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Opening Day!

Photos by Ann Kaplan

Cape Elizabeth Little League Opening Day was held Saturday, May 1, at Plaisted Field. Above, Dodgers and Cardinals run around the diamond. Below, hats over hearts as the national anthem is sung by Tyler Stephen.

Town clerk encourages in-person voting June 8

By Elizabeth Brogan

Town Clerk Debra Lane, facing "challenging and confusing" election logistics, is encouraging residents who are available on June 8 to vote in person at the high school on election day.

Cape Elizabeth will have nine ballots for the upcoming election, six for primary elections for three political parties in Cape Elizabeth's two legislative districts, and one each for the state referendum, the local advisory referendum on parking fees at Fort Williams Park, and the school budget validation. The school budget validation ballot will include an advisory question asking whether the school budget is too high, acceptable, or too low. As required by state law in this third year of budget validation by referendum, residents will also be asked whether the town should continue the budget referendum process for another three years.

"Generally, the process of holding elections simultaneously is seamless to the voter," Lane said in a report presented to the Town Council at its April 12 meeting. "However, because of the varying deadlines of absentee voting and ballot availability, the differences will be very apparent."

The primary election ballots and state and local referendum ballots are required by state law to be made available by May 10. However, the school validation ballot will not be available until after May 25, when the Town Council is scheduled to vote on the school budget. Lane anticipates having the school validation ballot available on May 26. The requirement for separate ballots, mailings, and voter lists will result in additional printing and mailing costs and additional staff time.

The absentee voting process may also be more time-consuming for the voter. Any resident requesting a mailing of absentee ballots for the June 8 election will need to file two separate applications, with ballots sent out in two separate mailings, Lane said. Likewise, residents wishing to pick up and take home absentee ballots will need to file two separate applications. Residents wishing to vote absentee in Town Hall prior to May 26 may do so but will need to return on or after May 26 to vote on the school budget. Residents may vote absentee on both ballots in Town Hall between May 26 and June 7 but will receive separate sets of paperwork and envelopes.

"It will not necessarily be quicker to vote absentee," Lane said in a May 3 interview. "Chances are that voters (coming in to vote in Town Hall between May 26 and June 7) will have a longer line here, where there will be less staff to deal with more paperwork."

The polls at Cape Elizabeth High School will open at 7 a.m. on June 8 and remain open until 8 p.m..

A third ballot box has been procured by the town to help voting on election day move more smoothly. Town staff will then need to separate the various state and local ballots placed in the three boxes. "We won't have

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Town Council posts FAQs about park fees

By Elizabeth Brogan

On June 8, residents of Cape Elizabeth will vote on parking fees at Fort Williams Park.

The Town Council voted to approve the proposed pay/display parking system on Feb. 8, with a separate vote at the same meeting setting the nonbinding referendum.

The council's approval of the parking fees was not set for immediate implementation, and the council will have the option of reversing its vote in light of the referendum results.

The referendum will read, "Would you favor the Town establishing a 'pay/display' parking program for Fort Williams Park?"

On May 4, the Town Council posted 13 Frequently Asked Questions with council responses on the town website. The material was prepared primarily by Councilor David Sherman but reviewed and approved by all councilors. Sherman said that it was his goal to "inform people as to why a majority of the council favors fees at the park."

"I do appreciate that some people are philosophically opposed to fees at a public park," Sherman said, while also noting his "frustration" with some of the public's letters to local papers, "which in my view have been inaccurate or misleading."

The published questions, with responses significantly abbreviated in this newspaper, are as follows:

Why do five of seven Town Council members want to impose fees for parking at the Fort?

The council response is, in part, that pay/display is "the most efficient and least intru-

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Look back at Fort shows good results for not 'huge amount of money'

Let's not do this fee thing!

Way back in 1964 Cousin Bill stopped by and said, "Hope you go to town meeting, we could use your help to buy Fort Williams." I was not a big Town Meeting man but I went and voted to buy the Fort.

During the next few years we had a lot of ideas on what to do with the Fort: all the way from high-rise apartments, shopping mall, University of Maine, to a nice open park. I and most citizens of the Cape held the line and made it a park.

In the early 1970s the town did not do much with it. Took down a few buildings, mowed the parade field and the young people used it as nice place to break empty beer bottles. My wife often walked the dog and our youngest son down Shore Road and into the park. One day she was bothered, quite badly, by a group of young men, and she responded with a couple of letters and a few phone calls to the town manager. It seemed to us that she got the attention of someone, and the park started to get more attention.

Over the years I have been pleased with the improvements and how the park has been used. We have not spent a huge amount of money but had good results.

How about an unmanned exit booth asking for donations? How about that ice cream shop ?

Norman Jordan,
10th generation to live in Cape Elizabeth

'Proud' to be able to share 'privilege' of living near park

There are special places, and then there are very special places. Unfortunately, most special places are not accessible to the average person. The beauty and serenity of Fort Williams makes it exceptional. Its accessibility to all, regardless of income or status, moves it into that rare category of a very special place. As taxpayers in Cape Elizabeth, we are proud to be able to provide access to everyone who wants to share in this place. When we visit the park and see the families having a great time playing, picnicking, walking with or without their dogs, I am proud that I am able to provide this touch of peacefulness to everyone.

We became acquainted with Fort Williams when we lived in the West End of Portland and began escaping the city with our dog. Part of the reason we moved to the Cape was Fort Williams. We are still dog owners, and we value the friendships we have formed at the park. Even though we sometimes don't know the people's names, we know the name of every dog.

Fort Williams is part of the "quality of life" we so highly cherish in the Cape. Luckily, we could afford to pay a fee to use the park. But others aren't that lucky. We urge the Town Council and the citizens of Cape Elizabeth to reject charging fees. We have the privilege of living here; let's share that privilege with everyone.

