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All three schools make 'adequate yearly progress' on standardized tests

By Wendy Keeler

For the first time since 2008-09, all three Cape Elizabeth schools met state and federal "adequate yearly progress" targets on standardized tests.

Under the 2002 federal No Child Left Behind law, schools each year must meet higher testing goals on standardized tests than they did the previous year until 2013-14, when schools are supposed to have 100 percent proficiency in subject areas.

This school year, 75 percent of students in grades 3-8 had to meet requirements in reading, and 70 percent of third- to eighth-graders had to meet standards in math, according to the Maine Department of Education.

For high schools to make AYP, 78 percent of students had to be proficient in reading and 66 percent in math.

Under No Child Left Behind, every subgroup in a school has to meet AYP.

Last year, Cape Elizabeth High School and Pond Cove School failed to make AYP in reading and math because students with disabilities didn't meet targets. Cape Elizabeth Middle School failed to make AYP in reading because economically disadvantaged students didn't meet requirements on the New England Common Assessment, the standardized test that Maine students in grades 3-8 take every year. Maine juniors take the Maine SAT every May.

In 2010-11, CEMS did not meet AYP in reading because students with disabilities didn't meet requirements.

Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Meredith Nadeau reacted happily to the good news —

—see AYP, page 8



CRAZY-COOL CROWS!

Another year, another huge hit. In nearly every neighborhood, at businesses and along the major roads in Cape Elizabeth, creative and fun scarecrows have popped up for the second year in a row this fall. The Pond Cove Parents Association has made this fun community event happen.

At left, a scarecrow holding "The Wizard of Oz" at Thomas Memorial Library won in the Traditional category of the Scarecrow Contest, and below, "The Presidential Debate" by the Tobey family at 101 Old Ocean House Road, won in the Celebrity division.



See www.capecpa.org/Harvest_Festival.htm to view photos of all of the Scarecrow Contest winners. And the PCPA also has a Facebook page where many photos of crows have been posted.

Candidates for state legislature tackle questions

The Courier sent questions to the two candidates for one state Senate District 7 seat, Rebecca Millett and Michael Wallace; to the three candidates vying for a House District 123 seat; and to two candidates for a state House District 121 seat, incumbent Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig and Nancy Thompson. Here are their answers.

—Patricia McCarthy, editor/publisher

SENATE DISTRICT 7

REBECCA MILLETT

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12 Waumbek
Road, Cape
Elizabeth

Party:
Democrat

Age: 50

Education: M.B.A., University of Chicago; B.A., international relations and B.S., business administration, American University, Washington, D.C.

Occupation: Independent consultant

Political experience: School Board, 2004-11. Chair 2010. Finance Chair 2006, 2007, 2008.

MICHAEL WALLACE

Address:
212 Mussey St.
South Portland

Party:
Republican

Age: 33

Education: B.S., Strayer University

Occupation: Information Technology Systems engineer

Political experience: None



Senate District 7

State championship titles for CEHS cross country runners and golfer!



Photo by Pauline Doane

Cape Elizabeth's cross country team won the state Class B title for the first time in six years Oct. 27 in Belfast, Maine. Liam Simpson (sixth) and Peter Doane (ninth) led the team. Strong showings from Will Britton (21st), Kyle Kennedy (24th), Justin Guerette (26th), Julian Pelzer (41st) and Trevor Ewald (82nd) preserved the win. Above, the team declares its No. 1 status on Oct. 20 after winning the Western Maine Class B title. From left are: Joe Carignan, Joe Inhorn, Sam Barksdale; rear, Guerette, Zach Hillman, Simpson, Doane, Pelzer, Kennedy, Britton, Ewald and Coach Derek Veilleux.



Photo by Jayne Hanley

Reese McFarlane, a sophomore at Cape Elizabeth High School, won the individual state Class B golf championship on Oct. 13 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. McFarlane had four birdies en route to a score of 74, three strokes ahead of the next player.

What's the most pressing issue facing Cape Elizabeth that you'd tackle at a state level, and how do you plan to do this?

MILLETT: Our schools regularly face decreased state funding. As School Board chair, I initiated an alliance among school districts to address this issue at the legislative level. As state senator, I would strongly advocate for the state to fulfill its mandated 55 percent funding level and work to develop more balanced and stable education funding.

WALLACE: One of the most pressing issues facing Cape Elizabeth is that young professionals are moving out of Maine for other job markets. I will advocate for more open-minded approach to secondary education which promotes vocational training as a viable means for success in today's economy.

What else would you focus on, and why?

MILLETT: Creating and maintaining good paying jobs is a top priority. There is tremendous potential for economic growth in Maine when we focus on our strengths, and I hope to use my background in economic development, business management, and planning to work toward a stronger economic future for our state.

WALLACE: I will focus on regulations, taxes

—see CANDIDATES, page 22



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Outgoing legislator Eberle urges support for Monaghan-Derrig

Though term limits will prevent me from serving another term in the Maine House of Representatives, I continue to care very much about the citizens of Cape Elizabeth and their voice in Augusta.

I heartily encourage the voters of District 121 to re-elect Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig. Kim's a strong advocate for her constituents, with a deep understanding of local and state economy, education, and critical judiciary issues.

Kim's life-long connection to and love for Cape Elizabeth contribute to her commitment to its residents and her ongoing efforts in Augusta to assure their quality of life and their fair representation on the statewide stage.

Jane Eberle

Residents: Passionate Millett 'hard-wired' for public service

Rebecca Millett will be a great state senator. She has everything it takes to bring about change: an analytical mind, facility with finance and budgets, a tenacious work ethic, and stubborn refusal to give up under pressure.

Where others fear to tread, Rebecca dives in. When a challenge arises, she gathers information, researches, confers with others, and does her best to come up with a solution that is reasoned, fair, and helpful. Once she is comfortable with her position, stand back – she won't stop until there's an implemented solution. She is passionate and persuasive.

During her six years on the School Board, Rebecca was an ardent advocate for education in Cape Elizabeth. Armed with mathematics and philosophy, she preserved curriculum, programs, and jobs during the economic downturn while attending to issues of school climate, pedagogy, politics, ethics and efficient administration.

Rebecca also worked to defeat TABOR and Palesky, co-founded Citizen Advocates for Public Education, and chaired Cape Democrats for a decade. She is hard-wired for public service.

We need hardworking, smart, caring people to create policies and laws that help all citizens, not just the well-off. Rebecca will fight for Mainers – young, working, and retired – by insisting on strong schools, real jobs in a revitalized economy, and affordable, quality health care for all citizens.

Sara & Paul Lennon, Penny Jordan, Frank Governali and Terry Ann Scriven, Mary Townsend, Martha Palmer, Karen Burke, Paula and Jamie Zeitlin, Kevin and Beth Stilphen

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Editor's note:

The Courier policy is to print one letter per candidate per issue. However, a letter in support of state Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig was inadvertently left out of the Oct. 17 issue, so it is included in this issue, along with another.

Local doctor praises Monaghan-Derrig for 'exemplary' record

I am writing in support of Kim Monaghan-Derrig's candidacy for re-election to House District 121. As a Mainer, environmental protection is paramount to me, and Kim's legislative record is exemplary.

We have corresponded by phone and e-mail and I have met with her during session at the State House. She was invariably well informed and willing to listen. Ensuing discussion often showed how she was trying to reconcile differing opinions and find common ground on some tough issues.

As a life-long Mainer, Kim is optimistic about Maine's future, forward thinking, and willing to discuss issues with all stakeholders.

The legislative process in Augusta is complex and Kim's first term has afforded her the opportunity to get acquainted with the system and represent us well. She deserves both our thanks and respect and has earned our vote for a second term.

Tony Owens

Resident: Thompson 'amazing,' hard-working

It is with great pleasure I write this letter in support of Nancy Thompson. As a teacher and coach of three varsity sports at Cape Elizabeth High School, I have been fortunate to meet many great parents; Nancy Thompson is one of the best.

In my 15-plus-year relationship with Nancy, I have consistently been impressed with her level of commitment to everything she does. Everyone who knows her can testify to her professionalism, enthusiasm and total dedication to her family and the community of Cape Elizabeth and beyond.

Nancy has always been a strong supporter of our schools and has always wanted what was best not only for her children, but also for all children in the school system.

Nancy is an amazing woman. In 2004, her son Timmy tragically died. Nancy's

Children's librarians thank volunteers for great 'Star Wars' event

A few weeks ago at a library not so far away ... we had a wonderful afternoon of events on the first annual Star Wars Reads Day, Saturday, Oct. 6!

That day's success would not have been possible without the tremendous help from a number of generous volunteers.

We would like to thank Joey and Ben Blank, Chase Gaston, Alex and Brody Glidden, Liam Piper, and members of Girl Scout Troop 1412 – including Julia Ginder, Amelia Morrissey, Acadia Stewart, Lily Jordan, Devin Maguire, Becca Tarling, and Troop Leader Melanie Stewart – for helping with organization, set-up and take-down, crafts and games, and the costume contest.

Thanks to Keeley Hall for not only helping to run the games, but for designing and sewing a set of "proton torpedo" beanbags for us to use.

Thanks also to Matthew Fishbein and Ilene Schuchman for donating Star Wars toys for the program.

We also would like to extend an extra-big thank you to Deborah Glidden, without whom we could not have handled the huge crowds throughout the day, especially at the light saber table!

We'd also like to thank our special guest, Greg Peace from the 501st Legion, otherwise known as Storm Trooper TK 4051, for delighting all of us with some truly terrific photo ops!

May the Force Be with You all!

Rachel Davis and Rick Lepage

concern for her family, Timmy's friends and teammates and the community as a whole was one of the most amazing and selfless gestures I have ever seen. Nancy put aside her grief and pain in order to help a community and family heal.

Nancy has used what she has learned through this tragedy and continues to help many others who are battling similar grief.

Nancy sits on many boards and assists the police in training for its trauma intervention program. She continues to help those in need at their greatest time of need, and I strongly feel that Nancy will do the same for this district and her constituents when elected as a state representative.

Please vote for Nancy Thompson on Nov. 6.

Ben Raymond

Monaghan-Derrig: Re-elect impressive Christie

During my time serving on the Cape Elizabeth School Board, it was my pleasure to work with John Christie. John is intelligent, thoughtful, level-headed, considerate, and humble.

He is dedicated to our schools and to our town.

