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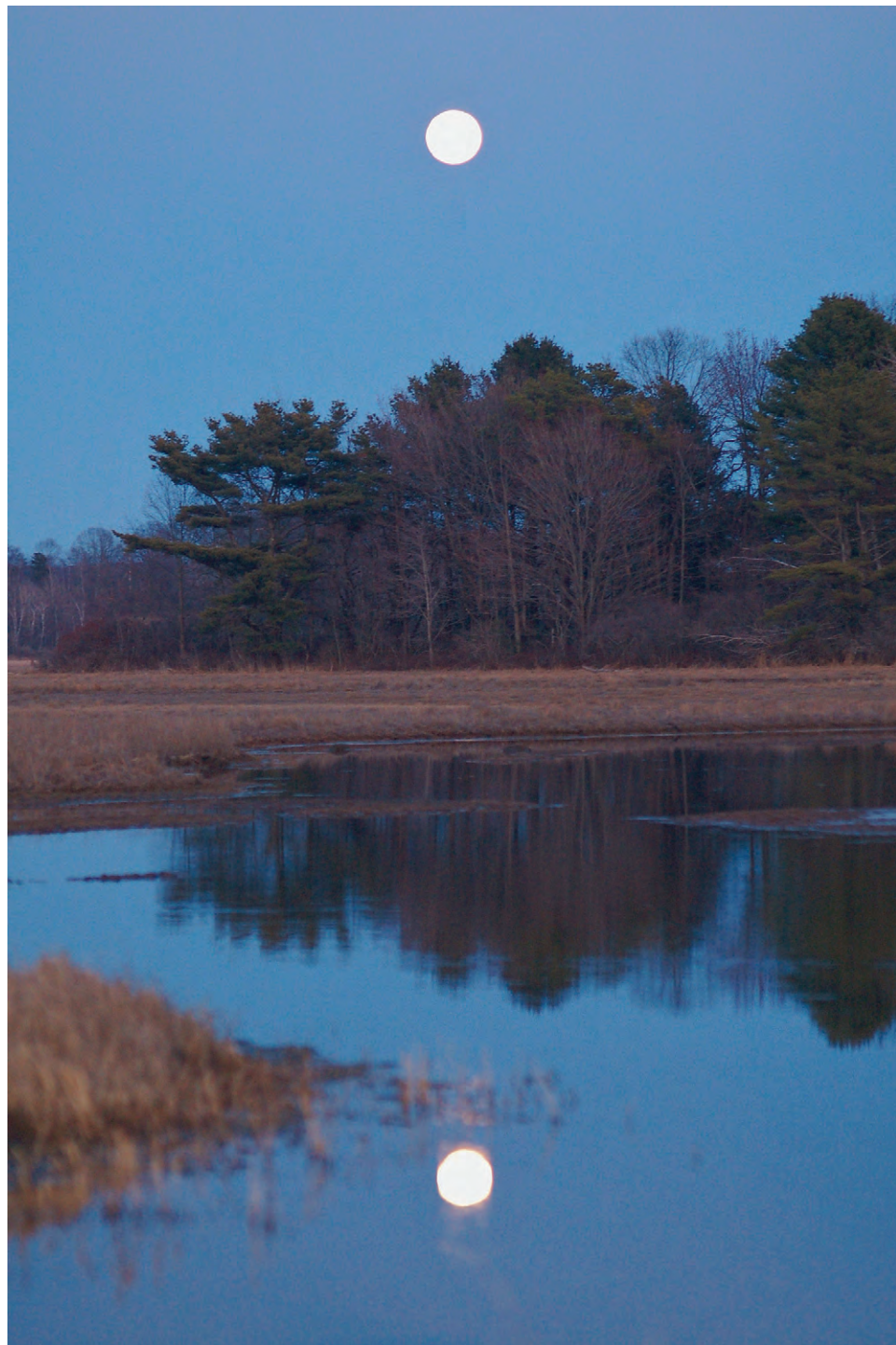
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Daffodils and a pink moon in May!



Photos by Martha Agan

Daffodils bloom between a stone wall and the Shore Road path. The significance of stone walls in New England will be discussed at the library on May 14. See page 10 for details.



The full moon of April 22 as viewed from Sawyer Road over the Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge. This moon was alternately known as the Full Pink Moon (for the appearance of wild ground phlox), or the Full Fish Moon (for the shad that swam upstream to spawn) by early Native American tribes, according to Courier nature columnist Erika Carlson Rhile.

Cell tower approved; Hill Way proposal is tabled to May 17

By Wendy Derzawiec

A controversial proposal to install cell-phone antennas on an abandoned water tower was approved by the Planning Board on April 25. At the same meeting, the board tabled an equally controversial proposal for a medical office and town house complex in the town center.

Neighbors of the water tower at 11 Avon Road in Shore Acres continued to oppose Verizon Wireless's plan, arguing that shrouds on each of the three antenna groupings failed to meet the zoning ordinance requirement for concealment.

Planning Board members were split on whether a large, continuous shroud over all three antennas was preferable to individual shrouds, but ultimately all agreed that the plan complied with the ordinance. "My own feeling is that there are different ways to do it, but I find the selection they've made of a shroud on the antenna itself, covering it completely, to satisfy the requirement," said Board Chairman Peter Curry.

The approval concludes years of effort

by Verizon to place antennas on the 80-foot tower, constructed in 1945 and last used by the Portland Water District for water storage in 2007. Since the 1980s, the water district has used the tower for antennas to communicate with sewer pump stations and the Cape Elizabeth treatment plant.

The water district agreed to lease space on the tower to Verizon in 2013. In 2014, Code Enforcement Officer Ben MacDougal denied Verizon's application to install antennas because he did not think the tower qualified as a legal location under the town's zoning ordinance. Now, after appealing to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to the U.S. District Court, Verizon has town approvals to go ahead with the project.

The Planning Board approval requires painting of the tower, also stipulated in Verizon's lease, and verification from the Department of Environmental Protection that contamination from lead-based paint has been removed from surrounding soil. The board will also require an 8-foot fence around the

—see PLANNING, page 14

\$37.9 million budget is set for public hearing on May 9

By Elizabeth Brogan

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9, in the town hall chamber on a proposed \$37.9 million budget for 2016-17. The combined budget includes the \$12.3 municipal budget proposed by Town Manager Michael McGovern on March 14 and the \$24.3 million school department budget adopted by the School Board on April 12 and presented to the Town Council Finance Committee on April 26. The budget for Community Services is included in the municipal budget.

