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Gun club license set for public hearing Sept. 14

By Elizabeth Brogan

With the report of the town-hired firing range safety evaluator still not in hand, the Town Council-appointed Firing Range Committee issued a set of split-vote findings of safety and shot containment at the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club, while ultimately recommending license approval. The council received the report at its July 13 meeting and set a public hearing for Sept. 14 on the gun club application for a license.

Firing Range Committee findings

The Firing Range Committee voted 4-1 that the Sawyer Road club meets the requirements for shot containment set forth in the town's and first-ever shooting range ordinance and that the club's "surface danger zone" is appropriately contained. The committee voted 3-2 that when used as intended, the range "would appear to have 100 percent shot containment."

The committee voted 4-1 to find that the town cannot limit noise from the club due to its exemption as a pre-existing shooting range under a Maine statue (Title 30-A M.R.S.A. section 3011). That statute prohibits a municipal noise control ordinance from limiting or eliminating sport-shooting

-see GUN CLUB, page 14

Students, parents identify strengths, weaknesses in schools

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth parents and students feel mostly positive about Cape Elizabeth's schools, in line with parents and students in public high schools across the country who responded to a survey designed to measure student and parent satisfaction and perceptions about school climate.

In January, 363 Cape parents and 926 students in grades 5-12 took separate surveys from the Center for School Leadership. The results of a CSL survey about school climate that faculty took in June should be available in a couple of months, Superintendent Meredith Nadeau told School Board members at their June business meeting.

Nadeau highlighted areas perceived to have "real strengths" – that at least 75 percent of respondents ranked positively; areas with "very positive strengths" – ranked 10 percent higher than the national average; and "areas for improvement," – which 20 percent or more people ranked as unfavorable; and "local concerns identified."

Ninety percent of students said they feel safe at school. Eighty-nine percent think their parents are well informed about their academic progress and their teachers encourage them to do well. Eighty-six percent of students said their teachers help them with schoolwork when needed, 88 percent

—see SURVEY, page 14

All in a day's work



Above, artist Janet Sutherland works on her painting at Alewive's Brook Farm on July 12 for that evening's Paint for Preservation wet-paint event to benefit the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's "Saving Cape's Great Places" initiative. At right, Erin McGee Ferell works on her painting at the Fort Williams Park Arboretum, a choice spot on what proved to be the hottest day of the summer so far. Thirty artists painted outside at scenic Cape Elizabeth spots that day.

Photos by Martha Agan



Report recommends expansion of services for seniors

By Elizabeth Brogan

It is perhaps old news that income and education levels in Cape Elizabeth soar above statewide and countrywide levels, but did you know that our median age is soaring as well? While Maine is the state with the highest median age in the country at 43.8 (compared to 35.6 nationwide), Cape Elizabeth's median age is 46.9.

It was with this demographic reality in mind that the Town Council appointed 7 residents to the Cape Elizabeth Senior Citizen Advisory Commission in early 2014 to study the needs of those in our community age 60 and over. The commission has now issued a comprehensive preliminary report

reflecting its yearlong study and findings. Commission Chair Brett Seekins briefly presented the report to the council at its July 13 meeting, saying he hoped it would "spring-board actionable, thoughtful policy that will effectively transition our community while enhancing the safety and well-being of our fellow aging neighbors."

After a year of 27 meetings and reaching out to over 30 organizations and individuals, including our legislative representatives, local churches, community services, high school officials, an attorney specializing in elder law, housing and transportation agencies, the Maine Center for Disease Control, the Maine Chapter of AARP, home health

care agencies, the Iris Foundation, Southern Maine Agency on Aging and the town police and fire chiefs, the commission made seven recommendations to the council.

Recommendations

The commission recommends the following:

*Establishment of the commission as a permanent standing committee to support the research needs of the Town Council on aging matters.

*Expansion and enhancement of communication efforts in town. Specifically recommended is a "Senior" tab on the town

—see SENIORS, page 14



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Community helps 'Tri' athletes meet goals



From left, Pond Cove third-grade teacher Holly Forsyth, school nurse Erin Taylor, school psychologist Laura Manuel, and fourth-grade teacher Tara Bucci celebrate their Tri for a Cure fundraising success at Rudy's on June 9.

Pond Cove teachers Tara Bucci, Holly Forsyth, school psychologist Laura Manuel and nurse Erin Taylor would like to thank Rudy's of the Cape and the local community members that came out to support them in their Tri for a Cure fundraising event on June 9.

With the help of the Pond Cove Staff, family, friends and local community members they were each able to raise funds to reach their personal fundraising goals for this year's Maine Tri for a Cure. Maine has the highest cancer rates in New England. Since 1976, Maine Cancer Foundation has worked

to improve cancer prevention, screening and patient outcomes statewide.

Rudy's hosted the fundraising event, which included a specialty PINK cocktail, The Tri-Runner! Other community businesses supported their fundraising event by donating items to be raffled off including: Nomads, Fiddleheads & Little Red Wagon, Athletes Touch Massage, Willard Beach Yoga Studio, Greener Postures and C-Salt. Thank you all for your support!

Tara Bucci, Holly Forsyth, Laura Manuel, Erin Taylor

'Enough is enough' say those opposed to Town Center zoning changes

It's *deja vu* all over again. Without any public awareness or notice, the town planner is arguing for a massive construction project beside Town Hall. This time around, a conjoined village green/town square/multiplex idea is attached to a proposed amendment to setback requirements: "The Planning Board may increase the maximum front yard setback when the new construction includes the creation of a village green, a minimum size of 20,000 square feet"

Who wants this? One developer and a few Town Councilors and Planning Board members. With 9,015 citizens, a half-dozen is not a majority opinion.