As the COO and CFO of Sinu (an IT services company), John offers in-depth, current knowledge of technology and finance to the school board. As a father of two children; one in Pond Cove and one in Middle School, his assessments and decision-making come from both broadly considered policy and up-close impact.

John's professional talents are evident in his board work. During two protracted searches for a superintendent in the Spring of 2011, John patiently and calmly discerned the personal strengths and potential challenges of each candidate.

That year, he also helped negotiate a far-

sighted and carefully constructed teacher contract in the midst of a severe recession.

As chair of the finance committee, John brought an impressive professionalism and transparency to the budget process, building confidence and buy-in from all constituents; a practice that continues today.

While it was important that the budget be accepted by the public, of greater significance to John was effective, clear communication; he genuinely serves all stakeholders in Cape.

Lastly, John's leadership style evolves from a center of calm, thoughtful, balanced consideration and a powerful conscience. He is reasonable, modest, deliberate, and open to new ideas.

Our community is extremely fortunate to have John Christie on the School Board; please join me in voting for him on Nov. 6.

Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig

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Bishop ‘a sorely needed’ independent voice

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my strong support for Roger Bishop in the upcoming election for District 123.

I have known Roger for a number of years now and I feel he would be our best choice to represent the district in Augusta.

Roger is an experienced professional and is genuinely interested in being an independent voice in Augusta that is sorely needed.

I feel he will be an excellent communicator and has earned a solid reputation in the community as a former executive at Fairchild and more recently a Cape Elizabeth Little League umpire. As an umpire in Cape Elizabeth, in his own way, he has given a great deal of himself each season for the benefit of others.

As a Little League Board member and

parent of players in the league, it was always reassuring to know that Roger would unselfishly be available to umpire many games during the season, to keep the season running smoothly for the kids. Often, I would see Roger’s demeanor on the field; confident, fair and always willing to help out a young player who needed an extra hand.

I imagine those are also excellent qualities for those who represent us in Augusta and who we hope have our best interests in mind. More importantly, though, his professional career provides the organizational and creative thinking skills which we look for as constituents.

Please join me in supporting Roger for state representative of District 123.

Peter Carignan

Hillman praised for deep experience, many skills

We support David Hillman in his bid for re-election to the School Board.

His many contributions in the last three years include working to successfully address the financial and educational challenges brought about by continually reduced state funding.

His deep experience as a lawyer has been instrumental in his successful participation in contract discussions with school employee representatives and he has brought to bear his strong analytical skills and creativity to the budgeting process.

In addition, David has partnered effectively with board members to find and hire strong new school administrators and superintendents.

We believe that David’s three years of

“hands on” experience will prove essential as we as a town will be faced with similar issues and challenges including increasing cuts to state funding. In addition, we need to continue to focus on maintaining the high quality school system that prepares our students for the global work environment.

David has the experience and critical thinking skills honed throughout his extensive legal career that will ensure that we continue to provide great education to our amazing students while maintaining fiscally responsible delivery of educational services.

We urge all voters to return David to the School Board in order that he can continue his good work.

**Sue Harper, Randi Bollenbach,
Martha Burchenal**

Resident: Accomplished Dill would do a great job

More than any other elected representative, our own state Sen. Cynthia Dill is responsible for recent successful efforts to expand broadband access in Maine.

Why is that so important? Simply put, it means jobs and economic opportunity for Maine people. But don’t just take my word for it. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has called Maine’s Three Ring Binder “the best business infrastructure in the country.”

Indeed, the project has brought more than \$30 million of investment to our state. And, the Broadband Strategy Council and Maine’s high-speed Internet networks are now emulated by other states.

Cynthia Dill sponsored the legislation that created the Broadband Strategy Council, a bipartisan group that enabled numerous projects in Maine to obtain federal

grants and has provided broadband and related services to libraries across the state. This legislation led to the Three Ring Binder project, the much-acclaimed public-private partnership that put 1,100 miles of fiber-optic cable around our state, connecting rural communities to the global economy.

Dill also sponsored the bill that led to the project’s successful completion. In all of these efforts, she worked with Republicans, Democrats, Maine’s business leaders, and government officials in Washington.

And this is just one example of what she’s accomplished as state senator, state representative, and Cape Elizabeth Town Councilor. She’ll do a great job as Maine’s next U.S. senator. I hope you’ll consider voting for Cynthia Dill on Nov. 6.

Martha MacKay

Library backer: Don’t delay the inevitable

I am compelled to correct some factual inaccuracies stated by recent letter writers with regard to the library project.

A writer lamented our “sparsely used common spaces.”

Perhaps the writer does not attend events at the library, but I can assure him many other people do. Try to get a parking spot during story hour – and better get there early.

More significantly, a writer asked, “have your taxes ever gone down? Never have and never will.”

How soon they forget.

Our mill rate declined by almost a dollar from 2005 to 2006. Why, you ask? Because our Town Council decided to apply additional net state revenue resulting from LD 1 toward property tax relief.

LD 1 was the 2005 law that provided additional state funding for K-12 education,

and it also increased the property tax homestead exemption.

Our TABOR (remember that?)-obsessed councilors, instead of directing education funds to our schools as intended, decided we should have our cake and eat it, too. Homeowners enjoyed a larger homestead exemption and a decrease in property taxes across the board.

Critical maintenance and infrastructure projects in the schools were deferred, setting the stage for contentious budget fights down the road, when it came time to pay the piper, or should I say the baker.

Sound familiar?

The library is falling part. Patching it together with duct tape like the high school boiler simply defers the inevitable.

Here’s a thrifty Yankee philosophy: Don’t throw good money after bad.

Lisa Marshall

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‘Proven leader’ Myrick has all that it takes

I am writing to endorse Kenneth “Jake” Myrick for House District 123, which serves South Portland and parts of Cape Elizabeth.

As a young boy, I often tagged alongside House Speaker “Tip” O’Neil and through the years proudly served several presidents, vice presidents, and members of Congress.

I have been truly honored to have worked with some outstanding leaders. I first met Mr. Myrick while helping host Senator McCain’s campaign visit to our great state of Maine.

I closely watched Mr. Myrick and soon realized he has the passion, experience and drive of a true leader. Being born and raised in Maine, a decorated Veteran, an advocate for the homeless, and proven civic leader, he is currently athletic director for the Boys and Girls Club, and is a true champion and mentor to our children.

Myrick is the hard-working, sensible leader and diplomatic voice we need in Augusta. Whatever your party affiliation, voting Myrick is the best choice.

Stephen Popp

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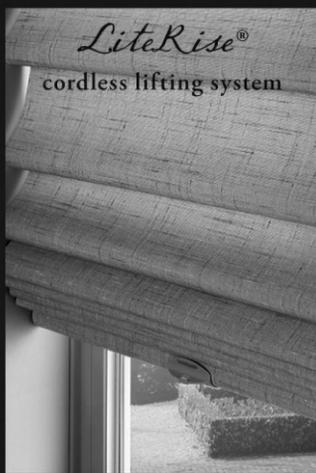
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Please Support The Library Bond Vote YES Nov. 6 !

Citizen Vote on Proposed Library Project

"Shall the Town of Cape Elizabeth borrow up to \$6.0 million to fund a new Thomas Memorial Library and accept private donations to assist with the project ?"

VOTE YES ! We have a rare opportunity to fund the new library without raising tax debt.

Why is a new library needed ?

As a result of the 2007-2009 library study, engineers cited 102 deficiencies in the buildings including structural weaknesses, mold, poor air quality, and more. The library is a combination of a 162 year old school building, a 100 year old school building, and a 27 year old corridor; all are badly in need of replacement.

Why don't we just make some repairs to the existing library ?

Engineers have estimated that minimal repairs would cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million. We would remain stuck with very old structures and continual problems. **Renovation repairs still leave us with main sections 100 to 162 years old that are extremely expensive to maintain, 5 different floor levels, serious accessibility issues, and the inability to add technology and electricity upgrades.**

The exhaustive 2 year Library Study results recommended NEW - not renovate !!

How much will taxpayers spend on the new library ?

Cape citizens will be asked to bond (borrow) up to \$6 million for the new library. Due to retiring debt, there is an opportunity to build a new library without affecting the tax rate. Once the bond passes, the Town Council will appoint a building committee to begin work with the project design and review construction bids. Any additional money desired beyond \$6 million would be raised privately.

Why do we need to invest in a new library when the digital age takes care of information needs ?

Libraries are community resources for free public information, and that role continues in this digital media age. A new library will provide Cape citizens, especially those without private resources, with more and better technology, and improved access to digital information. Books, magazines and newspapers will still be available for all who enjoy them.

Why can't we consolidate Cape's three school libraries and one public library ?

The School Department maintains security procedures for the safety of all school children and does not allow the general public into their buildings, classrooms or school libraries during school hours. Also, school libraries have very different missions from public libraries; school library materials are designed and provided to support specific student curricula, and are open during school hours only. Public libraries are open year round and provide a vast amount of information for adult and child readers as well as pre-schoolers.

Who has given input into the new library plans ?

Since 2007, over 1000 Cape Elizabeth citizens have had direct input into plans for the new library through focus groups, telephone surveys and internet surveys. In addition, many have attended public hearings, Town Council workshops, neighborhood gatherings, library tours, charrettes, and open houses.

The Thomas Memorial Library: Where Technology Meets Life-Long Learning

Please Vote YES Nov. 6 !

Book lover: New library ‘not a wise choice’

Like the townspeople who have written in support of a new library, I, too, have very fond memories of childhood use of my neighborhood library.

Beecham Branch library was a cornerstone of our neighborhood and very important in those pre-television, pre-computer days.

However, 2012 is not 1939, and as times have changed so have needs.

Sitting here typing this in a corner in home, I can, with a click of a mouse, instantly access more information than I could glean from years of library use.

I love books and we have a large personal library because we like the texture of book covers, typefaces, paper choices, illustrations. But these are aesthetic considerations not to do with utility.

To build a new library in this economic climate is not a wise choice for our town. Our current library may be in bad physical condition, but we have to consider its main purpose, which is the acquisition, storage and lending of books. It is not for classes or socializing, we have a building to serve those needs. Nor should it be for food service.

None of these uses would be wrong if we had a building already that could accommodate them, but to build a new one, especially now when so much printed material is becoming obsolete is ill advised.

We townspeople should not be asked to subsidize something that may be outdated when it is completed. If the Community Services building is underutilized, we should consider moving the library there.

