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*In the Spirit of Community*

## Cape Elizabeth school renovations under consideration

By Kevin St. Jarre

Last year, the Cape Elizabeth School Board engaged Colby Company Engineering and Scott Simons Architects to do some early analysis and design work for possible renovations to the three school buildings in the district. The preliminary estimate comes to approximately \$27 million for the combined improvements.

The most ambitious of the proposed projects would be replacing the cafeteria/auditorium in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School/Pond Cove Elementary School complex with two separate food service facilities. Currently, CEMS and PCES have shared a single cafeteria that doubled as an auditorium. The dual-use nature of the space has caused it to be less than ideal as either a cafeteria or an auditorium.

According to Cape Elizabeth High School Principal Jeff Shedd, this has "acted as a large constraint on the flexibility of both schools' schedules."

The proposed plans would also move both CEMS and PCES offices closer to their front entrances via the creation of office-sized additions.

In addition, the wiring and IT networking of the CEMS/PCES complex needs to be reworked and organized.

Over the many years, the cabling for the network has been added piecemeal, and the result is a tangled, disorganized, and inefficient mess, compared by some to an upturned bowl of spaghetti. PCES and CEMS also lack a backup generator, which the design identifies as a problem.

Shedd related that the high school's IT infrastructure was also in a similar disorganized state, until the 2006 renovation resulted in recabling and rewiring, with a central, organized networking nerve center.

As for CEHS, the proposals for renovations have centered on improving the efficiency, aesthetics, and safety of entrance nearest the gym and auditorium. Also, a bank of grass known as "amphitheater hill" would be re-terraced, returning a feature of the original CEHS, and improving the look of the high school's main entrance itself.

In addition, the brick lobby outside the auditorium, gym and cafeteria is outdated, unattractive and hard for custodians to clean and maintain. According to Shedd, "That lobby would be cleaned up and resurfaced with a more attractive and easier-to-maintain floor. The ceiling would also be renovated. The goal would be to make that intensively traveled area,

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## Spring is around the corner

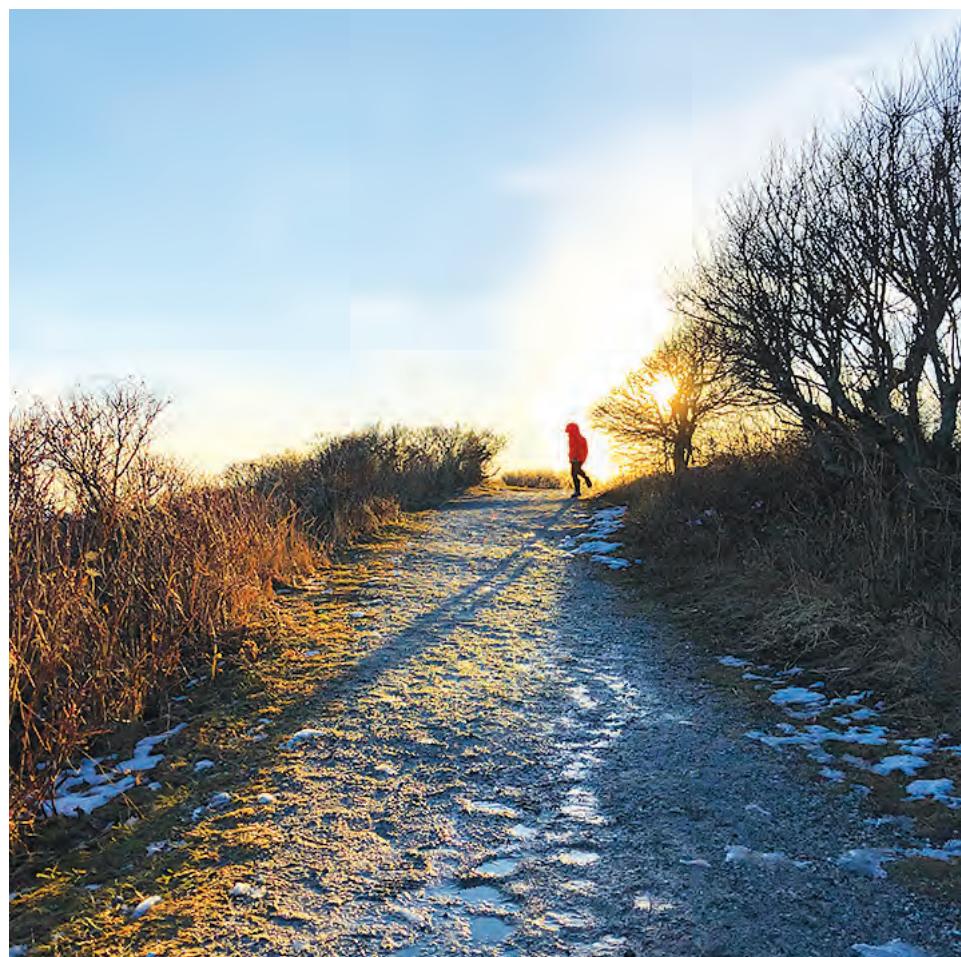
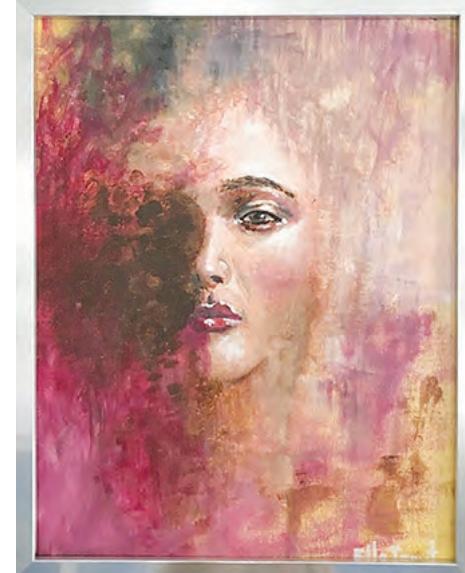


Photo by Kim Case

Pictured is a young visitor to Two Lights State Park enjoying the later sunsets of mid-February. The sun will set even later once clocks are turned one hour forward on March 11, with spring on our doorstep.

## Three CEHS students win awards, talk about their art

By Kevin St. Jarre



Contributed photo

Ella Trout's painting, titled "Rosie," is one of two for which she has won the 2018 Maine Regional Scholastic Art Silver Key award.

Three students at Cape Elizabeth High School were announced as award recipients for the 2018 Maine Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Student are recognized in one of three categories: Gold Key, Silver Key, or Honorable Mention. The 2018 Maine Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition was held at the Maine College of Art through Feb. 10.

The CEHS students who won awards were:

Ella Trout, who won Silver Key awards, for her paintings titled, "Sarah" and "Rosie." Trout also received an Honorable Mention for her drawing titled, "Together."

Vivian Sullivan, who won a Gold Key award for her drawing, "Self-Portrait," and received an Honorable Mention for her painting titled, "Cedar Hands."

Isabella O'Donovan received an Honorable Mention for her photograph titled, "Ice Bucket."

Trout is a senior, and usually works with acrylic painting, but has begun to branch out. "I've recently discovered a love for embroidery as well," she said. O'Donovan, a sophomore, is sticking primarily to photography, while her classmate, Sullivan, prefers to work in colored pencils, though she says watercolors are a close second.

When asked how they came to be entered in the Regional Scholastic Art contest, Trout said, "I entered because Ms. Gross encouraged me to, and I already had a portfolio put together of work which I submitted to colleges."

Sullivan said, "I've been entering the scholastic arts and writing awards since 7th grade, when Mrs. Ronher first encouraged me to submit some artwork."

Trout said of her winning entry, "One Sunday morning I woke up itching to



Contributed photo

Isabella O'Donovan received an Honorable Mention for her photograph titled, "Ice Bucket," which features a young neighbor cooling off.



Contributed photo

Vivian Sullivan's painting, "Cedar Hands," was painted with oil colors on cedar wood, and won an Honorable Mention. Her drawing "Self Portrait" won the 2018 Maine Regional Scholastic Art Gold Key award.

paint. I jumped out of bed, and immediately grabbed my paints and some toast and set up on my living room floor. The whole painting happened in about an hour. I went through a phase of having enough patience to spend more than an hour on a painting, which was a blessing and a curse. I liked how my spontaneity and restlessness affected my work, but I also didn't spend the time to edit things down or add many details. This painting wasn't planned out at all. Probably 95 percent of my paintings aren't planned out, they just happen."

O'Donovan said she did not need to go far to find the subject of her photograph. "I took the photo during a test shoot for class, of my neighbor Ben playing outside, over the summer," she said.

Sullivan's painting, "Cedar Hands," was painted with oil colors on cedar wood. "I had just went with my dad to my favorite art store, Artist & Crafts-

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## Support for Mary Ann Lynch

I support the candidacy of Mary Ann Lynch for Cape Elizabeth's Representative to the Maine House.

I met Mary Ann in 2002 when I served on our School Board and she on our Town Council. I found her thoughtful and reasonable, a very favorable first impression!

From 2006-2008, we were colleagues on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. I have had the honor of serving with many wonderful and talented people in public service throughout my adult life. Mary Ann is one of the very few individuals who have been a cut above the rest.