Just like last September, when Ms. O'Meara sought board approval for sketches of six-to-seven story multiplexes (no joke), she was again substantively challenged. At the July 7 workshop, Planning Board members noted there's no official definition of a village green. They questioned the ethics of a permanent law change for a one-time construction project. They thought the busiest part of Route 77 is an inconvenient and dangerous location for a family-friendly gathering site.

We have a grassy gathering space near the library and there's a reasonable proposal for an amphitheater in Fort Williams Park. What's the significant public benefit to a downtown multiuse, four-building complex with adjoining giant plaza and more parking lots? When did the public say we'd prefer a "village green" over our center's most natural green environment? Literally – atop the pond and cut through the woods.

Enough is enough, Ms. O'Meara: please stop encouraging zoning changes that would forever ruin our rural town.

Trish Brigham, A. Louise Mangiavas, Paul Seidman, Martha Williams

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

August brings great meteor shower and some different birdsong



Photo by Martha Agan

A vesper sparrow, so named for its evening song.

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

Aug. 12-13: Peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Be prepared for a great show this year! 60-plus meteors an hour.

Aug. 29: Full "supermoon." The first of three supermoons of 2015, so called because the moon will be at its closest approach to Earth and will look slightly brighter and larger than usual.

*Jewelweed capsules are fun to trigger—their seeds propel up to four feet! You can apply mashed up jewelweed to relieve itching caused by poison ivy.

*Listen for the ethereal song of the hermit thrush. Many other songbirds' breeding seasons have ended, and they are now quiet.

*Take a look under pieces of rotting wood. We often find red efts-the terrestrial juvenile stage of the aquatic Eastern

*It's blackberry season!

*Eastern cottontail rabbits mate from spring through August producing 5-7 litters. Very few babies will make it to ma-

Cape Elizabethans buy lots of cars

The excise tax in June was the highest it has ever been in a given month in Cape Elizabeth, Town Manager Michael McGovern

reported at the July 13 Town Council meeting. "People are buying cars," McGovern said. "It has been "a good fiscal year."

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Roads close for B2B and Tri for a Cure

Two major sports events will necessitate some road closures in Cape in July and August.

From 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 26, Shore Road will be closed to all northbound traffic from Route 77 to Preble Street (residents allowed only) for the Maine Cancer Foundation's seventh annual Tri for a Cure triathlon. Cape police ask that motorists avoid Shore Road. Heavy traffic and delays are expected along South 77 in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth until 10 a.m.

Several roads will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 1 for the 18th running of the Beach to Beacon 10k. See box at right. Spectators are asked to stay completely off the course roads as of 7:55 a.m. on race day.

Aug. 1 road closings

On Beach to Beacon race day, the following roads will be closed to traffic:

- Route 77, Sprague Hall to Kettle Cove Road 6 to 10 a.m.
- Crescent Beach State Park 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- Route 77, Kettle Cove Road to Old Ocean House Road 7:30 to 10 a.m.
- Old Ocean House Road (all) 7:30 to 10 a.m.
- Route 77, at Hillway from 7:30 to 10 a.m.
- Shore Road south of Fort Williams from 7:30 to 11 a.m.
- All of Fowler Road (except shuttle buses) closed 7:15 to 10 a.m.
- Scott Dyer Road eastbound closed 6:45 to 8 a.m.

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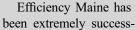
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Despite governor's vetos, a biennial budget and energy bill passed

By Sen. Rebecca Millett and Rep. Kim Monaghan

With the winding down of the first session of the 127th Legislature, we'd like to provide you with an update on a few of the bills and issues we've been work-

The state's biennial budget made it through the bipartisan negotiations process and became law despite the governor's veto. This budget helps Maine families keep more of their hardearned money, while investing in Maine's economy. It tackles both property taxes and restructures Maine's outdated tax brackets while making investments in Maine students and workers.



ful in helping Maine people weatherize their older homes and convert to more energy-efficient technologies. A 2013 energy bill directed \$59 million in funding to Efficiency Maine, but because of a typo, the Maine Public Utilities Commission wrongly interpreted the legislation and eliminated more than half of the funding. Both chambers overturned the governor's veto of a bill that fixes the error and restores \$38 million to Efficiency

Maine

Another issue facing us this session is the Land for Maine's Future (LMF) bonds. Over the last 30 years, Land for Maine's Future has preserved more than 600,000 acres of land across Maine. Earlier this year, the governor announced

> he would withhold voter-approved LMF bonds. More than two-thirds of the legislature and roughly 60 percent of Maine voters approved these bonds. All that remains is for the governor to perform his ministerial function to release the bonds, which he refuses to do. That's why the House and Senate passed a bill that will curb the governor's ability

to withhold bonds. We hope to override his veto of the bill when we reconvene on July 16 (the day this newspaper goes

We'd also like to let you know the results of a few of the bills we sponsored. "An Act To Allow the Resale of Electricity by Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" (Millett), will allow electric vehicle charging stations (EVCs) to charge vehicle owners for kilowatt usage. Cur-

rently, there are only 30 EVCs in Maine – an inadequate network the growth of which has been hampered by unnecessary regulation. This new law will now address one barrier.

Also, "An Act To Create Community Schools" (Millett) will allow public

schools to become "community schools." The result is that teachers and principals are empowered to refocus on helping our children learn with partners at their side helping to address other needs that impact our children's ability to succeed. With the community school model, public schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and law enforcement assess the community's

lenges and resources and provide a broad range of support programs and services.

Rep. Kim Monaghan

Unfortunately, we were unable to override the veto of "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Shops" (Monaghan). This bill would have prohibited pet shops from buying and selling dogs and cats from out-of-state puppy and kitten mills. We believe animals are treated with little regard for their wellbeing in these large-scale commercial

facilities, lacking adequate medical care, nutrition and exercise. We need to continue working to stop the flow of abused animals into Maine and encourage responsible breeders.

