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Spring finds a way



Pussy willow

Memorial Day is May 25; planning underway

By Jim Huebener

day, May 25, with a traditional parade and are asked to gather on Route 77 at 8:30 a.m. memorial ceremonies. This is an opportu- The parade route begins at the intersection nity for the community to come together in remembrance of those who have died serving our nation.

The parade begins at 9 a.m., and will be Memorial Day will be observed on Mon- held unless it is raining. Parade participants of Fowler Road and Old Ocean House Road,

-see MEMORIAL DAY, page 3

Proposed land use changes sent to workshop as council hears concerns

By Bob Dodd

In response to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Board has recommended changes in the town's land use regulations.

Many of the changes are intended to preserve open space and make housing more affordable, in keeping, the board felt, with the recommendations contained in the comprehensive plan.

Some residents strongly disagreed with certain changes proposed, especially the loosening of restrictions on new multifamily housing development, and they made their feelings known at the April 6 meeting of the

After hearing their concerns, the Town Council voted unanimously to send the proposed changes to workshop for discussion, rather than immediately to the Ordinance Committee for review. Councilors generally agreed that the objections raised warranted a workshop discussion before taking any further action.

Some who spoke also objected to proposed changes intended to encourage development of more affordable housing for elderly residents and younger families.

Several said that the Planning Board was ignoring the responses relating to the need for more multifamily housing that came out of a town survey conducted in 2006 for the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Some suggested that it might be time for a new survey or an updating of the plan itself.

Several speakers implied that the proposed changes were being rushed to Ordinance Committee review and urged councilors to slow down the process and discuss the changes in a workshop setting first.

Councilors Jim Walsh and Jessica Sullivan objected to the implication by speakers that the review of the proposed changes was being rushed through.

Walsh asked Town Planner Maureen

-see TOWN COUNCIL, page 14

School board adopts \$23,647,188 budget

By Wendy Keeler

The School Board on April 14 unanimously adopted a \$23,647,188 school budget for next year. Under the plan, which would increase school spending by 1.8 percent over this year, the tax rate for school services would go up .6 percent.

School taxes would increase from \$12.19 to \$12.26 for every thousand dollars of assessed valuation. On a home valued at \$314,000, the projected property taxes for education would increase by \$21.98.

The School Board will present the budget to the Town Council at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 27, in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The council is expected to vote on the adoption of an overall municipal budget after a public hearing on the budget on Monday, May 11, at the Town Hall.

A citizens' vote on the Town Council's adopted school budget is set for Tuesday, June 9, in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

The Maine Department of Education has projected a \$447,150, or 17.7 percent, increase in state education aid to Cape Elizabeth next year, but that figure could change after the Legislature votes on a final budget.

Salaries and benefits represent about 80

percent of overall expenditures in the proposed school budget.

Medical insurance premiums

About a week before the April 14 meeting, school officials got the good news from the School Department's insurance carrier that medical premiums for the upcoming year will go down 2 percent instead of rising 5 percent, as Cape Elizabeth school officials had anticipated. The change means a difference of \$143,000.

At the April 14 business meeting, where five Cape Elizabeth residents expressed concern about class sizes in two grades next year, the board unanimously approved adding \$50,000 to the \$180,000 in contingency funds that already had been budgeted for next year.

If additional students register this summer for fourth or fifth grade, where classroom sizes are expected to be large, the board could vote to use contingency funds to hire additional staff, board members said.

Early in the meeting, School Board Fince Committee Chair Michael Moore

-see SCHOOL BUDGET, page 14

Few residents weigh in so far on long-term planning for Recycling Center, to be completed in June

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape Elizabeth residents, at least those five who attended a public forum held April 9, hosted by the Solid Waste and Recycling Long-Range Planning Committee, like the new traffic pattern at the Recycling Center, although they would like drivers to slow down to the 15 m.p.h. speed limit. They also like the swap shop, bottle shed, and recycling bullets at Town Hall, are not in favor of curbside pickup, and would like an additional hazardous waste collection day.

Although only five residents attended the forum, not including members of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long-Range Planning

Committee and the invited-to-participate Recycling Committee, Committee Chair and Town Councilor Jessica Sullivan still thought the forum went well. "The five residents had a lot of comments to make," she said in an April 10 interview.

Discussion at the forum started with the new traffic pattern, which replaced the need for vehicles to back up into the compactor building with four diagonal drop-off lanes and town-provided carts. The new diagonal parking system, in which vehicles only drive forward, is consistent with recommendations made by the engineering firm of Woodard and Curran. The town requested an assessment and recommendation from the firm following a fatal accident on Nov. 24 in which Herbert Dennison was struck and thrown into the compactor by a Ford Explorer backing into one of three parking spaces in the compactor building. The new traffic pattern has been in effect since January, but it is intended to be a short-term measure to improve safety at the Recycling Center while the five-member Solid Waste and Recycling Long-Range Planning Committee considers long-term improvements.

Discussion also included the recycling bullets at Town Hall, the swap shop, the bottle shed, large item disposal, hazardous

waste disposal, curbside pickup, pay-per-bag waste disposal, composting, and commercial haulers. All these topics, and more, are also included in a townwide survey which can be found as an insert in this newspaper. The survey can be dropped off at Town Hall, the Recycling Center or the public works building and is also available online at the town website. The survey deadline is May 8.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Long-Range Planning Committee has been meeting since January and is charged with providing a completed report to the Town Council by June 30. "I believe we are on track to do that," said Sullivan.



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Proposed ordinance change is 'unnecessary'

There are some proposed changes now being considered by the Planning Board. These changes could have drastic and long-lasting implications on the look, feel and overall character of Cape Elizabeth. Right now the Planning Board is considering proposed ordinance changes that would allow for five-story, multiplex units on any land parcel over 3 acres – not just in the Town Center but on any parcel over three acres.

Currently our town population is decreasing and is projected to continue to do so. In addition it has been made very clear time

and time again that Cape residents highly value the rural character of our town and our open green space.

This type of development is not only unnecessary and of benefit to only a small few but goes so strongly against what a majority of our residents want.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with what the Planning Board is proposing to do. If we as a community do not speak up, our town's rural character, what we so highly cherish, could be changed forever.

Lisa Gent

Land use proposal would 'erode' town character

I am deeply concerned about the proposal for land use amendment and zoning ordinance changes to accommodate multiplex development in our community.

Of particular concern is the increase from 3- to 5-story (50 feet) multiplex buildings, to be built on a 3-acre lot – reduced from a 5-acre minimum. This type of development, whether it be in our town center or any neighborhood with a 3-acre lot or larger, does not align with Cape's aesthetic. This loosening of Cape's building restrictions will forever erode the charming character of our town.

Imagine four buildings, each five stories high, on the wooded lot next to Town Hall, or in a charming residential neighborhood. The proposed changes are far-reaching and unnecessary. Is there actually a demand for multiplex housing in Cape? From whom?

The population and growth projections that underlie the 2007 comprehensive plan are outdated; the land use chapter should be rewritten before any laws are overhauled.

Sixty-one percent of residents surveyed by Critical Insights in 2005 clearly stated: "We strongly disagree with having multiunit buildings here." I appreciate the council's decision to deliberate in a workshop before sending the proposal on to the Ordinance Committee. I urge them to question the premise and consider the recommendations in a very broad context, asking: how will our decision now impact this community in 25, 50, or even 100 years?

I encourage every resident to contact the councilors with your thoughts and feelings.

Suzanne McGinn

Rep. Monaghan stands against animal cruelty

I am writing to express thanks and gratitude to our State Representative Kimberly Monaghan for taking a strong stand against animal cruelty. Representative Monaghan is the lead sponsor of legislation (LD 335) that seeks to prohibit pet shops in Maine from buying and selling puppies and kittens from large-scale, out-of-state commercial breeding facilities known as puppy mills.