Harvey and Michele Rosenfeld

Think 'long term' on upcoming issues

We received our current *Cape Courier* this past Saturday and while reading it were both encouraged by letters from Ed Materson and Cornelius and Suzanne McGinn.

Both spoke to different subjects but express the same views. Ed talks about our special town, Cape Elizabeth, and the values embraced through the years and the impact that change is now having on those values. Cornelius and Suzanne McGinn talk about our history of supporting the educational system through the years and our need to think "long term," even in the face of difficult times.

Both letters express how change is influencing all of us, but that we should not give in to the negative pressures of change. We moved to Cape Elizabeth in 1978, not knowing much about this special place or the special people who inhabited it! We were only looking for a nice place to raise our two children and a good school system to educate them. We found that in Cape Elizabeth and much more.

We both hope that in this time of change all of you consider the gift of living in Cape Elizabeth and continue to be the welcoming, thoughtful and sharing community that we found when we moved here. For the good of all of our children, our community and town, please think "long term," and find it within your heart to share our community, and offer to make the investment needed to make sure Cape Elizabeth continues to be that "special place" now and into the future.

Frank and Pam Stevenson

'Best things in life are free' rings true in Cape

The past 16 years living in Cape has been a gift to us. It has always been a pleasure of ours to say to our visiting guests, "Let's go to Fort Williams; it's practically our backyard" and 15 walking minutes later we are enjoying a view people travel days and hundreds of miles to see. We feel honored to live in a town which has graciously offered this landscape to the public. Where so many things these days cost money, it is with pride that we can say the town we live in values "The best things in life are FREE."

Mary McVey and Hughes,
Madeline, Heather and Oliver Kraft

Think through fees at the fort and vote 'NO!'

I think it's a mistake to think, as some apparently do, that those of us who oppose Fort Williams fees oppose trying to make Fort Williams self-sufficient. That is absolutely not so.

I oppose the *means* being proposed, not the goal. I believe imposing fees at this point may actually work against other fundraising means down the road.

The fees proposal is like putting out the Unwelcome Mat at Fort Williams. If we create a barrier for visitors in the short term, what will happen when, in the longer term, we try to establish refreshment stands or other means for visitors to *voluntarily* spend money?

Will Fort Williams still have the visitors it has now? I don't believe the Town Council has considered these things.

I hope residents will think about this and vote against the fee proposal. We should take the time to come up with a plan that will work for visitors as well as for Fort Williams.

Dorothy Ingalls

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Sherman explains vote in favor of parking fees at Fort Williams Park

As one of five members of the Town Council who voted in favor of parking fees at Fort Williams, I wanted to briefly explain my reasons.

First, parking fees will enable us to take care of the Fort's annual and long-term capital needs. The Fort is full of history, but right now the remnants of its past are crumbling. Some structures are so unsafe they have been fenced off.

While the town allocates about $250,000 to the Fort annually, that barely covers annual maintenance. Parking fees could net the town approximately $500,000 annually – enough to cover normal upkeep and, hopefully, to preserve history.

Second, other sources of funding have not generated enough revenue to cover the Fort's needs. Private donations to the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation have resulted in the funding of about $30,000 worth of projects over the past decade. Dollars placed in buckets around the Fort yield $1,200 annually.

While the idea of commercial ventures in the Fort is intriguing, there are many restrictions on what can be done on park grounds. And while some citizens tell us that they would gladly pay more in taxes to keep the Fort "free," many more say that taxes are too high. Thus, in an effort to balance our fiduciary obligation to the Fort with reasonable taxes, I believe a pay-and-display system makes the most sense.

Finally, Cape will not be the first town to charge for parking. Scarborough Beach and Winslow Park in Freeport are among many examples.

I encourage everyone to vote on June 8. Regardless of the vote's outcome, I will work hard to make the Fort a place we can all be proud of.

David Sherman

Simonds family grateful for support

The Simonds family wishes to thank all who helped and/or sent messages of support and encouragement during Judy's battle with cancer and for the expressions of sympathy and condolence after her passing. We are very grateful.

Steve Simonds and family

'Let your heart rule your purse strings'

Let us not forget what our heart tells us is important in our town.

Living here in Cape Elizabeth now for more than 50 years, I have witnessed many changes. One of the most wonderful was allowing Cape Elizabeth's purchase of Fort Williams for only $250,000.

After the first flurry of excitement, all kinds of suggestions were made for its use, but finally, it was decided to just have the Fort, as is.

Most of Officers' Row and the Officers' Club were still standing, and they were put to good use, for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and meeting places. It became a very treasured part of Cape Elizabeth and still is today. Sadly, over time most of those old buildings crumbled and were taken away.

The Fort is an absolute jewel, with the Portland Head Light, expansive views, the beach, the walkways and paths, the athletic fields for our young people. How many high school seniors can look out at the ocean when they receive their high school diplomas, and how many parents can sit in the sunshine and hear the faint sound of ocean waves, or the quick toot of a lobster boat heading out to gather traps and lobsters?

Asking residents of the town to pay for parking sort of takes a lot of the glory and wonder out of this natural green wonderland. Fort Williams is a gift to the entire area.

Just this one time, let your heart rule your purse strings! No parking fees for families and neighboring towns at Fort Williams.

Ellen Knight

Park fees? 'Huh?'

"Huh?" has been the response of many persons to whom I've asked the question of whether or not they're in favor of the "pay/display" system for Fort Williams that will be on the June referendum ballot. Is our citizenry well informed? Which brings to mind a few thoughts:

First, does the town council believe in enlightened voting? Maybe I missed it, but I haven't seen a thorough description of the system and its unintended consequences anywhere that would help me make up my mind.

For instance, what would it cost to have enforcement personnel? Will the police be ticketing nondisplayers? What about someone from Wisconsin who doesn't display? Is there a mechanism for enforcement? Since walking in and bicycling in will be free, what's to prevent me from dropping off my family and/or friends and parking outside the Fort or just going home?