Another bill, "An Act to Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving

> Children" aghan) will help fix one of the leading problems in our family justice system. Currently, families are forced to go to both the Probate Court and the District Court when dealing with complicated and sensitive family matters. This creates unnecessary confusion and stress for everyone involved. This bill would simplify court process, making it easier for

families to navigate the system. The Judiciary Committee is interested in the issue, and has decided to carry it over to allow more time to work on it.

We want to thank you for the honor of serving you in Augusta. If you have any questions or comments, we'd like to hear from you. Senator Millett can be reached at senrebeccamillett@gmail.com or contact Rep. Monaghan at Kimberly.Monaghan@legislature.maine.gov.

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Motor vehicle burglary in progress reported; iPad found; wallet lost

Reported by Elizabeth Brogan

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- An officer met with a ranger at Two Lights State Park about damage to a
- An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights Road area about IRS ID theft/tax fraud.
- An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about unauthorized charges on a credit card.
- 6-25 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a lost ID card.
- Two officers met with a resident in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 6-26 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about an iPad found in the area of Mitchell and Cape Woods Drive. Attempts made to recharge the iPad failed.
- Two officers responded to a residence in the Wells Road area for an assault complaint.
- Two officers met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area for a wellbeing check.
- Two officers responded to a reported motor vehicle burglary in progress in the Island View Road area. A witness reported the suspect fled just prior to the officers' arrival. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and advised he had left the vehicle unlocked. Two pairs of Apple ear buds were reported missing.

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- Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area about a domestic disturbance.
- An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a possible burglary; nothing appeared to be
- An officer spoke with a subject in the Woodard Road area who had struck a cat with his car; the owner was contacted.
- An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who had lost her wallet at Fort Williams Park.
- An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a juvenile who was violating his probation.
- An officer met with a resident about a civil custody issue.

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- 6-24 Portland resident, forgery, Charles Road
- Scarborough resident, speeding (51/30 zone), Shore Road, \$215
- Gorham resident, speeding (52/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding
- Biddeford resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Avenue, \$171
- Portland resident, speeding (65/45 zone),

- 7-2 Belgrade resident, speeding (49/30
- zone), Sawyer Road, \$185 7-3 Narbeth, Pa. resident, imprudent speed, Route 77, \$119
- Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- South Portland resident, seatbelt
- violation, Shore Road, \$70 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle,
- Route 77, \$133 South Portland resident, speeding (50/35 zone), Two Lights Road, \$185
- 7-5 Westbrook resident, operating without a license. Route 77
- Portland resident, violation of learner's permit, Shore Road, \$137

ARRESTS

Bridgton resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of

ACCIDENTS

Cindra Collins and Rebecca Meyer, accident on Spurwink Road

- Timothy Gleason and James Wilson, accident on High Bluff Road
- 7-1 Diana Lamb and Eric Bridger, accident
- on Ocean House Road
- Tom Leeaphon, accident on Ocean House Road
- Guity Penszynski and Lloyd Knight, accident on Ocean House Road
- Douglas Williams and Joan Rose, accident on Sawyer Road

FIRE CALLS

- Keyes Lane, fire alarm
- Oakhurst Road, fire alarm 6-24
- 6-26 Meadow Way, investigation
- Birchwood Road, investigation
- Angell Point Road, fire alarm 6-28
- Ocean House Road, motor vehicle
- South Portland, mutual aid
- Deer Run Road, fire alarm

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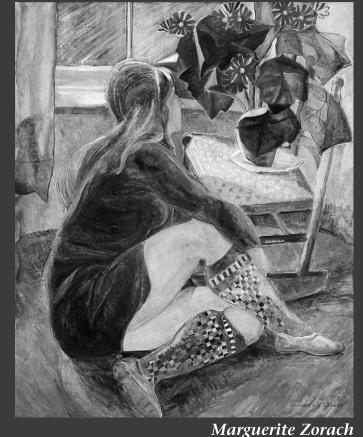


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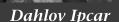
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William Zorach

Cape Church of Nazarene invites B2B spectators

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene invites people to watch the Beach to Beacon 10K road race the morning of Saturday, Aug. 1.

The church, located at 499 Ocean House Road, will offer free coffee, light breakfast fare, rest rooms and parking.

Go to capenazarene.org for information.

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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77) 799-3692

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 29 Ocean House Road 767-5000

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The Church of the Second Chance 641-3253

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www.bethaam.org Worship: Friday: 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. Family Shabbat services:

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Cape Methodist parishioners' musical parade surprises Hunt Point Road residents



Photo by Ted Haider

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church parishioners treated Hunts Point Road residents to a big, musical surprise on July 9.

Celebrating their own version of "Guggenmusik," the Swiss tradition of impromptu music-making, a group turned "Hunts Point Road ... into a parade of singing, drum-banging, tambourineshaking, flute-tooting and maracas-jingling," parishioner Ted Haider wrote on the church website.

"It was a heartfelt, creative interpretation of Psalm 100: 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing," Haider wrote. The Rev. Ruth Morrison organized the

evening, which started in the home of Hunts Point Road residents Mark and Margaret Braun. There parishioners sang hymns to the ac-

companiment of traditional and not-so-traditional instruments.

"One of the most creative moments of the evening came when the Rev. Morrison transformed a badminton net into a musical score and handed each member of the gathering

Mark Braun talks to fellow parishioners about Guggenmusik in his living room.