She is honest with herself and with others, highly principled, thorough in her research and preparation, and articulate in expressing her positions.

Mary Ann has served in local government, and has a proven track record with her constituents. She knows Cape Elizabeth and what is important to its citizens. I appreciate that particular formative in-town and local government experience in someone who will represent me in Augusta. In addition to 17 years working in the private sector, she has held jobs in the executive and judicial branches of state government and has regularly worked with our state legislature. Unlike most freshman legislators who require a significant period of acclimation, Mary Ann will be ready on Day 1.

Mary Ann is a "Clean Election" candidate; by her actions she shows her commitment to keeping big money out of our electoral process.

Mary Ann will work across the aisle toward solutions, rather than becoming part of today's hyper-partisan gridlock.

Jim Rowe

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## Support for Anne Carney

There are two things that Cape Elizabeth is especially well known for: our beautiful natural environment and our excellent schools. But these assets don't take care of themselves. They require constant stewardship and support. It is important that our elected officials, locally and in Augusta, recognize this, and work to enhance and protect each for current and future generations.

Anne Carney, candidate for State Rep, understands this. She is an individual who has demonstrated a passion, commitment, and energy over many years in service to our community, particularly in the area of stewardship of our natural environment and in demonstrating a high regard for the importance of our schools.

As many know, Anne has been president of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, and a leader on its board since 2010. She has worked tirelessly in partnership with the town to enhance our quality of life. We are confident that Anne will take this same level of commitment and collaboration to ensure that education gets the level of attention and support in Augusta that it needs. We cannot have a modern, robust, job-creating economy without a priority on education. Our representatives need to recognize that education is an investment, not a cost, that yields very high long-term returns. Anne recognizes this and will work to advance this effort.

For the good of our community and state, please join us in supporting Anne Carney in the Democratic primary in June.

**Frank Governali & Terry Ann Scriven**

**David Plimpton**

## Pond Cove accepting kindergarten registrations for 2018-19 year

Pond Cove School is accepting kindergarten registrations for 2018-19. If you have a child who will turn five on or before October 15, 2018 he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten at Pond Cove this fall. The registration packet is available to download at: [https://pondcove.capec.k12.me.us/files/docs/forms/new\\_families\\_packet.pdf](https://pondcove.capec.k12.me.us/files/docs/forms/new_families_packet.pdf) or you can stop by the school office and pick up a hard copy.

Registration papers should be turned into the office as soon as possible, but no later than March 30, 2018.

## Thoughts on paper street issues

The Plaintiffs in recent lawsuits against the Town have presented it with an unparalleled opportunity to resolve most of the festering paper streets issues.

To take advantage, the Council should:

Immediately move forward to accept Surf Side Avenue as a public way, at least for a pedestrian pathway, public access to the shore, and maintenance. Then the validity of the acceptance vis a vis the Plaintiffs' claims should be submitted to the Court.

Become involved directly, working closely with legal counsel, including in mandatory Court mediation, and not disqualifying themselves, unless absolutely necessary under the Council's Code of Ethics. The Town needs the entire Council's (I) knowledge of the Town's past efforts regarding paper streets, (II) critical thinking, and (III) continuing work on creative solutions that meet the legitimate needs of the Plaintiffs and the Town, including all residents.

Litigate the case through to complete resolution. Despite Plaintiffs' apparent wealth, the Town has an advantage, because of its taxing power. Even with probable Law Court appeals, based on my 50-plus years of experience in such disputes, as a rough guess, the case should not cost the Town more than \$250,000, unless extensive pre-trial discovery erupts.

Then, even if it costs, say, \$500,000, surely a Town and its residents that spend many millions on a host of capital projects can afford such an expense to preserve these priceless, perpetual, public storefront property rights.

I hope residents, if they agree, will give the Council their support in this litigation.

Early registration will help the school to plan for the incoming kindergarten class. More information is available at 207-799-7339, or by email, [pcoffice@capeelizabethschools.org](mailto:pcoffice@capeelizabethschools.org).

### Children Entering Grade 1 from a private kindergarten

Parents of children attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the office if their children will attend first grade in the Cape schools next year.



## Town of Cape Elizabeth Boards and Committees Vacancies

The Town Council's Appointments Committee is seeking applications from interested citizens in serving on the following:

**Fort Williams Park Committee -**  
An unexpired term until 12/31/2019

**Planning Board -**  
An unexpired term until 12/31/2019

Applications are available online at [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com).  
The deadline to submit applications to **Debra Lane, Town Clerk**  
**is 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28.**

# Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Scott Dyer Road

By Jim Rowe



Photo by Jim Rowe



Photo by Jim Rowe

I have traveled on Scott Dyer Road literally thousands of times during my life. But until recently, the name was just that of a road. Who was Scott Dyer?

Scott Dyer was a well-known and highly regarded 19th century sea captain who called Cape Elizabeth home. He was also scion of one of our town's oldest families. Dyer was born on Febru-

ary 18, 1803, the son of Nathaniel, Jr. and Abigail Dyer. He and his wife Deborah raised four children in Cape Elizabeth. He died on January 21, 1867.

This portrait (pictured on left) was painted by an unknown artist in Antwerp, Belgium in 1854 and hangs today at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society.

## Cape Elizabeth Lions Club to hold March Spaghetti Dinner

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This annual event is to raise funds to benefit maintenance of the historic Bowery Beach Schoolhouse and Cape Lions Charities.

The clubhouse is located at 1 Wheeler Road in Cape Elizabeth. Dinner includes: all you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, soft drinks (BYOB) and desserts. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please join your friends and neighbors and it's a good event for feeding those hungry teenagers.

## Cape Elizabeth Lions Club to hold "Mother's Day" Pancake Breakfast

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host its Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 13 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. This annual event is to raise funds to benefit maintenance of the historic Bowery Beach Schoolhouse and Cape Lions Charities.

The clubhouse is located at 1 Wheeler Road in Cape Elizabeth. Breakfast choices are Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea, Juice. The price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please join your friends and neighbors and bring "MOM" to this traditional Lions event.

## CEHPS to host Jim Dufresne at March meeting

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will meet Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Community Services building, 345 Ocean House Rd.

Our guest presenter will be Jim Dufresne, founder and director of the Maine Masonic Civil War Library and Museum located at 8 Chestnut St. in Portland.

Dufresne will speak about Maine and the Civil War and Cape's own, Major General Seth Williams, for whom Fort

Williams is named. Civil War artifacts will be on display. Join us for refreshments and conversation. All meetings and programs are free and open to the public.

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Thanks to all who have written letters, spoken at town meetings, attended the Paper Streets Public Forums, and to the 1,220 folks who signed the petition to protect and preserve valuable public shoreline access over Surfside Avenue, Atlantic Place and Lighthouse Point Rd.

*Let's keep up the Great Work.  
Together we are making a positive difference!*

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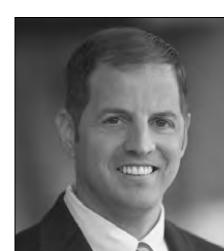
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## Call for Artists: Paint for Preservation 2018

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) has begun accepting artist submissions for Paint for Preservation 2018, the organization's eleventh annual juried Wet Paint Auction and one of Maine's premiere art auction events. Artist entries will be juried by Nancy Davidson, resident curator of the Maine Jewish Museum and former owner of Davidson & Daughters Contemporary Art.

The Wet Paint Auction will be held on Sunday, July 1, 2018. During the weekend of the event, selected artists will paint en plein air at designated public and private locations chosen to highlight Cape Elizabeth's natural beauty.

This year, artists will have the opportunity to paint on location over a three-day period from Friday June 29 through Sunday preceding the auction.

Interested artists are invited to submit three images of original plein air paintings in any medium for juried consideration. Samples must be submitted as digital images via email. The artist submission form and further instructions regarding submission requirements may be obtained at [www.capelandtrust.org](http://www.capelandtrust.org).

The deadline for artists' submissions is Friday, March 16, 2018.

## Online Registration for 2018 TD Beach to Beacon set for March 15 and 16

Runners looking to join the field for the 21st running of the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race on Aug. 4 will need to be in the zone and at the ready March 15-16 for online registration. New this year, organizers of the classic American summer road race have tweaked the registration process with the goal of improving the participant experience.

Partnering with Race Roster, the TD Beach to Beacon is implementing a queue entry system. This new format requires registrants to still be quick at the 7 a.m. launch to get entered into the queuing portal, basically putting them in a virtual line, but it also provides greater time for them to complete the registration process without losing their place.

"We made this change in recognition of the increasingly high demand for the TD Beach to Beacon and in response to feedback received by registrants who felt frustrated by the process," said Race Founder Joan Benoit Samuelson. "While we are limited in our ability to increase the field size of the race, we wanted to find a way to make the registration process smoother and more efficient for all involved."

The new process will be in place for

both days of online registration. On Thursday, March 15, Cape Elizabeth residents will have the opportunity to register for 600 slots starting at 7 a.m. ET. Registration for the general public will begin at 7 a.m. ET on Friday, March 16.

A lottery for the 1,950 remaining slots will take place from March 16 through March 25, with lottery entrants announced on March 27. Runners register at the race website, [www.beach2beacon.org](http://www.beach2beacon.org). The race entry fee is \$55.