More than 95 percent of puppies and kittens sold by Maine pet shops are obtained from these facilities, many of which were cited for significant violations during USDA inspections last year.

The lack of care at these breeding facilities is inhumane, and it contributes to a high rate of contagious parasites, diseases, and behavioral disorders in the young animals that are sold by pet shops to people who are usually unaware of their origin.

Not only do the puppies and kittens suffer – many dying during transport – but the adult dogs and cats that bear them are bred continuously and kept in cramped, filthy conditions for life, never taken out of their cages, never groomed, never feeling a loving human touch.

The bill is being considered by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation. Let's hope it becomes law, but know that even if it does not, it has received a great deal of attention in the press and so has raised awareness throughout Maine of the critical importance of purchasing pets only from area shelters, rescue groups, or reputable local breeders.

Please join me in thanking Representative Monaghan for sponsoring this important legislation.

Karen Coker

April Fool's Day story highlights real issues

Debbie Butterworth got me.

I am a long time advocate for pedestrian scale, sustainable development. But when I got to the part in Debbie's mock-editorial on page 4 in the March 25 issue of The Courier, about the Town Hall being moved to a "municipal campus," I was ready to dig up the hatchet and start a crusade. Truthfully, we could use more retail, affordable housing and a small art-house movie/vaudeville theater.

Cape Elizabeth does have a walkable downtown, and we should promote that and develop accordingly. Despite its purportedly snooty character, our town actually has a great income range among its residents, historically a strength of our community. A mixed-use downtown sounds exciting too.

One of the things we have done well as a municipality is maintain the historical character of the town. It feels rural yet has a thriving Town Center, though it is a satellite community to Portland. As we develop the downtown, we need to do so carefully and maintain local and popular control of development. Sadly, there are too many nearby examples of urban renewal and privatization run amok. While Debbie's story is tongue in cheek, she touches on real dangers our community faces. Bravo for alerting us and making the article believable and subtle.

Ray Sapirstein

Reader puzzled by 'daily dumping' of waste on Shore Road

I live just off Shore Road and for the last month and a half or so someone has been daily dumping a bag of what looks to be filled with oatmeal (or vomit) in the middle of the road in the vicinity of Saint Alban's Church.

I stopped to talk with a couple of guys on the town road crew who have the unenviable task of cleaning this mess up. They think the Hannaford plastic bags contain what they politely refer to as "medical waste," speculating it might be the contents of a colostomy bag.

It's a mystery that makes me wonder what kind of grudge this colostomy bag bomber is nursing and why he or she has targeted this stretch of road for a daily sludge-filled saturation bomb. Hope this gets solved before it gets warm and we start having to deal with the smell too.

Doug Green

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17. Household refuse will not be accepted at the compactor on these days.

Fees will be assessed on all applicable

Hazardous and e-waste collection May 9

A household hazardous and e-waste collection will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 9 at the public works building on Cooper Drive, below the Recycling Center. Cape Elizabeth residents displaying a valid permit may drop hazardous items from the yard, garage, house and workbench.

To see specific acceptable items – and unacceptable items – visit the town website or review the insert in this newspaper.

All materials should be left in original containers, with lids and caps tightened. Containers should be in sturdy upright boxes padded with newspaper – not in garbage bags. Only household quantities will be accepted; material will not be accepted from businesses or commercial haulers. There should be no smoking near hazardous materials and residents should follow signage to the drop-off and remain in their vehicles.

Memorial Day Cont. from page 1_____

continues north on Route 77, taking a left onto Scott Dyer Road ending at the War Veteran's Memorial where a wreath will be

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth Police, Fire and Rescue Departments, the WETeam, Lions' Club, Middle School Marching Band, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies. This year we will also have "legacy families" (defined as those families with roots going back 100 years) march in the parade as part of 250th anniversary of Cape Elizabeth's founding.

Veterans of previous wars, as well as active-duty personnel, are invited to march.

We encourage anyone who has a family member serving in the armed services to notify Jim Huebener at 767-1754 or 831-3625, or at jhuebene@maine.rr.com, so they can

Groups interested in marching, other than those mentioned above, should contact Jim Huebener as soon as possible so they can be included.

The 2015 Memorial Day parade marshal is Sgt. Tiana Schneider, a veteran of the Iraq War who is still on active duty and stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. She is a Cape Elizabeth native and 2003 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Following the ceremony, residents and guests are invited to an open house reception at the Town Center Fire Station.

Surfing the cove



A surfer at Pond Cove on April 11 was a sign of spring for photographer Martha Agan.

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Publisher position opens at Cape Courier

The Cape Courier is accepting applications for the position of publisher, as current publisher, and longtime Courier volunteer, Diane Brakeley, is planning her

The position requires 10-15 mostly flexible hours per week, with plenty of vacation time, generally coinciding with school calendar vacations. The Cape Courier is published 22 times per year.

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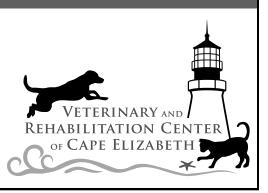
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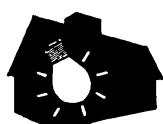
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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

May brings flowers!

By Erika Carlson Rhile, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Committee chair

May 1: "May Day" is the midpoint between the vernal equinox and the summer solstice.

May 4: Full Flower Moon, is named for abundant May flowers!

Stop and smell the flowers. Purple trillium smells like rotten meat to attract flies for its pollination. It was once used medicinally to treat gangrene and nosebleeds. Other wildflowers in bloom are

Quaker ladies ("bluets"), wood sorrel, bunchberry, starflower, fringed polygalas and pink lady slippers.

The early robin gets the worm? Adult robins prefer fruit over earthworms; the worms are for their babies.

Black flies are back – did you know they have been around since the Jurassic Period?

Newborn fawns are walking at an hour old.

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Snowdrops

Photo by Martha Agan

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Winnock Woods assessed for dog impact

By Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

Dog owners recently asked the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission to review its management policies at Winnick Woods and the impact of use by dog owners. The dog owners want to proactively address potential negative impacts of increased use of Winnick Woods following new dog leash rules at Robinson Woods.

The Conservation Commission welcomes this approach. Using a model of jointly reviewing trail impacts and the needs of users, the Conservation Commission has built working relationships with the mountain-biking- and horseback riding- greenbelt users. Greenbelt trail improvements have been made by both groups in cooperation with the Conservation Commission, resulting in a better trail system for all users. More importantly, the relationship built with user groups provides feedback and a method for addressing issues as they arise.

Dog use on the greenbelt

In preparation for the discussion with dog owners, staff walked the main Winnick Woods trail loop on March 9. As a control, staff also walked the outer trail loop at Gull Crest on March 10. A summary of conditions was prepared and shared with the dog owners. Generally, the summary of conditions found that dog owners on greenbelt trails had both beneficial and negative impacts.

Along the first one-third mile of trail, pet waste can be found an average of every 50 feet for both trails. A pet waste station is available at Gull Crest, but not at Winnick Woods. In Winnick Woods, there are many instances of dogs leaving the trail to romp in the woods. This is not common at Gull Crest. Staff observed about half of dog owners at Winnick Woods leaving the trail carrying a waste bag. During the survey, staff experienced dogs jumping, and lunging in a menacing way. Many other dog owners were careful to avoid conflicts with other trail users.

The trails at Winnick Woods are well packed down. Trails at Gull Crest are less packed and are heavily used not only by dog walkers but also for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

Going forward

The Conservation Commission discussed and agreed to installation of a pet waste station, with dog waste bags and a trash can, at

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Winnick Woods. The commission will install the station, which has been generously donated by Maine Veterinary Referral Center of Scarborough, along with a month's supply of bags.

