is a beacon

There's no doubt the Thomas Memorial Library is in bad shape. It's old, it's limping, it's clear the buildings are on borrowed time and that eventually, something will have to be done. There are two reasons to make a move on this now.

First, a town without a library it can be proud of is a town with a beacon that doesn't really shine. A library more than any other town building represents the aspirations of a town's citizens, and its confidence as a community.

What does this old, on-its-last-legs building say about Cape, and what would our reluctance to invest in this community say about us?

A more attractive library is a more at-

tractive town, and that means something to the value of our property.

Secondly, in a down economy, spending on infrastructural development is exactly what we're supposed to do to keep the gears turning. If we've been able to afford the school bond, we can afford a new bond. We can't save our way out of economic doldrums. We've got to spend our way, prudently, to fiscal health. What's more prudent than a library.

And to those who would say, technology (re iPad Nation) is about to obsolete the demand for libraries, I defer to Mark Twain on rumors of his own death: That's an exaggeration.

James Sullivan

Thinking about 2020 makes yes vote right choice for this reader

As we prepare to vote on the future of our town library, shouldn't we be asking each other: “What is your vision for our town library in 2020?”

Those who favor a yes vote to bond new construction have a vision. It is the result of extensive study and planning.

In 2020, our town will continue to encourage lifelong learning for all Cape residents in a flexible, modern facility. Because the design will make more efficient use of space, fewer staff will be needed and annual operating costs and maintenance costs will be lower. The library will be flexible enough to incorporate new technologies and to teach Cape residents how to put them to best use.

What is the alternative vision? In 2020, are we going to have the same inefficient building layout, the same low ceiling in the community meeting room and the same staffing requirements after spending \$2 million in renovation costs?

Some say that technology is shifting and we should wait to invest in a new library until “technologies are mature.” But when will that be? And how could we ever know? Would you advise postponing the purchase of a smart phone until its technology is mature? If so, you will never make that investment because the technology is constantly improving.

Now is the time to bond new investment in the community while interest rates are at a historic low. This is the time for our vision to reflect our values. Please vote yes for the library.

Bob Stier

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441 Mitchell Road
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Age: 58
Political experience: Town Council 2009-present; State House District 121 Candidate 2008



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Age: 46
Political experience: Chair, Cape Democrats



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Age: 63
Political experience: Three-year term as a Town Councilor



John C. Christie III

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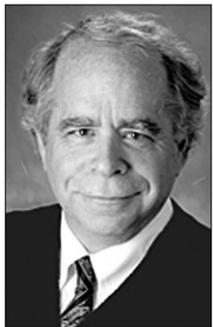
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William Gross III

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Age: 66
Political experience: Never held office



David Hillman

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Occupation: Attorney
Age: 60
Political experience: School Board member; formed citizen's group that prevented consolidation for Cape schools; Cape Elizabeth Health Insurance Ad Hoc Committee



Kate Williams-Hewett

250 Ocean House Road
Education: B.S. in education, Wheelock College
Occupation: Teacher
Age: 48
Political experience: School Board member 2009-present

CANDIDATES

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What do you think about the proposed charter change that would require a public vote on big-ticket items in town?

SULLIVAN: I voted in favor of the proposed charter change, with reservations. This type of charter change is a common trend.

WAGNER: I agree with seeking citizen input on large dollar issues.

WALSH: This change supports my commitment to citizen communication, input and involvement in town decisions.

Why do you want to stay on/run for the Town Council?

SULLIVAN: I enjoy serving our town, and I currently have the time to devote to this privilege.

WAGNER: I would like to contribute creative concepts for a more vibrant community.

WALSH: I want to continue the work that I started three years ago. I am proud of the improved communication between the Council and citizens. We have made significant progress on many important issues, including a long-range plan and revenue at Fort Williams, the Shore Road Path and maintaining our excellent school system with fiscal responsibility.

What's the No. 1 skill you bring/would bring to the position?

SULLIVAN: As a health professional, I have learned the skill of making collaborative decisions for the benefit of others. The ability to listen and carefully consider all needs or sides of an issue is probably the best skill I bring to the Council.

WAGNER: My mixed legal and business background.

WALSH: My extensive management experience gives me the ability to look at issues clearly, work collaboratively with my peers and develop creative solutions to the issues that come before the Council.

Why should voters re-elect/elect you?

SULLIVAN: I am very "present" in my role as a Town Councilor, which I take seriously. As an elected official, I am entrusted with the responsibility to make educated decisions on behalf of our citizens, and I work hard to fulfill this obligation.

WAGNER: I am dedicated to making this town an even better place to live.

WALSH: I am willing to serve another term on the Town Council, thus providing continuity as we move forward in this challenging economy.

SCHOOL BOARD Q&A

What's the most pressing issue facing the schools, and why? And how do you propose to deal with it?

CHRISTIE: The budget is the most pressing issue because federal and state funds continue to decline each year. I will lend my financial experience to the collaborative work of identifying opportunities to produce savings without harming the quality of our students' education.

GOULDING: School funding – decreased monies from the state and federal government. I would work with our state representatives on this issue.

GROSS: We are a great school system using 100-year-old teaching methods. The old model of teachers repeating the same lecture for five periods to different groups of students; then repeating the same five periods of lecture the next year and the next year ... offends my engineering sense of efficiency. There is a revolution in education coming that will flip this 100-year-old model onto its head. Look at the Kahn Academy as a preview of the coming revolution in education. We've already taken the first baby steps toward this future (e.g. Evan Thayer's and Michael Efron's high school classes).

HILLMAN: It will be addressing cutbacks in federal and state aid to education, while maintaining our quality of education and keeping tax increases affordable. We are facing at least an approximately \$300,000 shortfall from cutbacks in Medicaid. This will be exacerbated by the normal yearly inflationary increase in the cost of education. Addressing these issues (revenue, quality, and reasonable local taxes) requires balancing

the tension inherent in these somewhat conflicting goals. Experience is needed to find savings without compromising quality. This involves reviewing each budget item with the experts (administrators) to determine whether an item is a "must-have" (critical to quality/essential repairs) or a "want-to-have" (improving education/facilities but not critical). You approve "must-haves" and only those "want-to-haves" that you can afford. Also, you try to find additional revenues.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: The last three years, I have found our Teacher/Staff evaluation process to be inefficient in documenting and relaying information. Being on the current School Board, we have identified that reworking the Evaluation Tool is a priority.

What significant cuts or increases would you favor in upcoming budgets?

CHRISTIE: I would continue to realize sensible savings wherever possible. The board has reduced energy bills by investing in efficient systems, cut our debt service line by \$250,000 through timely refinancing, and worked with the unions to control the cost of health care benefits. I will fight to retain or expand education services that embody our mission and vision statement.

GOULDING: None.

GROSS: I expect the new strategic plan to be my guide to upcoming budgets.

HILLMAN: Answering this now would be irresponsible. We do not yet know what are the potential expenses (no expense budget yet), and we have no firm funding information from state/federal agencies. It would be the equivalent of a judge deciding a case before hearing any evidence.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: Specific line items in the budget would have to be cut if federal and state funds do not come through as stated. I would vote to limit department spending and conserve energy, while focusing on a campaign with the town to increase recycling and composting, along with other revenue-finding actions. As for increases to the budget line items, I believe we need to replenish the areas that we have neglected during tight budget times. Do we have current textbooks/electronic books for all subjects? Are teachers trained in scientific-based teaching methods? Are we using the best resources available or are we working with what we have because of the spending freezes of the past?