Emily Materson

‘Center of learning’ should be supported

As a parent of three “digital natives”(10th, 8th and 5th grade), I want to share my perspective about the future of libraries in this world of digital technology.

I believe libraries will remain a critically important public resource and place for all generations to get access to information, support in research, and innovative programming that would not be affordable nor available to us as individuals.

Our home is like many of yours. We have a couple of computers for work, an iPad for the high schooler and a laptop for the eighth grader. Our kids are facile on the internet and they spend a lot of time online doing their homework and exploring information.

We use the library to supplement what we do at home for both work and pleasure. It is the most reliable and affordable source of

reading material for our family.

Buying all our books online would be an outrageously expensive proposition. And because publishers remain at war over digital formats, none of the books we have wanted to check out online from the library are yet available, and there are even more problems with access to younger children’s reading materials and anything that wasn’t published in the last five years.

TML has a dedicated library staff that have helped our family for years with reading recommendations, research investigations and personal growth adventures.

The library is a center of learning, free books, videos, audiobooks and a wonderful “technology forward” resource for our community. Please vote YES.

Blaine Grimes

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‘Data abundantly clear’ that new TML needed

In the eleventh hour we see opposition to the bond to rebuild the Thomas Memorial Library.

What a sad state of affairs that our Town Councilors did not act on the recommendations of the two-year study that was completed in 2009 and rebuild the library. Now, at the end of 2012, our elected officials have placed this decision before the voters.

We are equipped to make this decision, with all of the information from the study online.

We have been offered public conversations to raise questions, tours, presentations, open houses, and neighborhood gatherings, where we could get information. All the work has been done. The data is abundantly clear that a new building is desperately needed.

This wonderful coastal community holds a reputation for the best schools and safe neighborhoods, yet our library building is a disgrace and an embarrassment. This facility, services, and programming is for everyone, but is over 160 years old and inaccessible for many. Renovations will not change that problem. We should be able to come together as a community and make a decision that our elected officials refused to make.

Don’t be bullied by a few who refuse to identify themselves and who, I suspect, have not bothered to tour the library and see for themselves the severe problems. Cape Elizabeth has the best schools and deserves a great library.

Please vote YES on the library bond.

Bill Haley

Many Cape residents feel strongly about the library project. All the more reason to VOTE on Nov. 6.

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Nancy E. Thompson for House Representative in District 121

"My love of the Cape Elizabeth community as a whole, and the interests of our children in particular, have inspired me to serve in Augusta. I would be honored to have your vote on November 6."



Kenneth “Jake” Myrick for House Representative in District 123

"I understand the importance of working together, and when elected I will represent and promote legislation that best benefits our community and the State of Maine as a whole. I will promote positive changes that bring meaningful solutions, improving Maine and reuniting Mainers."



Michael Wallace for State Senate in District 7

"As a veteran and father of five. I can take my top level military background and personal experience with Information Technology, Healthcare administration, and Social Services to Augusta to promote thoughtful system level solutions as a plan to lower taxes."



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CREEPY, SPOOKY, PEPPY



These three scarecrows were among the winning entries in the town's second annual Scarecrow Contest. From left: L.P. Murray & Sons, 1230 Shore Road; "The Headless Horseman" from the Coupe family, 345 Mitchell Road; and "Go Capers" from the Morris family, 6 Clinton Road.



Short-term rental regulation changes set for Nov. 14 hearing, possible vote

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council appears ready to see its proposed changes to short-term-rental regulations enacted and put to the test.

Several appear ready to take a vote on the amended ordinance the same night as the public hearing on Nov. 14. But not all.

After a year of study and public comment, the council's Ordinance Committee has drafted several changes prompted by residents complaining of issues relating to rental properties. The proposed changes were presented at the council's Oct. 10 meeting.

The proposed regulation changes deal with issues such as caps on parking spaces

allowed, event rules affecting rental properties, and requirements for informing tenants of what constitutes offenses.

The council has also proposed a "three strikes and you're out" process for revoking short-term-rental permits.

Councilors Caitlin Jordan and Frank Governali said they may not be ready to vote on the proposed changes at the November meeting.

"The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public the opportunity to comment and then to revisit the proposal," said Governali.

Several councilors countered that they were anxious to bring the discussion on the

proposed changes to an end and to begin the process of learning from it and modifying it as needed.

Councilors Jim Walsh, David Sherman and Jessica Sullivan said they were ready to take action in November after the hearing.

"We need closure on this issue," said Sherman.

The Ordinance Committee met seven times over the year in drafting the ordinance changes, during which they heard over five hours of public comment.

2012 Gould Award goes to shaper of Cape lands: John Mitchell

Landscape architect John D. Mitchell, who has worked on some of the town's most visible and stunning public projects, has been awarded the 2012 Ralph T. Gould

award for citizenship. Mitchell is a 35-year resident of Cape Elizabeth.

The Town Council honored him at its Oct. 10 meeting.

Mitchell has been involved with landscaping designs for Cape schools, open spaces and wetlands. An early project involved the design of the entrance to Fort Williams. Most recently, he has been involved with the arboretum project at Fort Williams and the Shore Road Pathway.

"He's infused the character of so many places in Cape Elizabeth," noted Council Chair Sara Lennon. "He has the touch for preserving the natural landscape and yet making it able to be used by people."

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Planners set Nov. 20 hearing on proposed building near high school

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a Nov. 20 public hearing on plans for C's Gourmet Market at 349 Ocean House Road, at the Cape Elizabeth High School access drive.

The application from Cape residents Michael and Stephanie Concannon, also known as KMC Properties LLC, requests review of a 4,500-square foot retail and office space on the three-quarter-acre lot located in the Town Center zone.

The now-empty lot is the former location of a real-estate brokerage; was once considered for use as a fitness center; and later as a controversial mixed-use building that included a Dunkin' Donuts.

At issue now, as in the past, is traffic flow.

The town is finalizing an easement granted to the Concannans to use the high school drive as a secondary access. But details about whether the access will be exit-only, exit- and right-turn only, full two-way entrance and exit – or any combination – is yet to be finalized.

At their Oct. 16 meeting, some board members were concerned that morning traffic moving around C's Gourmet Market would conflict with the queue of cars heading to and from the high school.

"I would anticipate that that would (also) be an issue for the public because of the traffic backups we already have at the high school," said board chair Elaine Falender.

John Mitchell of Mitchell and Associates, representing the Concannans, said his clients anticipate much of their morning business will be from staff and students coming in for breakfast before school starts. "We're proposing a two-way, right and left turns onto the high school drive," Mitchell said.

Board member Liza Quinn said she could envision cut-through traffic from the high school with that kind of configuration. Others were concerned about inexperienced teenage drivers being able to safely turn left onto the access drive, or onto Ocean House Road, during congested hours.

Board members ruled the application complete on Oct. 16 and scheduled an Oct. 23 site walk to help them visualize, among other things, how traffic would move. The board also asked that Tom Gorrill, the engineer who compiled the traffic study, attend the Nov. 20 hearing.

The project includes a proposal for 27 parking spaces, the exact number required by the zoning ordinance for a use of this size. A second floor, using 1,500 of the 4,500 square-foot building, is proposed as possible future office space for Michael Concannon's printing business, currently in South Portland.

An outdoor patio is included in the plan, intended to provide limited seasonal outdoor eating, Mitchell said.

The market would feature prepared foods to go, including sandwiches, soups, baked

goods and cheeses, Mitchell said. Besides the seasonal outdoor seating, there would be a few tables inside the shop and a small counter area for seating.

Exterior elevations resemble an "historic mercantile-type of building," said architect Mark Mueller. "The building would be white basically with green doors," he said.

Basement, second-floor apartment approved for Rudy's

In other matters, the board approved an amendment to the site plan for Rudy's of the Cape that would allow a basement and a second-floor apartment, as well as a one-year extension of the approval.

Last December the board approved a plan to raze the building at 517 Ocean House Road and replace it with an 80-seat restaurant, with storage space upstairs.

Since then, Rudy's owner Paul Woods, along with architect Pat Carroll, decided that storage could be accommodated more cleanly and easily in a basement space. "That freed up the upstairs for other use," said Carroll.

The size of the building footprint remains the same, but adding the basement does raise the height of the building one foot, Carroll said. Grading at the property lines remains the same, and the number of approved parking spaces – 39 for both the restaurant phase and neighboring retail phase – exceeds the number required, even

with the new residential use.

At the same time, the board extended Rudy's site plan approval to October 2013. "We're excited to break ground and start construction of the new Rudy's," Carroll said.

Hearings set on Fort improvements, requirements for boundary surveys

The board scheduled two more public hearings for its Nov. 20 meeting. One is for proposed improvements to Fort Williams Park, as outlined in the newly approved master plan for the park; the other is on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance that would require a boundary survey for construction within five feet of a setback.

The improvements at the park were part of the town's approved budget and include expansion of the Ship Cove parking; upgrade of the Ship Cove picnic area slab; vehicular improvements at the intersection of Ocean Road and Wheatly Road; and, vehicular and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Powers Road, the Ship Cove parking lot entrance, and Ocean Road.

OK for Golden Ridge extended

The Planning Board also granted Golden Ridge Lane, LLC a 90-day extension of an approval granted June 19. That approval allowed the developer to replace the donation of an open space easement, associated with adding a fifth lot to the subdivision, with payment of an open space fee.

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but with a qualification.

"The work done by our teachers and faculty to align curriculum has contributed to the outcomes for students on the NECAP assessment," Nadeau said in an Oct. 24 email.

But, she added, "NECAP results are only one measure of school and district performance."

After 2013-2014, Maine students in grades 3-8 will no longer take the NECAP.

Maine is part of a 25-state group, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, working to develop assessments aligned to standards that will "provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them," the consortium's website states.

Starting in 2014-2015, Maine will begin using the Smarter Balanced assessment.

In the past, Cape education officials have questioned No Child Left Behind's 100-percent proficiency provision, which School Board member David Hillman has called a "ludicrous standard."