If we do this, can we look forward to having to pay to visit Payson Park, Bug Light Park, Deering Oaks, etc. in other neighboring municipalities who will most certainly take a dim view of having to pay to enjoy our park? Other proposals for fundraising were presented at the public hearing at which the majority present opposed the fee idea. How come council didn't give those consideration?

The fee of one kind or another was defeated twice before. As a placard I've seen says, "What is it about NO that the town council doesn't get"?

Bob Tripler

Ciraldo family appreciates 'kindness shown'

Dear Cape Elizabeth Community,

On behalf of my family, I would like to offer our deepest gratitude for the great kindness shown us during the illness and passing of my husband, John Ciraldo. Your food sustained us and your words of compassion comforted us. Your gifts of dog-walking, carpool-driving, grocery shopping, and errand-running afforded us precious time with John in his last months. We can never repay the community for your constant care, but we would like you all to know that your contributions were gratefully received every day. Living in Cape Elizabeth is indeed a blessing.

Julianne Ciraldo

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Park arboretum plans moving forward

By Jim Rowe

Plans for an arboretum at Cape Elizabeth's Fort Williams Park are moving forward. The project, which will be privately funded, has two major goals: beautification of the park and the ecological preservation and promotion of indigenous and compatible flowers, shrubs, and trees there.

There is perhaps some irony in the fact that between its completion in 1899 and its closure in 1963, Fort Williams was never involved in a military engagement. And yet in 2010, with cannons and mortars long ago dismantled and retired, the former army installation is embroiled in a very real two-front war for its own sustainability On one front, the few remaining historical structures are fighting the ravages of time, vandalism, and a cruel climate. And on the other front, many beautiful and native elements in the horticulture and arboriculture at the park are rapidly succumbing to suffocation by invasive species.

It is to the latter issue that the Fort Williams Arboretum Steering Committee (FWASC) is applying effort and resources. The brainchild of Kathryn Bacastow, the arboretum has drawn support and inspiration from many sources. Actively involved in the group are several master gardeners, a noted arborist and former town tree warden, a prominent landscape architect, a successful landscape designer, and several other interested citizens.

The design of the arboretum at Fort Williams calls for several "pods" to be located around the perimeter of the 90-acre park. In each pod, gnarled tangles of bittersweet, honeysuckle, sumac, etc. will be removed, along with roots and spores. The areas will then be recultivated with indigenous and compatible plants, shrubs, and trees, utilizing existing elevations and terrain. Walkways and modest hardscapes will ensure accessibility and enhance visitors' enjoyment.

The arboretum at Fort Williams received enthusiastic endorsement from the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, the Cape Elizabeth Planning Board, and the Cape Elizabeth Town Council in 2008. The FWASC is currently embarking on a fundraising campaign that will raise enough money to construct the first and largest of the proposed pods—a one-acre site located near the northern end of the popular Cliff Walk. It is estimated that this area alone will cost approximately $350,000 and that successful completion of the entire project will cost nearly $3,000,000. All fundraising for the project is under the auspices of the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation.

Site walk May 16

The Fort Williams Arboretum Steering Committee invites the public to attend a site walk at Fort Williams Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16. The purpose of the walk is to educate citizens about the prevalence of destructive invasive species in the park and to acquaint people with the proposed arboretum and the role it will play in park beautification and in the preservation of ecology there.

The walk is free and will be held rain or shine. The walk will begin at the picnic shelter located on the bluff overlooking Portland Head Light and will be led by noted horticulturalist and arborist Dr. Richard (Rick) Churchill.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Bacastow at (207) 967-1227 or at e-mail: kjbacastow@roadrunner.com.

Town seeks applications for Planning Board

The Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking applicants to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board. The term will expire at the end of 2012.

Applications may be obtained, or filled out, online at the town website at www.capeelizabeth.com. Applications are also available at Town Hall or by contacting Town Clerk and Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane at debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org or 799-7665.

The application deadline is May 24.

Town asks MDOT to reduce speed limit on 77

The town of Cape Elizabeth has requested that the Maine Department of Transportation lower the speed limit on Route 77, from the Inn By the Sea to the first intersection with Old Ocean House Road, from 40 mph to 35 mph.

The request stems from a recent Planning Board decision to require Rudy's of the Cape, 517 Ocean House Road, to paint a crosswalk across Route 77 as a condition of its change-of-use approval.

In March, the Planning Board approved Rudy's plan to change its use from a 38-seat restaurant and convenience store to an 80-seat restaurant. Two of the conditions were that the owner submit an agreement with neighboring St. Bartholomew Church to use 15 of its parking spaces for overflow parking, and that a crosswalk be painted across Route 77 to help pedestrians cross from the church to the restaurant.

The board at the time was unaware that the state, which owns Route 77, does not allow crosswalks in locations with speed limits higher than 35 mph.

In a letter to State Traffic Engineer Bruce Ibarguen, Town Manager Michael McGovern said the Town Council desired the crosswalk not only for the shared parking negotiated for Rudy's, "but also for the residents of Broad Cove's 250 homes who walk to this restaurant." His letter went on to describe the business area that includes Kettle Cove Ice Cream and Take Out, The Good Table Restaurant and Jordan's Lawn and Garden Center.

The council voted unanimously to seek the speed-limit reduction at its April meeting.

"There are a lot of neighborhood kids who walk down Broad Cove Road and cross 77 to get to Rudy's or the prior business establishments, and I've often thought a crosswalk would be a great idea," said Councilor David Sherman, a Broad Cove neighborhood resident who said he has heard others in the neighborhood say the same thing.