In what areas does the Cape school system fall short?

CHRISTIE: We have work to do to align our practice with our expressed values: Community, Academics, Passion and Ethics.

GOULDING: Diversity.

GROSS: There should be more coordination between the math and the science curricula.

HILLMAN: We provide one of the best public school educations in the state. Can we do better? Yes, and we will.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: All educational institutions could improve their learning milieus, Cape included. Are students working hard for the grades and test scores or for the joy of constantly learning and improving themselves? Are teachers working to get through their curriculum guides, or are they being innovative and engaging all students in active learning? Are coaches and athletes working on the end of the game score regardless of player and coaches' conduct on and off the fields? Do students have enough time and energy to try a new art, a new instrument, chorus, theater, an after-school team or club? Are students encouraged to try sitting at a different lunch table? To volunteer in a younger classroom and share knowledge?

In what areas does the district excel?

CHRISTIE: We excel at engaging the whole community in the conversation about the future of our public schools.

GOULDING: Academics, sports and the arts.

GROSS: I have been bothered by the fear and timidity toward math that some of the freshman display. This year, I have worked with seniors in the AP Physics with Calculus class. These 19 seniors are math powerhouses. They are completely comfortable with the complex calculations, have an aggressive "bring it on" attitude toward difficult problems, and absorb the advanced techniques Michael Efron teaches them instantly and effortlessly. The academic metamorphosis of our freshmen into these seniors testifies to the excellence of our high school.

HILLMAN: We are consistently ranked at or near the top in Maine in almost every academic area, at an extremely low administrative cost.

—see CANDIDATES, page 22

Police dealings run the gamut: burglaries, OUIs, missing person

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 9-16 An officer met with a resident of the Eastman Road area about the theft of a blue Canondale hybrid bicycle from the garage.
- 9-18 A resident of the Eastman Road area came to the police station with a found bicycle described as maroon 21-speed Schwinn in fair condition.
- 9-20 While on routine patrol and southbound on Shore Road, an officer came upon a vehicle being operated poorly. The vehicle was stopped and the officer spoke with an elderly driver concerning the operation, returned the vehicle home, and forwarded an adverse driving report to the state.
- 9-21 An officer met with a Public Works employee who reported the theft of a department portable radio.
- 9-23 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a residential burglary complaint. Missing from the residence were silver serving items.
- 9-24 An officer met with a subject at the police station about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 9-26 An officer spoke with a subject concerning misuse of a credit card by an employee. Report and supporting documentation were to be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review for prosecution.
- 9-26 An officer met with a resident of the

- Two Lights Road area concerning missing jewelry.
- 9-27 An officer met with a resident concerning a possible suicidal person.
- 9-27 An officer spoke with a New Hampshire resident who reported a motor vehicle burglary that occurred in the Lawson Road area the first week in September. Taken was an Apple Macbook Pro computer.
- 9-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about a possible missing person. The person was later accounted for.

SUMMONSES

- 9-17 New Hampshire resident, speeding (school zone) (28/15), \$264
- 9-18 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Scott Dyer Road
- 9-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (school zone) (28/15), \$264
- 9-19 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, failure to produce insurance, operating with an expired license, Two Lights Road, \$381
- 9-19 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$70
- 9-19 Windham resident, operating without license; beyond restrictions, Scott Dyer Road
- 9-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 9-20 Cumberland resident, unregistered

- vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 9-20 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$177
- 9-21 Gorham resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 9-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, \$177
- 9-21 Yarmouth resident, imprudent speed (31/15 zone), Fort Williams Park, \$119
- 9-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Scott Dyer Road
- 9-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 9-26 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 9-26 Saco resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road
- 9-26 Scarborough resident, speeding (53/35 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 9-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 9-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (35/25 zone), Broad Cove Road, \$137
- 9-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (41/25 zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$185
- 9-28 Westbrook resident, failure to produce insurance, Two Lights Road, \$171
- 9-28 Scarborough resident, speeding (44/35

- zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$119
- 9-28 Falmouth resident, speeding (44/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$119

ARRESTS

- 9-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 9-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Scott Dyer Road,

ACCIDENTS

- 9-17 Barbara Smith, Ann Marie Hecker, accident on Beach Bluff Terrace
- 9-24 Roger Gagnon, Evan Bagley, accident on Shore Road.

FIRE CALLS

- 9-18 Farm Hill Road, power line down
- 9-20 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 9-20 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm
- 9-24 Wells Road, arcing power lines
- 9-30 Portland Mutual Aid
- 10-1 Mares Hollow, carbon monoxide alarm

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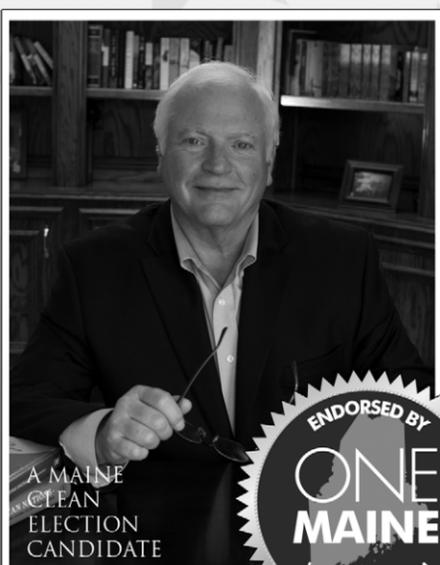
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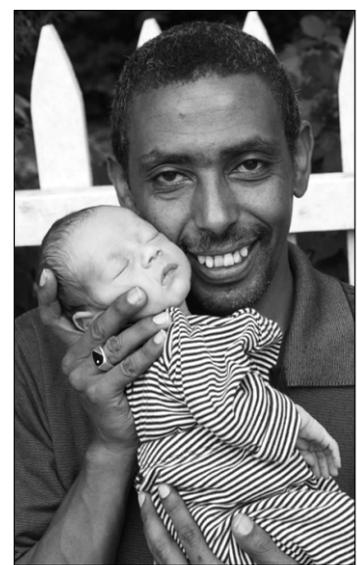
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Book signing planned on Oct. 20 at Cape farm

Portland resident David Buchanan will sign copies of his new book, "Taste, Memory: Forgotten Foods, Lost Flavors, and Why They Matter," about the history of the heritage food movement, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Old Ocean House Farms, 114 Old Ocean House Road.

In the book, published by Chelsea Green Publishing, Buchanan, who raises heritage trees and plants on the farm, shares stories about urban gardeners, preservationists, environmentalists, farmers and cooks, and weaves anecdotes about his own experiences with profiles of leaders in the movement to defend agricultural biodiversity.

A Princeton University graduate, Buchanan helped found the Portland chapter of Slow

Food and now serves on the organization's national Ark of Taste Biodiversity Committee, which evaluates and helps preserve endangered heritage foods. Buchanan formerly managed Turkey Hill Farm, where he continues to maintain gardens. In addition to managing vegetable production at Old Ocean House Farms, which is owned by Cape resident Rodney Voisine, Buchanan consults on landscape design and runs a nursery, Origins Fruit LLC, based in Portland.