The commission also agreed to install signage encouraging dog owners to pick up after their pets. The dog owners' stakeholder group provided several samples of signs, some of which have since been installed at Winnick Woods and Gull Crest.

The commission will educate the public about best practices; both responsible pet waste disposal and courtesy to fellow trail users.

What trail users should know

All pet waste should be collected and deposited in a waste container. Pet waste left "in the open" does not harmlessly degrade. The Environmental Protection Agency classifies pet waste as "toxic." The U.S. Centers for Disease Control confirms that pet waste can spread parasites, including hookworm, ringworm, tapeworm and salmonella. Even after pet waste degrades, parasite eggs can linger for years. Very small amounts of pet waste includes millions of fecal coliform bacteria. This can seep into groundwater and spread salmonella and giardia. Pet waste is a major contributor to stormwater pollution. Pet waste left in the open is carried by rainwater into storm drains and from there into streams, rivers and lakes. To protect the health of the public and their pets, pet waste should always be left in a waste container.

Pet owners should always have their pet under control when using the greenbelt. The Cape Elizabeth greenbelt is a multiuser trail system. All users should be respectful and courteous of each other. When enjoying greenbelt trails, assume other trail users do not want a dog to jump on them or to approach them in a menacing way. If your dog becomes excited when encountering other trail users, restrain your dog until the user has passed by.

Ongoing management

The Conservation Commission is the steward of the greenbelt system and will continue to monitor use of greenbelt trails consistent with the Open Space Management Ordinance and policies adopted by the Town Council. The commission will continue to work with stakeholder groups, but will also take necessary steps to curb abuse of the greenbelt trail system.

CAPE ELIZABETH MARKET STATISTICS: 2015 1ST QUARTER

January 1—March 31	2014	2015	% Change
# Single Family Homes Sold:	20	25	- 25%
Average Sale Price:	\$558,743	\$455,379	- 18%
Average List to Sale Price Ratio:	95.9%	95.4%	- 1%
Average # Days on Market:	62	87	+ 40%
Median Sale Price:	\$407,000	\$331,522	- 19%
Median List to Sale Price Ratio:	96.2%	97.4%	+ 1%
Median # of days on market:	28	42	+ 50%
Highest/Lowest Sale Price:	\$2,900,000/\$260,000	\$1,850,000/\$175,000	N/A

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IRS identity theft is prevalent

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

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- An officer met with a representative of a property association regarding damage to a granite post. It appeared that a vehicle attempted to turn around and struck it. Replacement cost was estimated at around \$3,000.
- An officer met with an attendant at the transfer station regarding an illegal dumping complaint.
- An officer responded to a report of a dog at large in the Spurwink Road area. The owner was contacted and warned.
- 3-25 An officer met with a resident of the Stonegate Road area as Maine Revenue Service had contacted them and reported that a fraudulent tax return had been filed using their personal information.
- An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding an IRS tax fraud complaint.
- An officer spoke with the owner of a 3-27 cottage in the Shore Road area regarding criminal mischief to the building. Three juveniles were responsible for the damage and their parents have been
- 3-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being
- Two officers responded to Fort Williams 3-29 for a well-being check.
- 3-30 An officer met with a resident of the Star Road area as Maine Revenue Service had contacted them and reported that a fraudulent income tax return had been filed using their personal information.
- 3-30 An officer met with a resident in the Fowler Road area regarding an IRS tax fraud complaint.
- An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a dog bite complaint.
- Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a wellbeing check.
- An officer met with a resident in the Broad Cove area regarding an IRS identity theft/tax fraud complaint.
- An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding the theft of

ARRESTS Portland resident, operating without a license, illegal attachment of plates,

some older weathered lawn furniture.

receiving stolen property, Shore Road Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant for probation violation, Beverly Terrace

ACCIDENTS

Maxwell Carr, Lisa Sirois, accident on Sawyer Road

SUMMONSES

- Standish resident, operating after license
- suspension, Two Lights Road, \$310 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to
- produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171 3-24 Gray resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- Kennebunk resident, speeding (59/45 zone), Route 77, \$137
- Barrington NH resident, expired license, Shore Road, \$137
- 3-26 Portland resident, operating without license, illegal attachment of plates, receiving stolen property, Shore Road
- Windham resident, operating after license suspension, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Route 77
- Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected 4-2 vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (53/35 zone), Spurwink Road
- Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Hill Way, \$171

FIRE CALLS

- Belfield Road, structure fire 3-24
- 3-25 Scarborough Mutual Aid
- Scarborough Mutual Aid
- Valley Road, arcing wires
- Ocean House Road, investigation
- Cross Hill Road, water problem
- Orchard Road, chimney fire

RESCUE CALLS

There were 27 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 7 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Police will take back unwanted drugs April 25

On April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents will be allowed to bring in their unused and unwanted prescriptions and over-thecounter medications to the Cape Elizabeth Police Department for disposal. This is an

opportunity to clean out medicine cabinets and dispose of unwanted medications in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. For more information contact Officer David Galvan at 767-3323 ext. 208.

Criminals host fake websites to get info, money

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department has taken numerous reports this year of fraudulent tax returns filed in the names of residents. In response, the department has published an alert from the Federal Bureau of Investigation explaining how the fraud is perpetrated and what people can do to avoid becoming a victim of this growing crime.

The following is a summary of the FBI alert. The full text of the alert can be read on the town website.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center criminals host fraudulent government services websites in order to acquire personal information and to collect fraudulent fees from consumers.

The scam begins when a victim uses a search engine to find government services. The fraudulent websites are the first to appear. Such websites may include forms which ask for personal information and usually request a fee. Once paid, the victim may be requested to send other documentation, such as a birth certificate or driver's license. By the time the victim realizes it is a scam they may have found extra charges billed to their credit or debit card, had a third-party designee added to their EIN card, and had their personal data compromised. Requested personal information might include the victim's name, address, phone number, email address, social security number, date of birth and mother's maiden name. This information may then be used to create fraudulent IDs, passports, loans and tax refunds.

When looking for government websites always look for the .gov domain instead of a .com domain. Be cautious when surfing the Internet or responding to advertisements and special offers. Research any services you plan to use. Be especially cautious when dealing with persons or companies outside of the U.S. and maintain records of all online transactions.

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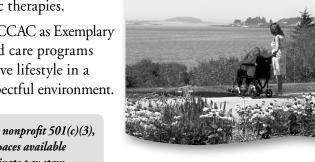
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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was in its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes both short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

April 22, 1865 – The assassination of President Lincoln, throughout our State, has turned the general rejoicing over our last victories into the deepest gloom and sadness

Everywhere the grief of the people for the loss of this great and good man has found utterance in the deepest expressions of grief and horror. [Portland Transcript]

The assassination of the President created great consternation in Richmond, the people expressing their fears of the consequences.

The following are the obsequies for President Lincoln to be observed in this city on Wednesday, the day of his funeral. All the churches to be opened for religious services from 12 to 1 o'clock; all business to be suspended after 12 o'clock; the bells to be tolled and minute guns fired from 12 to 1; at 3 o'clock, P.M., a meeting

in the City Hall, and a funeral discourse by Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

Mayor McLellan has issued a proclamation to the effect, and requesting that all flags be displayed at half mast. [Portland Transcript]

Gen. Ord purchased the table on which the terms of surrender were signed by Generals Grant and Lee for \$50, and Gen. Custer purchased that on which the minutes were made out for \$25. The former was a marble topped table of antiquated fashion. [Portland Transcript]

Grant's last campaign in Virginia is one of the most rapid and brilliant known in history. The capture of Petersburg and Richmond, and the pursuit and capture of Lee's army, occupied just eleven days! [Portland Transcript]

Booth, the assassin, is well

known in this city, having fulfilled a professional engagement here in 1861. At that time his secession sentiments were fully expressed and he was heard even then to threaten the life of President Lincoln. [Portland Transcript]

April 29, 1865 – The finishing blows: We are witnessing the finishing blows of the great rebellion, and trust ere long to be able to devote this column, which for four years has been weekly filled with the bloody details of civil war, to matter of a more peaceful and agreeable nature.