The race allows transfers from April 1 through June 30 and there is a \$5 transfer fee. Cape Elizabeth residents registered in the 600 entries allocated to Cape Elizabeth residents can only transfer to another Cape Elizabeth resident. After the transfer period ends on June 30, runners may not exchange bibs or run under another person's bib or they will risk banishment from the race for future years.

WinterKids has been chosen as the 2018 race beneficiary. WinterKids is a Maine nonprofit that teaches Maine children to move, learn and explore in the outdoors during winter.

## CAPE ELIZABETH YOUTH SOCCER CLUB



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- Info areas specific to all player age groups to answer questions
- Uniform samples available for accurate sizing
- Logo Wear available to order
- Door Prizes including (2) \$75 OFF Coupons toward Registration

## CEEF hosts education foundations



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Pictured are attendees from education foundations that CEEF recently hosted for an afternoon of collaboration

On February 1, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) hosted seven education foundations from area school districts for an afternoon of sharing ideas, discussing common goals and challenges facing their organizations and districts. Education Foun-

dations in attendance were Brunswick, Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Kennebunks/Alfred, Marana Cook, Scarborough and Yarmouth. This event is the first of what hopes to be an annual series of collaborative meetings.

## Renovations

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the most intensively used by members of the community, an attractive, welcoming space."

There would also be renovations around the locker room area, and an addition built between the gym and track that would house an expanded weight room and storage areas. The weight room at CEHS is less than one-third the minimum space recommended for a weight room for a school the size of Cape Elizabeth High School.

There is also a disparity in the sizes of the



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# Get to Know: Cape Elizabeth Community Services

By Tara Simopoulos and Marta Girouard

In the mid 1970's the mission and vision of the Town Recreation Committee in Cape Elizabeth was to expand the part-time Recreation Department to a full fledged department with a full-time director. The department was named Cape Elizabeth Community Services and Robert Bodenlos was hired as the first full time director. Its mission and vision was to offer health and enrichment opportunities for all town citizens.

Community Services advertised their programs in a three-fold brochure, which was mailed to households each fall, spring and summer. This brochure has evolved into a catalogue of 30 plus pages and over 100 offerings each session.

The department grew from the mid 1980's to 2000 to include preschool and after school programs, as well as health and fitness programs, and programs geared towards seniors.

Also in this era "The One Town Concept", formed by then Town Manager, Michael McGovern and Superintendent Connie Goldman, was implemented. It was a consolidation of services being shared between town and school department. Community Services provided a link in connecting those services, which became more cost effective and efficient for the town. Part of this reorganization resulted in the organization taking on the responsibilities of scheduling facilities indoors and outdoors for both the town and schools, as well as custodial services and school transportation administration being placed under the Community Services umbrella.

The renovation of the pool and addition of a whirlpool and fitness center in 1999



Photo by Tara Simopoulos

Pictured above, back row: Karen McCue, Andrew Kemp, Kathy Raftice, Susan Dixon, Verna Gordon, Cory Serprenant and Eric French

Front Row: Linda Strunk, Kelly Phinney, Gay Sampson, Jennifer Murphy, not pictured, Casey P Murphy

provided more opportunities for citizens. In 2002 with the purchase of Pond Cove Millworks building at 343 Ocean House Road, Community Services received a facility of its own. Housed at Cape Elizabeth High School, Richards Community Pool is a six-lane, 25 yard-pool offering swim lessons, lap swims, open swim and senior swims. The Fitness Center is located inside the Richards Community Pool building. The Cape Care program is a childcare program with preschool and after school options.

Community Services is run by a staff of twelve, and led by Kathy Raftice, recently appointed as the Director of Community Services and Fort Williams Park. The Community Services Committee is a seven-member board appointed by the town council, which advocates for versatile community programs offering edu-

cational, cultural, recreational and social enrichment opportunities.

You can learn more about Community Services programs and activities online, where you can also sign up for many of the programs. For more information, visit:

<http://www.capecommunityservices.org/>

## Meet the CS Staff

### Kathy Raftice

CS Role: Director

How long have you been at CS: I began in July of 2011 and am now in my 7th year

What is your favorite part about working in Cape: I love working in the town I grew up in. There are so many familiar faces and families and it really is amazing when you look at how many who work in this community grew up here; it's wonderful. Back when I was in high school I worked at what was then Cape Recreation as a summer counselor. It was a great job then and it continues to be a great job now!

### Kelly Phinney

CS Role: Cape Care Coordinator

How long have you been at CS: I started working in after-care in 2003, and moved to the office in 2005. I have had many roles at CECS in that period of time but Cape Care is very special to me.

What is your favorite part about working in Cape: THE KIDS! I go home every day thinking about the day, the little victories, and things to improve on. The best part of that is knowing that a child is going to go home and tell their parents a story about what happened at Cape Care today.

### Linda Strunk

CS Role: Program Support

How long have you been at CS: One year

What is your favorite part about working in Cape: I enjoy working with a dynamic mix of Cape residents, from seniors to our Cape kids.

### Cory Serprenant

CS Role: Youth Program Coordinator

How long have you been at CS: 5 months

What is your favorite part about working in Cape: My favorite part about working in Cape is the friendliness everyone has for each other.

### Gay Sampson

CS Role: Cape Care Lead Preschool Teacher

How long have you been at CS: 6 years

What is your favorite part about working in Cape: I love working with children and their parents; preparing the children for kindergarten, preparing them socially, emotionally and academically, exposing the children to the world around them through our weekly themes and being on the school campus so we can offer swim lessons and our 4th grade reading buddies.

### Jennifer Murphy

CS Role: Assistant Preschool Teacher

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## Local Writers at The Local Buzz in February 2018

On February 24, 2018 from 4–5 p.m., Local Writers at The Local Buzz continues its monthly reading series featuring Maine writers reading original fiction, nonfiction and poetry. The Local Buzz café and wine bar will host Maine poet, Claire Hersom, and fiction writer, Dave Patterson. Located at 327 Ocean House Road in Cape Elizabeth, The Local Buzz events are co-hosted by poets Marcia F. Brown and Linda Aldrich.

Claire Hersom is the author of two collections of poetry, "Drowning: A Poetic Memoir" (2008), and "Dreamscape" (2017) published by Moon Pie Press. Her work has appeared in numerous poetry journals and anthologies, and in Yankee Magazine. In 2011, Claire received an Emerging Artist Grant in Literature from Boston's St. Botolph Club Foundation. A strong advocate for social justice, Claire served for four years on the Board of Directors for Maine Equal Justice Partners. Claire is a native Mainer and lives in Winthrop, Maine. She currently teaches English Language Learners (ELL) and high school English at Winthrop Adult Education and is one of three organiza-

ers for The Bookey Readings series at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell. Claire's poem "Dreamscape" from her recently published book of the same name, was recently nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Dave Patterson grew up in northern Vermont and currently lives in Cape Elizabeth. He earned a BA in English from St. Michael's College, an MA in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English, and an MFA in Writing from the Stonecoast MFA Program. While at Bread Loaf, Patterson won first place in the school's short story contest. His work has appeared in Slice Magazine, Hot Metal Bridge, The Drunken Odyssey, Storyacious, The Apple Valley Review, and Binders Literary Journal among other literary magazines. His debut novel, "Soon the Light Will be Perfect," recounts a family's struggles with cancer, rural poverty, and fanatical Catholicism. The book will be released in the spring of 2019 from Hanover Square Press.

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**CS Role:** Cape Care Lead Preschool Teacher

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### Susan Dixon

**CS Role:** Assistant Preschool Teacher

**How long have you been at CS:** 6 months

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### Casey P. Murphy

**CS Role:** Aquatic Coordinator

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### Eric French

**CS Role:** Lifeguard

**How long have you been at CS:** 7 1/2 years

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**CS Role:** Fitness Center Staff - Personal Trainer

**How long have you been at CS:** 17 years

**What is your favorite part about working in Cape:** Sense of community

## CEHS to compete in High School Quiz Show



Photo by Rebecca Conley

Cape Elizabeth High School is once again competing on Maine Public's televised High School Quiz Show. Pictured above, on set, are team members Preston Stewart, Tony Inhorn, Derek Allen and Grace Roberts. Not pictured are additional team members Jack Stewart and Addie Hayes. The team is coached by Joe Wagner.

## Decker recognized



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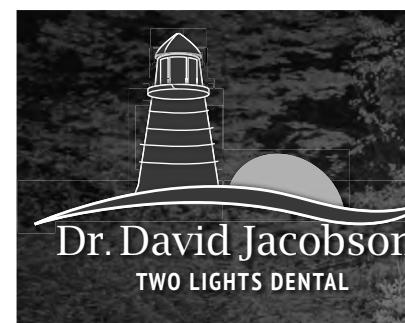
Purpoodock Club's Head Golf Professional Tony Decker was recently named by the PGA of America the 2017 New England PGA Professional of the Year, along with being named for the second consecutive year the Maine PGA Professional of the Year. In addition, he was also named by U.S. Kid's Golf one of the Top 50 U.S. Kids Teaching Professional in the United States. Decker has been Purpoodock Club's head golf professional for the past four years.