At the event, people will be able to tour and learn about the heritage plantings raised at Old Ocean House Farms. Buchanan's book, which will be released Oct. 25, will be for sale at the event. Contact Lucille Holt-Sottery of Collaborations at 318-3029 for information, or go to www.oohfarms.com.

Baby



James and Meri Holt

Meriwether Holt, the daughter of Odessa and **Jordan Holt**, was born on May 30. She joins brother James.

Meri's grandparents are **Bill and Mary Jean Holt** of Cape Elizabeth, and her father, Jordan, was a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1991.

Meri's grandparents, Tom and Janet Reinhart, live in Wellfleet, Mass.

Meri, her brother and their parents live with their cat, Toasty, in Rehoboth, Mass., next to Hidden Acres Kennel, a family business.

Kaylee Cooper, a doctor of chiropractic, has joined **Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic** on Shore Road. Cooper, a South Portland resident, received a doctoral degree in chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Mo., and a bachelor's degree in human nutrition from the University of Maine. She is currently taking postgraduate courses in neurology through the Carrick Institute for Graduate Studies, based in Cape Canaveral, Fla., and classes in pediatrics through International Chiropractic Pediatric Association.

In her practice, Cooper uses various techniques, including Reinert Diversified, Logan Basic, Activator, Sacro-Occipital Technique and Gonstead. She works with patients of all ages.



Kaylee Cooper

Engaged



Kayla Munson and Brent Studer

Cape Elizabeth residents **Craig and Dawn Munson** announce the engagement of their daughter, **Kayla Munson**, to Brent Studer, the son of Brian and Merry Studer of Holly, Mich.

Kayla, a 2009 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, is a senior at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Brent is also a senior at Liberty. He is majoring in criminal justice.

Kayla completed junior year on the dean's list with a 4.0 grade point average and is currently a design intern with *The Clutch Guide*, a bimonthly publication for women in Central Virginia.

A June 2013 wedding in Cape is planned.

Matthew Fisher was awarded Boy Scout's highest rank, Eagle Scout, on Oct. 3 at the Cape Elizabeth Lions clubhouse.

Fewer than 2 percent of Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. To achieve the rank, Scouts have to earn at least 21 merit badges, hold a leadership position in the troop for six months, and conceive, develop and carry out a service project that benefits a local nonprofit. Matt designed, raised money, and acquired materials to construct a series of bridges that span two wetland areas along the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Outer Loop Trail in Robinson Woods. Scouts in Troop 30 assisted with the construction.

Matt's father, **Jim**, became an Eagle Scout in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1974, and his uncle and grandfather in 1949 and 1926, respectively.

A junior at Cape Elizabeth High School, Matt is a member of the varsity soccer team, the alpine ski club and the lacrosse team.

Cape resident **Jennifer DeSena** was named **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's** "Broker of the Month" for superior sales in September.

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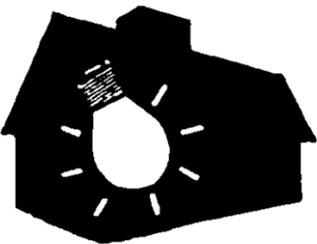
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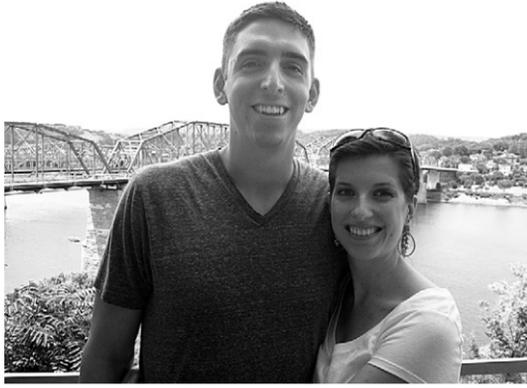
Former Cape Elizabeth residents **John and Denise Budkiewicz** of South Portland announce the wedding of their son, **Joseph Budkiewicz**, to **Bethany Vance** on May 20 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bethany is the daughter of former South Portland residents David and Nancy Vance, who now live in North Carolina. Joe's grandmother **Barbara R. Foley** lives in Cape Elizabeth.

Joseph, who grew up in Cape Elizabeth, is a graduate of Cheverus High School in Portland and Connecticut College in New London, Conn.

Bethany is a graduate of Cheverus and Peace College in Raleigh, N.C.

Extended family and close friends gathered for a weekend of celebration in August



Joseph Budkiewicz and Bethany Vance

when the newlyweds returned to Maine for a brief vacation.

The couple lives and works in Chattanooga.

Married



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Michael Irace and Laura Hainline

Michael Irace of Alexandria, Va., and **Laura Hainline** of Mystic, Conn., were married at the Branford Mansion on Avery Point, Conn., on Long Island Sound on July 21.

Michael is the son of Cape residents **Anthony and Mary Irace**. Laura is the daughter of **Amy Hunsinger** of Mystic, Conn., and the late **John Hainline**. Michael graduated in 2004 from Cape Elizabeth High School and received a bachelor of science degree in electrical and computer engineering in 2008 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. He works as a patent examiner for the U.S. Patent Office in Al-

exandria, Va.

Laura received both undergraduate and master's degrees in math education from the University of Connecticut at Storrs and works as a math teacher in Groton, Conn. The couple met at a Halloween costume party at WPI and became engaged five years later at another Halloween party in Boston.

Also in the wedding party were present and former Cape residents **Christina Irace**, **Lucas Ahlsen**, **Michael Beling** and **Brent Amberger**.

The couple honeymooned in the Greek Islands and now lives in Groton, Conn.

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Wednesday, October 17

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 8 a.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall
Cape Elizabeth Little League Annual Meeting, 7 p.m., High School cafeteria

Thursday, October 18

Fall Book & Bake Sale, Thomas Memorial Library Foundation Donors Early Bird night, 5-8 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library
Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Public Works
Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., library

Friday, October 19

Fall Book & Bake Sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Saturday, October 20

Field Hockey Pumpkin Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center
Fall Book & Bake Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library
Harvest Festival, 4-8 p.m., Pond Cove and Middle School campuses
Lions Club Lobster Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Tuesday, October 23

School Board Workshop, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., High School library
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
School Board Finance Committee, 8-9 p.m., High School library

Wednesday, October 24

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 8 a.m., Town Hall
Future Open Space Preservation Committee, 7 p.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, October 25

Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m., Town Center Fire Station

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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** at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road. 899-3654 or 831-0166.

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each **Wednesday** at 6:15 p.m. at Purpoodock Country Club on Spurwink Avenue. Bob Flynn: 767-7388.

Kitchen Gardeners International founder to speak at CELT's annual meeting on Nov. 4

Roger Doiron, founder and director of Kitchen Gardeners International, will speak at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's 27th annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4. The meeting, planned from 6 to 8 p.m., will be held at Inn by the Sea, 40 Bowery Beach Road.

KGI is a nonprofit community of 25,000 people from 100 countries who are committed to growing some of their own food and helping others to do so. Group members answer each other's questions online and in person; work with partners around the world; organize local, national, and global activities; and work on projects such as the initiative that led to the campaign to replant a kitchen garden at the White House.

When not tending to his own kitchen garden in Scarborough, Doiron writes and speaks about small-scale local farming and its potential for personal and societal health benefits.

Admission to the event, free for members, will be limited to the first 100 people to register. Nonmembers who register will be asked to provide a modest donation to CELT. The event will include a cash bar and light refreshments.