Everywhere the Union armies are destroying the last vestiges of the military power of the rebellion. Mobile, the last important port of the rebels, has fallen into our hands. Many citizens are anxious to take the oath of allegiance, and are glad to be released from rebel rule. [Portland Transcript]

Booth, the assassin, is at large. And so is Jeff Davis. [Portland Transcript]

Gen. Lee keeps quietly in his house at Richmond, and has not been seen on the street since his capture.

The mother of Booth, the assassin, resides in New York, and is said to be nearly insane under the great calamity that has come so suddenly upon her. [Port-

land Transcript]

Editor's note: During most of the Civil War, Cape Elizabeth resident Scott D. Jordan served as a naval ensign aboard the U.S.S. Carondolet.

In April 2015, he reported to the U. S. S. Curlew, which had an assignment to survey and draw charts of all the Western rivers. After returning to Maine, he farmed and served for a while as the superintendent of Cape Elizabeth Poor Farm.

He and wrote his wife Judith following letter in April 1845:

U.S. Steamer Curlew Chester, Ill. April 30, 1865

Dear Judith,

Thus far I like my situation, tip top, and the business we are engaged in is exceedingly interesting. We stop at every plantation, Every high hill and every creek that empties in to the Mississippi, to take observations, and to put up Beacons.

The scenery along this river is very beautiful. And there are many fine farms especially on the Illinois side.

The war is most over. And we will soon have the pleasure of living over again the happy times, we have passed together.

Your affectionate husband, Scott D. Jordan

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Nineteenth-century stonecutter to be topic of May 2 Genealogical Society presentation

Nineteenth-century Portland stonecutter Bartlett Adams, whose shop produced hundreds of slate and marble gravestones for graveyards in Cumberland County and beyond, will be the topic of a one-hour presentation on Saturday, May 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

Ray Romano will lead the talk at the meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, which will begin at 1 p.m, following a half-hour refresh-

ment time. Romano leads tours of the Eastern Cemetery, the oldest historic landscape in Portland, and is a member of the board of Spirits Alive, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the cemetery. In 2013 and 2014, Romano conducted a survey of Adams' work, visiting more than 175 early cemeteries to document his impact on the region.

The event will be free, and new members are welcome to join the society.

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Gabrielle Alfiero, a 2003 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and the daughter of Linda and Mike Alfiero of Peabbles Cove Road, recently received honors from the New York Press Association for her writing and reporting for the Manhattanbased newspaper, Our Town Downtown. In the NYPA's annual Better Newspaper contest, she came in second out of 32 writers in the "Best Rookie Writer" category. Gabrielle covers art, food, museums and other cultural institutions for the newspaper.

"Her feature stories are the kind of 'lean over the breakfast table and share this story with someone else' content - the kind of stories that you remember. They surprise, entertain, inform [and] even make you sad," contest judges said about Gabrielle's writing.

After working in marketing in New York City, Gabrielle received a master's degree in journalism in 2013 from the City University of New York Graduate School of Journalism. Before that, she studied English and film, with a focus on creative writing, at Connecticut College in New London,

Gabrielle was married last summer on Chebeague Island to Pete Strangfeld of Hopkinton, Mass. The couple lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Cape Elizabeth resident Sterling D. Weatherbie received highest honors for the winter term at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. He is a senior.

Mary Walker was named "Broker of the Month" for superior sales in March at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. A broker since 1982, she lives in South Portland. where she is a member of the South Portland Scholarship Committee.

Pet supply collection still underway

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Cape Elizabeth is collecting supplies for the Animal Rescue League of Greater Port-

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CELT member to lead **Robinson Woods walk** morning of May' 12

Vernal pools and wildflowers in Robinson Woods will be the focus of a walk that Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member Tony Owens is set to lead from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday,

The group will meet at the Robinson Woods kiosk on Shore Road. The cost for the walk, which will be held rain or shine, is \$6 per person. People should dress in footwear suitable for wet conditions.

Register at least 48 hours in advance through Community Services by going to capecommunityservices.org and clicking on the "Register Now" link to ActiveNet, or in person at the Community Services' office at 343 Ocean House Road. Call 799-2868 for more information.

Jazz group to perform

A Cape Elizabeth High School student jazz group will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, at The Local Buzz café and wine bar, 327 Ocean House Road.

There will be no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds will help offset costs for the CEHS mock trial team to travel in May to Raleigh, N.C., for the National Mock Trial Championship. In December, the team won the state title for the fifth straight year.

Contact Mary Page at mpage@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Please send postgraduate plans!

Soon-to-be high school graduates and their parents who want to run seniors' postgraduate plans in an upcoming issue of The Cape Courier should send the senior's name, the parents' names, and the senior's plans, including the location of the college or postgraduate activity, by Friday, June 1, to Debbie Butterworth at dbutterw@maine.rr.com or 21 McAuley Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107.

The information must be sent by seniors or their parents.

Family Fun Day may include first fireworks since 2007 along with new fun run with foam

By Wendy Keeler

If organizers have their way, this year's Family Fun Day, set for Saturday, June 13, at Fort Williams Park, will be the "biggest and best Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day ever," Family Fun Day Committee Co-chair Karen Pride said about the event, which has a June 14 rain date.

Fireworks?

If committee members are able to raise adequate funding, Family Fun Day will end on a bang with fireworks over the fort for the first time since 2007. The Town Council on April 6 unanimously approved a request by the Family Fun Day committee to raise funds for a fireworks display.

"If we can raise \$3,000, we can have fireworks, and if we raise more than that, then we will have a bigger fireworks show," Pride said. "

Everyone who donates will earn a chance to be the person who gets to push the button that sends off the first barrage of fireworks over Fort Williams, Pride said.

Donation checks should be made out to "Town of Cape Elizabeth," marked "For fireworks," and mailed to "C.E. Family Fun Day Fireworks, 320 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107."

Parade

This year's parade on Shore Road, which will start at 10 a.m., will include Scarborough's Gym Dandies Unicycle Troupe. The

parade's theme will be "Cape Elizabeth: Past Present and Future" in honor of this year's 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town. Cape residents, neighborhood groups, members of Cape Elizabeth organizations and clubs, and business people are encouraged to participate in the parade with floats, decorated bikes and costumed marchers. Prizes will be offered.

Fun Run with Foaming Finish

In addition to some of the traditional Family Fun Day offerings – foods and treats prepared by nonprofits and a free dog show - this year's event will include a free afternoon concert by the Don Campbell Band, a free all-day petting zoo, a free Mad Science Show at 3:15 p.m., and a free Fun Run with a Foaming Finish at 4 p.m.

The fun run, which will not be a competition, will include an obstacle course with inflated beach balls and giant inflatable animals and an area where a cannon will shoot nontoxic foam into air. Children vounger than eight will need to be accompanied by an older sibling or an adult, Pride said.

As always, the committee invites artists and craftspeople to reserve free booths to show and sell handmade items. Contact Rose Keanealy at keannearo@spsd.org about renting a booth.

Contact Pride at 232-2579 or kpride@ maine.rr.com, or Frank Butterworth at 767-3571 or fbutterw@gmail.com for more information.

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Earth Day beach cleanup planned on April 30

The Inn by the Sea will hold its annual Earth Day beach cleanup at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 30. Volunteers will meet on the inn lawn before heading to Crescent Beach.