The council, sitting as the finance committee, voted 6-1 to send the budget as proposed to public hearing, with committee chair Kathy Ray voting against the motion.

—see BUDGET, page 4

Search postponed for superintendent; board to hire interim

By Wendy Keeler

Two days after hosting a finalist for the school superintendent post that will open up July 1 when Meredith Nadeau leaves, the Cape Elizabeth School Board switched course, postponing its superintendent search to focus on hiring an interim for the 2016-2017 school year.

Craig King, superintendent of Regional School Unit 10, withdrew his application for the position the morning of Friday, April 29. King had spent eight and half hours in Cape Elizabeth on Wednesday meeting with School Board members, school staff, admin-

—see SUPERINTENDENT, page 4

My Cape Elizabeth: local hero Tom Perkins



Photo by Marta Girouard

Tom Perkins

By Marta Girouard

Tom Perkins did not think that he would be up to his chest in icy water before his lunch break. An employee of the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department, he was setting up nets on the morning of March 9 at the tennis courts in Fort Williams Park when he heard cries for help coming from the direction of the pond.

"I headed toward the pond, and when I got there, noticed that a dog had fallen through the ice," said Perkins. "The dog's owner was leaning over the edge of the pond trying to pull the dog out, but the dog couldn't gain enough traction to pull itself out."

"I knew the pond is around five feet at its

—see PERKINS, page 14

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Proposed mixed use project: 'exactly where this kind ... belongs'

I am writing in support of the proposed mixed use medical and rental property at 12 Hill Way.

My reasons for supporting this are as follows:

1. It is located in the town center district, which is exactly where this kind of project belongs. This is why a town center district was established in the first place, back in 1995 and again in 2014.
2. The proposal preserves the old farmhouse that is currently on the property.
3. The proposal preserves a great number of the mature trees that are on the property and adds an extraordinary number of new trees and buffer plantings. The property as it now stands is a mass of tangled underbrush and is a repository for trash.
4. The two proposed structures are completely in scale with the existing farmhouse, which measures 3,340 square feet, and do not appear "commercial" or "industrial" in any way. The clustered plan is fitting with surrounding properties which have small lot sizes.
5. A medical facility creates far less traffic than other town center district uses, such as stores or restaurants.
6. As the parent of four adult children, one of whom served on the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department for 16 years, I can tell you that NONE of them could afford to live in Cape Elizabeth. As the owner of a rental property in town, I can tell you the demand for rental properties is enormous. Ours has never gone more than a week between tenants. Adding 10 units to the existing inventory will be a great asset.

Patt Bothel

Volunteers once again 'scoop' the dog park at Fort Williams Park, and also find ring



"Poop Scoop" volunteers, from left, Bob Chiozzi, Theresa Fox and John Kane at the off-leash area in Fort Williams Park on April 16.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the seventh annual Fort Williams Poop Scoop on Saturday, April 16. About 30 local volunteers and dog park users, many with dogs in tow, picked up over 35 pounds of dog waste and human trash during the morning activity.

Also, a big thank you to Bob Malley, director of public works, and his staff for their year-round efforts at the dog park area at Fort Williams Park and their support of our

April Scoop. Special thank you to volunteer coordinators John Kane and Theresa Fox for again going above and beyond. Not all things picked up were trash. In fact, one volunteer found a ring near the parking area close to the dog park. It was turned in to the Cape Elizabeth Police Department. If you think it is yours, please contact the Police Department.

Karen Brenner

Correction
 The April 22-May 5 edition of The Cape Courier introduced one of our new writers as Marta Kowalczyk; she is Marta Girouard. Her first Courier story is on page 1.

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Sen. Millett announces bid for re-election

Rebecca Millett announced on April 21 that she will run for a third term as state senator for District 29, which includes Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, and part of Scarborough.

“Over the last four years, I have worked hard for my constituents and advocated for the issues that matter the most to them, like a strong public education system, good paying jobs and a clean environment,” said Sen. Millett. “It would be an honor to have the opportunity to continue my legislative work in Augusta in order to strengthen our communities and our

state as a whole.”

“As a former two-term school board member [in Cape Elizabeth], my public service roots are grounded in education,” said Senator Millett.

“A strong education system is the foundation to economic vitality,” she said. “It has the power to strengthen Maine’s workforce, help our businesses thrive, and improve our ability to attract new employers to our state.”

Millett her husband, Kevin Kobel, live in Cape Elizabeth with their teenage twin son and daughter, who attend Cape Elizabeth High School.



Sen. Rebecca Millett

Memorial Day parade, ceremony May 30

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday May 30 with the town’s traditional parade and memorial ceremony for those who have died serving our nation.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. Participants should gather on Fowler Road at 8:30 a.m. The parade route will begin at the intersection of Fowler Road and Old Ocean House Road, continue north on Route 77, and onto Scott Dyer Road where it will end at the War Veteran’s Memorial for a brief ceremony and laying of the wreath.

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth police, fire and rescue departments, Water Extermination Team, Lions Club, Rotary Club, middle school marching

band, and boy and girl scouts. War veterans and active-duty personnel are invited to march. Anyone who has a family member serving in the armed services should notify Jim Huebener, 767-1754 or 831-3625 or jhuebener56@gmail.com, for recognition during the ceremony. Groups interested in marching should also contact Huebener.

The parade marshal will be Frances Jordan, a U.S. Army nurse during World War II. She is a Cape Elizabeth native, resident, and 1936 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Following the ceremony, residents and guests are invited to the town center fire station for refreshments. There is no rain date.

Drainage work for Warren Avenue area to start

Work to extend the current storm drain system on Cliff Avenue, Woodland Road, Warren Avenue, Elmwood Road and Forest Road is set to begin the week of May 16. The work is expected to run through July 1.

Public Works Director Robert Malley informed area residents of the construction, telling them to expect trucks and heavy equipment on the streets during the day. “There may also be noise, dust and minor traffic delays associated with the work as it is being done,” he said. “Please use extreme caution when transiting the area and keep

small children a safe distance away from the work zones.”