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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 10-1 An officer received a wallet from a ranger at Fort Williams. The owner was notified.
- 10-1 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic dispute.
- 10-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic dispute.
- 10-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 10-4 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint.
- 10-4 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a possible burglary. It was later learned that a relative with access had stopped at the residence.
- 10-5 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a dog that was howling and running at large.
- 10-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a loud noise complaint.
- 10-6 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a residential burglary complaint. A television valued at \$400 was missing.
- 10-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore

- 10-7 Road area about a possible trespass complaint. A resident came to the police department to turn in a large ring of keys found on school property. The keys were returned to the Facilities Department.
- 10-9 An officer discovered criminal mischief to an unoccupied building.
- 10-10 An officer met with a contractor who believes his checkbook was stolen from his vehicle.
- 10-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 10-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Sawyer Road area for well-being check.
- 10-13 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area about a residential burglary complaint. Nothing appeared to be missing.

SUMMONSES

- 10-2 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$70
- 10-3 Scarborough resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Shore Road
- 10-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 10-5 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 10-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/25 zone), Broad Cove Road, \$119

- 10-5 Scarborough resident, speeding (54/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 10-5 Cape resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, attempt to elude officer, refusing to submit to arrest, criminal speed, Ocean House Road
- 10-5 Cape resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$70
- 10-5 Cape resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Sawyer Road, \$131
- 10-7 Cape resident, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, Kettle Cove
- 10-7 Raymond resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$215
- 10-7 Raymond resident, unnecessary acceleration noise, Sawyer Road, \$137
- 10-8 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 10-10 Ogunquit resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 10-12 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Spuwink Avenue, \$171
- 10-12 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle (over 150 days), Ocean House Road
- 10-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 10-4 Littering from a vehicle, Spurwink

- Avenue, \$165
- 10-13 Speeding (66/50 zone), Route 77

ARRESTS

- 10-5 Cape resident, violation of conditions of release, Ocean House Road
- 10-5 Cape resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, attempt to elude officer, refusing to submit to arrest, criminal speed, Ocean House Road

ACCIDENTS

- 10-3 Laura Mckay, Richard Maguire, accident at Cape Elizabeth High School.

FIRE CALLS

- 10-6 Cross Hill Road, Fire alarm
- 10-9 Cape Woods Drive, fire alarm
- 10-9 Manor Way, fire alarm
- 10-10 Ocean House Road, motor vehicle accident
- 10-10 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 10-12 Ocean House Road, investigation
- 10-15 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

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- The Town's own independent study recommends against a new library at this time.
- We do not know what the Town & School's long-term (5-10 years) financial needs will be.
- More than 50% of all readers now do so electronically without visiting a library, primarily due to greater material selection and convenience. This trend is accelerating and will continue, making it difficult to determine what a future library will look like.
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New York band, Two Lights, which includes three Cape musicians, releases first EP



Two Lights, which includes, from left, Benny Brown, Ryan Gross, Abner Willis and Harper Willis, just released the band's first EP, "Years Get Gone."

Photo by Eileen Travell

By Wendy Keeler

Brothers Harper and Abner Willis, and Ryan Gross, New York musicians who named their alternative-rock band, "Two Lights," after the twin lighthouses in their hometown, recently released their debut EP (extended play), "Years Get Gone."

The four-song release is getting good reviews. The EP made the "new and noteworthy" list in the rock section on the iTunes store home page, and "When we were Young," the EP's lead single, has gotten air time on radio stations from California and Arizona to New York, Maine and Berlin.

Abner plays keyboard and rhythm guitar in the band and performs vocals with Harper, who is lead guitarist. Gross plays bass guitar and provides backing vocals. Benny Brown, who grew up in Philadelphia, plays drums.

The band often performs in New York City and recently wrapped up a tour that included the CBGB Festival and the Bowery Electric in New York City, the Middle East in Cambridge and Local 121 in Providence. This fall, during New York Fashion Week in

Manhattan, the band played at Lincoln Center for *Details* magazine.

Two Lights formed in early 2010 in New York City, where the Willises and Gross majored in music at New York University, but their musical connections started in town when the three were growing up here.

Gross, a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and the Willises, who attended Waynflete School in Portland, shared, wrote and played music together when they were teenagers. The three also played separately in various bands during their Maine years.

In summer 2011, Two Lights released the band's first single, "Summer," which was played on radio stations in New York, Boston and Maine.

The band plans to perform in Portland before the end of 2012, but details are not yet definite, band manager Dawn Hood said.

"Years Get Gone" is available through iTunes and Amazon, and on Two Lights' Facebook page, www.facebook.com/two-lightsband, where "When we were Young," can be streamed for free.

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Moose hunt



Cape Elizabeth resident Benson Dana, left, bagged an 817-pound moose on Oct. 10 in the Rangeley Lakes region with the help of Master Maine Guide, Fern Bosse of Black Brook Cove Guide Services in Oquossoc. "The antlers measured 55 inches across with 22 points," Dana wrote in an email to *The Cape Courier*. "Look for an opportunity to try some moose meat at one of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club suppers this year," said Dana, a Cape Lion. Go to Dana's blog, www.internalcontrolfreak.com, to read more about his moose adventure.

Married

Jeff and Kate Putnam of Mitchell Road announce the marriage of their daughter, **Abigail Putnam**, to Bryan Arcati on July 28 on Great Diamond Island. Bryan is the son of Robert Arcati of New York, N.Y., and Susan Arcati of Huntington, N.Y.



Abigail Putnam and Bryan Arcati

Abby graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2004 and received a bachelor of arts degree in education and psychology from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Working toward a master's degree in literacy from Columbia University in New York City, she is a second grade teacher at Greenwich Country Day School in Greenwich, Conn.

Bryan graduated magna cum laude from Skidmore with a bachelor of arts degree in business and economics and is the operations and planning manager at Champion Architectural Window and Door Inc. in Hauppauge, N.Y.

Cape Elizabeth friends and family in the wedding party included maid of honor **Brean Flynn**, bridesmaids **Halley Elliot** and **Rachel McDonnell**, and Abby's brothers **Ben**

and **Zak Putnam**. The bride's aunt, the Rev. Susan Hill, performed the ceremony.

The newlyweds, who went on a two-week honeymoon in Italy, live in Greenwich.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Gail Plourde** was among about 150 people who participated in the 17th annual White Cane Awareness Walk on Oct. 13 in Portland. The event aims to increase awareness about travel for people who are visually impaired and use white canes or guide dogs. Proceeds from the walk support programs provided through the Iris Network, which offers services to people who are visually impaired.



Gail Plourde and Kristine Hedtler

Westbrook resident, **Lisa Magnacca**, who graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 1996, recently joined the law firm, Drummond Woodsum, in Portland, where her practice focuses on business and commercial law. While attending University of Maine School of Law, Magnacca interned with Judge Kermit V. Lipez of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and with the Appellate Division of the United States Attorney's office in Portland. She was also the articles editor for the *Maine Law Review* and instructed first-year law students in oral advocacy and legal research and writing. A member of the Women's Law Association and the Maine Association for Construction and Real Estate Law, Magnacca received the Maine Law Faculty Significant Achievement Award, which recognizes academic performance and contributions to the school.



Lisa Magnacca

Cape Elizabeth High School freshmen **Bryce Hewitt** and **Nate Ingalls** earned their varsity letters in golf this fall.

"Both players contributed in earning victories during match play throughout the season and helped the team qualify for the Class B State Championship," Bryce's father, **Bill Hewitt**, wrote in an email to *The Cape Courier*.



Bryce Hewitt and Nate Ingalls

Kathy Duca, the sales manager of **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Cape Elizabeth, recently received the "President's Council" award from Coldwell's parent company, NRT. The honor recognizes branch managers who demonstrated exemplary leadership and management skills in 2011. Of Coldwell's 725 managers, 157 achieved the award.

More Neighbors on pages 10, 24

Pumpkin-carvers extraordinaire



Photo by Rauni Kew

Ian Connelly beams next to his winning jack-o'-lantern with Maine Rep. **Kim Monaghan-Derrig**, judge of the Inn by the Sea's pumpkin-carving contest on Oct. 20. **Katie Herrick** also won in the 5-and-younger category. **Emma Frothingham**, **Madison McCarthy** and **Amelia Templeton** won in the 6-9 age group, and **Zoe Preble**, **Matt Yim**, **Katie Novak** and **Caroline Coburn** in the 10-and-older category.



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Thursday, November 1

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Saturday, November 3

Public Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road

Sunday, November 4

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Annual Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Inn By The Sea.

Monday, November 5

School Board Policy Committee, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m., Superintendent's Office, Town Hall

Tuesday, November 6

Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., High School gym

Wednesday, November 7

Town Council Workshop and Caucus, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Saturday, November 10

Lions Club Seafood Chowder Dinner, 5-8 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open regular hours, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society program on antiques, 7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, November 14

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Ongoing each week

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

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

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

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road. Contact Mark Fleming, 899-3654, or Bruce Balfour, 831-0166.

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

Mitchell and Associates to design children's garden; foundation launches campaign

By Wendy Keeler

Mitchell and Associates, Cape Elizabeth resident John Mitchell's Portland-based landscape architecture firm, has been selected to design a children's garden at the Arboretum at Fort Williams Park. This summer, the Fort Williams Foundation invited five architectural firms, including Mitchell and Associates, to enter a design contest for the garden, to be installed near the park's tennis courts.

When it is complete, the garden will be the second of 15 garden landscapes that arboretum organizers plan at Fort Williams. This summer, at the opening of the first site, Cliffside, the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club contributed \$17,500 to the Fort Williams Foundation for the children's garden project.

The fort is familiar territory for Mitchell who recently updated the park's master plan. Sashie Misner, who works for Mitchell

and Associates and specializes in designing natural play spaces for children, will work on the project.

"Preliminary ideas for the garden include a fort, a lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's garden, a natural meadow maze, willow tunnel, adventure paths, a tree-house overlook and child-size bird's nest, and quiet hide-away spaces," Fort Williams Foundation Campaign Director Ginger Jones said. "By mirroring historical aspects at the park like a fort or lighthouse on a child's scale, youth will gain a better understanding of the park's historical significance."

On Oct. 19, the foundation launched a \$2.5 million campaign to fund installation of the children's garden and three additional arboretum landscapes.

Organizers plan to replant the fort's Cliff Walk trail, which extends from above Ship

—see ARBORETUM, page 18

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 the 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.

Call 767-6054 or email info@cape-landtrust.org to make reservations.

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

Lions Club to host seafood chowder dinner

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host a seafood chowder dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Lions' clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

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 Stres-senger at 767-5257 for information.

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Given alternatives, is new library really necessary?