At the April 12 meeting, McGovern said the transportation department had recently reviewed the speed limit along the length of Route 77 from Scarborough to the South Portland line, and refused any change. "They indicated there was only one small area right below the town center where they would consider changing the speed limit," McGovern said. He said a roadway's geometric ability to support higher speeds, as well as accident history, influence the transportation department's judgment on speed limits. "These areas are not recognized as high-accident locations by MDOT," McGovern said.

At their May 18 meeting, the Planning Board is expected to consider a request to remove the crosswalk condition for Rudy's, made by the business's owner in light of MDOT's speed-limit restriction.

--from the town website www.capeelizabeth.com

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Strawberry Fest seeks sponsors, volunteers

The Cape Farm Alliance is seeking local sponsors and volunteers for the second annual Strawberry Fest, a community event to be held Saturday, June 26.

An estimated 3,500 people attended the inaugural festival last summer, and volunteers are needed once again to make this event a success.

There is also a new sponsorship category, called Friends of the Fest. This is for non-business owners who would like to donate small amounts of up to $100 toward the festival. All donors will be recognized on a "Strawberry Sponsorship" banner at the event.

The festival will kick off with a free family festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maxwell's strawberry fields on Two Lights Road.

Entertainment features children's musician Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams; Brandon Baines, yo-yo performer; folk artist Delilah Poupore; fiddler and guitarist Katie and Jonathan Norton; and a children's tent with hands-on art and science activities. About 45 artisans will sell handmade crafts, including jewelry, painting and pottery. Food vendors will include Flatbread Company, Catch a Piece of Maine and others. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and stay for the whole day.

From 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., there will be a community potluck dinner, with a silent auction, wood-fired pizza from Flatbread Company, and live music by Ward Hayden and GGG. Tickets cost $7.50 per person and

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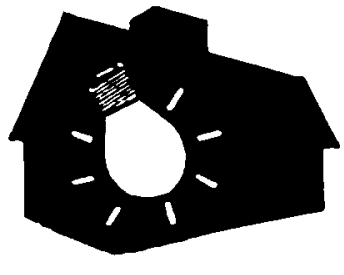

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Memorial Day will be observed May 31

Memorial Day will be observed with the traditional parade and memorial ceremonies on Monday, May 31. This is an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance of those who have died serving our nation.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. Parade participants are asked to gather on Fowler Road at 8:15 a.m. The parade route begins at the intersection of Fowler Road and Old Ocean House Road, continues north on Route 77, taking a left onto Scott Dyer Road ending at the War Veteran's Memorial.

A brief ceremony and laying of the wreath will be held at the monument.

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth Police, Fire and Rescue Departments, the WETeam, Lions' Club, Middle School Marching Band, and Boy and Girl Scouts.

Veterans of previous wars, as well as active duty personnel, are invited to march. Anyone who has a family member serving in the armed services should notify Jim Huebener at 767-1754 (home), 831-3625 (cell), or at jhuebene@maine.rr.com, so they may be recognized.

Other groups interested in marching should contact Jim Huebener as soon as possible so they can be included.

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

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What Will Fees At Fort Williams Park Do For Our Town?

Fees In Our Fort Williams Park Will Change Our Town.

I was born and raised in Cape Elizabeth and I graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. The most wonderful thing has happened to me – I get to spend the rest of my life in my hometown. My family has always participated in this community and as some of you know, my brother, Rey Moulton, has provided considerable financial support through a permanent college scholarship for graduating Cape scholar-athletes.

During the last several years, I have attended candidates' night to hear the comments of prospective elected town councilors. They have all, without fail, talked about **"PROTECTING THE RURAL CHARACTER OF OUR TOWN."** The candidates are either long-term residents or are new to our community but still they all mention they want to **"PROTECT THE RURAL CHARACTER OF OUR TOWN."**

The dictionary defines the word character as, "the combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group or place from another."

How Is Our Town Distinguished From Other Towns In New England?

What have we done to protect the **"RURAL CHARACTER OF OUR TOWN"**? Each of you has your own idea of what the words **"rural character"** mean. I have given these words much thought and my emphasis seems to be on the visual appearance of a community. Over the years we have created a town center with sidewalks, lighting, trees and other amenities. We have created a wonderful educational campus for our children and the top educational programs for our children. We have protected farmland so that it can continue to be farmed. Through the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust we created and protected natural walking trails, protected environmentally sensitive areas and several beautiful views of the sea for all to enjoy. Maybe you don't realize it, but some of you moved to this town for these very things that I have mentioned. You moved here because we have good schools but also because this town has character! But can we continue to protect this special town character?

We Have Done Great Up Until Now?

I think things are beginning to change and our "rural character" is being threatened. What is this threat? It is that some want to change the most beautiful, visually spectacular treasure, open-space land that we have into a commercial venture. You must realize that I am describing our Fort Williams Park. Be sure and tell your children that this park is **theirs** and **ours**, you know, it belongs to all of us, we own it.

Intention

Our Fort Williams Park was never intended to be a moneymaker. From the very beginning the park was always intended to be a **" a passive recreational area for all to enjoy."**

The Plan

The Town Council Has Already Agreed And Voted That There Will Be A Fee Charged For Tour Buses. So Let's All Stay With This Plan: Buses Only!

I think the bus fee is what most people are interested in. But I still believe that we should **not charge a parking fee** or any other fee to the average citizen who drives to our park for just a little glimpse of the sea. So many people, especially senior citizens come to our park because there is no other place for them to visit open space and have a chance to see the ocean. We are so lucky in our town to have this fabulous park and how proud we are to share it with others who are not as fortunate as we are to have this wonderful place in our town. Remember, you raise your children here and when they return with their family and they want to take your grandchildren to Fort Williams Park, do you really want them to have to pay a fee to go to the playground, see Portland Head Light, or play a game in the fort?

I think you know the right thing to do, yes, stay with the fee for tour buses only.
I urge each of you to vote on June 8th. Let's make sure our town retains its rural character.
Your NO vote will, once again, reject the proposed fees for cars visiting Fort Williams Park.