> a cut-out musical note. Everyone was then asked to attach their note to the score in a random manner," Haider said. 'When all of the notes were in place, [pa-

> rishioner] Stephen Bither was asked to play the score on the piano. Stephen at first played the basic notes in a melody, but with each replaying of the melody, he added new layers of accompaniment until the group's random notes became a jazzy song."

Then the group took to the streets.

"When everyone was comfortable with the essence of Guggenmusik and the joyful noises they were making inside, the merriment moved outside as a parade down Hunts Point Road," Haider said.

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Thoreck again named lacrosse All-American

Griffin Thoreck, who graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School last month, was named a U.S. Lacrosse high school All-American spring for the second straight year. He is also the 2015 Maine Lacrosse Coaches Player of the Year.

A team co-captain, Thoreck helped lead the Capers to their third straight class championship, scoring 47 goals and making 27 assists.



Photo by Stephanie Drinan

Griffin Thoreck

Thoreck had played midfield but switched to attack this year after injuring his knee in the fall and having surgery.

The son of Cape Elizabeth Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck, he started playing lacrosse in second grade. Until his junior year, he played off-season with the MAINEiax club, and for the past two years he has been a member of the 3D New England Select team, based in Massachusetts. He just returned from Colorado where he played in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout with the team.

Thoreck was named to the Western Maine All Conference team in 2013-2015; to the underclassmen All-Star team in 2013 and 2014; and to the 2015 Senior All-Star team.

Thoreck will attend Lynchburg College in

Lynchburg, Va., where he plans to play midfield. His twin brothers, Owen and Connor, who are entering their junior year at CEHS, will continue the Thoreck lacrosse tradition started by their father, Cape Elizabeth Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck, who played for CEHS in the late 1980s.

A soccer team co-captain in the fall, Thoreck was named to the Western Maine All-Conference team in 2012-2014, and to the Maine Soccer Coaches regional All-Star team in 2013 and 2014.

A swim team co-captain his junior and senior years, he made the Maine Interscholastic Swim League All-Conference team in 2013 but could not compete this winter after having knee surgery in November.

-Wendy Keeler



Cape Courier visits Istanbul

Suzanne Lacognata, center, reads The Cape Courier with her daughters, left, Lily and Summer Pillsbury in front of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul. The three went on a cruise that also included Athens and the Greek Islands with Lacognata's fiance Lawrence Cohen, and Lacognata's parents. Summer is a 2012 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School who now attends Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Lily will be a senior at CEHS this vear.

Six Cape Elizabeth residents who are fulltime students at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham were named to the springsemester dean's list: Heather Leigh Mc-Neil, John Myles Mylroie, Aaron Godfrey Parker, Azmo Rinsler, Nolan Edward Sullivan and Paul Lee Trantina. Four part-time students at USM also were named: Elizabeth J Conover, Emylee Ellen Goodine, Phebe Reed Jacobson and Lavena Jordan.

Four Cape Elizabeth students were named to the spring-semester dean's list at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

Colleen Howard, who just completed junior year, is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate. Chelsea Whynot and Cameron Wilson, 2013 CEHS graduates, just finished sophomore year. Zoe Gillies, who graduated from CEHS in 2014, just completed freshman year.

Lacrosse player What's news in your sport?

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receives honor Adam Haversat, a 2013 gradu-

ate of Cape Elizabeth High School who plays lacrosse for Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H., was named to the 2015 Little East Conference All-Academic Team this spring. In 2013, Adam was named a high school All-American. This year he won Plymouth lacrosse's Hoover Award for having the most ground balls of any team member, and last year he was named defensive player of the week by the Little East Conference. The son of Susan and Ray Haversat, he is majoring in environmental planning.

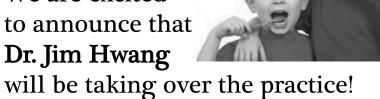
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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Tuesday, July 28

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Saturday, August 1

TD Beach to Beacon 10K, 8 a.m. **Tuesday, August 4**

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

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works Monday, August 10

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building

Tuesday, August 11

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

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July 29 & 30 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Aug. 1 - 9 a.m.

> **Town Council (Live)** Aug. 10 - 7 p.m.

Inn's next free jazz concert planned on Aug. 9

Carte Blanche, a six-piece jazz ensemble that plays jazz classics with a modern twist, will perform at a free concert on the lawn at the Inn by the Sea at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. A rain date is scheduled at the same time the next day.

The New England Quintet will perform at 5

p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. A rain date is scheduled at the same time on Thursday, Sept. 10.

People are encouraged to bring beach chairs but cannot bring alcohol. The inn will have a cash bar and sell grilled food.

Call 799-3134 for more information. The inn is located at 40 Bowery Beach Road.

The next Courier deadline is Friday, July 31.



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'Night at Light' concert set for July 25 at fort



Beach to Beacon founder, Olympic Marathon Gold Medalist and Cape Elizabeth High School graduate Joan Benoit Samuelson, second from right, talks with, from left, Fort Williams Foundation President Bob Ayotte, TD Bank Maine President Larry Wold, and Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee Chair Barbara Powers at Fort Williams Park on July 25.

The Portland Symphony Orchestra will perform at Fort Williams Park for the first time since 1985 when it returns on Saturday, July 25, for "A Night at the Light." The concert is part of a six-month celebration of the 250th anniversary of Cape Elizabeth's incorporation.

"We have had a series of wonderful community events to highlight our town's quarter century birthday, but this is the grand celebration," said Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee Chair Barbara Powers, who met at the fort on July 8 with Olympic Marathon Gold Medalist and TD Beach to Beacon 10K founder Joan Benoit Samuelson; TD Bank Maine President Larry Wold; and members of the concert's planning committee.