## CEHS to stage one-act production

Cape Elizabeth High School Theatre will stage a production of "The Tragedy and Triumph of Smike: A Friendship Wrought from Misery" in advance of its participation in the Maine Regional Drama Festival.

The story, created from material in Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby," was adapted by Maine playwright Aynne Ames. Published in the 1840's, "Nicholas Nickleby" is largely credited for the closing of many schools that were little more than workhouses for exploited children. In the novel's wake, child labor laws were enacted to protect orphans and children of the poor.

Over 30 students will take part in all aspects of this one-act play. Three showings for the community will take place, on Tuesday, March 6, Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8, all starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets at \$5.00 will be available at the door. For more information, contact: [cehstheater@gmail.com](mailto:cehstheater@gmail.com).



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## Sixth grade Math Team earns trophy



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The 6th grade Math Team earned a 3rd Place Team trophy at the December Math Meet at Holiday Inn by the Bay. Twenty-six schools competed in the Southern Maine Math League Competition. Pictured, front (L to R) Natalie Ginn, Alex Butterbaugh, Vio Voltz, Cormac McKinney, Trevor Oakley and Bella Ferritier. Back: Allison Caruso - 5th & 6th grade Math Team Coach and Troy Eastman - Principal.

## Cape Robotics competes in finals at VEX Robotics tournament



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At the VEX Robotics tournament in Turner, Maine, on January 27, twenty-six robotics teams from Maine competed. Cape Robotics had four of its five teams in the finals.

An alliance of Cape-Cape-Cape was defeated 2-0 by an alliance of York-Cape-Thornton Academy. Cape team 56F (Cully Richard, Matthew Yim, Lauren Abrahamsen) was the Cape team on the champion alliance. Cape team 56G (Evan Gebhart, Carter Merriam, Matthew Zimmerman) won the Sportsmanship award.

Pictured above: (front row, l to r) Advisor Evan Thayer, Sarah Hagan, Matthew Yim, Matthew Zimmerman, Nate Labrie, Caleb Weinstein-Zenner. (Back row, l to r) Cully Richard, Lauren Abrahamsen, Eva Morris, Carmen Erickson, Evan Gebhart, Carter Merriam, Joey Labrie, Mary Wisell, Oliver Kraft. Not pictured is Joe Jacobson.

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## Penley and Concannon earn MVP titles in track and field

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Kirsten Penley clears the high jump bar.

Kirsten Penley and Matt Concannon are seniors at Cape Elizabeth High School. They have something else in common; they were both named Most Valuable Players at the Western Maine Conference championships.

Concannon runs the 200m, 55m, and competes in the triple jump. Penley's events are long jump, triple jump, high jump, the 55 meter dash and the 4x200 meter relay.

Concannon and Penley both thought the team did well this season. "The team did fantastic this season. We had a lot of new personal records set and people qualify to go to states," Penley said. Concannon said, "The team did very well this season considering our number of players in comparison to other teams in our conference."

Individually, the athletes both looked forward. Concannon said, "I've done well this season but my remaining meets are extremely important and that will really decide how well I've done this season." Penley said, "As for me, I did not break any personal records but I did qualify for states in long jump, triple jump, high jump, and the 4x200 meter relay."

Both Concannon and Penley, despite each being named MVPs, point to the

achievements of their teammates. Penley said, "My friend and teammate Sophie Garland-Doré is also a senior here at CEHS and also had a fantastic season. Despite her shin splints, she bravely took on an event that she never thought she would do and participate in a meet; long jump. For someone who has never done any jumping events before she did extremely well and scored some points. I am so proud of her for keeping her mind open to other new experiences even if they might be scary and require a little push." Concannon said, "I wanna give a shoutout to the boys: Michael Brooks, Simon Britt, Max Patterson and Seamus Healy."

Penley and Concannon are both in their fourth year of competition, and that's long enough to know what they love most. Concannon said, "My favorite thing about track is the competition in all my races," while his teammate Penley said, "What I like most about this sport is the amount of support you get from all of your teammates and coaches all of the time. Not only are the people on my team supportive, but also there are some other teams who are as well."

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**Sports**

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despite being from a different school and competing against us. No matter what the event is, there will always be some teammates there watching and trying their best to give advice both at the meets and even just at practice."

Concannon started early with team sports. He said, "I began competing on a team when I was roughly five years old during Saturday Morning Soccer," but he came to track when he "ended up in this sport during my 8th grade year after basketball season because I wanted to stay active."

Penley followed her friends. "The first time I ever was on an indoor track team was way back in 6th grade. I remember starting it because some of my friends were doing it and it looked like a fun way to spend some time after school. At that time I was not at all serious about it. I remember my very first meet I had tried to do long jump and was actually pretty good at it from not having done it before. I had also tried high jump as well but that was not a pretty sight due to me not having any practice and jumping from the opposite side that I jump from now," Penley said.

She also said she's beginning to feel the

wear and tear of a demanding sport. "The most challenging part of this sport for me is the amount of stress it puts on your knees and shins. This is not for everybody, but I have had and still have chronic shin splints for four years and all of the jumping events that I do also put a lot of stress on my shins and knees. It makes it very hard to practice some days because I can't run and I don't want to have it hurt me during the meets. I absolutely love running and whenever we have a harsh running day in practice I can never participate in it or I have to stop half-way through to go ice my shins and feel like I have accomplished nothing. That has always been the most challenging part of this sport for me," Penley said.

Concannon sees the challenge in chasing the next level of performance. "The most challenging aspect of the sport is to keep improving every season because you see a lot of kids plateau their sophomore or junior year and typically the best kids keep improving throughout their high school career," he said.

Good coaching is always key, and Concannon and Penley credit their coach, Doug Worthley, with helping them reach new heights. "Mr. Worthley has greatly helped me in improving my performances by helping me with my starts and my form. Also he teaches us how to maximize our



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Matt Concannon runs a relay in a recent competition.

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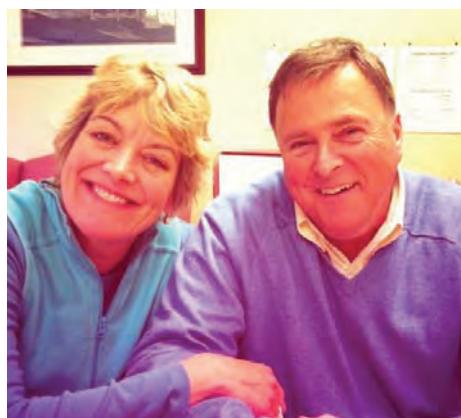
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performances by working certain muscle groups and energy systems in practice," he said. Penley said, "Coach Worthley has helped me become the athlete I am today through the event specific workouts to all the advice that he gives me during the meets and at practices. He'll be telling me at the meets for long jump to move my mark closer, speed up and not to lean forward when I take off. For high jump it's always the same thing, 'You're jumping 10 feet away from the bar! Move your mark!' He is a great coach who is knowledgeable in all the events, caring, and can help and give advice in all events. You don't see very many schools with coaches who know what they're talking about in every event, which is very nice to have."

When asked what three pieces of advice he'd give to younger players, Concannon said:

- 1) Play multiple sports growing up because it will translate over and just make you a better athlete.

- 2) Don't overwork yourself at a young age because it will lead to injuries later in life.

- 3) Lastly, eat healthy because there have been many times where my performance has been a lot worse because of what I had eaten prior to my meet or games.

For her part, Penley had this advice:

- 1) Get on the coach's (Worthley's) good side.

- 2) Always be open to new events. I was so strung up on high jump that that was all I wanted to do and was not open to trying long jump, even though everyone saw that I had the potential to do it. For kicks and giggles, I tried it during practice and whaddya know, I was good at something else too! That then led to triple jump, and then to me doing all three jumping events and being open to trying new things.

- 3) Have fun. Make the best of it and try to make it a fun experience!

If Concannon weren't in this sport, his next choice was also indoors. "I would probably play basketball because I'm pretty good at it and I played it all the way up to my freshman year," he said. Penley picked the same sport, but was less sure. "To be honest, I haven't really thought what other sport I would be doing if I weren't in this sport. Maybe basketball because I'm tall and have some speed," she said.

As for competing in the future, Concannon said, "I still haven't decided if I'm running in college yet, but if I do I'm going to run at Holy Cross." Penley said, "I would love to play on a college team because I do not want to just stop something that I love so much and I would love to keep bettering myself. I will be going to the University of Southern Maine and would love to be a part of their track team. Their track coach is very nice and they are very flexible with practices which is something I find very nice in a college team."