It's rare that Cape taxpayers have a direct voice on: (1) \$6 million in new debt, (2) using taxes for interest on the debt, and (3) using taxes for operating expenses and likely increasing technology costs of a new, large and expensive public library.

Cape taxpayers owe it to themselves to answer some important questions to their satisfaction before they decide to vote 'yes' on the library bond issue. They include:

Given the large new debt, long-term interest payments, tax dollars and operating expenses involved, uncertain economic and fiscal times, and shrinking State dollars for school and municipal aid, is a brand-new, expensive library a high priority and wise choice?

Would the bond and tax money, or even some of it, be better spent on higher priorities, such as deferred maintenance for town buildings and capital assets serving more basic needs for taxpayers – schools, public works, waste disposal, public safety?

Do you and your family expect sufficient personal benefit from a new library to justify this large new Town debt and increased tax burden?

Are there other alternatives which may satisfy your library and reading needs as well and at less cost; for example, South Portland's Library (convenient to, and used by, many Cape residents for \$35 annually), Cape school libraries, bookstores, books on tape, e-book modalities, or a \$1.5 million renovation of Thomas Library?

Given these known and growing alternatives, are many Cape residents likely to use a new library regularly?

David Plimpton

More Letters to the Editor on pages 2, 3, 5 & 15

Devoted library user: It's time to move forward

When my wife and I moved to Cape in 1998 we had a pre-schooler and a toddler. A third was born here soon after.

For years you would see us leaving the library with a 3-foot stack of picture books. Some of my most cherished memories are of sitting on the big bed, a bunch of picture books spread out in front of us. For half an hour a night, we would ooh and ahh over the colorful illustrations and laugh at the silly stories.

As the kids grew they would take turns reading, trying to puzzle out the words.

Later the pile of books changed to chapter books, then skateboard epics and spooky novel series. Harry Potter made his appearance. Staff knew us by name. Rachel (Davis) greeted the kids enthusiastically.

We use the library religiously and it continues to shape us. Just as the library defines us as a town: We're a town that values education, community and culture; we have a long history but we look always to the future; we are proud; we want the best for ourselves and our children.

The current library is full of structural issues and code violations and won't stand for much longer. There is no option to do nothing. Spot-fixing and renovating is expensive and not cost effective.

As a town we've explored the choices for years now, and it is time to move forward. Losing the library would be tragic. For me, for my family, and for the town.

Lee Ruffy

Trustee: Renovation not a cost-effective option

Fact: A community with members who have the means to purchase media privately still finds the public library necessary. Our library is, on a per capita basis, very competitive with area libraries in circulation, even though we are considered a wealthy community and our facility is antiquated.

Fact: Library patronage across the country has been growing steadily over the last ten years, nearly 20 percent.

This annual growth in library traffic has been occurring simultaneously with the information explosion over the last 20 years because new media is also circulated by our library in the form of paid databases we subscribe to for research, job searching and business development, ebooks, and multimedia.

Fact: Libraries that modernize have even

higher circulation. The per capita circulation data from other towns in Maine that have had recent major capital facilities investments including Portland, Orono, Topsham and Auburn show significant and sustained growth in each year following the new facility coming on line. The only thing holding us back from enjoying the growth that other libraries who have renovated in the last decade have enjoyed is adequate facilities.

Fact: Engineering studies have shown that our structure just cannot be renovated cost effectively, it must be rebuilt. When we do this we will enable all citizens to have equal access to the information age in the 21st century.

Julia Bassett Schwerin,
TML gallery manager and trustee

Resident: Libraries do matter in Digital Age; yes is the right vote

The Thomas Memorial Library is a valued community resource for citizens of all ages. Despite the many serious documented physical plant deficiencies, those from pre-school toddlers through seniors have come to appreciate the library's diversity and quality of collections, programs, services and, importantly, its dedicated staff.

Like our first-class schools, Cape needs and deserves a first class library for the 21st century. In a community of somewhat more than 9,000 population, fully 60 percent of residents have active library cards and visits to the library average 1,600 per week. These are amazing statistics which contribute to the TML being the 10th busiest library in Maine in terms of interlibrary loans while Cape Elizabeth is ranked 26th in population among cities and towns (2010 US Census).

The TML is not alone in the state or the nation reporting significant increased usage, especially since the prolonged economic downturn began. People come to seek help finding a job, applying for social services, gaining access to technology, learning new digital skills, as well as locating reading, study and research materials they can no longer afford or do not wish to buy. The TML is there for them.

It is clear that libraries do indeed matter in the Digital Age. I invite my fellow citizens to join me in voting YES on Nov. 6 in support of one of our community's most used and most valuable lifelong learning resources – our public library.

Nancy H. Marshall



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- 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.

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Mad Inventor's Workshops for kids set for Election Day

The library's newest children's staffer, Rick Lepage, will offer three sessions of a Mad Inventor's Workshop for ages 6-12 on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Parents are encouraged to drop off the kids for one of the programs while they go to vote (or just take a break!).

At each session, Lepage will read aloud a story for inspiration, and the let kids get to work using tools, do-dads, and other interesting materials to create their own inventions.

The program will be offered at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Registration is not necessary.

Create characters at cartoonist workshop for kids on Nov. 3

Cartoonist Jeff Pert will offer an hour-long workshop for 9 to 12-year-olds at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

The workshop will focus on creating cartoon characters. Pert will do a few demonstration drawings to get kids laughing and their creative juices flowing. After an interactive exercise, kids will create their own characters.

Pert will also spend some time talking about his own experiences as a boy, and how he was able to fulfill his dream of becoming a cartoonist despite some challenges he faced as a student.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required as space is limited. Register in the library or online at the library's website at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Musical Story Hour returns on Nov. 1

Nearly 50 children and caregivers attended the library's first session of Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell on Oct. 4.

He sang and played banjo, tin whistle, cittern and guitar, and led the group in sing-alongs. He also provided atmospheric musical accompaniment to his dramatic reading of "Where the Wild Things Are," by Maurice Sendak.

A second session will be held from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 with more songs and two new stories. The program is for ages 3 and up, although younger children who are able to participate in the program are welcome to attend. The program is offered monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Registration is not necessary.

Socrates Cafe philosophy discussion group meets Nov. 6

Socrates Café, the library's monthly philosophy discussion group, has been going strong for a year now, tackling diverse questions including "What is the purpose of government?" "What ought to be taught in high school?" "Is censorship ever justified?" and "Do we have a right to privacy?"

No advance reading or specialized knowledge is required. Participants suggest questions for discussion at the start of the meeting, and the group votes on which one to discuss for an hour and a half.

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the adult library magazine area. No registration is required. Please visit the library's website at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

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<p>MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME Rhymes, songs & finger plays for babies up to 18 months. Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>TALES FOR TOTS Songs, stories and movement for toddlers 18-36 months. Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.</p> <p>STORY GARDEN Songs, stories & movement for preschoolers 3-5 years. Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Note: Story Garden on Friday, Oct. 26, will be replaced with a special Halloween puppet show (see opposite page)</p> <p>FAMILY STORY TIME Songs, stories & movement for toddlers & preschoolers. Saturdays, 10:30-11 a.m.</p>	<p>LIBRARY HOURS Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Closed</p> <p>STORY TIME THEMES Week of Oct. 29-Nov. 3 <i>All Aboard!</i> Songs and stories about trains.</p> <p>Week of Nov. 4-10 <i>Pet show</i> It's time for stories about dogs, cats and other more unusual pet friends.</p> <p>Week of Nov. 11-17 <i>Food, Glorious Food!</i> We'll focus on yummy foods we like to eat!</p>
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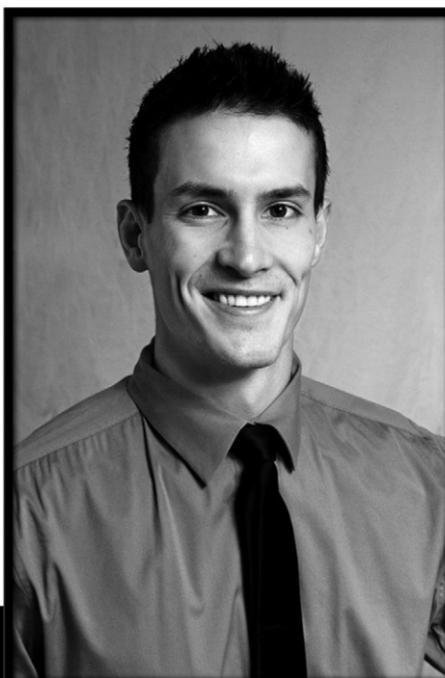
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Retired resident comfortable with new library

I've lived in Cape Elizabeth most of my life and I remember as if it were yesterday the excitement of my first trip to the Thomas Memorial Library.

It was 1948 and I was in third grade at Cottage Farms School. We were told we would be making a trip on the school bus to the other end of town to visit the library for the first time. I even remember the first book I took out. The library has been an indispensable part of my life ever since.

I have taken my Cape Elizabeth grandchildren to many preschool story hours and activities and when my grandchildren come to visit, one of the first things they want to do is visit the library. Would sitting with a Kindle be as much fun as

the tactile satisfaction of poring over books and movies and deciding what to bring home?

As a retired person who is concerned about rising living expenses, I am comfortable that authorizing the town to borrow up to \$6 million for a desperately needed new library (not one penny more in spite of what you may have heard or read) will not increase my taxes and will be an investment in the enrichment of our community life.

I would encourage those of you who think spending up to \$2 million for a band-aid fix is the solution to the library's problems to visit surrounding towns with similar populations and compare their libraries with ours.

Judy McManamy

Lynch: This is a prudent time to borrow

I support the Thomas Memorial Library renovation. When my children were young they enjoyed the wonderful story time program run by Louise Sullivan. The TML continues to be the starting place for lifelong learning for children.

I love my Kindle. But the solitary Kindle is not a substitute for a Community library. The TML is still the place for browsing, for research, for borrowing the perfect gardening book. We can borrow a Kindle book from the TML.

The statewide Minerva loan program is popular, but our library doesn't have adequate space to properly handle these book loans. For citizens without a computer or expensive Internet service, the library is a place

to access technology. The steady stream of library users six days a week shows how important the library is to our town.

The TML serves citizens of all ages, but it is in need of renovation. An outdated HVAC contributes to mold and poor air circulation. TML does not meet handicapped accessibility requirements for our disabled and our elderly. We cannot ignore these deficiencies. The cost of interest is at historic low rates.