"A Night at the Light will start where our TD Beach to Beacon runners finish," Benoit Samuelson said. "What a wonderful way to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of my hometown. World-class musicians, athletes and scenery all in one week. Happy Birthday, Cape Elizabeth."

The concert, which has a July 26 rain date, will take place on the green adjacent to the Portland Head Light, the first time a

concert has happened there. The green will open at 4 p.m., and the concert is set to start at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the event, supported by TD Bank, will benefit the Fort Williams Foundation Children's Garden.

"The Fort Williams Park Foundation is honored to be the beneficiary of the net proceeds of a 'Night at the Light," Fort Williams Foundation President Bob Ayotte said.

The foundation has received donations of more than 80 percent of the \$400,000 required to build the one-and-a-half-acre garden, designed to encourage children to explore their relationship with nature.

"We hope to complete our fundraising efforts this fall and begin the planning stage of the project with the expectation to start construction of the garden in the spring," Ayotte said.

Adult concert tickets are \$20, tickets for students and seniors are \$15, and tickets for children are \$10. Go to eventbrite.com to buy tickets. A limited number of \$250 tickets are also available and include a cocktail party before the event and reserved seating.

Contact Powers at 799-7875 for tickets or more information.



Reunion on July 29

Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1955 will hold a 60th reunion on July 29. Call class member Sally Horne Hinckley at 799-2235 for information.

Photo contest underway

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is holding a photo contest through Aug. 15.

The nonprofit seeks "images that celebrate Cape Elizabeth's living landscapes and the connection between people and the natural environment," CELT's website states. Go to capelandtrust.org for information.

Students continue used cellphone collection

Two Cape Elizabeth High School students are collecting used cellphones, both working and broken, for an organization that gives phones to medical workers in developing countries.

Drop phones in the front lobby at CEHS or contact Christie Gillies at christie.gillies@capeelizabethschools.org or 899-5820, or Marcus Donnelly at marcus.donnelly@capeelizabethschools.org, or 749-8844 to have a phone picked up.

A view of the past



This 84-year-old photograph, from a collection of photographs that Cape Elizabeth resident Gerry Murray recently donated to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, which was taken from the roof of the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall, shows the building that now houses Cape Elizabeth Middle School but was home to Cape Elizabeth High School when it was built in 1933; and, at the far right, Pond Cove School, attached to the back of the Pond Cove Annex. The George Hannaford/W.W. Hannaford farm, at the front of the photo, was located directly across from the town hall, just to the north of today's Public Safety Building. The F.P. Murray house is in front of the annex. Also visible is a water tower that was fed from a pond behind the Hannaford barn. The tower supplied water to both the Hannaford house and the Murray house.

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SoPo helps out while library is closed

While the temporary library is closed to the public from July 20 through August 1, Thomas Memorial Library users can pick up any items they have reserved or return interlibrary loans at the South Portland Public Library.

Thomas Memorial Library's book drop will be temporarily relocated closer to Scott Dyer Road during the closure for the convenience of library users who need to return materials. Materials owned by Thomas Memorial Library do not have due dates that fall within the closure period, but those borrowed from other libraries may need to be returned before the library reopens.

Summer reading prizes and drawings will be on hiatus while the library is closed, but kids and adults are encouraged to continue to keep track of their reading for the programs during that time.

The roof of the new library was sheathed on July 13.

Fairy ball July 24, pirate party July 31, to be held at South Portland Library

The library's closure during the last two weeks of July is giving Thomas Memorial Library's children's staff the chance to collaborate on some joint special events with the youth services staff at the South Portland Public Library.

At 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 24, children of all ages are invited to dress up as fairies and attend a sparkling fairy ball! There will be crafts, stories, and other activities cel-

ebrating fairies of all shapes and sizes. The following Friday, July 31, at 2 p.m. children are invited to dress up in their best pirate gear to attend a swashbuckling pirate party, with stories, crafts and games.

Both events are free and will take place at South Portland Public Library's main location at 482 Broadway.

If the weather is nice, the events will be held outside.

Children's and teen programs, musical events will resume at library in August

When the library reopens on Aug. 3, a busy slate of children's programs will resume.

Children 5 to 8 will have two opportunities to make a toy sailboat: at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 3 and Friday, Aug. 7. The second round of the library's Superhero Training Academy begins on Wednesday, Aug. 5. Kids 7 to 12 will be able to design and create their own superhero gear.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., kids, tweens and teens ages 8 and up can take a comic drawing workshop with comic artist Melanie Tingdahl. The same age group will have two opportunities to make a "mini-world" terrarium, at 3:30 p.m. on Monday Aug. 10 or at 10:30 a.m. on Friday,

Aug. 14. Tweens and teens 10 and up can make some cool, see-through "cosmic jewelry" at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. All of these programs require advance registration, which can be done in person, on the phone, or online at the library's website, where you will also find complete details.

Popular performer Rob Duquette will return to the library for a family concert from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Duquette will play old and new favorites on a variety of instruments for families with children of all ages. Jud Caswell, will return on Thursday, Aug. 6 for his regular monthly Musical Story Hour. No advance registration is necessary for either event.

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Cape Elizabeth's high school graduates announce their plans

Compiled by Debbie Butterworth

This spring The Cape Courier invited members of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2015 and their parents to submit graduates' plans. Here they are:

Holden Amorello, the daughter of Sandi Amorello, will take a gap year to travel.

Talus Andolsek, the son of Claudia Dricot and Hank Andolsek, will attend Rochester Institute of Design, in Rochester, N.Y.

Mathias Barth, the son of Denise and Max Barth, will attend Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Sierra Bates, the daughter of Amy and Matt Bates, will attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.