Please join me in voting NO for fees in our park.

Jessie Moulton Timberlake

‘Trashed’ to be shown May 19 at Town Hall

How trashed are we?

Come find out at the showing of the film “Trashed,” sponsored by Cool Cape, in the Town Hall chambers, 7 p.m. on May 19.

In recent years, recycling rates in Cape Elizabeth have risen from around 20 percent to around 32 percent. This is great news, as every one-percent increase in the town’s recycling rate saves the taxpayers $5,000. Much more needs to be done to increase the reduce, reuse and recycling rate in town and at the schools, and many people in town are already working to increase awareness and involvement. In addition, reducing and reusing materials are important ways to impact the amount of trash.

More globally, Americans produce almost five pounds of trash per person per day. To help examine the issue of our waste, and how we dispose of it, Cool Cape, a local group working on issues related to the environment and global warming, is sponsoring the film “Trashed,” by Bill Kirkos, on May 19th at Town Hall. “Trashed” is a provocative investigation of one of the fastest growing industries in North America: the garbage business. At times humorous, but deeply poignant, “Trashed” examines the American waste stream, fast approaching a half billion tons annually, showcasing the individuals, activists, and corporate and advocacy groups working to effect change and reform the current model.

Showtime is Wednesday, May 19, with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the film showing at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall chambers. Running time is 60 minutes. Members of Cool Cape, the Town Council and the Recycling Committee will be present for discussion afterwards.

For more information contact Carol Hubbard at: HUBBAC@mmc.org.

Waste 101: Trash

By Jennifer Hansen

When you head to the Transfer Station, your car is loaded up with waste, a bunch of stuff that you don’t need any more. Waste might include trash, anything worthless or useless, and recyclables, anything that can be processed for reuse.

Of course, your waste might also include treasures, those items to be left at the Swap Shop for someone else to discover. Even though you probably visit the Transfer Station every week, have you ever thought of what comes next? Welcome to Waste 101, a series on what happens to your waste. The focus of the first installment is trash.

Before the Transfer Station compactor building was completed in 1977, the dump openly burned trash and buried the ash. The town was one of the first communities in Maine to eliminate open burn. At that time they joined Regional Waste Systems.

Trash was transported via trailer, baled, and buried in a landfill. In 1988, RWS built a waste-to-energy facility which converts trash to electricity, and they changed their name to ecomaine (yes, it’s a small e). It is a nonprofit waste-management company owned and operated by 21 municipalities in Southern Maine.

Cape Elizabeth, as one of the owner communities of ecomaine, helps shape the direction and policy of the organization which provides services to a combined population of 240,000. Its three waste-management facilities—a waste-to-energy plant, a landfill/ash fill site, and a recycling operation—are located just west of the Maine Turnpike at Exit 46.

These days, when we deposit trash in the hopper, it is actually falling into a large container. The full container is hauled to ecomaine. The truck is weighed upon entering full and weighed again departing empty to get the net weight. We pay a tipping fee of $180 per ton for trash. Last year we sent 2856.9 tons of trash to ecomaine. Multiplied, this amounts to $514,242 in tipping fees for the year.

At ecomaine, the truck then enters the tipping hall, an enormous garage, and backs up to one of seven bays in order to unload the trash into the holding pit, an enclosed seven-story temporary storage area. A large indoor crane continuously feeds trash into two boilers; trash is burned at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The boilers create steam. Steam moves the steam turbine. The turbine creates electricity. This system operates around the clock, picking up two tons of material each time the claw is dropped into the pit. The ecomaine waste-to-energy plant processes about 175,000 tons of trash a year and produces enough steam to generate 100,000 -110,000 megawatts of electricity annually. It is the only plant of its kind in Maine. The electricity powers both the waste-to-energy plant and the recycling facility.

Creating electricity is a good use for trash, but remember that the town has paid over $500,000 for the privilege of creating this electricity. Plus, the power-production process creates emissions. Emissions include toxins which must be removed thorough the process of carbon injection and use of electrostatic precipitators.

(If you want more details, they can be found at ecomaine.org).

At the end of the burning process, ash remains. This must be buried in the ash landfill. In the course of a typical year, approximately 42,000 tons of ash are buried at the site.

When the ash landfill reaches a predetermined level, it is covered with a six-inch layer of soil. This acts as a pad. On top of this comes a black, thick plastic cover which keeps the rain from infiltrating the landfill and producing leachate, contaminated water resulting from runoff. The leachate is cleaned by the Portland Sewer Treatment Plant, a process that is paid for by ecomaine. Leachate is monitored and tested quarterly, and ecomaine takes extra steps to safeguard the ecosystem at the landfill site by using underground drainage systems and a series of five ponds to cleanse surface waters using more natural methods.

Looking at how complicated and costly the trash disposal process is illustrates why the top three best practices in waste handling are REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Look for the next installment of Waste 101: Recycling.

Jennifer Hansen is a member of the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee.

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COMPLAINTS

5-11 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported a car window had been smashed during the night. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

5-12 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported the theft of a lawn ornament valued at about $40.

5-12 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area about harassing phone calls.

5-15 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area who had arrived home and found the house burglarized. Computer and phone equipment were missing from the residence.

5-17 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check.

5-17 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about an attempted fraud. The bank had contacted the plaintiff about a request it had received about a change in the plaintiff's address and an order for new checks. The plaintiff had not filed for an address change with new checks.

5-17 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.

4-20 An officer met with a resident in the Mitchell Road area about a theft complaint. An envelope received in the mail had a tear in the bottom of it and the contents were missing.

4-20 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about the theft of a lawn mower. It is described as red, 5.5 horsepower, self-propelled, and about 6 years old.