James Benson of the Portland-based Gulf of Maine Research Institute will give a brief talk about fishery management in the Gulf of Maine and the Gulf of Maine Culinary Partners program, in which restaurants make a commitment to serve Gulf of Maine seafood and educate staff members about seafood sustainability. Cookies and lemonade will be served on the inn's lawn after the cleanup.

The inn is located at 40 Bowery Beach Road. Contact Rauni Kew at 799-3134 or rkew@innbythesea.com for information.

'A Funny Thing' to run through May 2 at Lyric

The musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," will run through Saturday, May 2, at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland. The comedy, set in Rome, tells the story of a slave and his attempts to win freedom by helping his young master

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The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St. Call 799-1421, email ticketslyric@gmail.com, or go to lyricmusictheater.org for tickets.

Senior news & photos

The Cape Courier welcomes ideas and submissions about Cape Elizabeth senior citizens, from news and upcoming events to profiles, features and photographs. Please contact Wendy Keeler at communityeditor@capecourier.com or 767-3853.

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, April 22

Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, 2 p.m., Public

Saturday, April 25

National Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Public Safety

Monday, April 27

School Board Negotiations Committee, 2:45 p.m., William H. Jordan

Conference Room, Town Hall **Town Council Finance Committee.**

School Board Budget Presentation, 7 p.m., Technology Conference Room

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

Tuesday, April 28

School Board Workshop, 6 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

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

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

Wednesday, April 29

Town Council Finance Committee Wrapup (if needed), 7 p.m.

Monday, May 4

School Board Negotiations Committee, 3 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, 2 p.m., Public Works

Thursday, May 7

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Friday, May 8

School Board Negotiations Committee, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Saturday, May 9

Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Works Monday, May 11

Fort Williams Advisory Commission Site Walk, 5 p.m., Fort Williams Park

Town Council meeting, budget hearing and adoption, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, May 12

School Board Executive Session, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

CABLE GUIDE

CE Church of the Nazarene April 25 & 26; May 2, 3, 9 & 10 - 11:30 am

Planning Board (Live) April 27 - 7 p.m. **Zoning Board of Appeals (live)** April 28 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals replay

April 29 & 30 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. May 2 - 9 a.m. **Planning Board replay**

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May 1 & 2 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. May 3 - 9 a.m. **Town Council (Live)** May 11 - 7 p.m. **School Board (live)** May 12 - 7 p.m.



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Poets to read from works on April 25

In honor of National Poetry Month, three area poets will read from their own works from 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at The Local Buzz café and wine bar. At the free event, "Poetry's Legacy," area poets Betsy Sholl, Adrian Blevins and Christopher Robley will present examples of poetry that has inspired their own work and share poems they created from that inspiration.

The event is part of the Local Writers at The Local Buzz group's monthly series cohosted by Portland Poet Laureate and Cape Elizabeth resident Marcia F. Brown and poet Linda Aldrich.

Sholl, the former Poet Laureate for the state of Maine, has published eight collections of poetry, including "Otherwise Unseeable," published in 2014 by the University of Wisconsin Press; "Rough Cradle," published in 2009 by Alice James Books; and "Late Psalm," published in 2004 by the University of Wisconsin. Her work is included in "Best American Poetry 2009," in "Best Spiritual Writing 2012," and in many magazines. She is a founding member of Alice James Books and has received National Endowment for the Arts and Maine Writer's fellowships. Sholl has taught at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and the University of Southern Maine in Gorham, and now teaches in the graduate writing program at Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier.

Blevins, an associate professor of English at Colby College in Waterville, is the author of "Live from the Homesick Jamboree," published in 2009 by Wesleyan University Press; "The Brass Girl Brouhaha," published in 2003 by Ausable Press; "The Man Who Went out for Cigarettes," published by Bright Hill Press in 1996; and "Bloodline" published in 2012 by Hollyridge Press. She received a Kate Tufts Discovery Award, a Rona Jaffe Writer's Foundation Award, a Bright Hill Press Chapbook Award, a Pushcart Prize, and a Cohen Award from Ploughshares. A collection of essays she edited with Karen McElmurray, titled "Walk Till the Dogs Get Mean: Meditations on the Forbidden from Contemporary Appalachia," is forthcoming from Ohio University Press in 2015.

Robley's poetry has been published in Poetry Magazine, Prairie Schooner, Poetry Northwest, Beloit Poetry Journal, Rhino, and more. He is the winner of Boulevard's 2013 Poetry Prize for Emerging Writers and the 2014 recipient of a Maine Literary Award in poetry. His orchestral indie-pop music has been praised by National Public Radio, the Los Angeles Times and The Boston Globe.

The Local Buzz is located at 327 Ocean House Road.

Go to localbuzzcafe.com for more information.

Fundraiser at Elsmere BBQ planned on May 6

A fundraiser at Elsmere BBQ and Grill in South Portland on Wednesday, May 6, will benefit the parents' associations of Pond Cove School, Cape Elizabeth Middle School and Cape Elizabeth High School.

Eight percent of all orders between 4 and 9 p.m. that day will be split among the orga-

nizations, which help fund programs at the three schools.

Contact Sheri Bragg at 730-0975 or sheri-braggme@yahoo.com for more information.

The restaurant is located at 448 Cottage Road, and the phone number is 619-1948.

Migratory birds to be focus of May walk

Migratory birds will be the topic of a walk that bird enthusiast and Cape Elizabeth resident Rafael Adams will lead between 6:30 and 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 16.

The group will begin at the greenbelt path on Starboard Drive and head across the wooden bridge to Adams' favorite birding patch in the woods behind the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station.

"This is peak warbler migration time and with our early start we ensure our best chance of spotting a large variety of birds," he said.

Participants should wear footwear suitable for wet conditions. The cost of the program, which is sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, is \$6 per person.

Register at least 48 hours in advance

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The nonprofit CELT permanently conserves and provides stewardship for land in Cape Elizabeth.

Dinner, entertainment for seniors on April 30

A free event for Cape Elizabeth residents 60 years and older that will include dinner and entertainment is set for 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the Cape Elizabeth High School café. Cape Memory Care, Kindred Assisted Living – Village Crossings, RE/MAX Oceanside and Coastal Rehab are

sponsoring the event. Cape Elizabeth Community Services and the CEHS Senior to Senior program are also involved.

Register by Monday, April 27, at 799-2868, and include diet restrictions when registering. The cost is \$8 per person for nonresidents and guests younger than 60.

CEEF seeks nominations for alumni award

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation is seeking nominations for the third annual alumni award, which the nonprofit presents in June during Cape Elizabeth High School's graduation festivities. The deadline for nominations is May 1.

Recipients are CEHS alumni who have made significant contributions to their communities, professions or society and whose example motivates CEHS graduates to seek excellence in school-related pursuits and in their careers, families and communities. Past winners include Olympic runner Joan Benoit Samuelson and Luke Holden, the founder and owner of Luke's Lobsters restaurants.

Nomination forms are available on CEEF's website, ceef.us. Contact Patrick Keniston at pkeniston@foreside.com.

Girls' lax team mattress fundraiser on May 2

Members of the Cape Elizabeth High School girls' lacrosse team will hold their annual mattress sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, in the Pond Cove School gym.

More than 20 different mattress sets will be on display at the event. Cash, checks and credit and debit cards will be accepted. Proceeds will help fund coaches' fees, equipment and other expenses.

Go to bit.ly/BEDS4CAPE for more information. Contact Jayne Rudberg at grudberg@maine.rr.com to get a \$50 coupon toward a new mattress.

Cape Lions' last breakfast of year on May 10

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 10, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Fare will include pancakes, French toast, eggs,

sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Adults pay \$7, and children 12 and younger \$5.

Proceeds will benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Lions' charities.

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Lindsay and Puppets Pals will perform April 24 Read-to-a-dog now Tuesday instead of Thursday



Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals will present a family show at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24.