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Lions Club plans Oct. 20, Nov. 10 dinners

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host two dinners in the coming weeks at the Lions' clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

A lobster dinner is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The cost of the dinner, which will include baked potato, corn and blueberry cake, will be \$13 for one lobster and \$19 for two lobsters. Diners can bring their own alcohol and eat in or take out their dinners. Call Sonja Orff Ney at 767-2079 by Oct. 18 to order lobsters for the dinner.

Club members will host a seafood chow-

der dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. Dinner will include all-you-can-eat seafood chowder, biscuits or corn bread, soft drinks and dessert. Diners can bring their own alcohol. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger, and chowder-to-go will cost \$5.

The Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. The Cape club raises money for international causes and local efforts.

Contact Mark Fleming at 899-3654, Bruce Balfour at 831-0166, or Bill Stresenger at 767-5257 for information.

Cape Republicans to meet on Tuesday, Oct. 23

The Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. All registered Republicans will be welcome.

The group held a wine tasting fundraiser

last month at the home of Cape Elizabeth residents Jon and Julie Ewald.

"The annual fundraiser was a great success and lots of fun," Committee Chair RuthAnne Haley said.

Contact Haley at capegoplh@aol.com or 767-3863 for more information about the Oct. 23 meeting.

Programs, services available to senior citizens to be topic of TRIAD forum planned Oct. 24

A representative from Southern Maine Agency on Aging will talk about services and programs for senior citizens at a forum planned for 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Cape Elizabeth Town Center Fire Station. Seniors who attend will learn how to find out if they qualify for programs. Founded in 1973, the nonprofit SMAA, which is based in Scarborough, is dedicated to planning and implementing social services for

adults who are 60 years of age and older.

The program is sponsored by TRIAD, a group of senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to find solutions to problems that senior citizens face.

Admission will be free, and light refreshments will be served. Parking is in the rear of the building. Contact Cape Elizabeth Police Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323, extension 208, for more information.

Osteoarthritis to be topic of Lunch and Learn

Chiropractor Christine Maguire will discuss arthritis and osteoporosis at a "Lunch and Learn" event for senior citizens planned from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Cape Elizabeth Community Center's Activity Room. Lunch will follow the talk.

Morgan, who works at Scarborough Family Chiropractic, will discuss causes of osteoarthritis and ways to help prevent it and slow its progress without the aid of

medication.

The fee for the event is \$10, and people can register at www.cape.k12.me.us/comserv.htm or at the Community Services office in the Community Center.

Lunch and Learn events for senior citizens, which are held throughout the year, offer lunch along with programs ranging from educational enrichment to entertainment.

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Oct. 26 Halloween show features puppeteer

Puppeteer Nicola McEldowney, who presented a show at the library this summer, will offer a special Halloween puppet show at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

The show will take the place of regular preschool story time on this day. The show features two puppet plays based on the classic picture books, "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams, and "Maggie and the Monster" by Elizabeth Winthrop.

The show is for ages 3 and up. No registration is necessary.



Puppeteer Nicola McEldowney presented her show "Many Moons" at the library this summer. She'll return with a Halloween show on Oct. 26.

Find out about wolves of Transylvania Oct. 30

Just in time for Halloween, the library is hosting an event exploring the wolves of Transylvania. Author Alan Sparks will present a slideshow and talk based on his award-winning book, "Dreaming of Wolves: Adventures in the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania."

Part travelogue, part memoir, part natural and cultural history, "Dreaming of Wolves" presents a unique and thought-provoking story of adventure. Through a series of entertaining vignettes and informative essays,

Sparks paints an extraordinary portrait of the lives of wolves, of the researchers who study them, and of the rural people with whom they have coexisted for centuries.

The book was the winner of the National Indie Excellence 2011 Book Award in the Nature category, and a finalist in the Adventure category.

Sparks will talk about his research and experiences, and show slides featuring his beautiful photographs of the people, animals and locales included in the book.

For program details, see: ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

Stop by TML for books, baked goods Oct. 19-20

The Friends of Thomas Memorial Library will be holding their popular Fall Book & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

A preview night for donors to the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

If you are not already a donor, you can gain admission to the preview night with a \$10 donation at the door.

The sale features a great selection of

well-organized, gently used hardcover and paperback books and media, as well as wonderful baked goods from Cape's finest bakers.

FOTML stopped taking donations of books on Oct. 1, but if you are interested in baking, please stop by the library to add your name to a sign-up sheet.

All proceeds raised from the sale benefit the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation in support of strengthening library services.

Simons & Goodwin in free concert Oct. 23

The library will offer a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, featuring Simons & Goodwin.

The duo, Bob Simons and Renee Goodwin, have been performing together for decades.

They cover all forms of American music, including soft rock, country, blues, pop standards and both traditional and contemporary folk.

Visit the library's website for more information and to listen to music samples.

Program on memoir writing set for Oct. 27

Maine writer, storyteller and personal historian Eddie Adelman will present "Tell Your Life Story" from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

The presentation is designed to encourage audience members to document their own life stories before they're lost forever. It features a lively mixture of readings, music, instruction, inspiration and humor.

The preservation of life stories has become increasingly popular in recent years as baby boomers and seniors seek to pass along personal stories to their children, grandchildren and future generations. Adelman will offer easy to understand tips and instruction on memoir writing and oral histories.

Woven in with the instruction are spoken excerpts from famous memoirs, as well as emotional songs that will underscore the value of passing along precious memories.

In addition to being a personal historian, Adelman is award-winning journalist, playwright and screenwriter.

He also appeared on the Bravo Network's TV series "Situation: Comedy" for a sitcom pilot he wrote called "The Maine Dish."

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Voters may vote by absentee ballot, for any reason, through the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1.*

Requests for absentee ballots to be mailed or delivered must also be received by the Town Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1.

Town Clerk's Office Hours - Town Hall
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Third quarter statistics:

- Number of homes sold: 43
- Average sale price: \$482,637
- Average days on market: 69
- Median sale price: \$384,250
- Median days on market: 41
- Homes pending sale: 20

Currently 60 homes are for sale, ranging in price from \$174,900 to \$5,250,000. This reflects a 45% decrease in inventory from last year. From a seller's standpoint, less inventory can mean a higher price and fewer days on the market.



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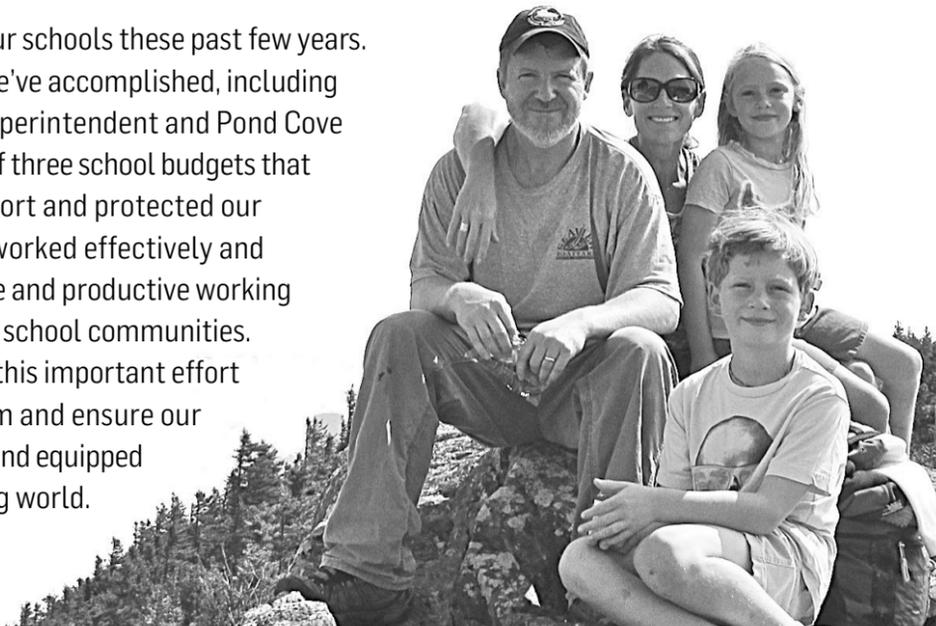
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Edward I. Woodbury