Joseph Blank, the son of Lynn and Seth Blank, will attend the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

Kate Bosworth, the daughter of Kevin and Anne Bosworth, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Madison M. Botelho, the daughter of Valerie and Paulo Botelho, will attend Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

Tim Brigham, the son of Patricia and Thomas Brigham, will attend Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

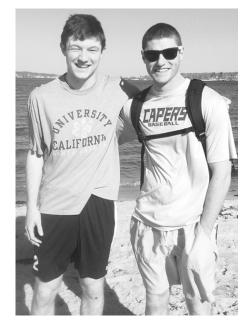
Eva Brydson, the daughter of Rachael Flaxman and Todd Brydson, will attend Connecticut College in New London.

Paul Calande, the son of Lisa Marshall and John Calande, will attend Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.

Cole Carpenter, the son of Bryn and Charles Carpenter, will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Cole Caswell, the son of Jennifer and Harold Caswell, will attend Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Jeremy Caswell, the son of Randy Caswell and Fred Sturtevant, will attend Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla.



Eddie Galvin and Tim Brigham

Matthew J. Chipman, the son of Amy Chipman and Matthew Chipman, will attend the College of Mathematical Science and Engineering at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Isabel Dill Clarke, the daughter of Cynthia Dill and Tom Clarke, will attend the University of Denver in Colorado.

Kathryn Clark, the daughter of Anne and Don Clark, will attend Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.

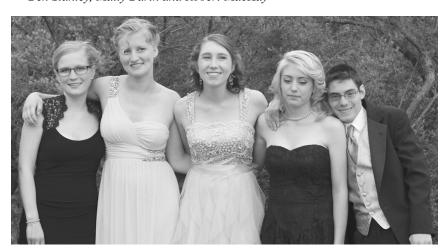
Mark Coleman, the son of Elizabeth and Mark Coleman, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Jack Demeter, the son of Tod and Jacqueline Demeter, will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach,

Matt Denison, the son of Brian and Maryanne Denison, will attend Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.



Ben Stanley, Matty Barth and Robert MacKay



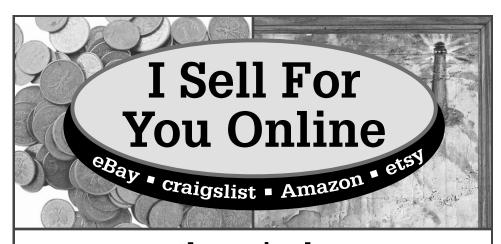
Becca Tarling, Lily Jordan, Amelia Morrissey, Hunter Kent and Thatcher Kent

Mary DiPietro, the daughter of Jane and Michael DiPietro, will attend Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Tim DiNinno, the son of Julia Beckett and AJ DiNinno, will attend the University of Maine at Farmington.

Parker Dinsmore, the son of Stacy Calderwood and Scott Dinsmore, will attend Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Aaron Dobieski, the son of Susan and Steven Dobieski, will attend Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.



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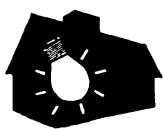
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Brette Lennon

Owen Doherty, the son of John Doherty and Jane Anderson, will attend the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Hayley Doss, the daughter of Mary Ann and Jeffrey Doss, will attend Nova South-

eastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. **Jacob Downer**, the son of Duane and Rhonda Downer, will attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Jack Drinan, the son of Stephanie and Michael Drinan, will attend Boston College, in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Katherine Ewald, the daughter of Julie and Jon Ewald, will attend Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Emily Faria, the daughter of Joe and Patti Faria, will attend Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

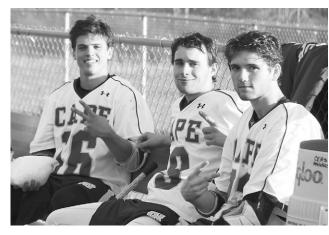
Rhoen Fiutak, the daughter of Rachael Sheskey and Jon Fiutak, will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

Eddie Galvin, the son of Julie and Michael Galvin, will attend the University of California at Los Angeles.

Caroline Garfield, the daughter of Cindy Garfield and Angus Garfield, will attend Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Luke Gilman, the son of Barbee and Drew Gilman, will attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Julia Ginder, the daughter of Claire and



Noah Haversat, Noah Wolfinger and Jack Drinan

Ken Ginder, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

Thomas Gleason, the son of Barry Gleason and Maryellen Kennedy, will attend Georgetown



Aphrodite Makrides

University in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Gleeson, the son of Peter and Lois-Ann Gleeson, will attend the University of Maine in Orono.

Adam Godfrey, the son of Mary and Paul Godfrey, will attend the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, S.C.

Charles Walker Grimes, the son of Blaine and Charles Grimes, will attend Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Curtis Guimond, the son of Kevin and Susan Guimond, will attend Maine Maritime Academy in Castine.

Andrew Harrington, the son of Marianne and Brian Harrington, will attend San Francisco State University in California.

Robert Harrison, the son of Margo and Craig Harrison, will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass.

Noah Haversat, the son of Susan and Ray



Emma Landes, Emily Lynch, Lindsay Stewart, Kirsten Rudberg and Melissa Rudberg

Haversat, will attend Lehigh University.

Taylor Hererra, the daughter of Heidi and Richard Herrerra, will attend Pennsylvania State University in University Park.

Yodit Herrmann, the daughter of Tegest and Roy Herrmann, will attend Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Lily Jordan, the daughter of Nancy and Glenn Jordan, will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Andrew Kelly, the son of Melissa and Rich Kelly, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Kyle Kennedy, the son of Vicki and Jeff Kennedy, will attend the University of Maine in Orono.

Hunter Kent, the daughter of Paula Kent, will attend the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor.

Thatcher Kent, the son of Paula Kent, will continue his work in culinary skills at Portland Arts Technology High School and his academic studies at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Emma Landes, the daughter of Allison and Andrew Landes, will attend Bowdoin College in Brunswick.