The library will offer a special family event for all ages featuring Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24.

"Puppeteer Lindsay Bezich will bring her lovingly crafted, giant hand puppets and marionettes for a show filled with silliness, crowd participation, and unique, memorable characters," says Children's Librarian Rachel Davis. Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals performed at the library several years ago to rave reviews." This year, due to space limitations in the library's temporary space, the program will take place in the activity room at the Community Center.

The program is free and no advanced registration is required.

Special programs offered during vacation week

Regular story times will be suspended during the week of April 20 – 25 to make way for some special programs for children and families. Rick Lepage and Kiah Gardner will offer four different craft programs during the week, two for ages 4 to 7, and two for ages 8 to 12. Each of the four programs requires advance registration, which can be done in person, on the phone, or online on the library's website, where you will also find the complete program details and schedule.

Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium, April 28

on Tuesday, April 28. Betsy Sholl, an awardwinning poet and former poet laureate, will be teaching a selection of students from Cape Elizabeth High School; their work will

The Zimpritch Poetry Symposium returns be presented at 7 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station community room.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and show support for our young poets.

Beginning the week after April school vacation, Maddie, the library's black lab therapy dog, will begin meeting with children on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. It is hoped that the change will allow more children to register, as Thursday afternoons seem to be difficult for many families. Maddie's first Tuesday will be April 28.

Winston, the library's Golden Retriever, will continue to meet with children on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 5 p.m..

Children interested in reading to one of the dogs must be registered in advance. Registration can be done in person, on the phone, or online through the library's website.

New science fiction book group to meet April 28

The library's new Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group will meet on Tuesday. April 28 to discuss "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" by Philip K. Dick (the book upon which the movie "Blade Runner," starring Harrison Ford, was based.) This discussion had been postponed from last month. At the April meeting, the group will likely decide what book to read next. If you are interested in participating in the discussion, please contact Adrian Alexander at aalexander@thomas.lib.me.us.

Jud Caswell's musical story hour set for May 7; story time schedule continues through spring

Jud Caswell will return for Musical Story Hour from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 7. Caswell sings songs, plays interactive musical games, and provides original accompaniment to stories read aloud. All are welcome!

The library's regular story time schedule continues as follows:

Baby Time, for birth to 18 months Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with Rachel Fridays at 9:30 a.m. with Rachel

Toddler Time, for 18 months to 3 years Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Kiah Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Rachel

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Kiah Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. with Rachel

Preschool Time, for ages 3 to 5 Mondays at 9:30 a.m. with Kiah

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. with Rick Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. with Kiah Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. with Rachel Fridays at 10:30 a.m. with Rick

Family Story Time, for all ages Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. with Rachel

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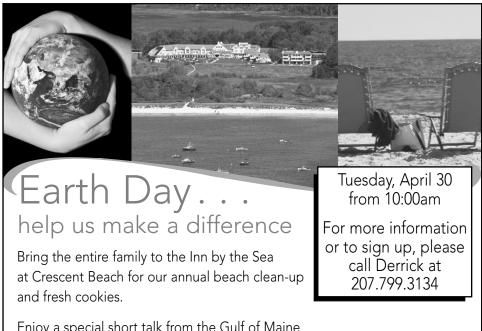


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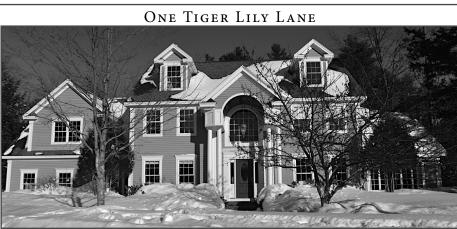
Starting the day with a poem



Photo by Kelly Hasson

Pond Cove first graders, from left, Vivian Schultzel, Isabella Guerin-Brown and Annabelle Closson read poems in early April during the school's "Poem in Your Pocket Week." "We passed out poems to students when they entered school each day in honor of National Poetry Month," Pond Cove School Principal Kelly Hasson said. "Most children read their poems right away as they walked to class and shared them with their friends."

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Parents of nearly 70 percent of CEHS juniors opt to have children skip April 11 testing

By Wendy Keeler

Sixty-eight percent of Cape Elizabeth High School's 152 juniors skipped Maine Educational Assessment testing the morning of Saturday, April 11, because their parents were "philosophically opposed" to them taking the test, CEHS Principal Jeffrey Shedd said.

Parents of 103 Cape 11th-graders opted to have their children stay home that morning instead of taking the new MEA, developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium to align with the federal government's Common Core public school standards. Five juniors were excused from the test for other personal reasons. Fortyfour took the test, which ran about three and a half hours, Shedd said.

"Most parents [who opted to have their children skip the test] expressed something along the lines that they were philosophically opposed to having their children use their time to take a test that essentially doesn't count for them," Shedd said. "Basi-

cally, a lot of parents said that right now is a huge testing window for juniors, and they preferred to have them spend their time getting ready for [other] tests."

Most parents who chose to have their children skip the test said "juniors were already tested out with SATs and APs and other exams that have a very significant impact on them, whereas they ... perceived the Smarter Balanced test as having no direct impact on them individually but taking a very long time," Shedd said.

From 2006-2014, Maine high school juniors took the SAT, a college admission test, as their MEA. Students could send the scores to colleges.

The majority of U.S. colleges require applicants to take the SAT or another college admission test, the ACT. No longer administered at CEHS because it isn't a state-mandated assessment test, the SAT was recently administered at other area high schools on

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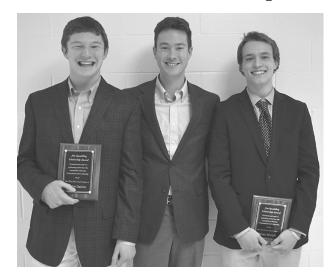
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Two seniors win Spaulding Award



Cape Elizabeth High School seniors left, Eddie Galvin, and, right, Ethan Murphy, recently received the boys' basketball boosters' Jim Spaulding Award for character, commitment and leadership from Jamie Spaulding, center, whose father the award honors. Jim Spaulding, who passed away in 2004, was a longtime Cape basketball supporter, youth coach and booster. Sophomore Quinn Hewitt won the Kevin Brady Award.

CEEF plans June 11 golf tournament, auction

The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation will hold its annual "Play for Education" Golf Tournament and Auction fundraiser on Thursday, June 11, at the Prouts Neck Country Club in Scarborough.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m., and the auction will follow. Each foursome pays \$500 to register in the tournament.

Contact Chris Whitney at christopher. whitney@transamerica.com to register.

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#### Cape Olympians compete at two meets



Photo by Maryellen Tarling



Photo by Kelly Hasson

Above, athletes on the Cape Olympians team, and players on the Cape Elizabeth High School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School basketball teams, from left, front, Alison Ingals, Peter Tarling, Madison Mills, Thatcher Kent; rear, Justin Guerette, Marcus Donnelly, Ian Robertson, Finn Bowe, Rose Baillie, Tory McGrath, and coach Mo Cahill display their ribbons on April 4 in Gorham at the Special Olympics State Basketball tournament. At left, Pond Cove School third-grader Emily Whelan swims to the finish line on April 3 during the Special Olympics Cumberland County Swim Meet at the Donald L. Richards Pool.

Cape Olympian athletes have been busy this month. Athletes from all three Cape Elizabeth schools competed April 3 at the Special Olympics Cumberland County Swim Meet at the Richards Pool.

The following day, Cape Olympians traveled to the University of Southern Maine in Gorham for the Special Olympics State Basketball tournament. Teams from all over the state competed in five-vs.-five-player

games in both skills competitions and "unified" games. In unified sports, athletes with disabilities are paired with athletes who are not disabled. Cape's unified team included Cape Olympians and players on CEMS and CEHS basketball teams.