A 2011-2012 Cape Courier series by Ellen Van Fleet follows the development of the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago. Cape Elizabeth author Paul J. Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," is the main guide. Small entries in the Courier capture the news and concerns as events unfolding outside of Cape Elizabeth thrust their way into the local consciousness. News items from the Portland Transcript are printed verbatim.

Oct. 18, 1862: The relatives of deceased soldiers should know that they are entitled to bounty money, and in many cases to pensions. For further particulars inquire of B.D. Verr, No. 117 Middle St. [*Portland Transcript*]

with him, cheering those unable to rise by saying that every care should be bestowed upon them. Those of the rebels who could walk came forward and silently shook hands with him. It was a touching scene, and there was not a dry eye among the wounded. [*Portland Transcript*]

The President Among the Rebels – During the President's recent visit to the army he visited the rebel wounded in hospital, and invited them to shake hands

President Lincoln declines to reinstate Commodore Preble. [*Portland Transcript*]

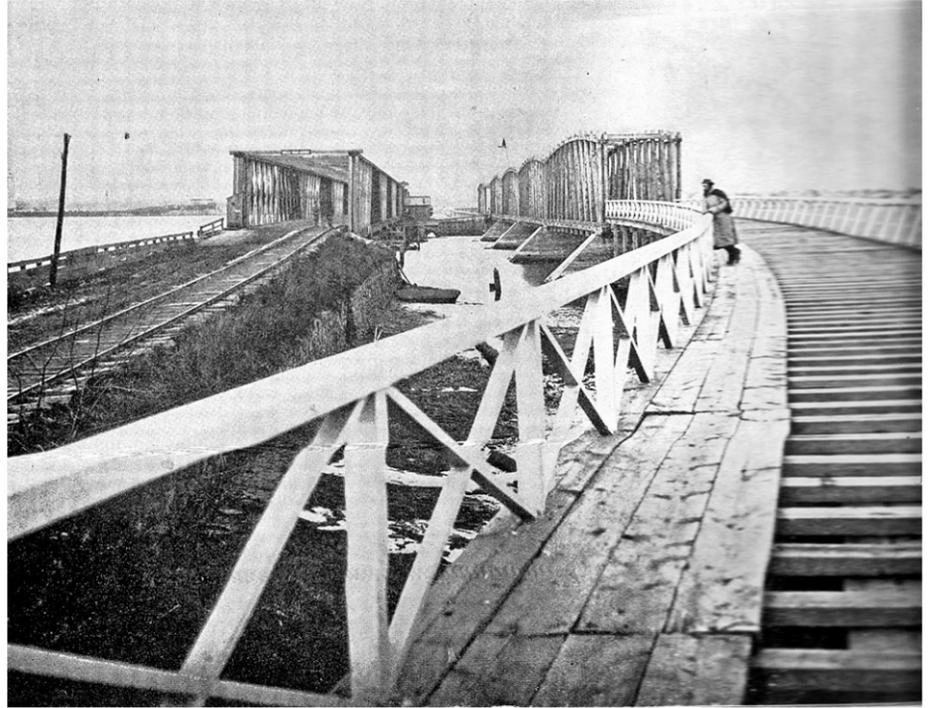


Photo from Rossiter Johnson's "Campfire and Battlefield: An Illustrated History of the Campaigns and Conflicts of the Great Civil War"

In 1862, soldiers of the Maine 25th guarded Long Bridge over the Potomac River, Cape Elizabeth soldier Edward Woodbury reported. "Here they took their turn guarding Long Bridge, for which two companies at a time were necessary. It was surprising to see what went over that bridge. One morning, 1,000 oxen were driven over to go down to Manassas to be butchered for the soldiers."

Commodore George Preble was born in Portland into a seafaring family and was the nephew of Commodore Edward Preble for whom Fort Preble was named. George Preble entered the Navy in 1835 and served in the 1841 "Florida War" and the Mexican-American War. He was aboard the *St. Louis* for its circumnavigation of the world in 1843 to 1845. In 1861 he took command of the steam-gunboat *Katahdin* and was promoted to commander in July 1862. Then he was given command of the steam-sloop *Oneida* blockading Mobile Bay. When the Confederate cruiser *CSS Florida* eluded him, Preble was dismissed from the Navy but was reinstated after the captain of the *Florida* testified that superior speed alone had saved him. Additionally, each of the

officers on the *Oneida* testified that Preble had done no wrong. One of the ship's boilers was down for repairs. [*Wikipedia*]

It is said that since the rebellion broke out no less than 370 naval officers have been dismissed for drunkenness. [*Portland Transcript*]

Mrs. President Lincoln recently distributed 1,000 pounds of grapes to the patients in the military hospitals in Washington. [*Portland Transcript*]

The boys are now gathering their annual acorn and walnut crops in Deering Oaks and, judging from their well

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New terms begin January 1, 2013. Questions should be directed to Debra Lane, Assistant Town Manager at **799-7665** or **debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org**.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, November 9, 2012.

filled bags, the crops are plentiful this season. White oak acorns are nearly as good as chestnuts, and dried and ground they make a very good substitute for coffee. [Portland Transcript]

Oct. 18, 1862: Edward I. Woodbury of Cape Elizabeth reported the following: "The 25th Maine has moved to Camp Tom Barry on Old Arlington (outside Washington, D.C.). The transfer was made during a furious storm and a five-mile march, through mud over the men's shoes. Here they took their turn guarding Long Bridge, for which two companies at a time were necessary. It was surprising to see what went over that bridge. One morning, 1,000 oxen were driven over to go down to Manassas to be butchered for the soldiers."

Woodbury had his photograph taken – the picture featured in *The Cape Courier's* "Stepping into the Sesquicentennial" logo – on that road. Woodbury had to borrow 50 cents to have the tintype taken.

"The Portland Battalion was in Virginia then, and they were ragged and dirty as any of us. Sometimes it was pleasant, sometimes the other way, but on the whole I liked it first-rate," Woodbury said.