The project is the second phase of a plan to eliminate sanitary overflows into Portland Harbor.

The town has contracted with Gorham Sand & Gravel to complete the work, and with Wright-Pierce Environmental Engineers to manage the project and provide on-site inspection. Malley will also make frequent inspections and is available to answer questions at 799-4151 or robert.malley@capeelizabeth.org.

Recycling Center will be open Sunday, May 8

The refuse-disposal area of the Recycling Center will be open for leaf, yard waste and recyclables on Sunday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the last of the four open Sundays this season. Household refuse nor-

mally destined for the transfer station compactor will not be accepted on Sunday and fees will be assessed on applicable items.

For more information contact Public Works at 799-4151.

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Cape Elizabeth Town Council Invitation to Residents

The Cape Elizabeth Town Council is hosting a community dialogue at 7:00 PM on **Wednesday, June 8th** in the Thomas Memorial Library Community Room.

Citizens are invited to share their thoughts and ideas on matters important to them. Members of the town council will be available to listen and answer questions. This informal session is a continued effort to provide additional opportunities for the council to hear from citizens.

Please mark your calendar for June 8th!

Community forum set for June 8

By Elizabeth Brogan

A community forum is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, in the community room of the Thomas Memorial Library. The forum will take place less than a week before the Recycling Center bond referendum on June 14 and is timed as an opportunity for residents to ask questions about that proposed project. It will also serve as a “mid-year review” of the council. “Of course anyone can

ask us any questions but we also are open to people just coming and talking or sharing or whatever,” said Councilor Sara Lennon, a member of the Citizen Communications and Outreach Subcommittee, along with Councilors Jamie Garvin and Patty Grennon.

A second community forum will be held in the fall, timed to help the council formulate its goals for 2017, and similar to last fall’s successful citizens’ roundtable.

Budget

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“I asked for a 1 percent reduction in both the town and school budget, but did not get any support from other councilors for that,” Ray said in a May 28 email to The Courier. “My reason was that I felt the increase was too much ... the school budget has gone from \$13,617,956 in 2000-2001, with 1,740 students, to a proposed budget of \$24,287,545 in 2016-2017, with a projected 1,600 students.”

Ray pointed out that 98 percent of the town’s revenue comes from residential property taxes and that “a median home owner with a tax value of \$314,000 would see an increase of \$144.44 just for the schools. I’m

concerned about folks living on fixed incomes, as the social security benefits have not increased over the past two years. These budget increases are not sustainable.”

The combined budget, as proposed, would represent a 3.8 percent increase in spending over the current fiscal year, with a 3.9 percent tax increase.

Cape Elizabeth will receive 23 percent less in state education aid than last year. About 82 percent of the school budget is for salaries and benefits.

After the May 9 public hearing, a final council vote on the budget will take place on Thursday, May 19, at the town hall. On Tuesday, June 14, citizens will vote on the school budget. Budget summaries are posted on the town website.

Oakhurst Road area land buy considered by town to improve open space access

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Conservation Commission and the Town Council are considering purchase of a 0.89-acre lot behind Rock Wall Lane to improve access to more than 250 acres of open space. The private lot, owned by Karen Willens of 8 Rock Wall Lane, already has an existing “casual” trail on it and would connect to the town-owned Stonegate trail and, from there, to Robinson Woods, owned by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

In an April 25 letter to town councilors, Town Manager Michael McGovern said that Willens had agreed to sell the lot behind her home for \$75,000 and that the pur-

chase would be made with “existing cash in the town’s land acquisition fund,” which has a current balance of \$144,384.

“This has been an area where we have worked cooperatively with the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and other parties in seeking improved access,” McGovern said.

The Town Council will review the proposed purchase at its 7 p.m. May 9 meeting at town hall. The purchase was set to be considered by the Conservation Commission at a May 4 meeting (after The Cape Courier printing deadline).

A trail map showing a detail of the proposed purchase is on the town website.

Superintendent

Continued from page 1

istrators and students.

The board’s other finalist, Steven Bailey, superintendent of Maine Alternative Organizational Structure 93, had withdrawn his application earlier in the week.

“Steve Bailey said that he wanted to stay in his current district, and Craig King simply withdrew,” Cape Elizabeth School Board President Elizabeth Scifres said Friday April 29.

She declined to comment on King’s reason for withdrawing.

The School Board began its search for the district’s next superintendent in January when Nadeau announced she would leave her five-year post on June 30 to start a job on July 1 as superintendent of the Newmarket School District in New Hampshire.

“The School Board will begin the super-

intendent search process again next winter,” Scifres stated in a release the morning of April 29. “It is not unusual for a school department to need more than one cycle of the search process to find a good fit. The School Board takes its charge of finding the right match for our district very seriously and is committed to hiring the best person it can to lead Cape Elizabeth schools.”

During the past 12 years, Cape Elizabeth has had two superintendents and two interim superintendents. Bob Lyman served as interim superintendent during the 2004-2005 school year. Superintendent Alan Hawkins succeeded him. Interim Ken Murphy, who followed Hawkins, served the second half of the 2010-2011 school year until Nadeau started.

The School Board will post updates about the hiring of an interim superintendent on the school website, cape.k12.me.us. Go to the link, “Superintendent Search,” at the top of the home page.



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Thefts from unlocked home and vehicle are reminders to lock up

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 3-29 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House area about an assault complaint.
- 4-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Two Lights area for a well-being check.
- 4-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 4-5 An officer met with a resident about an unlicensed driver using illegal drugs.
- 4-6 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a burglary complaint. It appears that access was gained through a door that was left unlocked. Prescription medication was missing from the residence.
- 4-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area about a fraudulent attempt to transfer money from an account.
- 4-9 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about complaints about the resident's loose pets in the roadway.
- 4-10 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about an assault complaint.
- 4-11 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a tax fraud complaint.
- 4-11 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a tax fraud complaint.
- 4-12 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a tax fraud complaint.
- 4-12 An officer met with a realtor about property listed with him that had been fraudulently advertised for rent for \$350 per night. Upon checking, it appeared that the ad had been removed.
- 4-12 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a child custody issue.
- 4-12 An officer spoke with a school bus driver about a vehicle passing his bus

- 4-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for an assault complaint.
- 4-13 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a suspicious vehicle seen in the area earlier.
- 4-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a suspicious person complaint.
- 4-14 An officer spoke with a resident of Bangor about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. A black duffle bag containing clothing had been stolen from his unlocked truck while parked at the Pond Cove Shopping Center.
- 4-16 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a dog bite complaint.
- 4-16 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-17 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 4-17 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who turned in a damaged laptop found in the middle of the road. The owner was identified and the laptop was returned.
- 4-18 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area who reported tires being cut during the night.
- 4-18 An officer met with a local business representative about unauthorized dumping in the business's dumpster.
- 4-18 An officer met with a resident who turned in a ladies ring he found last fall inside Fort Williams near the maintenance garage. It is a ladies gold band with a single stone on top.
- 4-18 An officer met with the park ranger at Fort Williams who turned over a key ring with two Subaru keys and a remote entry.