The Cape Olympians finished fourth. Both skills and unified players practiced after school to prepare for the tournament.

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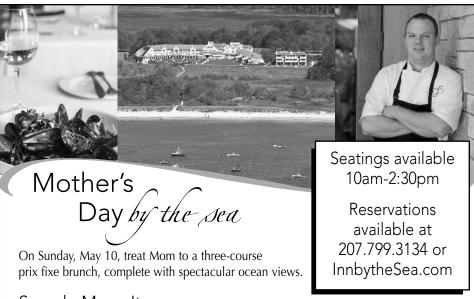
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#### Public supper at Cape Methodist on May 2

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, May 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature casseroles, beans. salads and breads. As always, there will be pie for dessert.

Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for chil-

dren and \$20 for families - groups comprised of two adults and children. Take-out also will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

Go to ceumc.org for more information about the church and its events.

#### St. Alban's plans July Bible school for children

St. Alban's Episcopal Church's will hold its annual children's summer vacation Bible school Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17. The day will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

The theme of this year's camp, for fouryear-olds through children who will enter fifth grade, is "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid."

"Children will step back in time, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up," said Debbie Fisher, St. Alban's religious education director. "Kids will participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, dig into Bible-times snacks, and collect 'Bible memory-makers' to remind them of God's Word."

The cost is \$50 per child, and scholarships are available. Call Fisher at 799-4014 or go to stalbansmaine.org for information.

#### Cape Challenge 5K, fun run, dash on May 31

The Cape Challenge 5K is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 31. The annual event, sponsored by Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture and Mercy Cardiology, also includes an 8:30 a.m. "Fun Run" for children eight years old younger, and a 9 a.m. onemile dash for children 12 and younger. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Race training programs for kindergart-

ners through fifth-graders will start the week of April 27. Call 799-2868 or go to www. capecommunityservices.org to register.

Proceeds from the race will help fund programs at the three Cape schools.

Organizers are seeking sponsors. Contact Andie Mahoney at andiemahoney@maine. rr.com about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

#### Soccer club registering players through May 4

Registration for the Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club's fall 2015 season will run through Monday, May 4.

Players who will be seven years old by August 1, 2015, are eligible for the program, which serves youth through the age of 13 and runs from the middle of August through the end of October. Soccer Maine, the governing body of youth soccer in Maine, provides Under-9 through Under-14 divisions, so U8-aged players play on U9 teams with and against mostly U9 players.

Register on the CESC website at www. capeelizabethsoccerclub.org.

Contact Rian Branch at capewhitecaps@ gmail.com for more information.

"Next year it might cause a state aid/financial aid sanction, and it would definitely result in our being identified as a failing school under state and federal law," Shedd said. "I am confident that if our parents and students know that, they will come! Having the experience this year will help us figure out the best way to schedule this and the realistic amount of time that will be required."

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Saturday, March 14, and will be again on Saturdays, May 2 and June 6. Some juniors will take it more than once this spring. Shedd estimates that half of CEHS students take the SAT more than once.

Additionally, some colleges also require SAT II, or SAT subject tests, which measure students' learning in specific subject areas. SAT II tests will be offered in early June.

In early May, 50 to 60 percent of CEHS juniors will take at least one Advanced Placement test. AP exams are the culmination of year-long AP courses.

Preparation is required for AP tests, and most students also prepare for the SAT and for SAT subject tests.

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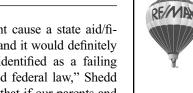
Because the 2014-2015 school year is a pilot year in Maine for the Smarter Balanced test, the low turnout of CEHS juniors will not have an effect on CEHS.

But a low turnout rate next year would have an impact.



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#### **Town Council**

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O'Meara to review the 2-year public process, beginning in 2005, by which the Comprehensive Plan Committee developed its recommendations, and the process, begun in 2013, by which the Planning Board formed its proposal for implementing the recommendations.

O'Meara said that at least a dozen Planning Board workshops were held and all were open to the public.

Walsh also said that the "normal" process of sending the recommendations to the Ordinance Committee for review did not represent a "fait accompli" as some speakers seemed to indicate.

He said the committee could have made any number of recommendations, including that the proposed amendments be sent back to the Planning Board or be rejected by the council.

#### Sharing assessor OK'd

The council voted unanimously to authorize Town Manager Mike McGovern to sign an agreement with Scarborough that would result in the sharing of Cape Elizabeth's town assessor, Matt Sturgis.

Under the agreement, Sturgis would work three days per week for Cape Elizabeth and 2 days for Scarborough.

The agreement will save Cape Elizabeth about \$34,000 in the coming year.

McGovern said Scarborough approached the town after one of its two assessors left to work for the city of Lewiston. He described the interlocal agreement as a "good fit for Cape Elizabeth."

McGovern said that the town was always looking for ways to collaborate with other towns on services. He said that the town now contracts with Portland for dispatcher services and with South Portland for animalcontrol services.

"This is the first interlocal agreement where we are providing the service," said

McGovern.

#### **Public engagement process** approved for paper street review

The Town Council has approved a public engagement process for input to help in making decisions relating to "paper streets" located throughout town.

Paper streets are roads that were part of approved subdivisions and were never developed. Some have become popular pedestrian trails within neighborhoods and some have been the source of bitter controversy between neighbors.

The town's rights to paper streets were extended for 20 years by the council in 1997. The extension expires in 2017, and the town now needs to consider its various options.

As part of the process for gathering public input, the council approved a three-part process of engagement.

For Part 1, the council has requested the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to conduct a review of the 2015 Paper Street Report.

The council has directed the Conservation Commission to focus on the paper streets that "are or could be used as additions to the greenbelt."

The Planning Board is directed to focus on the need for any of the paper streets "to support potential new development in an orderly manner."

Parts 2 and 3 are intended to engage the public in the paper street discussion. Part 2 involves hosting four to six neighborhood meetings where paper streets will be one of several topics presented. The neighborhood meetings are viewed by the council as a pilot project for testing such meetings as opportunities for public engagement.

Part 3 of the process will involve a traditional public hearing on paper streets to be held at a future Town Council meeting.

The town website will also be used extensively for posting information relating to the paper street review process.

#### **School budget**

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made a motion to "reinvest [the \$143,000 that would have covered the higher insurance premium costs] into staff to address two grades that have class sizes that are above the recommended size."

Next year, fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms will have about 22 students, principals at Pond Cove School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School have projected. School Board guidelines recommend classes of 22 in grades 3 through 12.

Board members John Christie and David Hillman opposed the idea of hiring new staff now, saying that although anticipated class sizes in the two grades may be high, they are not outside School Board guidelines.

"What I would propose is we reduce the local allocation from taxpayers, and the reason for that is that the School Board ... has not defined either a cap or a floor on class sizes," Christie said.

Given that fact, Hillman said that choosing to spend money to hire another teacher would be "basing our decision ... not on fact but on emotion. We're paid the big bucks to make the tough decisions of balancing cost and needs," said Hillman, adding that he knows of no studies that show differences in student learning between class sizes of 25

and 18.

School Board member Barbara Powers proposed putting some of the \$143,000 into contingency so the district will have adequate funding to hire additional staff if more students enroll in coming months.

"I do think we do need to be prepared to protect those reasonable sizes going into next fall," Powers said.

Moore amended his motion, proposing that \$50,000 be added to contingency.

Hillman said he was "happy" with the motion.

"I have no problem increasing the contingency fund by a modest amount," he said. "If we need teachers, then we get teachers. If we need something else, we get something else."

The proposed school budget includes a 27-percent increase in the district's mandated contribution to the state retirement system. The DOE informed Maine school officials earlier this year that districts will be required to pay a greater portion of employee retirement costs next year. The contribution rate will rise from 2.65 percent of eligible employees' wages to 3.36 percent.