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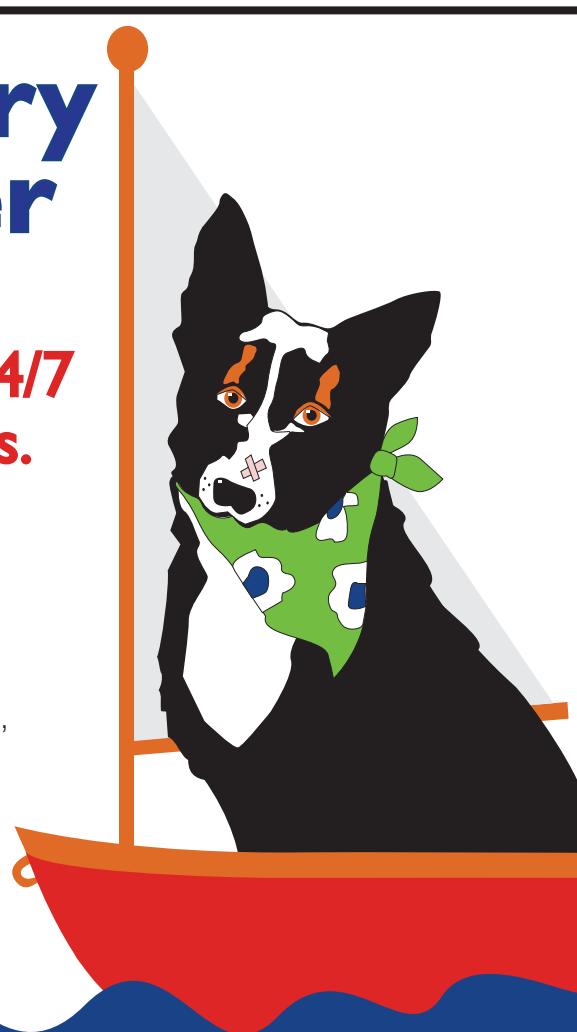
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## Fourth grader's art to be displayed at Portland Museum of Art



Pictured above is Wyatt Tarr with his pastel drawing, which will be displayed at the Portland Museum of Art for Youth Art Month in March.

Fourth grade student Wyatt Tarr's pastel drawing has been chosen to be exhibited at the Portland Museum of Art for Youth Art Month.

For more than 20 years, the Portland Museum of Art and the Maine Art Education Association (MAEA) have collaborated to bring National Youth Art Month to Maine. This annual observance emphasizes the value of art education and encourages support for quality school art programs through a month-long exhibition of artwork by K-12 students throughout the state.

The exhibition runs from March 1 through March 31 on the lower ground floor of the PMA. Admission to the exhibition is free for the public.

There will be a celebration reception on March 3. Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration to share their work with family and friends, meet other Youth Art Month Artists, enjoy light refreshments and receive a certificate of participation. Certificates for fourth grade students will be given out at 5:30 p.m. More information can be found at the following website:

<https://www.portlandmuseum.org/learn/youth-art-month>

## CEHS Music Concert to be held March 15

The Cape Elizabeth High School chorus and concert bands will perform Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will feature a variety of musical genres and a diverse array of styles including contemporary and classical pieces. The choral performance will be followed by the symphonic bands and the concert jazz ensemble.

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## A display of respect



Photo by John Holdridge

Pictured is Grace Brenner in front of the display which shows students' and staff's ideas about respect

From saying "thank you" to "not assuming pronouns," this is how CEHS students show respect.

RESPECT is a word that high schools all over Maine strive to make a priority. Grace Brenner, one of the leaders of the Respect team at Cape Elizabeth High School, wanted to remind students every day that they should respect staff, the building, the environment, and each other. Brenner took photos of many CEHS students and staff

holding a sign that reflected how they show respect. She, along with John Holdridge, Volunteer and Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator at Cape High, filled up the art display case near the auditorium, showing off some the students' and staff's best ideas about respect.

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**Art**

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man, where I picked up my first oil paints! I was really inspired to create something so I went into my garage and randomly found a left over shingle from when my dad needed them for the side of our house. I picked hands to paint—since I need to work on them the most—and got to work."

Trout's two winning paintings are portraits. "I usually paint people. People have told me I have a distinct style, but personally I have a hard time seeing it myself. I really like drama and using color. I could mix colors for hours and never get bored. I pay a lot of attention to the expressions of the people I paint and try to give them a little glint in their eyes."

Sullivan also has a difficult time pinpointing a particular look to her work. "I wouldn't describe myself as having a particular drawing style. I really like to explore different mediums and types of art, so I never really was interested in tying myself down to drawing my pieces a

certain way."

All three artists speak of the support they have received from others. Trout said, "My grandmother is a painter, and definitely has the biggest influence on my art. She still drives around the Berkshire mountains in her paint truck and paints landscapes in oils. She has always been completely honest, which is the best quality to have in a mentor. She has an eye for composition and most of all for color. She knows everything there is to know about color. She can match any color you give her in less than a minute of mixing. Even though the appreciation for landscapes has diminished over time, she never caves to the general opinions of critics or the commercialization of art, and I think that's crucial. My mom, owner of Lulu Ceramics, is another big influence on me because she had the courage to take her love of ceramics and make a small business out of it. She's one of the hardest workers I've ever met, and she works extra hard to be able to do what she loves as her job."

O'Donovan points to a member of the CEHS faculty. "My photography teach-

er Ms. Gross supported me as an artist throughout my classes with her, and convinced me to enter my piece," she said.

When it comes to support, Sullivan said, "My dad has always been so supportive of my art! He's always taken me to the art store, award shows, and has helped me with anything I need in order to be the most inspired and creative."

The winners say that there are other students around them at CEHS who also inspire them. Trout said, "My sister, Cecily, is super modest about her art but she is crazy talented at drawing. We never have any sibling rivalry when it comes to art because our styles and strengths are completely different, sometimes opposite. I'm always pushing her to share her art more, because her talent really deserves to be recognized."

O'Donovan said it's difficult to single out a single student, because there are so many. "I've seen so many of amazing pieces displayed throughout the art room at school," she said.

For Sullivan, it's a close friend. "My really good friend Julia Mukai, also a sophomore, is an amazing artist who en-

courages me to keep going and express myself in different ways. I've always admired her thoughtful and inspiring artwork!" she said.

When asked where they like to be when they are being creative, Trout said, "I wish I could say my favorite place to do art was by the ocean somewhere or in some secret garden, but realistically 99 percent of my work is done on a towel on my bedroom floor. I see people painting at Two Lights and Kettle Cove and become inspired to paint outdoors more, but it never really ends up happening. My messy room typically happens to be where I am when I get the urge to create something."

O'Donovan likes to be set free. She said, "I love to take photos anywhere really, I've done a lot of nature photography around Cape but recently I've found more of an interest in portraits and street photography."

Sullivan sticks close to home. "I've always done my art at the desk in my room, so that's my favorite place to make new stuff! It's just so cozy and usually time slips by really fast when I'm working there," she said.

The winning art had the opportunity to be on display at the Maine College of Art, but Trout's winning paintings are already hanging in different homes. Her paintings can be seen sometimes at her mother's studio, Lulu Ceramics.

Some of the winning art, along with a variety of other student art, will be on display at the annual CEHS Art Show in May, details to follow.

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Girls: capeelizabethgirlslacrosse.teamapp.com

Cape Elizabeth Community Services's upcoming spring brochure will also include a weekly lacrosse skill builder program for boys and girls K-6th grade.

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## Scenes of winter...visions of spring



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*Snow mermaid at Two Lights State Park after a warm winter day*

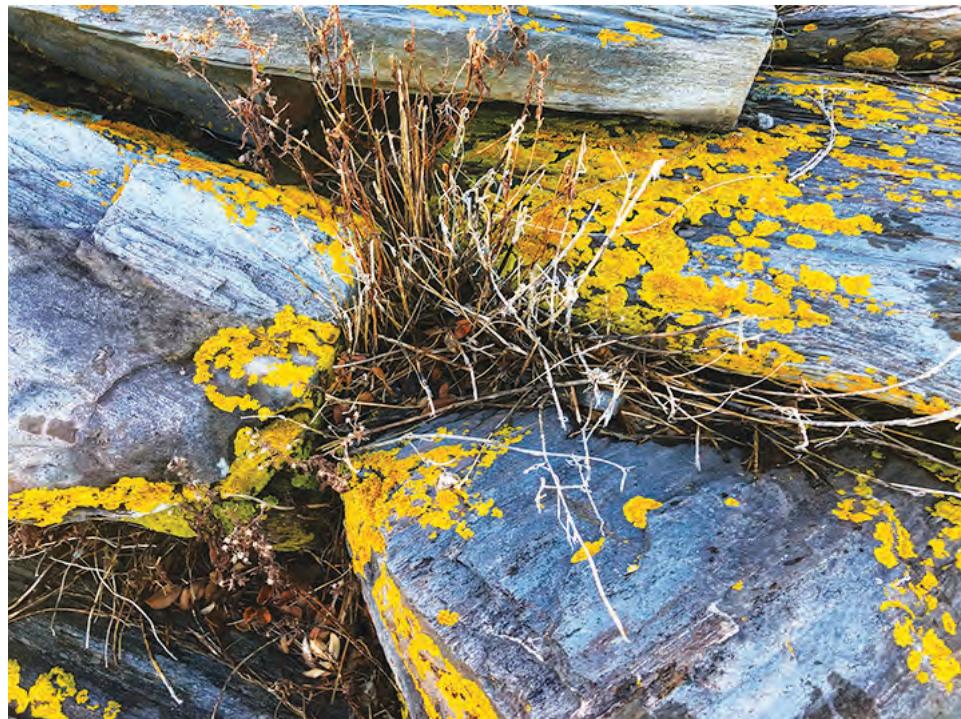
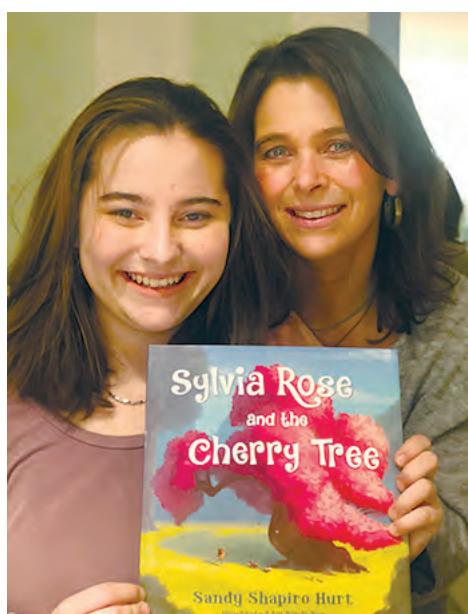


Photo by Kim Case

*'Mystery' lichen, a rare colorful yellow for mid-winter at Two Lights State Park*

### Cape resident releases her first children's book

By Marta Girouard



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Pictured is Sandy Shapiro-Hurt (right) with her niece Sylvia Rose Crawford (left), the inspiration for "Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree."