SUMMONSES

4-13 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, $171

4-13 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance,Ocean House Road, $171

4-13 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, $208 ; failure to stop for stop sign $131

4-13 Scarborough resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, $185

4-13 South Portland resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, $185

4-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, $185

4-14 York resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, $185

4-14 Scarborough resident, speeding (51/35 zone) Spurwink Avenue, $185

4-14 Belgrade resident, operating after license suspension, operating with open container of alcohol, operating under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia

4-14 South Portland resident, littering from vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, $165

4-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, seatbelt violation, Spurwink Avenue, $70

4-14 Gorham resident, failure to surrender suspended license, possession of suspended license, violation of conditions of release

4-14 South Portland resident, operating with defective vehicle, Cottage Road, $137

4-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Shore Road

4-16 Scarborough resident, speeding (62/45 zone), Bowery Beach Road, $185

4-20 Scarborough resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Sawyer Road, $119

4-21 Portland resident, failure to change address on license, Route 77, $137

4-24 Portland resident, unregistered and uninspected vehicle, Route 77

4-24 Gorham resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, $133

4-24 South Portland resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Mitchell Road, $119

4-24 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, $171

4-25 Randolph resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Route 77, $185

4-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Hill Way, $70

4-26 Massachusetts resident, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, Route 77

ACCIDENTS

4-13 Peter Brigham, Deena Mayo-Bruns, accident on Route 77

ARRESTS

4-14 Gorham resident, violations of conditions of release, suspended license, failure to surrender suspended license, Sawyer Road

4-14 Belgrade resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, operating without a license, sale and use of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana

4-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Shore Road

FIRE CALLS

4-13 Shore Road, WET, Shoreline rescue

4-14 Forest Road, power line down

RESCUE CALLS

There were 15 runs to Maine Medical Center.
There was 1 run to Mercy Hospital.
There were 3 patients treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

Rotary Interact students hold food drive, help stock Food Cupboard

On Saturday, April 10 the Rotary Interact students of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland held a food drive for the Food Cupboard. Under the supervision of teachers Christine Newell and Joe Conroy, students collected much needed food items. We are very grateful for the thoughts and energy of these young people; a great community service was done.

The Food Cupboard helps any man, woman or family that comes to us, no matter where they live. The financial requirement for acceptance to our cupboard is that the total income of the person or family must be below 150 percent of the poverty level. This year we are averaging sharing food with 104 different individuals each week. Many people are temporarily unemployed, and with the help of food drives such as this we can provide food for those in need. Interact students are very service oriented, and we are thankful.

Sybil Riemensnider
Director, The Food Cupboard

More letters on pages 2, 3

Lacrosse players 'would just like their uniforms back'

On the night of Friday, April 30, someone removed a white garbage bag with 15 new fifth- and sixth-grade girls' lacrosse uniforms and coaching apparel out of the back of my car at 4 Katahdin Road. We are now scrambling to outfit the girls.

The police and community have been great in helping with the search for these missing uniforms, but at this point they have not been recovered. If you have any information regarding the missing uniforms, please contact me at jperkins@amatos.com or 671-5627, and no questions will be asked. If you find the uniforms, please leave them on my doorstep or at the Community Center. The girls would just like their uniforms back.

Thank you.

Jeff Perkins

THANK YOU!

The Pond Cove Parents' Association would like to express its gratitude to the following professional, community and parent artists who generously donated their time and talents to the annual Arts Day on April 13:

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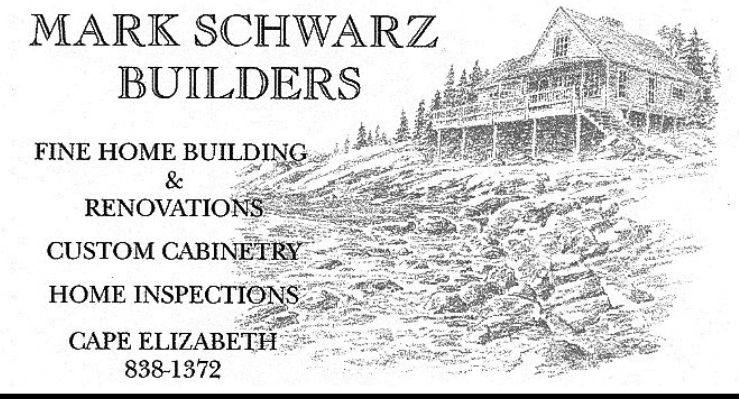

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Exhibit of works by Cape photographer to run through June 12

"Snow Rock," by Cape photographer Christian Farnsworth, is part of his show, "Topographies: Multi-perspective Photography," at Verdana, 103 Ocean St., South Portland, through June 12. An opening reception is set for 5-8 p.m. Saturday, May 15. Farnsworth teaches art and photography at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland.

Cape resident **Cynthia Dill**, whose name will be on the ballot in June as Democratic candidate for the Maine House of Representatives in District 121, has been certified as a Maine Clean Elections Act candidate, eligible for public financing for her campaign. She seeks a third term.

Cape resident **Patty Medina** was named runner-up for the 2010 Governor's Fitness Award last month in Augusta. Gov. John Baldacci honored Medina for her "Fit to Live" program for senior citizens, which she introduced last year at the South Portland Recreation Department. Medina, who offers fitness classes through Cape Elizabeth Community Services, just introduced a pilot Fit to Live in Cape.

Patty Medina holds the certificate of recognition she received from Gov. John Baldacci, far left, last month. Bangor physician Erik Steele also posed for the shot.

Portland-based Monaghan Mortgage, which Cape resident **Liz Monaghan** has owned for the past five years, has joined Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., as a subsidiary of the locally-owned and operated mortgage banking company. RMS is the largest independent mortgage banking operation in the state and also serves clients in other New England states. Monaghan has been in the mortgage industry for 23 years.