The position of the 25th was directly in front of the line of earthworks for the defense of Washington. All along there were forts and rifle pits that stretched for more than 20 miles. Although this command was not in any pitched battle, it had a number of encounters with guerillas and marauding bands in which it acquitted itself creditably. The regiment was also engaged in construction work on the fortification and batteries and rendered valuable service in guarding the approaches to Washington on both sides of the Potomac. [Portland Sunday Telegram and Sunday Press Herald, March 11, 1928]

☞ The Androscoggin and Bates

mills at Lewiston produce 15,000 yards of army duck per day, and the Pepperell Mill at Biddeford 10,000 more. Tests are wanted both for old and new troops. [Portland Transcript]

Oct. 25, 1862: From the Maine 17th Lt. William Roberts wrote in a letter: "On Friday afternoon, October 10th, our brigade received its orders to cook two days' rations and be ready to march at 3 o'clock, Saturday morning. Immediately all was life and animation in our camps; and notwithstanding the frequent heavy showers of rain during the night, we were ready for an early start the next morning. On Saturday we passed over Chain Bridge into Maryland again, and continued our march up the Potomac towards Edwards Ferry. After marching about 18 miles, we encamped for the night in the woods, somewhat tired with our first long day's march with knapsacks. [Portland Transcript]

☞ We regret to learn that J. Thatcher Waterhouse, Quartermaster of the 17th Regiment, is dangerously sick. It is feared he cannot recover. [Portland Transcript]

☞ John Tantish, of this State, confidential servant of Gen. O. Howard, has been detected robbing the army mails. The scamp got a large amount of the soldiers' money. He is now under arrest. [Portland Transcript]

Oct 30, 1861: Our neighbor, E.W. Patten, Quartermaster of Col. Goddard's cavalry regiment is one of the most popular officers in the army, and his kindly and courteous deportment is appreciated by the citizens of Portland. His friends in this city have presented him with an elegant sword and carriage as a token of their esteem and as acknowledgment of his patriotism." [Portland Advertiser]

Historical Society members encourage people to visit, research on Saturdays, Thursdays



Photo by Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society members, left to right, Ellen Van Fleet, Norman Jordan, Jane Beckwith and Wayne Brooking check out a document held by Beverly Brooking on a recent Thursday morning.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society members invite people to visit on Saturday and Thursday mornings. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-noon on Thursdays. CEHPS is located on the basement floor of the Thomas Memorial Library.

"Come learn about Cape Elizabeth's history, research your family's genealogy, or look for information on your home," CEHPS member Ellen Van Fleet said. "The Society has a fantastic collection of old photos. Come see if we have historic photos

of your neighborhood."

Nov. 13 program

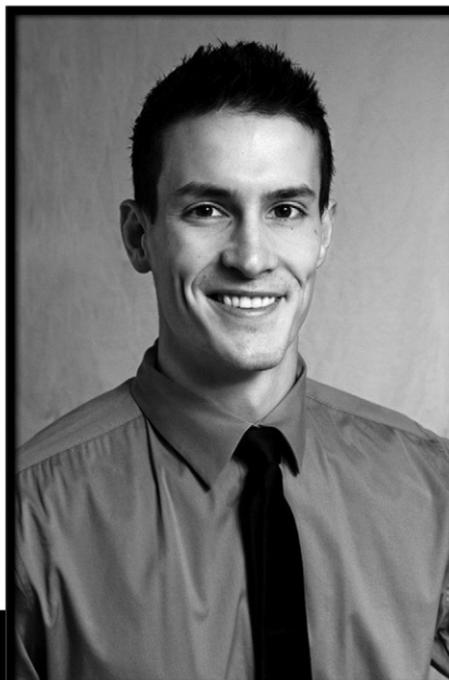
CEHPS member Jack Boyce will share his knowledge about antiques and his experience with auctions at a historical society program planned at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. People who attend are invited to bring two or three keepsakes and share stories about them or have them appraised.

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PCPA's Harvest Festival to happen on Oct. 20

The Pond Cove Parents Association will hold its annual Harvest Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The event, to be held at Pond Cove School, will include indoor and outdoor games, a haunted house, and a harvest meal, and will conclude with an outside "glow dance" from 7 to 8 p.m.

"We're going to blast Halloween music and we'll have glow accessories available for purchase, but the dance itself is open to everyone and will be free of charge, so put on your costumes for the festival, play

some games and join us to boogie down," said Julie Merriam, one of the organizers.

At the festival, people will be able to vote for their favorite scarecrows in the PCPA's "Scarecrows on the Town" contest. In the past few weeks, Cape residents and business people who created and displayed their own scarecrows around town entered them into a competition. PCPA members will post pictures of the scarecrows at the festival, where people can vote on favorites.

Contact Merriam at 799-7765 or juliemerriam@gmail.com for information.

Seniors commended for PSAT performance

Six Cape Elizabeth High School seniors have been named "Commended Students" in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program for their performance on the PSAT – the Preliminary SAT – which they took in October 2011 when they were juniors.

The students are Anna Brogan, the daughter of Elizabeth and Jonathan Brogan; Nolan S. Chase, the son of Patricia and Daniel Chase; Elizabeth Coughlin, the daughter of Zuzka Sladek and Michael Coughlin; Caroline K. Gleason, the daughter of Maryellen Kennedy and Barry Gleason; Duncan M. Hanrahan, the son of Julia Dalphin and Carson Hanrahan; and Zachary Hindal, the son of Karen and Geoff Hindall.

Commended students placed among the top 5 percent of the more than 1.5 million

students who took the PSAT.

Semifinalists

Last month, 11 CEHS students were named National Merit semifinalists – a school record and the highest number of any Maine high school this year.

The students – Allison Briggs, Cam Caswell, Travis Delano, Daniel Epstein, Robert Freccero, Matt Gilman, Francesca Governali, Ben Hansel, Emma Inhorn, Brett Parker, and Sam Sherman – placed among the top 1 percent of students who took the PSAT.

They will continue on in the competition for National Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in the spring.

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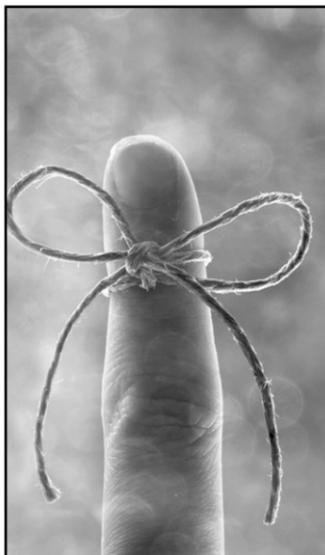


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David Hillman

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Scholastic book fairs to open Oct. 18

Book fairs at both Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle schools will open on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The Pond Cove Parents Association's Scholastic Book Fair will run through Thursday, Oct. 25, in the school's media center. The Middle School Parents Association's Scholastic Book Fair will run through Friday, Oct. 26, in the area between the fifth-grade wing and the middle school gym.

PCPA book fair

The PCPA's book fair hours will be 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, and Tuesday, Oct. 23; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19; Monday, Oct. 22; and Wednesday, Oct. 24; and 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

The sale will benefit the PCPA, which supports school programs and events. Last year's book fair raised more than \$16,000, enabling the PCPA to buy more than \$6,500 worth of books and materials from Scholastic, Inc.

Students in grades 1-4 will visit the book fair during the school day. Go to www.capecpa.org for a schedule of class visits.

Contact Mary Ellen Carignan at mcari-gna@maine.rr.com, Sarah Bischoff at swebber3@maine.r.com, or Heather Altenburg ghaltenburg@gmail.com for more information.

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MSPA book fair

Hours for the MSPA book fair will be 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, through Thursday, Oct. 25. The sale will end at noon on Friday, Oct. 26. The fair will not be open on the weekend.

Students will visit the fair during the school day. Go to www.capecpa.org for a schedule of class visits.