Cape Elizabeth resident Sandy Shapiro-Hurt has released her first children's book, titled "Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree." The book is about Sylvia Rose, who loves visiting the animals and trees of the forest. Sylvia and her favorite cherry tree share almost everything, including dancing and stories, but they can't travel the world together because the tree is rooted deep in the earth. Determined to overcome this obstacle, Sylvia Rose enlists her animal friends to uproot the glorious tree and they set off globetrotting together, taking in the wonders of the world. The inspiration for the character Sylvia Rose was Shapiro-Hurt's niece, a student in Cape Elizabeth.

Shapiro-Hurt grew up in Camden, Maine and was fascinated by the environment from an early age. "I would go to bed at night with little raccoons perched in the tree outside my window, then wake up and go sailing, where little seals would bob around the boat. My childhood was full of the beauty of the natural elements, and the abundant wildlife everywhere was tremendous," she said. Shapiro-Hurt combined a love for nature with a love of writing, and remembers

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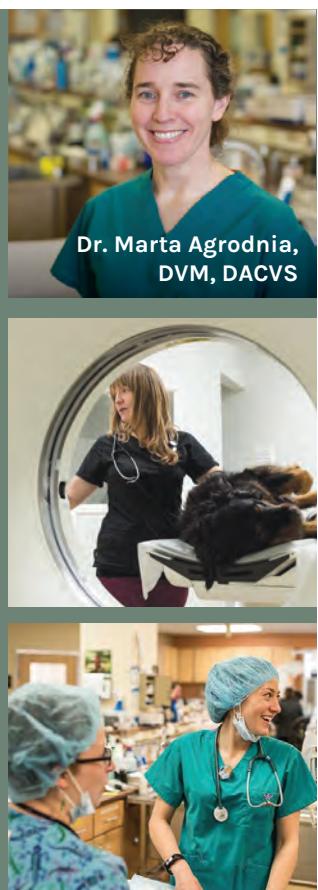
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## CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

**Monday, February 26**

Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall chamber  
Beverly Terrace Neighborhood Meeting, 7 p.m.,  
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

**Tuesday, February 27**

School Board Finance Committee, 5-8:30 p.m.,  
High School Library and Learning Commons  
School Board Budget Workshop, 5-8:30 p.m.,  
High School Library and Learning Commons  
Harbors Committee, 6:15 p.m., Town Hall  
Lower Level Conference Room  
Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
chamber

**Thursday, March 1**

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

**Monday, March 5**

Town Council Appointments Committee,  
5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room,  
Town Hall  
Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H.  
Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

**Tuesday, March 6**

School Board Workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m., High  
School Library and Learning Commons  
Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H.  
Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
**Wednesday, March 7**  
Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 p.m.,  
Town Hall  
**Sunday, March 11**  
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.,  
Bowery Beach School House, Two Lights  
and Wheeler roads

**CABLE GUIDE**

**Cape Elizabeth Church  
of the Nazarene**  
Feb. 24 & 25; March 3, 4, 10 &  
11 - 9 a.m.  
**Planning Board (live)**  
Feb. 26 - 7 p.m.  
**Board of Zoning Appeals (live)**  
Feb. 27 - 7 p.m.  
**Planning Board replay**

**CHANNEL 3**

Feb. 28 & March 1 - 2 p.m.  
& 8 p.m.  
March 3 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Board of Zoning Appeals replay**  
March 2 & 3 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
March 4 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Town Council (live)**  
March 12 - 7 p.m.  
**School Board (live)**  
March 13 - 7 p.m.

**Scam Alert Bulletin Board**

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

**Tax season scams**

It's tax season, which means that scammers want your refund. When you file your taxes, keep your Social Security number safe. Don't put sensitive documents in your mailbox or leave them unattended in your car. If you file online, use a secure site and don't transmit sensitive info via wifi, particularly in a public place. Have all your tax documents? File early to beat the cons.

**IRS imposter scam**

As tax filing season gears up, be on the

lookout for the IRS imposter scam. You get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, saying you owe a specific amount in taxes, and may threaten to arrest you if you don't pay immediately. Know the IRS will never call and demand immediate payment without first sending a notice through the mail. Nor will the IRS ever ask for credit or debit cards over the phone, or threaten you with arrest. If you get a call like this, hang up. If you are concerned that you may owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

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**Trespass complaints, ID thefts, and well-being checks**

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

**COMPLAINTS**

- 1-19 An officer met with a property manager in the Bowery Beach Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 1-23 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an ID theft complaint. Someone had opened a Sprint account and accrued a balance of several thousand dollars.
- 1-24 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a scam phone call he had received, telling him he had won money and a car, and was instructed to wire money from a Walmart in Maine to a Walmart in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1-26 An officer met with a subject in the Scott Dyer Road area regarding the theft of a cell phone.
- 1-27 An officer, while on patrol, was stopped by a resident who told him of an open door at a neighbor's residence. The officer checked the residence, found the garage door open but the house secure. Contact was made with the person responsible for the property.
- 1-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
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- 1-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-2 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 2-5 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported that someone had obtained his personal information and had attempted to open two credit cards.

**SUMMONSES**

- 1-25 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$133
- 1-26 Gorham resident, uninspected vehicle, Two Lights Road, \$133
- 1-26 Portland resident, speeding (64/45)

zone), Route 77, \$185

Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault, Sawyer Road

Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$148

Freeport resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$148

Monmouth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$148

Scarborough resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$85

Saco resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$148

Cornish resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Channel View Road

**ARRESTS**

- 1-31 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault, Sawyer Road
- 2-3 Cornish resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Channel View Road

**ACCIDENTS**

- 1-26 Robin Antos, accident on Fowler Road
- 2-3 Jonathan Johnson, accident on Broad Cove Road

**FIRE CALLS**

- 1-23 Spurwink Avenue, Woodland Road, Shore Road, Columbus Road, Ocean View Road, Stonybrook Road, lines down
- 1-23 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 1-23 Lawson Road/Shore Road, electrical fire
- 1-24 Shore Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-25 South Portland mutual aid
- 1-28 Starboard Drive, fuel leak
- 1-29 South Portland mutual aid
- 2-4 South Portland mutual aid

**RESCUE CALLS**

There were 16 runs to Maine Medical Center.  
There were 4 runs to Mercy Hospital.  
There were 3 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

**January 2018 Cape real estate transfer transactions**

NEW OWNER	LOCATION	SALE PRICE	USE
DANA RICHARD P	22 TANNER LANE	\$410,000	CONDOMINIUM
MARTIN LAURA ELIZABETH	584 SHORE ROAD	\$400,000	SINGLE FAMILY
STEFANIE J LEVISON	LIVING TRST; 7 CRAGMOOR	\$4,290,000	SINGLE FAMILY
DULAC CURTIS R	7 ISLAND VIEW ROAD	\$475,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JJM FAMILY TRST D/T/D	18 COTTAGE LANE	\$2,900,000	TWO FAMILY
CHIMNEY GROUP NOMINEE	TRST; 4 CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD	\$3,500,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WEATHERBIE DAVID B	2 TIDES EDGE ROAD	\$738,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SONG DONALD L	6 ALGONQUIN ROAD	\$428,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HEINRICH ERICA R	12 REEF ROAD	\$915,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ZHOU TAIGE	29 GROVER ROAD	\$397,000	SINGLE FAMILY
303 OCEAN HOUSE REAL ESTATE LLC;	303 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD \$319,900		COMMERCIAL
CASTLE NANCY	18 PHILIP ROAD	\$299,900	SINGLE FAMILY
ALKIRE JOHNATHAN W	11 MAPLE LANE	\$415,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HARRISON JEFFREY JOHN	5 CLINTON ROAD	\$325,000	SINGLE FAMILY
RAY BARBARA B	226 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$279,000	SINGLE FAMILY
RAY BARBARA B	232 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$262,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MAXWELL WOODS LLC	SPURWINK AVENUE	\$1,020,000	RESIDENTIAL
DUNN IAN	14 CAMPION ROAD	\$307,520	SINGLE FAMILY
91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE ROAD LLC;	5 HEMLOCK HILL ROAD	\$260,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HAAF BRANDI A	2 EVERGREEN CIRCLE	\$388,000	SINGLE FAMILY
POLICK TIMOTHY M	46 BROAD COVE ROAD	\$619,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SIEPERT MICHAEL J	2 SPOONDRIFT LANE	\$363,300	SINGLE FAMILY
CLARK DANIELLE	32 SALT SPRAY LANE	\$739,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CORNFIELD LLC	20 RUNNING TIDE ROAD	\$1,035,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GENTILINI PAUL	1 RUNNING TIDE ROAD	\$609,000	SINGLE FAMILY
BOUDREAU JEAN PAUL	999 SAWYER ROAD	\$595,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GULLIVER BRUCE	1005 SAWYER ROAD	\$205,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MCKENNEY PAUL J	11 HEADLAND LANE	\$544,715	CONDOMINIUM
TRUE CLARICE A	9 HEADLAND LANE	\$553,211	CONDOMINIUM
PALMORE JILL H	41 STONEGATE ROAD	\$200,000	RESIDENTIAL
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# Thomas Memorial Library offers songwriting workshop, talk on spring gardens, and presents special art series for children