The debt service will go down by \$496,246, the result of the retirement of one school bond and the refinancing of others.

Capital improvement and maintenance will increase by \$350,650, in line with the 10-year capital stewardship plan developed in 2013. Improvements will include water

infiltration remediation for all three school buildings, electrical switchboard replacement at the high school and middle school, phone and intercom replacement at CEHS, and duct maintenance at all three schools.

Under the proposed budget, Pond Cove would lose a kindergarten teacher because of a projected decline in kindergarten enrolment from 100 to 88 students. The school would add one-10th-time positions for health and world language teachers. Pond Cove expenses not tied to salaries and benefits would decrease by about 7.5 percent next year.

The middle school would lose a grade 5 teacher because of a projected enrollment decline in that grade from 134 to 112 students. Spending at CEMS not related to salaries would increase by a total \$23,125. Of that, \$16,128 would go to new math and science texts and to science kits and general supplies.

Under the budget, the high school would spend an extra \$13,545 next year on salaries with the addition of a one-10th-time drama teacher and a one-10th-time music teacher.

The high school budget not related to salaries would decrease by a total \$26,762. Next year, CEHS won't have to spend \$60,000 on charter school tuition for Cape Elizabeth students, as the school did this year. The state will cover those tuitions.

Because CEHS will send a higher number of Cape students next year to the re-

gional Portland Arts and Technology High School for career and technical education, the school will spend an additional \$14,527

Next year's CEHS budget also includes \$13,400 to cover lodging and food expenses related to the March 2016 visit to CEHS by a 15-member team of educators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the accrediting agency for secondary schools, colleges, and universities in New England.

Starting next year, the district will spend \$15,000 for a one-fifth-time gifted and talented teacher and an extra \$25,000 for salaries for teachers in the district's Open Doors Studio summer school program. Launched last summer for students who demonstrate they can benefit from summer exposure to math and literacy, the program would be expanded to include more students and lengthened from 12 to 16 days.

The budget increases the volunteer services director's position from three-quarter time to full time. The new staff member would oversee extended education opportunities such as student internships.

A proposal to spend \$50,000 on preschool programming, which had been included in February in the superintendent's recommended budget, has been eliminated and will be reconsidered during next year's bud-

Another proposal included in the superintendent's recommended budget this winter - to cut the special education director's position to half time and have other staff members take over some of the duties – has been changed. The district will hire a full-time director of special education to replace Jane Golding, who retires next month.

The Community Services budget, which separate from the school budget, includes spending of \$1,798,139, a 6-percent increase over this year. The tax rate for Community Services would increase from 28 cents to 31 cents per every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

In other action on April 14, the School Board adopted a 2015-2016 school year calendar setting Sept. 8, the day after Labor Day, as the first day back to school for students.



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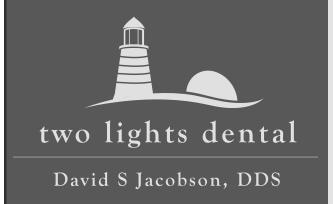
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#### John Calvin Stevens' art and architecture in Cape Elizabeth topic of two May programs

Architectural designed by John Calvin Stevens in Cape Elizabeth and paintings that Stevens did in town will be the topic of two free programs planned next month.

Maine state historian Earle Shettleworth, Jr., will present a talk about buildings designed by Stevens, who lived from 1855 to 1940, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall Council Chambers. Shettleworth also will talk about paintings in Cape Elizabeth done by Stevens, who painted with a group of amateurs who called themselves the "Brushuns."

Three days later, on Saturday, May 16, Delano Park resident Bob Ayotte will lead a 10 a.m. walking tour of Delano Park. Ayotte will point out and discuss homes in Delano Park that Stevens designed.

People interested in going on the walking tour can register and get directions for park-



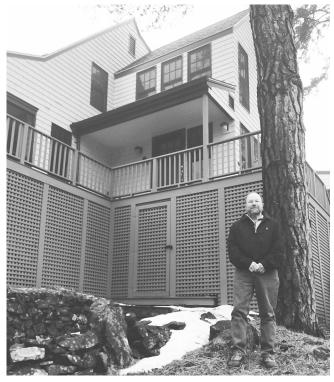


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Bob Ayotte stands in front of his house, the Bird's Nest, in Delano Park. On May 16, Ayotte will lead a Delano Park walking tour of houses, including the Bird's Nest, designed by John Calvin Stevens, who lived from 1855 to 1940.

> ing from Ayotte at Shettleworth's May 13 lecture. People unable to attend the May 13 talk can reserve a spot on the walking tour through Community Services at 799-2868. Participation will be limited to 40 people.

> The programs will coincide with an exhibition of Stevens' paintings at the University of New England's art gallery in Biddeford through July 19.

> The Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring the two programs.

> Go to capeelizabeth.com and click on the 250th anniversary link, or email 250th Anniversary Committee Chair Barbara Powers at 799-7875 for more information.

#### May 1 documentary about Cape history, bus tours, PSO concert planned for 250th

A documentary about the history of Cape Elizabeth produced by award-winning Cape Elizabeth filmmaking brothers Thomas and Peter Campbell will be screened several times from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 1, in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall Council Chambers.

The showing of "Cape Elizabeth: Time's Flowing Tide," commissioned by Cape Elizabeth's 250th Anniversary Committee, will kick off a six-month celebration of the anniversary of the town's incorporation on Nov. 1, 1765.

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In their documentary, Thomas Campbell, a 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and Peter, a 2012 CEHS alumnus, include hundreds of photos from Cape Elizabeth Historic Preservation Society archives. The film showcases the early years of Cape Elizabeth and features photos of people involved in the development of the town and landmarks.

The film concludes with interviews with members of families who have lived in town for generations.

Film audiences will have a chance to see the earliest known photograph of Portland Head Light, photos of Fort Williams when the garrisons were still intact, and photographs of early settlements on Richmond Island and in the Spurwink area.

Films by the Campbell brothers, who own 8mufnz film company, swept the 2013 and 2014 Portland 48 Hour Film Project, and they also have won honors at the Four Minute Film Festival, the PORTopera FILMfest, and Film Chowda, Maine's college film festival. Light refreshments from The Good Table Restaurant, C-Salt Gourmet Market, The Local Buzz, and the Cookie Jar Pastry Shop, will be offered along with complimentary bookmarks listing the schedule of anniversary events.

#### **Street banners**

Starting May 1, celebratory street banners will be displayed throughout Town Center and down Scott Dyer Road in front of the schools.

#### **Bus tours**

CEHPS members will lead free two-hour bus tours of historic town sites on Saturdays, May 2 and May 9. Both mornings, two tours will be offered: one to historic sites along a northern route and the other to historic sites along a southern route.

Buses will leave the Cape Elizabeth Community Center parking lot at 9 a.m. and return at 11 a.m. Space on the buses should be ample, but reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Community Services office at 799-2868.

#### 'A Night at the Light'

A Portland Symphony Orchestra concert, "A Night at the Light," is planned the evening of Saturday, July 25, on the green next to Portland Head Light at Fort Williams

The event is being organized by Cape Elizabeth's 250th Anniversary Committee and the Fort Williams Park Foundation.

General admission tickets, which will go on sale May 1 at eventbrite.com, will be \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens and students aged 13-20, \$10 for children aged two to 12, and free for children younger than

People who pay \$500 to be on the "Beacon Host Committee VIP" and \$250 to be in the "250 Circle" are invited to attend a "Summer Soiree Cocktail Party" before the event and also will receive a box dinner and priority parking and seating.

Many businesses and organizations in town are sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the concert will support the children's garden at the Arboretum at Fort Williams

Go to capeelizabeth.com, fortwilliams. org, or facebook.com/anightatthelight for more information about the event or spon-

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