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- 4-17 Buxton resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 4-17 Farmington resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road

ACCIDENTS

- 4-9 Cole Amorello, accident on Old Ocean House Road
- 4-10 Kyle Newell, accident on Shore Road

ARRESTS

- 4-6 South Portland resident, possession of scheduled drugs, Kettle Cove
- 4-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Sawyer Road
- 4-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence, criminal mischief, Shore Road
- 4-17 Farmington Maine resident, operating after license suspension

FIRE CALLS

- 4-5 Scott Dyer Road, elevator rescue
- 4-7 Portland Mutual Aid
- 4-7 Scott Dyer Road, investigation
- 4-7 Reef Road, wire down
- 4-8 Hunts Point Road, fire alarm
- 4-9 Old Ocean House Road, car accident
- 4-9 Starboard Drive, structure fire
- 4-10 Shore Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 4-12 Spurwink Avenue, fire alarm
- 4-15 Fowler Road, investigation
- 4-15 Old Orchard Beach, Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 20 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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CELT seeks feedback about Robinson Woods public access plan that went into effect last May

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth residents have a chance to weigh in about the effect of dog-leash and biking rules, and other regulations that went into effect a year ago when the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust revised its public access plan for the 145-acre property off Shore Road.

In an effort to assess the success of the changes to Robinson Woods' public access regulations that went into effect on May 1, 2015, when the , including e changes, CELT has posted a survey in which people are asked to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan, designed to "promote safe and enjoyable access" to Robinson Woods "while protecting the natural habitat and wildlife," the organization states in the introduction to the survey.

"Balancing public use and conservation is at the heart of what CELT does," CELT Executive Director Cindy Krum said on April 27, a day before the nonprofit land conservation organization posted the survey. "With the survey we are seeking public input on how we are succeeding with our mission at Robinson Woods."

Under the year-old plan, unleashed dogs are not allowed in the Robinson Woods Preserve except from 4 p.m. to sunset in Rob-

inson Woods I, and from sunrise to 10 a.m. in Robinson Woods II. Unleashed dogs are never allowed on some trail sections, including the Wildflower Trail in Robinson Woods I. Bicyclists are not permitted to ride off marked trails or do high-speed riding and must yield to pedestrians and stay off trails closed for maintenance.

For one question, "Since the public access plan was implemented ... what observations can you make with regard to the following in Robinson Woods Preserve?" survey-takers are directed to check off "improved," "stayed the same," or "worsened" regarding "protection of sensitive habitat areas; erosion around pond, vernal pools, and other water features; litter; dog waste; incidents of aggression and/or dog biting."

Another part of the survey asks how often people have "observed dog-owners complying with on-leash hours; visible signs of dog waste; bicyclists complying with posted trail closures; bicycles stopping for pedestrians on trail; compliance with foraging/harvesting; commercial dog walking; dogs in bodies of water; and litter."

The survey will be on the CELT website, cape-landtrust.org, under "recent news" through Tuesday, May 31. For a paper copy call 767-6054 or go to the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road.

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Sunday, May 8

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

School Board Executive Session, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan conference room, Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall lower level conference room

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

Thursday, May 12

Family Fun Day Volunteers, 6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Saturday, May 14

Recycling Committee, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,

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

Tuesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 19

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works building

Town Council Special Budget Adoption Meeting Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan conference room, Town Hall

Tuesday, May 24

School Board Workshop, 6:30 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

Thursday, May 26

Family Fun Day Volunteers, 6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m., Thursdays at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, public safety building

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road

Cape Farm Alliance, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

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May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22, noon

Town Council (live)

May 9, 7 p.m.

School Board (live)

May 10, 7 p.m.

Town Council replay

May 11 & 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

May 14, 9 a.m.

School Board replay

May 13 & 14, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

May 15, 9 a.m.

Planning Board (live)

May 17, 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay

May 18 & 19, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

May 21, 9 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

May 24, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board replay

May 25 & 27, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Three walks planned in town in May, June

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust plans two walks for adults and one for children.

CELT member Tony Owens will lead an adult walk focused on the habitat, flora and fauna of Robinson Woods from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 17.

CELT board member Lisa Gent will lead a "Little Explorers" hike for 3-to-5-year-olds from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19. The group will search for wildlife and plants.

CELT's annual seven-mile Cross Town Walk, which traverses CELT and town trails, is set for 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4. CELT Executive Director Cindy Krum, Jeremy Gabrielson of the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission and past CELT board members will be guides. A picnic lunch at Kettle Cove will be provided.

Register or get more information at capecommunityservices.org, or 799-2868.

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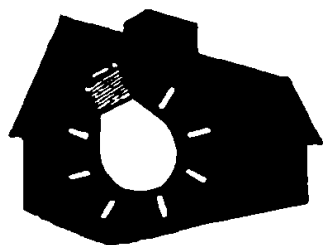
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Lions' last 2016 breakfast on Mother's Day



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Cape Elizabeth Lions Club member Judy Shedd takes orders during the club's April 10 pancake breakfast, where Cape Elizabeth Lion Jim Cox, far left, hosted family members, clockwise, Cape Elizabeth residents Julie Cox, David Paris, Chris Burluson and Wyatt Burluson.

Cape Elizabeth Lions will be cooking pancakes, French toast and eggs for community members at a Cape Elizabeth Lions Club breakfast set for 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day.