This IS a prudent time to borrow and make an investment in a community asset that benefits all Cape residents. Failure to invest now at today's low rates will cost the town more in the future. I urge a vote to support the TML for generations to come.

Mary Ann Lynch

Good library 'critical factor' for new residents

As we look forward to voting on the library Nov. 6, please consider another positive aspect of a top-notch community library and its support of property values.

Demographic trends point toward gradually declining student populations. These trends do not work well in terms of the large fixed costs the town has invested in its won-

derful education systems.

In the coming years, it is possible that we will have to compete with other communities in order to attract young families to Cape Elizabeth. For new parents with very young children, a state-of-the-art library built for our future can be a critical factor in the decision where to live.

Joel Bassett

Resident: Library in 'sad shape,' need is clear

I am writing to express my support for the library referendum. Libraries should be the heart of any community, the place where all can come and freely use its resources, a place where all of our citizens from the youngest to the oldest can participate in lifelong learning.

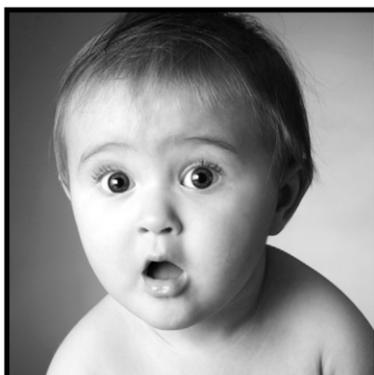
I love our library. I love that I can go there intending to take out one book and come home with three others I did not even know I wanted to read. I truly appreciate that on day three of the ice storm the library was there for me as a refuge. The staff at our library is exemplary.

However, I can't ignore the condition that this building is in. It is crowded, it is

not accessible and it has a multitude of other physical deficits. The library is in sad shape much as Pond Cove School was years ago. The town rallied to support the schools and I hope you will support the library.

Through our support, we will have a fully accessible building; we will have a better space for learning and gathering together. Our library staff will have a safer, healthier place to work. This referendum will not raise taxes. The bond debt is less than the debt that is being retired. Please support our whole community by voting YES on Election Day.

Priscilla Armstrong



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Nov. 1, 1862: The boiler of the transport steamer *Ceres* exploded on the 9th, near New Orleans, and Lt. Sherburne, of the 13th Maine, was among the passengers killed. Lt. Sherburne was a citizen of Portland. [*Portland Transcript*]

Hunter and Turner, arrested for tampering with soldiers and resisting the draft, have been released from Fort Preble by U.S. Provost Marshal Draper. Let them go and sin no more. [*Portland Transcript*]

The Bangoreans had a balloon ascension on Wednesday week. Ascending a half mile the balloon went into a thundercloud, from which it safely escaped and landed in Glenburn about eight miles from Bangor. [*Portland Transcript*]

Women in Office: There are 441

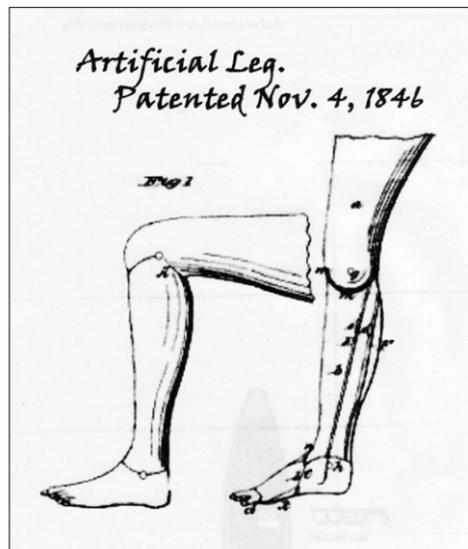
postmistresses in the government service. The old bachelor, [President] Buchanan, did not appoint one. [*Portland Transcript*]

The 19th Maine Regiment was under fire for the first time in the recent successful reconnaissance to Charlestown. [*Portland Transcript*]

They have a hospital for sick and worn-out horses in Washington. [*Portland Transcript*]

We notice on Portland Street the erection of new posts for an independent telegraph line between this city and Boston. The line will run along the old stage road between here and Portsmouth, N.H. [*Portland Transcript*]

Martha Washington Society:



The Nov. 1, 1862 edition of the *Portland Transcript*, reported that the Surgeon General had authorized Palmer & Co. in Boston to furnish New England soldiers who had lost their legs with artificial "Palmer Legs." On Nov. 4, 1846, Benjamin Franklin Palmer of Meredith, N.H., received patent No. 4,834 for the first artificial leg, which used springs and metal tendons.

Since May last, the weekly meetings of the Society have been devoted to labor for our brave soldiers. Besides distributing to the poor several hundred yards of cotton and flannel cloth, boots, shoes, hose, 50 garments made by the Society and \$29 in cash, the ladies have made for the soldiers have-llocks, sheets, drawers, shirts, pillow-cases, hose and quilts in large numbers. [*Portland Transcript*]

Nov. 8, 1862: Government agents are making large purchases of horses for the army in this State. A train of 22 cars containing 264 horses went through last week on their way to Washington. The average price paid is \$100. [*Portland Transcript*]

A deserter from the 25th regiment in attempting to escape from arrest in Falmouth, last week, jumped out of a second-story window, and dislocated his shoulder. He was one of the drafted men of Falmouth. [*Portland Transcript*]

Divisions of the Union Matrimonial are on the increase in this county. There are on the docket of the Supreme Judicial Court 39 cases of divorce, 16 of which were entered at the present term. [*Portland Transcript*]

Gov. Washburn has decided that towns whose quotas are not full must make up the deficiency by the 17th of November, after which time if they are not filled, a special draft will be made. [*Portland Transcript*]

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the Surgeon General of the United States has authorized "Palmer & Co. of Boston," the justly celebrated artificial leg manufacturers, to furnish legs to all who elect to accept "Palmer Legs." [*Portland Transcript*]

We have word of seven more vessels burned by the pirate Semmes. He has released two on bonds for a large amount, payable to the President of the Confederate States 30 days after peace is declared! [*Portland Transcript*]

It is the poor newspaper publisher who is made to feel the rise in prices most severely. Within a short time the price of printing paper has gone up to a surprising extent. This is owing, in the first instance, to the tax of 3 percent on paper, but principally to the scarcity of cotton waste, an almost indispensable ingredient in the manufacture of paper. Paper manufacturers now sort their rags and sell the best quality to be manufactured into cotton batting, or even into cloth again. [*Portland Transcript*]

Mr. Wm. Hall, an old resident of Portland, recently came to a sad death. He was an Englishman and came here many years ago as a chimney sweep. We remember, as a boy, seeing him dancing upon the top of a chimney and singing his song of "Sweep, O, Sweep." By industry he acquired a snug little home, but recently his wife died, and his four sons having enlisted in the army; the old man became lonely, and resorted to the intoxicating cup as a solace. He was found in the street intoxicated, put in the lock-up, let out in the evening and not again heard of until his body was found last week in the water at the South end of Vaughan's bridge. It is supposed he was on his way to Camp Lincoln to see his sons when he fell into the water. [*Portland Transcript*]

About 200 men are at work on the two gunboats building near the gas-works. They are to be called the *Agawam* and the *Pontoosuc*, Indian names being now

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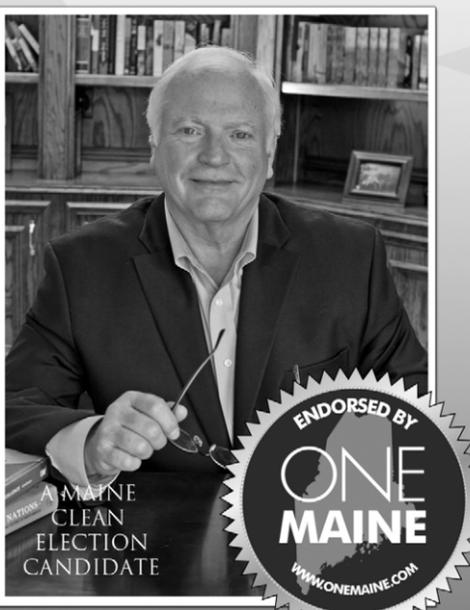
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Nov. 13 program to feature antiques expert

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society 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, share stories about them, and have them appraised.

Boyce, who grew up in town and attended Cape schools, has been in the antiques business for more than 40 years. After starting his own antiques business in town in 1969, he opened Primitive Past Antiques

in the early 70s on Route 77 across from what is now Key Bank. For 18 years, starting in 1984, he was the auction coordinator and appraiser for an auction house in New Hampshire. He continues with his own antiques business today.

Saturday hours: 12:30-3 p.m.

CEHPS members invite people to visit the society's quarters in the basement of the Thomas Memorial Library from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

Email cehps@thomas.lib.me.us or call 799-1720 for information about CEHPS.

Sesquicentennial

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the fashion in naval nomenclature. They are to be 240 feet in length and of 974 tons burthen. Their engines come from the works of the Portland Company. [*Portland Transcript*]

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☞ **The Walls** of the new school house on Cumberland Street are going up rapidly. It will be a magnificent building, an ornament to the city, and a splendid monument to our system of free education. [*Portland Transcript*]

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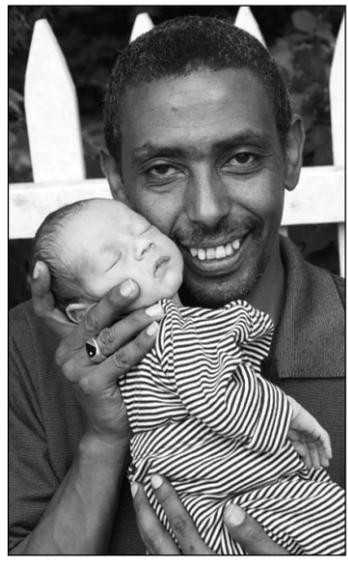
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The class is also raising money through the CLYNK program, in which people donate returnable bottles to Hannaford stores in "Class of 2015" bags available at the front desk at CEHS. Contact class advisor Joan Moriarty at 799-3309, ext. 400, or jmoriarty@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

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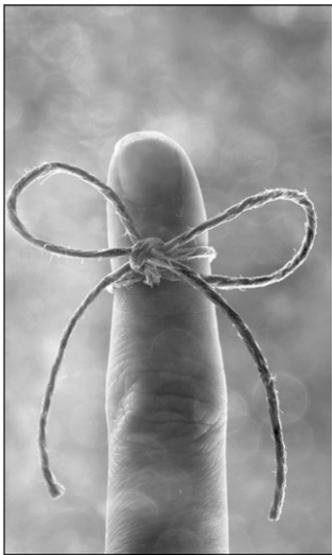
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Harvest Festival



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More than 600 people, including siblings, Liam and Olivia Drewniak, at right, turned out for the Pond Cove and Middle School parents associations' annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 13. The event, included music by, above, left to right, Todd Brydson, Laurie Littlejohn, and Russ Donahue; crafts; mini-golf; fairy-house building; a dunk tank; a cake walk; and "Haunted Hallways" created by CEMS teacher Steve Price and the CEMS drama club. A harvest meal was prepared by Peter Esposito, the Cape schools' nutrition director, with veggies from Jordan's Farm. Parent Steve Misterovich drove kids around the school circle for three straight hours on a train provided by the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club.