Contact Book Fair Chairs Janelle Deschino at jdeschino@gmail.com or Ashley Wernher Collins at agreenwoodwc@gmail.com for more information.

Family Night

Both fairs will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 23, during Family Night. The MSPA sale will be open that night from 6 to 8 p.m. At the PCPA fair, which will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Slugger, the mascot of Portland's minor league baseball team, the Sea Dogs, will make an appearance from 7 to 8 p.m.

Harvest lunch!



Photo by Amy Lombardo

Gathering in the Pond Cove/Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafetorium during the schools' annual Harvest Lunch on Sept. 20 are third-graders, left to right, Emily Supple, Maddie Mahoney, Isa Kesselhault, Will Clancy and Ryer Jones-Spann. Members of the Cape Farm Alliance joined parents to help prepare and serve lunch made with local produce.

Connolly

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assigned classes and all the little bugs that go along with that have been figured out, and professional development is in great shape right now. We have a new assistant principal, Doug Perley, and now someone gets to come in and add flavor," he said.

Connolly feels good about how he leaves the middle school.

"In the past seven and a half years, we have defined a curriculum, we have created pretty good assessment systems, and we have really gotten into looking at instructional practices," he said. Cape Elizabeth Middle School students also do more writing now than they did when he started, Connolly said.

"Over the last seven years, we have increased the volume and variety of writing dramatically and raised expectations of what a quality piece looks like," he said, adding that recent data shows that the efforts are working.

"When I started here in 2005, Cape eighth-grade writers were two points above the state average [on standardized assessments]. This year, Cape eighth-grade writ-

ers were tied for the lead in the state."

Study: Schools' capital needs in next 10 years \$7-10 million

At the board's Oct. 9 business meeting, the superintendent also reported on the findings of a draft report on the projected capital needs of all town facilities, including school buildings. The Town Council commissioned the study by Harriman Associates, an engineering firm in Portland.

"Basically the summary is that over the next 10 years, capital needs for the school district, including Community Services and the pool, are somewhere in the \$7-\$10 million range," Nadeau told the board. "In this year's budget we are spending about \$207,000 in our capital plan, so clearly that means we're going to need to step things up a bit in order to keep up with some of our capital and maintenance needs in the next decade."

The first step, after the final report from Harriman is available, will be to form a group, Nadeau said.

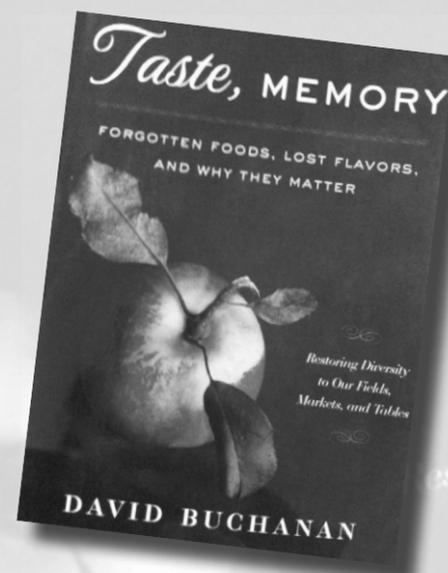
"I think what we'll be looking to do is to pull together a joint committee of both school and town folks to look at those needs and plan out how to budget for them," she said.

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Cape Little League's annual meeting on Oct. 17

Cape Elizabeth Little League will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

The CELL board will present an overview of the 2012 season, including a summary of the league's financial status, and board members will vote on the approval of

the 2013 board members recommended by CELL's nominating committee.

Absentee ballots must be picked up in person by the person requesting them. Email secretary@cape-ll.com to request a ballot.

Contact Jeremy Lombardo at 767-4044 or president@cape-ll.com for information.

Field hockey pumpkin sale to be held Oct. 20



The Cape Elizabeth High School field hockey boosters will hold their annual pumpkin sale in the Community Center's parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baked goods also will be for sale.

The pumpkins will be provided by Cape Elizabeth farmers. Proceeds will benefit the field hockey teams and help cover costs for an assistant varsity coach, new gear, goal repairs and other items that are needed but not covered by the school budget. Email cefieldhockey@gmail.com for more information.

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 Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Prayer: Wednesday: 7 p.m.
 Sermon recordings available to download.

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
 280 Ocean House Road
799-8396
www.ceumc.org
 Chapel Service: 8 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
 Child care: 10 a.m. service
 Audio tapes of services available.

Cape Shore Assembly of God
 536 Cottage Road, South Portland
799-3152
 Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
 Family Bible Studies:
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.
 Sermon recordings available to download.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 29 Ocean House Road
767-5000
 Sacrament Meeting:
 Sunday 9-10:10 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m.
 Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon
 Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon

Congregation Bet Ha'am
 81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0028
www.bethaam.org
 Worship: Friday: 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 10 a.m.
 Family Shabbat services:
 Second Friday: 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of South Portland
 879 Sawyer St., South Portland
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 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8) Tuesday
 6:20 p.m.

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
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 Chapel Worship: 8:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Worship: 10:00 a.m.
 Preschool Childcare: 10:00 a.m.
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Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
 885 Shore Road
799-4014
www.stalbansmaine.org
 Rite I: Wednesday: 9 a.m.
 Rite I: Sunday: 8 a.m.
 Rite II: Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday School
 4-11 years old: 9:30 a.m.
 Nursery available: 9:30 a.m.

Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church
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 Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.

St. Alban's to host two workshops on spirituality, serenity on Oct. 30, 31

The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, an Episcopal priest and author from Amherst, Mass., will lead two workshops on spirituality at the end of the month at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The seminars, sponsored by the church's Health Ministry, will be open to all in the community, and people can attend one or both.

In the first, "What Makes Us Come Alive Spiritually," participants will explore spiritual practices that renew a sense of God's presence in people's lives. The workshop is set for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30.

"Everyday Spirituality: Finding Serenity in the Midst of Stress," will be the topic of the second workshop, planned from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The workshops will include presentations by Bullitt-Jonas in addition to periods of silence, guided meditation, and discussion in small groups.

An associate priest at Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst, Mass., Bullitt-Jonas holds a master's degree in divinity from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.; a bachelor's degree in Russian literature from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.; and a doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard University.

Since 2004, she has led retreats and conferences around the country for diocesan, clergy and parish groups, and for religious communities, women's groups, and young adults. The author of "Christ's Passion, Our Passions," Bullitt-Jonas often speaks about the environment and her recovery from an eating disorder.

There is no fee for the workshops, but donations will be appreciated.

Registration is encouraged but not required. Email stalbands@stalbandsmaine.org, call 799-4014, to or stop by the church, 885 Shore Road, to register or for more information.

First Congregational to hold rummage sale on Saturday, Oct. 20

The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, in the church's Guptill Hall and Wright Pavilion.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland. Go to www.fccucc.org or call 799-3661 for more information.

Cape Methodist plans Nov. 3 public supper

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., featuring casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pies.

The charge will be \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children). Take-out will be available.

Call 799-8396 or go to www.ceumc.org for more information. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

Blessing of the Animals



Photos by Ted Haider

The Rev. Ruth Morrison of Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church kisses Nate Chatfield's rabbit, Oliver, on Oct. 7 during the church's annual Blessing of the Animals, which honors the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the environment and animals. More than 40 people took their pets to the blessing, held in the outdoor chapel in the woods behind the church's parking lot.