Lions also will serve sausage, coffee, tea and juice that morning at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Contact John Ney at 767-2079 or jney@shslawfirm.com to join the club or for more information.

Cape residents in 'Spamalot' cast, tech crew

Monty Python's "Spamalot" will run from Friday, May 13, through Saturday, May 28, at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

Cape Elizabeth resident Tom Schrank plays the Historian and the Altar Boy, and town resident Janie Downey Maxwell is a member of the technical crew.

Based on the film comedy "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," the musical recounts the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and features knights possessing varying degrees of bravery and intelligence, a bevy of show girls, a few cows and a killer rabbit.

Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18.99-\$21.99. Call 799-1421 or go to lyricmusictheater.org to buy them.



Tom Schrank has roles in Monty Python's "Spamalot."

Garden Club plant and pie sale set for June 4

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold a plant and pie sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the home of Shirley Maxwell Royall, 102 Two Lights Road in Cape Elizabeth. The sale will include

plants from club members' gardens and pies from their ovens.

The club welcomes new members. Contact Tom Atwell at tomatwell@me.com for information.

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Cape Elizabeth residents to sing in concerts featuring breast cancer oratorio

Five Cape Elizabeth women will sing this month in two "In Remembrance" concerts featuring the Maine premiere of Minneapolis composer Diane Benjamin's breast cancer oratorio, "Where I Live."

Jacqueline Clark, Lisa Derman, Susan LoGiudice, Sarah MacColl and Cathy Register, part of the 60-member Women in Harmony chorus, will perform at State Street Congregational Church in Portland at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, and at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

Benjamin's oratorio was commissioned in 1999 and since has been performed all over the country, raising thousands of dollars for women's cancer organizations. MacColl and Derman were part of a team that applied for and received a grant from the Yarmouth-based Davis Family Foundation to pay for the composer's travel from Minneapolis and cover the costs of sheet music and a string quartet to accompany the chorus.

After each performance, audience members will have a chance to participate in a talk led by the composer and representatives of the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Community Center in South Portland. The two organizations are sponsoring the event with Women in Harmony.



Photo by Tom Boothby

Cape Elizabeth residents, from left, Lisa Derman, Sarah MacColl and Cathy Register sing with Women in Harmony.

The Cape Elizabeth singers look forward to the concerts.

"Singing is a way for me to give voice to my emotions and to honor all who have been affected by cancer," Register said.

For Clark, the concerts will provide an

—see WOMEN in HARMONY, page 13

Watching ABC's 'Good Morning America'? Then look for Cape 11-year-old Owen Lee



Photos by Joanne Lee

Above, Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-grader Owen Lee, 11, second row, far right, stands at the "Good Morning America" desk with anchor Robin Roberts and fellow children guests on Oct. 26 at ABC Studios in New York. Below, Owen crouches in front of the "Good Morning America" sign the same morning.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth 11-year-old Owen Lee is becoming something of a regular on ABC's morning television show, "Good Morning America." In March, the Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-grader wore a Batman costume on the show and met Ben Affleck, who was promoting his movie, "Batman v Superman." In October he met children's book author Jeff Kinney, who wrote the bestseller, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

"Going on the show is enjoyable and it's fun," Owen said on April 27, a month after traveling to ABC Studios in New York City to be a guest on GMA.

Meeting Affleck, Kinney and GMA co-anchor Robin Roberts was "pretty cool," and so was seeing musician Ne-Yo perform live, accompanied by composer David Foster, Owen said. But of all the celebrities he has come into contact with on the show, "my



favorite person to meet has been Michael Strahan [a regular GMA contributor who is a retired New York Giants football player]."

Owen has his mother Joanne Lee to thank for his GMA appearances.

"In one of the [Facebook] business

—see OWEN LEE, page 13

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Cape resident becomes an Eagle Scout



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Cape Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop 30 Scoutmaster A.J. DiNinno congratulates Cape Elizabeth resident Barrett Hess, 18, at the Cape Elizabeth Lions clubhouse when Barrett received the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank of Boy Scouts of America. Barrett's family, fellow Troop 30 Scouts and their families attended the ceremony. Barrett graduated in 2015 from Cape Elizabeth High School and is majoring in political science at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland.

'Tech Tuesday' lunch for seniors on May 17

Cape Elizabeth High School students will answer questions and offer tips about laptops, tablet computers and smart phones on Tuesday, May 17, during a Cape Elizabeth Community Services "Lunch and Learn" for Cape Elizabeth residents 55 years and older. People should bring their devices to the event.

Lunch and dessert prepared by the Cape Elizabeth school district nutrition staff will follow. The cost is \$7. The event will run from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station, 2 Jordan Way.

Register at capecommunityservices.org. Call 799-2868 information.

Courier has out-of-ballpark week in Florida



The Courier hit a homer in mid-April when Cape Elizabeth High School baseball players took an issue along during the team's week-long practice session in Vero Beach, Fla. Half-way through the trip, team member Brett McAlister, pictured reading the Courier at the front entrance of Historic Dodgertown, dislocated his ankle during a play into third base.

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Harp Twins perform at library May 10



Young harpists Camille and Kennerly Kitt, known as the Harp Twins, will smash musical boundaries with electric harps and acoustic concert grand harps from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 at the library. The twins will apply their virtuoso harp skills to complex arrangements of rock, metal, and sound track hits to appeal to all ages.

Fantasy baseball and Negro Leagues talks set

On Tuesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the Thomas Memorial Library Fantasy Baseball League will engage in its continuing discussion of all things fantasy baseball. Although primarily for those in the league, all are welcome to join the discussion in the community room.

On Saturday, May 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community room, Joe Caliro will

present “Negro Leagues Baseball: History & Memorabilia.” Explore the history of the Negro Leagues and their connection to Maine. Caliro will bring his vast collection of Negro Leagues memorabilia to the library for a showing and a lecture about the leagues in Maine, including accounts of memorable games. The exhibit will open at 1 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 2 p.m.

Christine Morgan exhibits paintings in May



“Into the Pool,” is among the sunset oil paintings exhibited by Christine Morgan.