Brette Lennon, the daughter of Sara and Paul Lennon, will attend Tufts University in

Medford, Mass.

Rachel Lockwood, the daughter of Ann and Bruce Lockwood, will attend Dickinson College in Carlyle, Pa.

Sarah Loring, the daughter of Tracy and Rick Loring, will take a gap year to work for the American Conservation Experience in Santa Cruz, Calif., and then teach English in Ecuador, and do community service and conservation work in the Galápagos Islands.

Emily Lynch, the daughter of Laura and Chris Lynch, will attend Davidson College, in Davidson, N.C.

Robert MacKay, the son of Martha and Jim MacKay, will attend Emerson College in Boston, Mass.

Sam MacDuffie, the son of Sheila Mayberry and Alan MacDuffie, will attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

George Mackenzie, the son of Christine and Don Mackenzie, will attend the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida.

Devin Maguire, the daughter of Gwyneth and Richard Maguire, will attend Boston College.

Aphrodite Makrides, the daughter of Carol and John Makrides and a graduate of the Riverview School in East Sandwich, Mass., will attend Cape Cod Community



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College in Hyannis, Mass.

Grady McCormick, the son of Kalli Varaklis and Sean McCormick, will attend the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

Daniel Stuart Menz, the son of Elizabeth O'Neill-Menz and John Menz, will attend Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Mitchell Morris, the son of Lisa and Jim Morris, will attend Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Amelia Morrissey, the daughter of Joanna and Cory Morrissey, will attend Connecticut College in New London.

Nicholas Pellechia, the son of Andrea and Jeff Pellechia, will attend Maine Maritime Academy in Castine.

Michaela Pinette, the daughter of Sheila and Michael Pinette, will attend Bates College in Lewiston.

Monica Planinsek, the daughter of Tracy and John Planinsek, will attend Elon University in Elon, N.C.

Hannah Preble, the daughter of Mary Casey and Jeff Preble, will attend Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

Paige Riddell, the daughter of Linda and Tom Riddell, will spend a semester in Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia doing service work, hiking, kayaking and going on a meditation retreat. She has deferred her enrollment at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she plans to study fiber arts.

Thomas Rioux, the son of Stephen and Susan Rioux, will attend the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Kirsten Rudberg, the daughter of Jayne and Glenn Rudberg, will attend Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

Melissa Rudberg, the daughter of Jayne and Glenn Rudberg, will attend Muhlenburg College in Allentown, Pa.

Maci Russell, the daughter of Susan and Mark Russell, will attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Hannah Sawyer, the daughter of Alix

and Mark Sawyer, will attend Connecticut

College.

Rachel L. Seekins, the daughter of Susan

and Brett Seekins, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Ben Shea, the son of Beth Elicker and John Shea, will attend Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.



Hannah Sawyer

Josie Spidle, the daughter of Ron and Sara Spidle, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Devon Stanford, the son of Erin Stanford and the great-nephew of Brenda Harrison will attend Hyde School in Bath, where he plans to play football and prepare for college

Benjamin Stanley, the son of Amy and Dana Stanley, will attend Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Acadia Stewart, the daughter of Paul and Melanie Stewart, will attend Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Lindsay Stewart, the daughter of Foster and Laurie Stewart, will attend Bates College in Lewiston.

Sadie Stiles, the daughter of Allison and Michael Stiles, will attend Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

Conner Sullivan, the son of Dan and Joanne Sullivan, will attend Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.

Charlie Tall, the son of Anne and Stephen Tall, will take a gap year with the Treehouse Institute in Portland to work on the TEDxDirigo event planned this fall in Portland and the creation of a new statewide TEDyouth event. He plans to apply to college for fall 2016.

Rebecca Tarling, the daughter of Charlie and Maryellen Tarling, will attend Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.

Andrew Thomas, the son of Jayne and Kevin Thomas, will attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

Griffin Thoreck, the son of Jeff and Courtney Thoreck, will attend Lynchburg College



Clockwise from top left: Holden Amorello, Andrew Whynot, Sam MacDuffie, George Mackenzie, Grady McCormick and Talus Andolsek

in Lynchburg, Va.

Ashley Tinsman, the daughter of Patrick and Jennifer Tinsman, will attend the University of Maine in Orono.

Zachary Vaughan, the son of Brian and Stacey Vaughan, will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Andrew Volent, the son of Victoria and John Volent, will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy NY.

Sterling Weatherbie, the son of David and Tracey Weatherbie and a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., will attend Tufts University,

Andrew Whynot, the son of Jeff and Lori Whynot, will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Arden Wing, the daughter of Deborah Wing-Sproul and Anthony Kosner, will at-

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tend Kaplan University in Portland.

Leo Wing, the son of Deborah Wing-Sproul and Anthony Kosner, will attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.



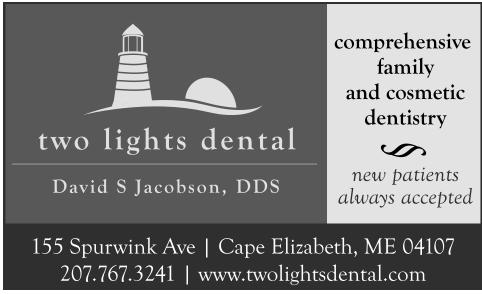
Luke Gilman

Noah Wolfinger, the son of Lisa and

Kirk Wolfinger, will attend Gettysburg College

Sawyer Wood, the daughter of Bruce and Tania Wood, will attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Claire Zimmerman, the daughter of Jubal and Jana Zimmerman, will attend Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.







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Gun Club

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activities which have occurred on a regular basis prior to the enactment of the municipal ordinance. The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club has been in operation since 1954.