More Neighbors on pages 9, 20

Making way for the new

A worker demolishes part of the Viking Nursing Home on Scott Dyer Road last month to make way for the building of Evergreen Memory Care, a 38,000-square-foot facility that will accommodate 62 people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairments. Woodlands Assisted Living, a privately owned Maine-based company that bought the property in 2009, has facilities in Hallowell, Rockland, Waterville, and Brewer.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Chris Lynch**, who owns Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty, which has offices in Kennebunk, Portland, Brunswick and Camden, recently participated in Sotheby's 2010 International Realty Global Networking event in San Diego, Calif. During the three-day event, Sotheby's sales associates, managers and owners exchange ideas.

Among the keynote speakers were three-time Olympic medalist Julia Mancuso and Benjamin Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra.

Cape resident **Shawn Weinstein**, a registered nurse at VNA Home Health & Hospice which provides home care to residents and families in the area, received VNA 's "Home Care Hero Award" for March.

"Shawn is a pleasure to work with, always professional, patient, friendly and kind," said her supervisor, Martha O'Connor of VNA, which is based in South Portland.

Shawn Weinstein

Cape resident **Natalie Burns** received the Girl Scouts of Maine's "Thanks Badge," the highest adult award given by the Girl Scouts, on May 1 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. The honor goes to individuals for service that is significantly above and beyond the call of duty. Burns is first vice president of the Girl Scouts of Maine board of directors.

Cape resident Natalie Burns, far right, stands with other Girl Scout volunteers who were honored May 1 in Lewiston.

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Maine Time Trial Series bike race comes to Cape May 30

By Ted Darling

On Sunday May 30, Cape Elizabeth will celebrate another first as the town plays host to the Maine Time Trial Series. The 2010 Maine Time Trial Series consists of 13 bicycle races starting with the Seacoast Time Trial in Kennebunkport on May 9 and culminating with the Maine State Championship in Cumberland on September 12. The Cape Elizabeth Time Trial is the fourth race in the series and features a 14-mile course that begins and ends at Cape Elizabeth High School.

"The Maine Time Trial Series and our local sponsor, CycleMania of Portland, are very excited to bring this race series to Cape Elizabeth," said Carol Meader, the race coordinator. "Cape Elizabeth always has strong riders in the Series. In fact, the reigning Maine Time Trial Series champion, Fred Thomas, lives here in Cape Elizabeth."

Unlike a mass-start bike race, riders in a time trial bicycle race are started at 30-second intervals from one another and are not allowed to draft behind other bicyclists. A time trial is considered a true race against the clock, as the rider with the fastest time from start to finish is the overall race winner. The Maine Time Trial series awards prizes for the first three overall male and female winners as well as the top three winners in seven men's and women's age group categories.

The Cape Elizabeth Time Trial begins at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 30. Registration is open to all but limited to the first 100 riders to register.

Race information, including a course map, race flyer and a link to the registration page, is available at http://www.portlandvelo.com/races.htm. Questions may be directed to Ted Darling, race codirector, at tdarling@ethos-marketing.com.

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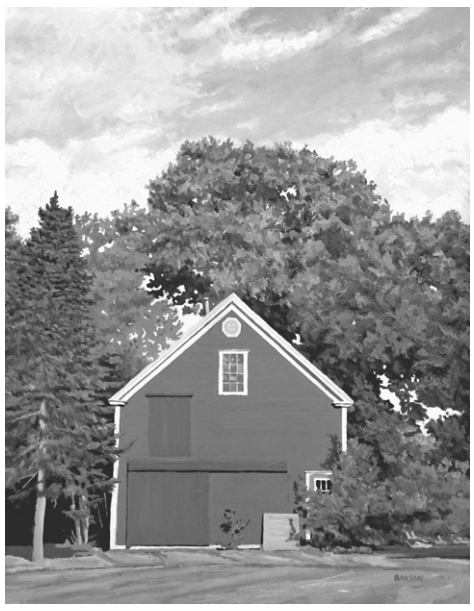
Cape artist's painting in Rockport show



Bill Barton's painting "The Barn" will be in a show opening at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport on Memorial Day weekend. One of 41 artists selected out of 654 for the show, he also will be a featured artist at the Cape Land Trust's Wet Paint auction in July.

Zachary Gavin, a Cape Elizabeth High School senior and captain of the CEHS swim team, is a recipient of the 2010 Jamie Higgins Memorial Scholarship. Awarded by the Coastal Maine Aquatics club, the honor recognizes excellence in scholarship, athletic achievement, long-term participation in CMA, community, and school activities.

In the fall, Zach will attend Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa., where he will be a member of the swim team. He is the son of **Dale Gavin** of Olde Colony Lane.

Zach Gavin

Jordan Farm, **Turkey Hill Farm**, and Nova Seafood in Portland, which is owned by Cape resident **Angelo Ciocca**, are among 11 partners in the Maine Farm, Dairy, and Seafood Initiative, which Good Shepherd Food Bank, based in Augusta, recently launched. The goal of the initiative is to provide fresher and more nutritionally balanced food to Maine's hungry while supporting local producers. In Maine, more than 175,000 people suffer from hunger, a press release from Good Shepherd states.

"Maine ranks ninth in the nation for food insecurity, and that is unacceptable," said Rick Small, executive director of the food bank.

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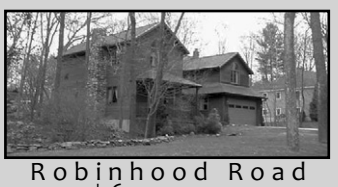
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Sunday, May 16

Spring Bird Migration Walk, 9-11 a.m., Turkey Hill Farm, Old Ocean House Road.

Tuesday, May 18

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

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

Wednesday, May 19

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club Annual Meeting, 1 p.m., Purpoodock Club, Spurwink Avenue. Please contact Betty Montpelier at 799-0229 for more information.