During the month of May, the Stier Family Gallery at Thomas Memorial Library will feature a new collection of original abstract expressionist sunset oil paintings by Cape Elizabeth artist Christine Morgan.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, with formal training in fine arts and visual arts, Morgan believes “Everyday life is a colorful palette, waiting to be expressed on canvas through expres-

sionistic, bold brush strokes.” Her paintings have been exhibited at a number of galleries in Maine, including the Lewis Gallery and Wing Spread Gallery in Northwest Harbor and Southwest Harbor, and Roux and Cry International Fine Art Gallery in Portland.

The exhibit will run through the end of May. A reception, open to the public, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. All exhibited works are for sale.

Discover New England stone walls on May 14



Kevin Gardner

Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, in the community room, Kevin Gardner, author of “The Granite Kiss,” will explain how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Along the way,

Kevin will build a miniature wall on a table-top using tiny stones.

DIY adult craft night set for May 12

Make your own beautiful house plant from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. Library resident artist, Kiah Gardner, will teach adult participants how to make a realistic succulent garden out of paper. No registration is required.

Immigrant experience to be explored May 24

On Tuesday, May 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the community room, a program about the immigrant experience in Maine will be offered in partnership with the Telling Room. The program will begin with a short film, “The Whole World Waiting,” which introduces young people who have traveled from all over the world to settle in Portland. Following the film, students will read from their recently published book, “A Season for Building Houses.”



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‘Little Mermaid’ to open on Friday, May 27



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Steven Bennett, Tony Inhorn, Jack Misterovich and Tim Corsello stir things up in the high school’s upcoming production, “The Little Mermaid.”

The Cape Elizabeth High School Theater Department’s seven-show run of the musical “The Little Mermaid” will open Friday, May 27, and run through Sunday, June 5.

The Disney show includes magical underwater scenes created by award-winning technicians from the high school. The play is appropriate for all ages.

Junior Nat Jordan plays King Triton, who is troubled by his rebellious daughter, Ariel, played by senior Kate Oberholtzer. Ariel has fallen in love with Prince Eric, senior George Astor, from the “world above.” Sebastian the Crab, played by freshman Will Pearson, has the job of keeping an eye on Ariel.

Other roles include Flounder, freshman Mike Mackenzie; the vicious Ursula, senior Eva Miele; and the Mersisters, seniors Haley Fawcett and Hannah Walsh, sophomore Blair Carpenter, and freshmen Anna Stevens and Ella Strout.

Thirty Pond Cove School students round out the cast as little fishes.

The production received funding from

the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Educational Foundation.

Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, May 27; Saturday, May 28; Friday, June 3; and Saturday, June 4. Matinees starting at 2 p.m. are planned Saturday, May 28; Saturday, June 4; and Sunday, June 5.

Prices for tickets, sold only at the door, will be \$11 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Doors will open a half-hour before the performance starts.

For more information, contact CEHS Theater Department Director Dick Mullen at rmullen@capeelizabethschools.org.

PATHS students redesign outdated prom dresses collected by members of Cape Closet club



Portland Arts and Technology High School students, from left, Taylor Rickett and Cecile Bizet, model dresses they redesigned. With them at an April 12 fashion show are, second from right, Cape Closet member Ellie Garfield and Cape Closet President Elise Mullen.

By Wendy Keeler

Some girls who couldn’t afford prom dresses will be dressed to the max at their proms this year, thanks to a group of Portland Arts and Technology High School fashion design students and a Cape Elizabeth High School group that collects used prom dresses and accessories to give students in need in southern Maine.

The PATHS students spent a good part of the school year redesigning outdated prom dresses that CEHS Cape Closet has collected since the group was established three and a half years ago.

Last spring, former Cape Closet Presi-

dent and CEHS senior Caroline Garfield, who now attends Tulane University in New Orleans, La., visited other southern Maine high schools to talk about Cape Closet, also inviting students to redesign outdated dresses. Cape Closet has collected hundreds of gowns since the fall of 2012.

Garfield met fashion marketing teacher Jane Krasnow at PATHS, a regional school that provides hands-on training in technical and academic fields to students from districts that include Cape Elizabeth. The two came up with a plan.

—see CAPE CLOSET page 12


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Cape Challenge 5K, dash, fun run on June 5

The annual Cape Challenge is planned Sunday, June 5. The event includes a Fun Run for children 8 and younger at 8:30 a.m.; a 1-Mile Dash for children 12 and under at 9 a.m.; and a 5K at 9:30 a.m. The events start and finish at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Registration for the 5K is \$15 in advance, and \$20 on race day. Registration for the 1-Mile Dash is \$8 in advance and \$12 on race day. The Fun Run has no registration.

Runners who register for the 5K by May 16 may buy a technical T-shirt for \$12. For information about registering, go to "events/

programs" at capepcpa.org.

Awards for 5K runners will be given to the top male and female runners overall, and to the winners and second-place finishers in age groups that include 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18.

Contact Andie Mahoney at andiemahoney@maine.rr.com for information.

The event is a fundraiser for the three Cape Elizabeth public schools.

The sponsors are Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture, and OA Centers for Orthopaedics and OrthoAccess - OA's Orthopaedic Walk-In Clinic.

Cape Closet

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"They talked about PATHS students taking outdated dresses and redesigning them, and Jane wrote it into her curriculum for this school year," Cape Closet parent advisor Kim Gillies said. "This fall, the girls brought the dresses to PATHS, and students there chose one for redesign. During the year, the Cape students have gone back to PATHS periodically to see the progress, and the students have gotten to know each other."

This spring, the nine dresses were modeled on runways in both Cape Elizabeth and Portland - first in early April at the CEHS prom fashion show and then in mid-April before 175 people at the annual PATHS fashion show at the Portland Public Library.

"I couldn't believe the final results. They were amazing," Cape Closet President and

CEHS junior Elise Mullen said.

"The dresses are so cute," Gillies said.

"They are quite lovely," Krasnow said.

For the PATHS students, the project was a great experience, Krasnow said.

"The girls we worked with from Cape were so lovely and so validating and really helped our students feel invested in this process," Krasnow said, adding that the project was a "good community service. When kids this age do something for other people, they really feel they have done something important."

A repeat performance is planned, Krasnow said.

"We still have dresses left over, and we intend to do it again next year."

Mullen is excited.

"There is so much to say about the girls from PATHS. They are all so motivated and incredibly talented. I can't wait to continue working with them in the future."