The committee was unanimous in wanting an opinion from the independent safety evaluator, Rick LaRosa of Kennesaw, Ga., on the gun club's "design phasing plans" and how they might affect shot containment. The committee voted 4-1 to recommend that the council also ask the evaluator how the club's design compares to National Rifle Association standards. By a vote of 3-2, the committee recommended the council consider changing weekend hours from what is currently in the ordinance. The ordinance currently allows shooting on the weekend from 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon on Sunday, until a half hour before sunset.

The committee also recommended, by unanimous vote, that the council review and compare the \$3 million of liability insurance requirement in the ordinance to what is required of gun ranges in other nearby com-

The committee recommended, by a vote of 4-1 that the gun club's application for a license, newly required under the 2014 ordinance, be approved. The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club is the only firing range in town.

Comments from July 13 meeting

While councilors reserved substantive discussion for the public hearing, several citizens spoke at the July 13 meeting, including Spurwink Rod and Gun Club president and Sawyer Road resident Tammy Walter, who said the club had spent \$38,000 in the last year modernizing the range with an additional \$22,000 spent on range and clubhouse improvements in the last two and a half months. "Our goal is to provide our members and the town of Cape Elizabeth the best

and safest shooting facility in Maine," Walter said, while also thanking the committee for its work.

Gun club and committee member Mark Mayone said that the club had completed "about sixty percent" of its planned renovations and noted that the club was now welcoming grandchildren of founding club members as new members. "We are proud to be part of the history of Cape Elizabeth," he said of the sixty-one-year-old club.

Apple Tree Lane resident Ed Nadeau asked that the council await the report of the independent safety evaluator before scheduling a public hearing.

Cape Elizabeth Police Sgt. Paul Fenton, who works with the Firing Range Committee, indicated to the council that he had recently received assurances from LaRosa that a report would be finished very soon. Town Manager Michael McGovern said that the report would be posted online "as soon as we have it."

The council set a public hearing for discussion of the committee findings and recommendations for Sept. 14. McGovern said he was confident that LaRosa's report would be received in time for the council to have "one-on-one" time with him at a public meeting, possibly at the council's Aug. 10 meeting, and noted that the Sept. 14 public hearing date would give the council the "flexibility" of several additional meeting dates in 2015 in which to fully consider the issues and still finish up during this calendar year, after which there could be three newlyelected councilors seated.

"We'd like to bring this to its closure," said Councilor Jessica Sullivan. "We've been working on it quite a long time."

The council unanimously adopted the shooting range ordinance on March 10, 2014, after a public hearing at which 32 residents spoke, and following complaints, primarily from the Cross Hill neighborhood, of noise and stray bullets.

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said they understand the school's academic expectations, and 86 percent indicated that they are satisfied with the overall quality of their school.

On the downside, 20 percent of students said their school work requires them to think about how various topics relate to real-life situations, and 21 percent said their teachers do a good job of making the material inter-

esting to them. Twenty-two percent of the students surveyed don't think their school provides them with many course options, and fewer than half of students reported that bullying is "not a problem at school."

On the upside, among parents, 89 percent said their child's school is well regarded in the community; 83 percent said they "attend most school events offered to parents such as parent-teacher conferences and open houses"; and 68 percent said they regularly check their child's information, such as grades or attendance, using an online resource.

Twenty-six percent of parents think their child's school does a great job challenging students to their fullest potential; 57 percent reported that their child's school does a "very good job" of meeting the needs of all its students; and 47 percent felt that the school does an "excellent job" dealing with student bullying.

The school department conducted the survey - which costs a total \$2,625 - for the second straight year to help the district achieve the district's five-year strategic plan and school vision set forth in the three-yearold "Cape schools open minds and open doors" vision, mission and values statement.

Nadeau is now studying survey data related to the district, and school administrators and their faculties are analyzing results related to their own schools, Nadeau told the board.

"I view this year's and last year's survey not as a measure of work or success, but as the baseline and then verification of that baseline of the work that is yet to be put in front of us," School Board Chair Joanna Morrissey said at the meeting.

Seniors

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website, inclusion of senior-specific inserts in the community services program, and a scaled-down reference guide inserted with the tax statements mailed to all Cape hom-

*Development of a senior citizen commu-

nity guide, or navigator, position to be filled by someone trained in senior services and related matters.

*Expansion of community services senior programming, to be budget neutral or near

*Rent or lease-to-own a 12-14 passenger van to supplement the expansion of senior programming.

*Provide for a senior hall or gathering place, which could provide "a dignified sense of belonging and purpose."

*An updated senior housing survey.

The recommendations reflect the needs and desires of senior residents as determined by the commission, which include public connectivity; social inclusion; a senior "gathering place"; an informational resource center; assistance with accessing community services; reliable and safe transportation options; enhanced community services senior programming and frequent senior-specific events; and to live in their homes safely with service options.

Looking ahead

The council formally acknowledged the report and will refer it to an upcoming workshop.

Councilor Jessica Sullivan thanked the committee for putting together an "incredibly comprehensive report," which is available on the town website.

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Members of the Cape Masters Cycling group, from left, Hal Kingsbury, Wyman Briggs, Mark Pasculano, Herb Janick, Bo Norris, Neil McGinn and Dave Wennberg take time to catch up on news from home this month during their six-day ride across the Slovenian Alps. The group covered 400 miles and 50,000 vertical feet of climbing.

Paige Kozlowski, a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2011, graduated this spring from Boston College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and Hispanic studies.

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Berman tradition



Isabel and Gabriel Berman

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Supporting and raising awareness for Spurwink is a family tradition. The children's grandfather Harvey was a CEO at Spurwink, and their dad serves on the development committee.

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