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Arboretum

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Cove Beach to Portland Head Light, and create better views and easier accessibility for visitors. Volunteers have been working to remove invasive plants along the trail.

The landscapes around Portland Head Light also will be replanted with native plants, and "interpretive signage will inform visitors of the junction of horticulture and history," Jones said.

The area around the entrance to Fort Williams also will be replanted, Jones said.

Organizers also plan to install gardens at Battery Keyes and Meditation Point. Additional arboretum gardens will be called the "Edible Nut Grove," the "Tree Succession," and the "Pond and Shade Garden."

The creation of an arboretum was first discussed in 2007 when a group of residents and Master Gardeners became con-

cerned about the encroachment of invasive vegetation at the 90-acre park. In the past two years, the Fort Williams Foundation has received about \$350,000 in cash and in-kind donations for the arboretum. This March, the foundation hired Jones, who previously did fundraising for Maine Audubon.

Volunteer work day

A volunteer work day is planned on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should arrive with gloves, garden tools and water but leave children and dogs at home, Janet Villiotte, the arboretum's volunteer coordinator, said.

Work clothes are recommended. The session will be held rain or shine, but not if weather conditions are severe.

Contact Villiotte at volunteer@arboretumatfortwilliams.org, or go to www.fortwilliams.org/arboretum.html for more information about volunteering.



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'Cape Closet' organizers seek prom dresses

By Wendy Keeler

Past prom-goers now have an easy option for dealing with old prom dresses: move them from the home closet to another closet in town: "Cape Closet."

Nov. 17 kick-off

The organizers of Cape Closet, Cape Elizabeth High School's newly established chapter of Becca's Closet, a national nonprofit organization that provides formal attire to high school girls who otherwise would not be able to afford them, will hold a kick-off event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. The event, where people are invited to drop off donated prom dresses, will include music, food and a raffle.

People who can't attend the kick-off can drop off dresses at Community Services' front desk at the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

In addition to dresses, Cape Closet orga-

nizers also encourage donations of prom accessories, including clutches, shoes, jewelry and hair ornaments..

The donated dresses and accessories will go to girls in the greater Portland area, including Cape Elizabeth, said CEHS junior and Cape Closet founder Zoe Gillies.

"We will be holding two events to distribute the dresses in March. One event will be held at Community Services, and the other will most likely be in Portland," Gillies said. "We will be contacting guidance counselors at Portland, South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough high schools and giving them tickets for the March events to distribute to girls."

Chapter members also will arrange to pick up dresses at people's houses, Gillies said.

Raffle items needed

Organizers of the Nov. 17 kick-off seek donations for the raffle.

Contact Gillies at zoe.gillies@capeelizabethschools.org or 767-2734 for more information.

Musical, 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,' to open on Nov. 15



Photo by Jenny Campbell

The musical, "How to Succeed in Business," which includes cast members left to right, Ryan Allmendinger, Katie Rabasca, Ian Andolsek, Madison Duong, Robert MacKay and Julianne Ayers, will open at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Cape Elizabeth High School. Shows are planned at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16; Tuesday, Nov. 20; and Wednesday, Nov. 21; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18.

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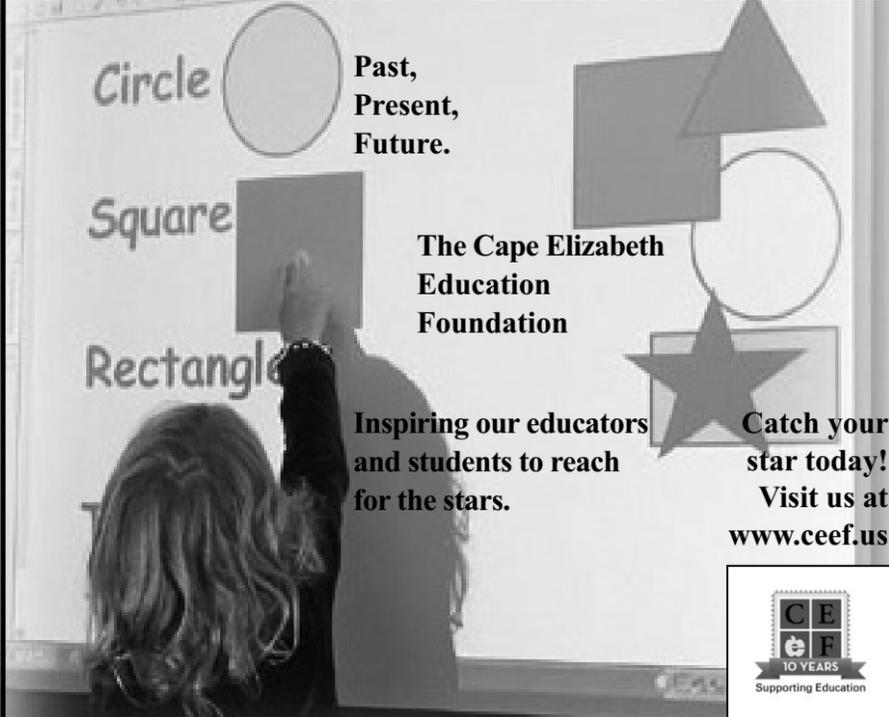
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Photo by Becky Dadmun

Member of Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club's girls' Under-13 "Manchester United" travel soccer team recently completed an undefeated season in Soccer Maine's Fall Classic League - Metro District. The team, which finished with five wins and one tie, includes, left to right, front row, Abbie Caswell, Grace Roberts; middle row, Chloe Chapin, Eleanor Roberts, Susie Graham, Kyra Crovo, Katie Gilman, Sarah Knupp; and back row, Coach Tom Caswell, Emily Healy, Nina Thomas, Catherine Morrissey, Erin Lyons, Julia Lengyel, Coach Cory Morrissey, Georgia Wood, Samantha Guerette, Maggie Dadmun and Addie Hayes.



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The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, an Episcopal priest and author from Amherst, Mass., will lead a workshop, "Everyday Spirituality: Finding Serenity in the Midst of Stress," from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

The seminar, sponsored by the church's Health Ministry, is open to all. The workshop will include a presentation 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 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 workshop, but donations will be appreciated.

Email stalbens@stalbensmaine.org, call 799-4014, or stop by the church at 885 Shore Road, 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.

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and user fees that hamper Maine small businesses. There is a lot of discussion about broadening the tax base to support the state budget. With current tax incentives, 59 businesses in the district made capital investments in 2011. Without these incentives, most would have forgone improvements rather than pay the \$1.5 million in taxes. Excessive taxes are regressive to revenues when they prevent capital improvements that help businesses be more efficient, improve worker safety and stay ahead of tightening margins.

Why do you want to run for this position?

MILLETT: I am concerned with the tenor and the policies of the LePage administration. We need economic development for secure jobs, strong schools that educate and prepare all Maine children, protection of our natural resources, and programs to help our most vulnerable citizens. Moving forward, we need to work together and keep our conversations civil and constructive – even when we disagree.

WALLACE: I believe in the power of each individual to contribute a unique perspective to any discussion. Being a veteran, a father, an advocate for health freedom and working with the social service system are some of the many things that have shaped the unique perspective I hope to bring to the discussion in Augusta.

What skills would you bring to this post?

MILLETT: Maine faces tremendous economic challenges that will require thoughtful, informed leadership. My work, volunteer, and educational experiences have provided me with valuable leadership tools to take with me to Augusta – I have a keen understanding of financial issues and am an experienced consensus builder. In addition, I am a hard worker who doesn't shy away from a challenge.

WALLACE: My background with our nation's most critical IT infrastructure has helped me develop a skill set in systems level analysis and troubleshooting. My ability to look at complex systems, identify contributing factors and work out creative solutions are valuable assets I will bring to the Maine Senate.

Why should Cape voters elect you?

MILLETT: As a member of Cape Elizabeth's School Board, I have a proven track record of perseverance, problem solving, collaboration, leadership and (importantly) success. If elected as a state senator, I will put these attributes to good use. It would be an honor to serve the people of this district.

WALLACE: Maine has an extraordinary quality of life, which is one of the many reasons I chose to raise a family here. Cape Elizabeth's rich, diverse landscape boasts bountiful farms, stunning coastline and a strong, proud community. As your senator, I will be a passionate voice for our district and work to help our communities prosper while remaining true to our values.

HOUSE DISTRICT 123

What's the most pressing issue facing Cape Elizabeth that you'd tackle at a state level, and how do you plan to do this?

BISHOP: The fair and equitable allocation of state funding. Cape Elizabeth has continued to see a reduction of state assistance for education. I would question and pursue shortcomings in the funding formula and take the necessary steps to rectify it.

HAMANN: Cape Elizabeth already has high property taxes. As the LePage administration's tax policies reduce funding for municipalities and local schools, the tax burden is transferred onto communities and is ultimately reflected in higher property taxes. In 2004, voters passed a referendum requiring the state to pay 55 percent of public education; current funding is just above 45 percent. I will be a vocal advocate for the state to contribute the full 55 percent so this additional 10 percent isn't shifted onto

House District 123



Roger Bishop

Address: 10 Leighton Farm Road, Cape Elizabeth

Party: Independent

Education:

A.S., business administration; B.S., advertising; M.S., human resources

Occupation:

Owner of human resources consulting firm Retired vice president of human resources, Fairchild Semiconductor

Age: 64

Political experience: None.