Composition by Will Steidl to premiere May 10 during CEHS chorus, band concert



Will Steidl

By Wendy Keeler

Last summer, while some of us were lounging away the dog days, Cape Elizabeth High School senior Will Steidl, 18, was composing a concert band piece inspired by architect Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic structure, Fallingwater.

The house, a National Historic Landmark, was built over a waterfall in southwest Pennsylvania between 1936 and 1939.

Cape Elizabeth audiences have a chance to attend the premiere of both Steidl's piece, "Fallingwater," and a composition by former CEHS student Camden Accosti, on Tuesday, May 10, during the high school's "Dream ... a Senior Celebration" concert. The CEHS chorus, jazz ensemble, symphony band and wind symphony will perform at the free concert, set for 7:30 p.m. in the CEHS auditorium.

The symphony band will perform "Circus Curses" by Accosti, a sophomore at Baxter Academy for Technology and Science in Portland. Accosti wrote the piece last year when he was a CEHS freshman.

The wind symphony will perform "Fallingwater," the first concert band composition by Steidl, who previously had written an orchestral composition and a jazz band piece that the Portland Jazz Orchestra, a professional jazz band, has performed.

Last spring, Steidl's CEHS band teacher Tom Lizotte commissioned a concert band piece on Frank Lloyd Wright, one of Lizotte's "artistic inspirations," Steidl said. "I decided to compose the piece through the framework of a specific building."

Steidl chose Fallingwater, "which was pretty revolutionary" at the time. "Everyone expected that Frank Lloyd Wright was going to design the building situated facing the waterfall but instead ... the building is reaching out over a ledge with the waterfall underneath it."

"What Frank Lloyd Wright achieved in doing this was a symbiosis between nature and architecture, and that's what I tried to convey inside the piece," Steidl said. "I have different themes within the piece, some of which represent humanity and architecture and some of which represent nature. You hear both of these themes contrasted against



Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater is the inspiration for a composition by Cape Elizabeth High School senior Will Steidl.

each other throughout the piece and then toward the end of the piece, you hear them superimposed on top of each other, representing the synergy of nature and architecture."

Hearing the band perform the piece during rehearsals has been "incredible," Steidl said. "My experience with the piece had been primarily on paper and piano. Getting to hear the culmination of all the different instruments together is pretty amazing, and all my friends playing it is an added benefit."

Steidl, this year's CEHS valedictorian, has won state and regional awards for speech and for playwriting. A trombonist, in the fall of 2014 he performed at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn., with the 150-student All-National Honor Ensembles, "an honor that reflects his status as one of America's best high school musicians," CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said at the time.

Chorus, band performances

At the May 10 concert, the wind symphony also will perform music by George Gershwin, Percy Grainger and Gustav Holst, and the symphony band will feature compositions by Pierre LaPlante and Bruce Yurko.

The chorus, under the direction of conductor Joanne Lee, will perform Eric Whitacre's, "The Seal Lullaby," and "Give Us Hope," by New York City-based composer, Jim Papoulis.

In its first performance, the high school's newest vocal group, an a cappella treble choir, will sing "Mashup" from the movie, "Pitch Perfect."

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Pizza fundraiser at Rudy's planned on May 18

A youth ministry group that includes teens from St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church will hold a fundraiser Monday, May 16, at Rudy's, 517 Ocean House Road. The group will get \$4 from the sale of every large pizza and \$2 for each small pizza or-

dered for takeout or delivery from 4 to 9 p.m. and inside the restaurant from 5 to 9 p.m.

The group also includes teens from St. John and Holy Cross Roman Catholic parishes in South Portland. Call 799-5528 for more information.

Owen Lee

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groups I am in, someone had posted that a friend of theirs was a producer for ABC and was looking for boys ages 6-12 for a segment on 'Good Morning America' ... featuring Jeff Kinney," said Lee, a professional photographer and Cape Elizabeth High School's chorus teacher. "I quickly sent an email to the producer."

Lee wasn't certain she would get a response.

"Being cast in this seemed like a long shot. ... Owen has had an agent in the past and has also appeared in local theater productions, but never in a national TV segment."

"Almost immediately," Lee got an email inviting Owen onto the show.

When the Lees go to New York for the show, they stay at a hotel overlooking Times Square with a view of the GMA Studios.

Lee has been impressed by the behind-the-scenes operation.

"GMA does a great job with the children there for segments. They had a room filled with snacks for the kids. Prior to the appearance, the producer met with everyone. She told them how the segment would work," Lee said.

Stage fright has not been a problem for Owen, who just doesn't get nervous.

"Really it's not that big of a deal for me," he said.

Owen has declined some of the invitations he has gotten to appear on the show.

"We select the ones that interest him and that fit into his school/sports schedule," his mother said.

The experience has been "fascinating" for Owen, Lee said. "I'm not sure if he would ever want a career in show business, but he certainly enjoys the occasional brushes with fame that come his way. [It has been] such an exciting opportunity."

Women in Harmony

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opportunity to honor the pain of people with cancer "while celebrating their courage and humanity in a most beautiful, soulful way."

Derman is pleased that people with cancer will have an opportunity to attend "In Remembrance."

"To me, the most important part of the grant is that it enables us to give complimentary tickets to the Cancer Community Center and the American Cancer Society, so that they, in turn, can give those tickets to people affected by cancer," Derman said.

Based in Portland, the 23-year-old Women in Harmony chorus has a mission of building bridges among women through singing.

Tickets are on sale at Nonesuch Books at Mill Creek in South Portland, Longfellow Books in Portland, and on the Women In Harmony website, wihmaine.org. Tickets and transportation are also available through Cape Elizabeth Community Services. Register at capecommunityservices.org. Call 799-2868 for information.

"The music is inspirational," MacColl said. "Give [a ticket] to someone who wants to celebrate life."

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Planning

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tower, landscaping, and buffering to reduce noise around an emergency generator and other equipment to be stored at the base.

A goal of the Town Council this year is to establish complete cellphone coverage in town. Planning Board member Jonathan Sahrbeck held up a map provided by Verizon, showing coverage in all areas of Cape Elizabeth after Verizon installs the antennas. "I understand the angst that people on Avon Road would have and I respect that, but at the same time there's a whole 'nother swath of Cape Elizabeth that's not covered that will be covered," Sahrbeck said. "I think that's a very important aspect of what the application is all about."