The Thomas Memorial Library is conducting a survey asking for patron and non-patron input on how the library can better serve our community. If you'd like to participate, take our online survey at [www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org), or stop by the library or Town Hall to pick up a paper copy. We'd love to hear from you!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Writer's Accountability Group (WAG!)

Wednesday, 2/21

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

TML's new Writer's Accountability Group (WAG!) meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. From future writers who haven't found the time to get going, to published authors looking for inspiration for their next book, we're here to support you in a relaxed, library setting. All levels of expertise and genres are welcome. In February, we'll also be talking about the ins and out of blogging, including simple ways to set up a blog.

### The Unexpected and Awkward Journey of Making the First \$1M in Sales

Saturday, 2/24

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Ray Chang, owner and CEO of Motorsport Labs, joins us to tell us about being an unexpected entrepreneur, and his awkward journey in making his first \$1M in sales. Ray promises you'll laugh, learn, and take home tips that will help and inspire you on your own entrepreneurial journey.

### Songwriting Workshop

Tuesday, 2/27

6:15-8:15 p.m.

Our new 3-month songwriting workshop begins in February with local songwriter and performer Jud Caswell. Jud will begin each session with a short discussion of some of the elements of songwriting craft, and move on to sharing songs. Feedback will be focused on questions or concerns raised by the songwriter, with discussion focused on issues of craft and technique.

Participants should bring a song that is "in process" for feedback and support, along with 10 copies of lyrics to share. We'll have a sign-up sheet when you get here and will have time each night to share 6 or 7 songs. Come a little early if you want to make sure to get on the list!

The goal of the workshop is to provide a safe place for songwriters to grow their ability. Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome.

### Think Spring Gardens: The Cape Garden Club Presents "What's New in the Garden"

Tuesday, 3/6

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jim Masse of Estabrook's Nursery in Yarmouth and Kennebunk joins us this month with a PowerPoint presentation on "What's New in the Garden." Coffee and other beverages will be served at 6:00 p.m. The program starts at 6:30. The general public is welcome to attend.

### Altered Book Club

Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3/8

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Kiah on the second Thursday of each month to turn discarded library books into works of art--sculptural works, lanterns, jewelry, decorative pieces, and more! All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own as well. No registration necessary. For adults and older teens.

### Democracy Café

Tuesday, 3/13

6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Thomas Memorial Library Democracy Café meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Each month, we'll take a deep dive into what a democracy is and how we can make our democracy better. The group will choose a topic to focus on each month, plus we'll bring in a few guest speakers. In March, we're delighted that Town Manager Matt Sturgis will join us to talk about democracy at the local level. Come prepared to talk and to listen. We guarantee a good discussion!

### Senior Tech Time!

Wednesday, 3/14

10:30 a.m.-noon

Senior Tech Time meets the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. We'll meet together as a group in the Conference Room, and then move upstairs to the computers to make sure you leave with all of your questions answered.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Elusive and Endangered: The New England Cottontail Rabbit and Northern Bog Lemming

Thursday, 3/1

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zachary Olson is an assistant professor of Animal Behavior in the Department of Psychology at the University of New England. He will discuss his ongoing research on the state endangered New England Cottontail Rabbit, as well as the important but rarely seen Northern Bog Lemming, a state threatened species in Maine about which very little is known. This talk is part of our Maine Wildlife Lecture Series.

### Owls of Maine with Chewonki

Thursday, 2/22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Three live owls are the highlights of this program, which is part of our Harry Potter Celebration Week (see the Teen Programs below for other special events this week!) The program introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England. Beginning with slides and sounds, participants will learn the identifying characteristics and calls of each owl. Then, using talons, wings, and skulls, we explore the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters. This program ends with an intimate and detailed look at live owls, bringing these creatures

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of the night into the light! Space is limited; advance registration is required.

## ON-GOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Morning Book Group – New time!

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 9:15-10:30 AM. For the gathering on 3/14, we're reading *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

### Evening Book Group

Meets the third Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Book is TBD.

### Knitting Group

Meets every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

## FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

### Mondays-Book Talks

A weekly after school group for teens to chat about books they're reading, books they love, and highly anticipated new releases. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Fangirling required. Open to ages 13 and up.

### Tuesdays- Tabletop Gaming Club

Meets on Tuesdays from 2:30-5 p.m.! We will have games like Dungeons and Dragons, Pandemic, Betrayal at House on the Hill, and more! Bring some friends and try one or more of these games! No registration required. Open to ages 11 and up.

### Wednesdays- Creativity Lab

Drop in to Creativity Lab after school any time between 2:30-4 p.m. to challenge your imaginations and test your skills with a different set of materials each week! No registration is necessary. For elementary and middle school students.

### Teen Beats Poetry Club

Join our monthly poetry club just for teens! We will be sharing, discussing, and writing poetry. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7 from 3-4pm in the Poetry Room. Teens ages 13 and up are welcome. No registration required.

### Thursdays- Crafternoons

Crafternoons is back at TML! Join Kiah and Alyssa after school to create a

new craft each week. Crafternoons meets weekly at the Thomas Memorial Library on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30p.m. No registration required. Open to ages 10 and up.

### Dungeons and Dragons

Our D&D Club meets every Thursday at the library from 4-7p.m. Open to ages 11 and up.

### Animal Advocates Club

March 1 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in middle school can join Felicia Mazzone from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland for a monthly meeting of the Animal Advocates Club. This month, kids will be making St. Patrick's Day decorations for the shelter, and getting to know a live animal friend from the shelter. Please register in advance on the library's website.

### Fridays (9th and 16th)-Game On!

Get your game on at TML after school! Join us every Friday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. to play board games, card games, and challenge each other on the Wii U!

### February- Winter Wizard Reading Tournament:

The Winter Reading Program is still in full swing during the month of February! Read books to earn points for your houses and win prizes from the teen librarian. Each book you read earns you an entry into the grand prize drawing, happening during the week of February Vacation. Winner gets a \$50 Bull Moose gift card! Visit the front desk or the teen area for more information. While you're there, check out our Platform 9 and 3/4 photo op!

### Harry Potter Celebration Week!

It's been 20 years since the American publication of the beloved Harry Potter series, so we're celebrating! Winding down the Winter Wizard Reading Tournament, we will have various Harry Potter activities and programs planned for the week of February Vacation, including a Harry Potter Escape Room (Tuesday the 20th from 3-6p.m., 2 sessions), Live Maine Owl presentation (Thursday 22, 6p.m.), and a Potter Party after school on Friday, Feb 23.

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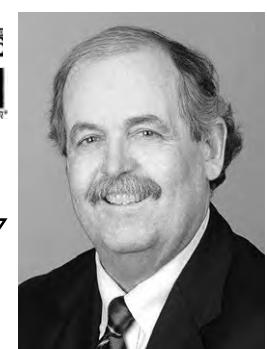
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**FOR CHILDREN**

For our complete weekly story time schedule, please visit the library's website. Below are upcoming special events or monthly programs.

**Families Discover Great Artists: Alexander Calder**

Saturday, March 3 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Families with children ages 4 and up are invited to join Kiah on the first Saturday of each month for an exploration of great artists and their work. This month, learn about the fanciful sculptures of Alexander Calder, and make your own three-dimensional work inspired by his work. No registration necessary.

**Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell**

Thursday March 8

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Children ages 3 - 5 can join singer/songwriter Jud Caswell for stories, songs and musical games. No registration necessary!

**The Ragdoll Gift, with Karen Richards Toothaker**

Saturday, March 10

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join author Karen Richards Toothaker for a reading of her picture book about a family tradition of making ragdolls for grandchildren, and then make your own ragdoll to take home! For families with children ages 5 and up. No registration necessary!

**Crochet Club for Kids**

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Beginning March 2

Kids 8 and up can join Rachel on Friday afternoons to learn to crochet and work on increasing skills. Learn to make clothing, toys, home goods, and more! All materials will be provided. Please register on the library's website.

**Special Series in March:****The Farm: A Child's Invitation to Art, with Marie Ahearn**

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with a special activity at 11:00 a.m.

Experience a child's eye view of art, for ages 2 - 6. No registration necessary!