Scott Hamann

Address: Thornton Ave, South Portland

Party: Democrat

Education:

B.A. Montana State University; pursuing M.B.A. at the University of Southern Maine

Occupation:

Video producer and marketing consultant

Age: 31

Political experience: None.



Kenneth Myrick

Address: 10 Harbor View Ave., South Portland

Party: Republican

Education:

South Portland High (1994); attended University of Phoenix

Occupation:

Athletic director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine (Portland)

Age: 38

Political experience: Chair, S.P. Republican Committee. Ran for state House District 123 in 2010.

Senate District 121



Kim Monaghan-Derrig

Address: 6 Russet Lane, C.E

Party: Democrat

Education:

M.A. public policy & management, Muskie School, UMaine; B.S. journalism, UMaine; B.A. program, ballet, Boston Conservatory of Music

Occupation:

State rep; tourism marketing manager

Age: 53

Political experience: State representative, District 121; Delegate to 2012 Maine Democratic Convention; School Board, 2010-12; more



Nancy Thompson

Address: 6 Pine Ridge Road

Party: Moderate Republican

Education:

Paralegal Program, Bentley College, attended Boston College; graduated Katharine Gibbs, Boston

Occupation:

Insurance agent

Age: 54

Political experience: None.

local property taxpayers.

MYRICK: Capers are feeling the effects of an ailing economy due to high energy costs, lack of high-paying jobs and high taxes. Cape is currently among the highest taxed communities. The reduction in funding to schools, and other programs has forced Cape to eliminate programs and raise taxes. I would introduce legislation that fairly distributes state funding to communities based on taxes paid. Those who contribute the most have a greater return. This will decrease taxes.

What else would you focus on, and why?

BISHOP: Be an advocate for public education. Provide a quality, affordable and accessible education is critical to our success. I would focus on the stabilization of tuition, apprenticeship opportunities, and supporting and expanding of our community college system.

HAMANN: I have a job growth and economic development initiative I will focus on. We can offer tax incentives to attract the motion picture industry to produce films in Maine – hiring local workers, pouring money into local businesses, and attracting highly skilled creative talent. Such programs have cultivated creative economy growth in states all around the country.

MYRICK: The question I'm mostly asked is not about one specific issue but is if elected, will I be willing to work with legislators from the opposite party to do what is best for Maine. Yes I will. Capers understand the importance of working together and it's that collaboration that leads to issues being resolved.

Why do you want to run for this position?

BISHOP: I want to use the skill-sets I have developed during my professional career to assist in addressing the many complex issues that are preventing us from realizing our full potential as a state and a district. Be part of a solution to the dysfunction between the political parties. The need to "win" at all costs has become more important than finding a compromise for our problems. The end result is we are left wondering about the effectiveness of our government. As an Independent, I will work with both parties and offer my assistance in finding the middle ground in order to move us forward.

HAMANN: As a foster parent, I've witnessed the impact poverty, mental illness, and drug abuse have on kids. We should be more proactive addressing these issues. I have seen ways to save money, increase the quality of services and protections for kids, and make investments to reduce costs in the future. Ensuring a more secure future for our

vulnerable neighbors is a tremendous opportunity to create a stronger state.

MYRICK: I am running for office to reintroduce a sense of trust, understanding and respect. The issues facing Maine can only be solved by legislators who understand that the needs of Maine come before Party and Self interests. As Mainers struggle in their daily lives our elected officials need to refocus their attention on creating sound legislations that will benefit Maine.

What skills would you bring to this post?

BISHOP: I have worked in leadership capacities for five major corporations and as a college adjunct faculty member. These experiences have afforded me the opportunity to become knowledgeable in the areas of change management, problem resolution, labor relations, and new business development.

HAMANN: I bring a pragmatic, analytical approach to problem solving, combined with a unique set of life experiences that will inform my decision-making.

MYRICK: Proven leader who has educated and trained soldiers for peace and war. I have an understanding of the effects a poor economy has on people and their families. I have worked with my local city officials on important issues concerning South Portland and together we were able to achieve the desired outcome.

Why should Cape voters elect you?

BISHOP: I have a proven record of professional skills and leadership. I have the maturity and diplomacy that is required to effectively represent the citizens of District 123.

HAMANN: I care deeply about investing heavily in education. I will fight for school funding which will benefit our kids' education, and also help prevent property tax increases if the state continues to underfund public education in our district and throughout the state.

MYRICK: Capers are tired of the ineffectiveness, misleading promises and lip service from legislators. Voting for me is a vote to change Augusta. Bring new approaches to needed situations. I vow to work hard for Cape. I'm committed to setting an example of non-partisan cooperation. I stand firm on my beliefs and am accountable for my actions.

SENATE DISTRICT 121

What's the most pressing issue facing Cape that you'd tackle at a state level, and how?

MONAGHAN-DERRIG: I am very concerned that Maine's new tax/services cuts will result in a tax shift to our middle income families and increase costs for Municipalities. I will support legislation

to overturn some of the tax cuts/reforms primarily passed by party-line votes.

THOMPSON: I believe the most pressing issue facing Cape Elizabeth is the economy. Cape Elizabeth is not immune to the effects of the "down economy" and the current challenging job environment. As I knocked on doors, I heard of several people that have lost their job. I will work hard and focus on creating jobs and encourage an environment that was conducive to job creation.

What else would you focus on, and why?

MONAGHAN-DERRIG: I will continue to focus on: economic development; education; environment and equal rights/fairness for all Maine people.

THOMPSON: I would advocate for our school system. All five of my children received an outstanding education in the Cape school system. I am in the unique position to work with the legislative leadership and collaborate to bring both sides together to advocate for Cape's school system to make sure that we get our fair share. I will also work to lower Maine's tax burden on our seniors. Too many seniors are heading south, and they deserve to stay in Maine and not be overly burdened by our tax system.

Why do you want to stay in/run for this job?

MONAGHAN-DERRIG: I am seeking re-election to help bring Maine's real priorities back to the forefront in Augusta. Those priorities are job creation and economic development, quality public schools for all Maine students, tax fairness for working Maine families, a responsible environment and equal rights for all Maine people. I love my job/service as a state representative and I would be honored to serve a two-year term.

THOMPSON: For the first time in my life, I have the time that it takes to serve as your legislator. I have an interest and passion for education, job creation and tax policy. With my family grown, I feel that it is the optimal time to give back to Cape Elizabeth for all that I have received. My background, training and experience have prepared me well to represent the needs of Cape Elizabeth.

What skills would you bring to this post?

MONAGHAN-DERRIG: Listening, collaboration and ability to measure current and proposed policy. Leadership skills should be a natural attribute. "Real leadership" is defined by real leaders such as Ed Muskie and George Mitchell.

THOMPSON: My track record of community service and experience in dealing with several nonprofits has given me the necessary tools needed to be an effective legislator. As a small business owner, I am acutely aware of the challenges that Maine businesses face in maintaining and providing jobs for our citizens and especially our young adults. As a mother of five, I see, firsthand, our college graduates returning to Maine with high college tuition debts and no good paying jobs available. I have great interpersonal skills that are necessary and will help to build consensus.

Why should Cape voters elect you?

MONAGHAN-DERRIG: Lawmakers must work together to move Maine in the right direction. The Governor and current leadership has taken this state in the wrong direction, thus thwarting efforts for true bipartisanship. If re-elected, I will work to put aside politics and posturing and work together to improve our economy, create jobs, strengthen public education, protect our environment and provide affordable healthcare. Maine's motto, Dirigo, means "to lead." The motto reflects the character and beliefs of Mainers. We must lead forward, not backwards.

THOMPSON: I am an independent thinker and collaborator, and I am tired of the fighting between the parties that currently exists in Augusta. I will strive to bring both sides of the issue together to make the best possible solution to the problem at hand. I have the time and energy and expertise to be a tireless advocate for Cape Elizabeth in the State House.

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Baby Gwen



Gwendolyn Aurelia LeClair

Chuck and Diane Brakeley of Cape Elizabeth announce the birth of their first grandchild. **Gwendolyn Aurelia LeClair** was born to their daughter **Jessica Brakeley LeClair** and her husband Matt LeClair on Sept. 19. She weighed 10 pounds at birth.

Jessica is a 1996 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School. The new family lives in Bangor.

More Neighbors on pages 10, 11

What's your news?

New baby? Engaged or married? Have you or a family member received a promotion, award or recognition?

Please send us your news, from trips and neighborhood parties to your children's activities, to *The Cape Courier*, P.O. Box 6242, Cape Elizabeth 04107; use the drop box across from the tax office at Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road; or, e-mail us at communityeditor@capecourier.com. Photos are welcome but will not be returned.

Cape Elizabeth residents and mother-daughter team, **Lydia and Wendy Webber** recently opened a shop, SummerHouse, at 851 Sawyer Street in South Portland. The store features the work of local artisans and Maine-made products along with painted glassware from Lydia's **Wild Lupine Farm Studio** in Cape Elizabeth.

Wendy, a 2000 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, paints pet portraits while tending shop. Wendy earned a degree in environmental science from New College in Sarasota, Fla., but she minored in art and has taken art classes at Maine College of Art, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Southern Maine.

From the 1990s until 2004, the two ran a summer art camp, Creative Arts Camp, for children in Cape.

Go to www.summerhouseshop.com for more information.



Wendy and Lydia Webber

Cape Elizabeth resident **Gerald Petrucelli** of the law firm Petrucelli, Martin & Haddow in Portland was recently named to *Best Lawyers in America*, a legal peer review, for the 25th year.

Petrucelli was recognized in the areas of appellate practice, regulatory enforcement, mediation, and commercial, construction and bet-the-company litigation.

Engaged

Cape Elizabeth residents Amber Smalley and Zeb Myerowitz, Jr., recently announced their engagement. Smalley is the daughter of Clifford and Karen Smalley of Bloomingdale, N.Y. Myerowitz Jr. is the son of Zev and Gail Myerowitz of Holden, Maine.

The couple met at their alma mater, New York Chiropractic College, in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of science degree from the University at Albany in New York and went on to receive a master's of science degree for acupuncture from New York Chiropractic College's Finger Lakes School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Zev received a bachelor of science degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Overland Park, Kan., and went on to receive a doctorate from the New York Chiropractic College along with a master's of science degree in acupuncture.

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