The Planning Board's approval was unanimous.

Cape Chiropractic development tabled to May 17

In other matters, the board tabled to May 17 a proposal from Zev and Amber Myerowitz, owners of Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture, to develop a medical office and townhouse project on Hill Way.

The 21 speakers at a public hearing were a mix of supporters who see the project as a step toward a vibrant town center, and opponents who see it as a threat to the adjacent neighborhood and to the town's character.

"It's just too big," said Two Lights Road resident Amber Hayes, one of 12 speakers who criticized the project during the hour-long hearing.

The Myerowitzes are looking to create a three-lot subdivision on 2.1 acres they own at 12 Hill Way. The land is wooded except for a farm house, which would remain on a .43-acre lot in the subdivision. A .29-acre lot would remain undeveloped, and a 1.3-acre lot with some frontage on Ocean House Road would house two buildings with medi-

cal offices on the lower levels and townhouses on the upper.

Each building's footprint is smaller than the 5,000-square-foot limit set by the zoning ordinance, said Robert Frank, engineer with WBRC Architects and Engineers. Six of the townhouses will be in the first building, where the Myerowitzes plan to live, and four will be in the second building.

Opposition came mostly from residents of the adjacent Brentwood neighborhoods, who were concerned about the scale of the project. "Three-story, 10,000-plus square-foot buildings larger than the library and town hall buildings, with massive parking for multiple apartments and a commercial business, doesn't make sense for this part of town and our neighborhood," said Rand Road resident Jana Frank.

Other critics said replacing a wooded area with an office/apartment complex, behind the 'Welcome to Cape Elizabeth' sign at the Tarbox Triangle, gives a false impression of the town's rural character.

Tom Emery, who lives about a half-mile away on Juniper Lane, said although the plan may comply with town-center zoning, the location is unique because it borders a residential neighborhood. "I think that three-story facade facing Hill Way is brutal, it really is," Emery said.

The buildings are situated so the lower levels cannot be seen from Ocean House Road, but are visible from Hill Way. Topography is influencing how the buildings are sited, but the designers agreed to consider more techniques, such as roof lines, windows or landscaping, to minimize the visual impact from Hill Way.

Plans to have traffic enter and exit from Hill Way, rather than Ocean House Road, were also criticized, but Frank said that the slope of the property and a curve along Ocean House Road made Hill Way a safer choice.

Supporters who spoke at the hear-

ing lauded the Myerowitzes as neighbors, landlords and business people, but others cited the project's value for the town center. "We've always been a couple clicks away from having something other than a bunch of vacant lots and I think this is a start," said Brentwood Road resident Steven Freedman. "We have an opportunity to have a very rural town and yet a vibrant downtown, which I think is desirable," he said.

The designers will return to the board's May meeting with more information about materials to be used, lighting and landscaping plans, and possible strategies to minimize the appearance of the buildings from Hill Way.

Plans for the development are available for review at the town planning office.

Inn By The Sea plan extended; plan for former Ann Veronica ruled incomplete

In other matters, the Planning Board on April 25 agreed to extend for one year an approval for Inn By The Sea to demolish and replace a building of guest rooms, and ruled incomplete an application to change the use of the former Ann Veronica shop on Shore Road.

Michael Friedland, new owner of the shop at 535 Shore Road, must also comply with South Portland regulations because the building, a retail shop since before Cape Elizabeth had planning regulations, lies partially in South Portland. Friedland said he has no major plans for the site other than for office space and to use the garage bays.

The board ruled his application incomplete, however, because he did not submit accurate measurements for the building footprint, used to determine how many parking spaces will be required.

The building includes an upstairs apartment. In order to maximize his options, Friedland is seeking approval for a village retail shop, which also permits office use.

Perkins

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deepest point and that my best bet was to go into the water." Once in the water, breaking ice, Perkins approached the 60-pound Husky breed, which initially resisted and tried to swim the other way. Perkins managed to get his arm underneath the animal and maneuver around a large body of ice to the edge, where the owner helped hoist the dog out.

"It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time," said Perkins. "I did what I thought was the right thing to do, and what I hope someone would have done for me if I were in need of help."

An account of the dog rescue was read

'I did what I thought was the right thing to do, and what I hope someone would have done for me ...'
 — Tom Perkins

aloud by Town Manager Michael McGovern at the April 11 Town Council meeting. "When an employee goes under the water, chest deep, in the middle of March, it is something that should be recognized," McGovern said.

Born and raised in Cape Elizabeth, Perkins has worked with the Public Works Department for the past four years. He is responsible for maintenance at Fort Williams Park, as well as at all the public schools and athletic fields in town. When not working outdoors, Perkins enjoys being outdoors with his two children, including visiting Acadia National Park and going to movie nights at Bug Light Park.

Editor's note: This is the first in a continuing "My Cape Elizabeth" series, featuring interesting Cape residents or employees.

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The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' tennis team displays The Cape Courier last month during school break in Hilton Head, S.C., where the team practiced throughout the week. Team members are, front, Sam Chipman; back row, from left, Ted Hall, Carter Brock, Wyatt Newhall, Sam Berman, Matt Galvin, Michael Mills, Hajmil Carr and Daniel Howard. Cape Elizabeth resident and Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher Andy Strout coaches the team.

Cape artist's work on exhibit this month



Paintings and drawings by artist Josefina Auslander are on exhibit at Ocean House Gallery and Frame through May 28. Auslander, a Cape Elizabeth resident since 1991, was born in Argentina, where she began exhibiting her work in 1966. Her pieces have been shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Portland Museum of Art and the Maine Jewish Museum in Portland. The gallery, open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, is located at 299 Ocean House Road. Call 956-7422 or go to oceanhousegallery.com for information.

Michael Briggs is the Inn by the Sea's new general manager.

Briggs most recently served as resort manager for the Chatham Bars Inn Resort and Spa in Chatham, Mass., where he was the front office manager before taking over responsibility for overall daily operations in 2006. He previously held leadership positions at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston and at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, Mass.

Briggs has a degree in hotel and restaurant management from the Newbury College Roger A. Saunders School of Hotel and Restaurant Management in Brookline, Mass.

He and his wife Amy have a nine-year-old son.



Michael Briggs

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