After Morrison asked people at the blessing to share how their pets were named, Shirley Maxwell-Royall told the crowd that her dog, Henry, pictured here with her daughter Cayden Maxwell, is named after Cayden's great-great-great uncle, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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CANDIDATES

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WILLIAMS-HEWITT: We are a public school that goes beyond state and federal mandates, allowing students to have many learning experiences.

Do you think teachers in Cape Elizabeth are paid fairly? If so/not, why?

CHRISTIE: Yes, teachers in Cape Elizabeth are fairly paid – I worked on the team that negotiated their contract. We based our approach on the philosophy that we needed to offer a competitive salary and benefits package in order to attract and retain the excellent teachers that the community expects, without exceeding market rates. We spent a lot of time studying the market in order to meet this target.

GOULDING: Yes, and rightfully so.

GROSS: No. The best teachers are underpaid and the worst are overpaid. Imagine a school that is comprised of five teachers, all with the same credentials (number of years of service and academic degrees). But teacher No. 1 is an outstanding teacher, teacher No. 2 above average, teachers Nos. 3 and 4 average, and teacher No. 5 is below average. Now imagine the school wants to spend \$10 to raise teachers' pay. Plan A is to give the same \$2 raise to all five teachers. Plan B is to give \$5 to teacher No. 1, \$3 to teacher No. 2, \$1 to teachers Nos. 3 and 4 and nothing at all to teacher No. 5. Here in Cape we pay our teachers according to their credentials (Plan A), NOT according to their performance (Plan B). This is unfair.

HILLMAN: Yes. I served on the school committee in negotiations with the teachers' union. Both sides agreed that our teachers were appropriately paid at a fair market level competitive with our peer districts.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: Yes. The school



Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley

Town Council candidates answer questions at the Oct. 3 Candidates' Night at Town Hall.

board negotiates with the teachers' union with respect, but also with the knowledge that our budget is limited to what the citizens are willing to pay in tax increases.

Why do you want to stay on/run for the School Board?

CHRISTIE: I want to stay on the School Board because I'm excited about the work that's ahead, particularly in developing the district's strategic plan.

GOULDING: I believe that I can help with my background. I have two daughters in this school system, Emily and Sarah, who are receiving an excellent education and I am very grateful and wish to contribute to the community.

GROSS: For the past two years I have been "attending" Cape High School two days each week as an adult. I volunteer in Michael Efron's freshman Honors Physics class. I want to use this viewpoint on the School Board to improve our schools.

HILLMAN: I believe in the critical value of public education.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: I want to know all school business so I can influence how best to serve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth of our students.

Why should Cape voters re-elect/elect you?

CHRISTIE: Cape voters should consider the record of the current board. We conducted a far-reaching search and hired a first-rate superintendent and Pond Cove principal. We've worked with all stakeholders to revitalize the district's mission and vision and we've passed three budgets by wide margins while protecting vital educational programs.

GOULDING: My background, my volunteering at the school and at St. Bart's faith formation, being a former teacher and running my own business, gives me some valuable experience. I am open minded, accessible and eager to help.

How to vote before Election Day (Nov. 6)

Vote in person:

At Town Hall, during regular hours.

Call:

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Electronic request:

Ask for a ballot capeelizabeth.com.

Write:

A voter or voter's immediate family member may request an absentee ballot be mailed or delivered to a voter or designated third person. Details: 799-7665.

Deadlines

The deadline to vote absentee in person or request a ballot is

4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

The deadline to return absentee ballots is **8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6**

GROSS: Because I dare to change.

HILLMAN: Cape will be faced with the same critical issues that its current School Board members successfully dealt with – cutbacks in state/federal funding, maintaining a high quality school system at a reasonable cost to taxpayers, and the need to improve our curriculum so our students can meet the ever-increasing challenge of a global work environment. Successful experience will be essential, and I have that experience.

WILLIAMS-HEWITT: I am not interested in supporting staff or policies that do not positively and in a lively way engage all learners to do their best.

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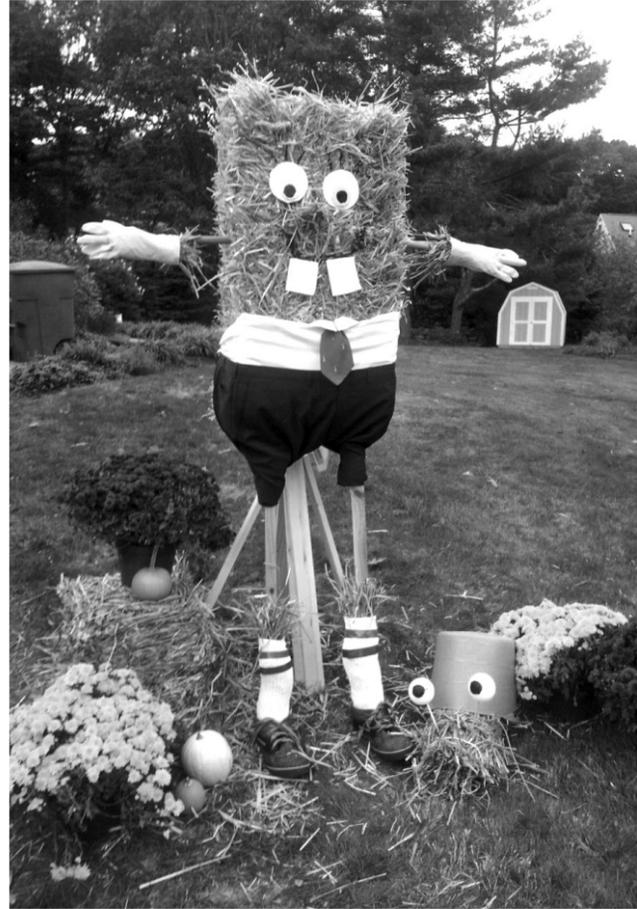
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Scarecrows like this one of *SpongeBob SquarePants* at the Zanollo home in Broad Cove, have popped up all over Cape Elizabeth for a second year in a row. The second annual town-wide Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Pond Cove Parents Association, will be judged at the Harvest Festival from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Pond Cove School. Photos of entries will be on display for voting. The festival is a joint venture for the PCPA and Middle School Parents Association.

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Courier denied visit to Taj Mahal



Cape resident Eva Morris, 8, and her mom Jennifer display The Cape Courier in Agra, India, this summer. "We brought The Cape Courier with us hoping to take a photo in front of the Taj Mahal," Eva's father, Jeff Morris, said. "Fortunately – or unfortunately for us – security is very tight and they do not allow any paper on the grounds of the Taj Mahal, so we took our photo in front of the Agra Fort, an amazing structure in itself, located ... several kilometers away but (which) overlooks the Taj Mahal."

... Then things get very fishy



Taylor Strout reads hometown news in The Cape Courier aboard the 148-foot fishing vessel, the Morning Star. Taylor works as a deck hand on the boat, which operates out of Dutch Harbor, Alaska. On June 9, his birthday, Strout married fellow Cape grad Nicole Tarbox but two days later he had to leave for Dutch Harbor. The couple recently reunited in Cape on Oct. 9.

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- maintaining the high quality school system that Cape expects but at a reasonable cost to taxpayers, and
- the need (on a cost effective basis) to continually improve our curriculum so our students can meet the ever increasing challenge of a global work environment.

Successful experience will be essential in meeting these challenges. I have that experience, and I believe it will better enable me to address these issues.

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