**Special art series to be held for children at Thomas Memorial Library**

By Marta Girouard

Marie Ahearn, a painter and resident of Cape Elizabeth, was at an art fair when she noticed a father and toddler son standing in front of her work.

"The little boy had so many questions and so much to say about my simple line drawings. They chatted about the pictures for a long time. The conversation was rich and I loved listening to it," said Ahearn.

The experience stuck with Ahearn and she began to think more about how she could create situations like that with her work. It evolved into an experimental project in collaboration with Thomas Memorial Library titled "The Farm."

"The Farm" is an art show created for toddlers and young children ages 2-6. There is no registration necessary. It will be held at Thomas Memorial Library on Saturdays for the month of March from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a special activity at 11:00 a.m.

Children are invited to interact with the farm themed prints and sculpture. The exhibit will be set up in the community room with related arts based activities presented in collaboration with the children's library staff members Rachel Davis, Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian and Kiah Gardiner, Children's Programming Assistant.

"Children are drawn to visual art in-



Contributed photo

*Cape Elizabeth resident and painter, Marie Ahearn*

stinctively as human beings, and in a very immediate, and curious way. It makes perfect sense to bring art to their visual level, and also to create opportunities for them to interact with it," said Davis. "We are so excited to be able to offer this opportunity, to find out what works, and how it works. It is going to be as much a discovery for us as it will be for them."

Ahearn is also excited about this program and views it as an experiment from which there is much to learn. "We all know how important pictures in books are for kids. I wonder what role pictures can play in space on their level where they can walk right up to the artworks and participate in small, related activities," she said.



Contributed photo

*A piece of Marie Ahearn's artwork, titled "The Farm," which will be part of a special art series at Thomas Memorial Library in March for children.*

**Book**

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the confidence and encouragement she received when she won a writing competition in the third grade. She initially majored in children's writing in college but switched gears to film, an industry she worked in after school, and is excited to come back to writing.

Shapiro-Hurt met her husband after a period in New York City. He was heading back to Montana and she back to New York City. They decided Maine might be a good fit for them. They eventually made their way to Cape Elizabeth after they had their daughter, Dora. "We were drawn here by the town's beauty," Shapiro-Hurt said. "The beaches, the woods, the farmland and the community are incredible. I miss the mountains and Penobscot Bay, but this just feels like the right place for our family."

A book-signing event for "Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree" will be held at South Portland Public Library on March 3, and at Thomas Memorial Library on March 31.

**More Neighbors News...****Penley named to Dean's List at UNE**

Nicole Penley has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New England in Biddeford for the spring and fall 2017 semesters. Penley is a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate of the Class of 2016.

**CEHS junior is a finalist for BSO Concerto Competition**

Cape Elizabeth high school junior Daphne te Boekhorst is one of five finalists in Maine state for the BSO Concerto Competition. For 37 years the Bangor Symphony Orchestra has been encouraging and recognizing the outstanding talents of Maine's high school instrumentalists.

**Cape resident's play to be performed at Maine Playwrights Festival**

Cape Elizabeth resident Jennifer Reck is one of five playwrights selected for this year's Maine Playwrights Festival. Her play is titled "Sleeping at Campobello." It is about historical artifacts that get borrowed and broken as the summer season at Campobello draws to a close, and a docent finds herself in a compromising position in the Roosevelt's bedroom.

Reck's play, along with the four other selected ones, will be performed at the 2018 Maine Playwrights Festival, running April 26 through May 6, 2018 at the Studio Theater at Portland Stage (25A Forest Avenue) in Portland.

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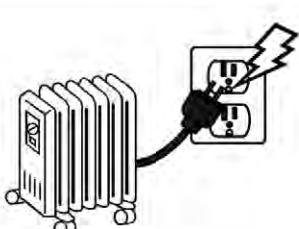
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## Diehl earns third place in William Faulkner Literary Competition

Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Virginia) senior Myra Diehl of Cape Elizabeth earned third place in the William Faulkner Literary Competition for her one-act play "Rehearsal Report." She had never written a play before taking a directing class at Mary Baldwin.

"I didn't expect it to win anything, as they received submissions from professional writers and applicants from all over the world, but I thought it might be a good experience anyway," she said. "I figured I had nothing to lose, and thought I would regret it if I didn't give it a shot."

"Rehearsal Report" follows a group of actors, their eccentric director, and their stage manager as they navigate the pitfalls of a rehearsal. They struggle with stage slaps, stage kisses, and dropped lines as they try to put the play together in time for its opening night, which eventually leads to the complete mental breakdown of the director.

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## Dean's List announcements

Lauren Schonewolf, daughter of Paul and Paula Schonewolf of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Schonewolf is a first year student majoring in Psychology.

Paige Riddell, CEHS class of 2015, was named to the Dean's list with high honors at the University of Maine Farmington, for the fall 2017 semester. She is a Pre-Law student, majoring in Anthropology.

Alessandra L. Moulton of Cape Elizabeth, was named to the Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville, for the fall 2017 semester. Moulton is the daughter of Susan Moulton of Cape Elizabeth, and Andrey Cherepanov of South Portland.

Conner Sullivan, a 2015 graduate of CEHS and son of Dan and Joanne Sullivan, has been named to the dean's list at Stetson University in Deland, Florida for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year.

## Cape residents celebrate 72nd wedding anniversary



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Pictured above are George and Suzanne Nichols, who on New Years Eve celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary. The occasion was celebrated with a cozy dinner with all their family around: daughter, Nancy Bagin, husband Doug and grandson Drew of Cape Elizabeth; granddaughter, Suzanne Bohlmann, husband Michael and great grand twins Michael and Acadia from New York; son, George Nichols, wife Patricia and granddaughters Adrienne and Leslie from Pennsylvania. We wish them many more!

## Munson named to Dean's List and accepted into Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program



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Kayne Munson, CEHS Graduate Class of 2014 and son of Craig and Dawn Munson of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Villanova University in Villanova, PA.

Munson also completed a vigorous interview process in Washington, DC last fall and was accepted into the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program. In addition, he was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society (pictured here after the ceremony). Munson, a senior and a Midshipman First Class in the Navy ROTC, is majoring in Biology and will get his duty assignment during the Spring semester.

## Capers make Dean's Lists

Rosalie Stevens, of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Madeleine Bowe, from Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the University of Vermont, in Burlington, Vermont. Bowe is majoring in Economics in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Teresa Haller, of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Albert Leblond, of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire for the fall 2017 semester.

Rachel Seekins, of Cape Elizabeth, with High Honors

Colby Harvey, of Cape Elizabeth, with Honors

Faith Buckley of Cape Elizabeth has named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Muhlenberg College, located in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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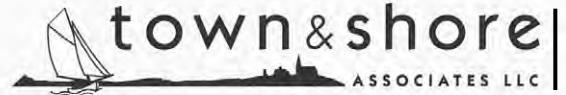


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## University of Maine announces Dean's List

The following Cape Elizabeth residents have been named to the University of Maine Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester:

Anthony Castro, Katherine Connelly, Christopher Grennon, Audrey Grey, Ryan Harvey, Kyle Kennedy, Emma Raftice, Gwyneth Roberts, Erin Sewall, Ashley Tinsman

## Dobieski, Hartel named to Dean's List at Hamilton College

The following Cape Elizabeth residents have been named to the Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York:

Aaron C. Dobieski, son of Susan and Steven Dobieski of Cape Elizabeth. Dobieski is a junior majoring in economics and mathematics.

Timothy M. Hartel, son of Jennifer and Mark Hartel of Cape Elizabeth. Hartel is a senior majoring in theatre.

## Capers make Dean's List at WPI

The following Cape Elizabeth residents were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in Worcester, Massachusetts:

Zachary Vaughan is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in computer science.

Robert Harrison is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in computer science.

## Blank graduates from University of Southern Maine

Sarah Nicole Blank, CEHS class of 2013 received her degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Southern Maine in December 2017. She also was named to the Dean's list for the final semester. She is the daughter of Seth and Lynn Harvey Blank of Cape Elizabeth. She is currently working in the corporate offices of Hannaford in Scarborough.

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## Balfour/Ritter engaged

Bruce and Raye Balfour joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Brennan Ruth to Michael Timothy Ritter. Brennan graduated CEHS in 2007, Susquehanna University in 2011, and Drexel University in 2013, from where she graduated as an R.N. Michael is the son of Tim & Bridget Ritter of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

He graduated Selinsgrove High School in 2008 and Susquehanna University in 2012. Brennan is an Operating Room Nurse. Michael is a Sales Rep. with Stryker. The happy couple resides in Philadelphia, and will be married July 7th at Ocean Gateway in Portland.

## Capers attend White House Christmas Reception



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Pictured above on left is Lauren Chatmas (CEHS 2005) and James Chatmas on right (CEHS 2003), who attended a White House Christmas reception in December. Lauren is a Lieutenant in the Navy and is currently stationed at the Pentagon where she works in the Navy Public Affairs Office. Lauren also serves as a uniformed White House social aide and was selected to support the President and First Lady during formal White House events. James is an IT specialist at Tyler Technologies in Portland, Maine. Lauren and James' parents are Carmen and Jay Chatmas of Scarborough.



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