Municipal Operations Review Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conf. Room.

Thursday, May 20

Ferns and Wildflower Walk in Winnock Woods, 1-3 p.m. Natural habitats, unique fauna and flora explained and explored with Cape's own Tony Owens. $5/person, $10 /family. Sign up at CELT: 767-6054.

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive.

Friday, May 21

PCPA Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6, C.E. High School cafeteria.

Monday, May 24

Town Council Finance Committee Budget Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, May 25

School Board Wellness Committee, 3:15-4:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

School Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., high school library.**School Board workshop**, 7 p.m., high school library. **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber, 320 Ocean House Road.

Town Council School Budget Adoption Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall chamber.

Wednesday, May 26

Little Explorers in Robinson Woods. 9-10 a.m. Robinson Woods.

Thursday, May 27

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works, Cooper Drive

Ongoing each week

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

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

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.–noon Thursdays, except for holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road. Volunteers assist with information searches. Public welcome. Meetings are first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., at the library.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays (except July and August) at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, head of Two Lights Road. For more information about the club, contact Kim Brooks, 767-2733, or Bruce Balfour, 799-4221.

Fire-Police meetings, 7 p.m. third Thursday of each month except July and August at the Cape Elizabeth Police Station.

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Purpoodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. For more information on the SP/CE Rotary Club, contact club president Joan Frustaci, 767-2490.

American Legion, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. For more information contact Deb Schneider, 767-6109

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Cape Garden Club's annual meeting, luncheon planned May 19; plant sale set for May 29

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold their annual meeting and luncheon Wednesday, May 19, at the Purpoodock Club.

Gardening author Helen Holmes will speak on the topic, "Meeting the Neighbor." An 11 a.m. business meeting will precede the speaker and luncheon, which will begin at noon.

Plant sale

Club members are busy preparing for their annual plant sale which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 29, at the Pond Cove Shopping Center. In addition to plants from members' gardens, homemade baked goods will be for sale.

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Safe Passage fundraiser at Flatbread on May 25

The Cape Elizabeth Safe Passage support team will have a fundraiser at Flatbread Company in Portland, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25. Flatbread will donate $3.50 for every large pizza sold and $1.75 for a small one, either eat-in or take-out. Raffle tickets will be for sale along with gift cards, Guatemalan objects, and other items.

Safe Passage is a nonprofit organization that provides educational and medical support for children living in poverty in the outskirts of the Guatemala City dump.

Nineteen Cape Elizabeth High School students and five Cape adults will volunteer at Safe Passage in June through Cape Community Services.

Support team members have been raising money since last fall through events such as bottle drives, a "Spanish-A-Thon," and a crafts sale during CEMS Arts Night last month. The team will donate fundraising proceeds to Safe Passage.

Contact Susan Dana at sdana@cape.k12.me.us for more information.

Cape Land Trust plans three walks this month

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust offers three spring programs this month.

A "Spring Bird Migration Walk" is planned from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 16, at Turkey Hill Farm. The group will look for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, tanagers and more. The walk is $5 per person, and families pay $10.

A "Ferns and Wildflower Walk in Winnick Woods" is set for 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 20. The walk is $5 per person and $10 per family.

CELT member Lisa Gent will lead a "Little Explorers" walk in Robinson Woods for kids 3 to 5 years old on Wednesday, May 26, from 9 to 10 a.m. The group will search for birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and plant life, focusing on spring and summer in the woods. Kids should be accompanied by an adult. The cost is $10 per family.

All interested should register at the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road. Call 767-6054 for more information, or visit www.capelandtrust.org.

CETV to air high school's gubernatorial debates

Two gubernatorial debates moderated by students in Cape Elizabeth High School's Advanced Placement government class will be broadcast throughout May on CETV, Cape Elizabeth's public access cable Channel 3.

The Republican debate features Steve Abbott and Matt Jacobson, two of the seven candidates seeking the Republican nomination for governor. The debate was recorded at Cape Elizabeth High School on March 30.

The Democratic candidates' debate, recorded at the school April 14, features all five candidates who were running for the gubernatorial nomination at the time: Steve Rowe, Rosa Scarcelli, Libby Mitchell, John Richardson and Pat McGowan.

The debates will be rebroadcast several times in the weeks leading up to the primary election June 8. Dates and times are published in the Cape Courier; on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com/cetv.html; and, on Channel 3.

Arthritis walk at Fort Williams on June 5

A walk benefiting the Arthritis Foundation's Northern and Southern New England Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, in Fort Williams Park. Participants, who can choose one mile- or three mile-walk options, can register starting at 9 a.m. that morning. The walk will start at 10 a.m.

The event will include entertainment, a free raffle, refreshments, and recognition for all walkers.

Contact Patti Hanley 800-639-2113 for more information.

'West Side Story' to run through Sunday, May 30

"West Side Story," which includes cast members, left to right, Luke Perry, Nolan Petrin, David Van Duyne, Thomas J. Smallwood and Matt Johnston, will run through May 30.

The musical, "West Side Story," will run Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 30, at the Portland Players in South Portland. Cape resident Alexandra Rickoff plays Rosalina in the production.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 pm. Tickets are $15-$20.

Call 799-7337 or visit www.portlandplayers.org for information or tickets.

The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road.

Class of 1970 to hold 40th reunion on Oct. 9

Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1970 will hold its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Portland Country Club.

Contact Patty DiMillo Pelletier at patpelletier@maine.rr.com or 318-3039, or Jeff Wadman at jeffpwadman@gmail.com or 653-5234 for more information.

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Story Time Themes
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Saturday .....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Art Guild exhibit at library in May

The Cape Elizabeth Art Guild annual exhibit of original paintings continues at the Thomas Memorial Library through May.

The paintings displayed demonstrate a wide variety of techniques, including watercolors, pastels, and acrylics.

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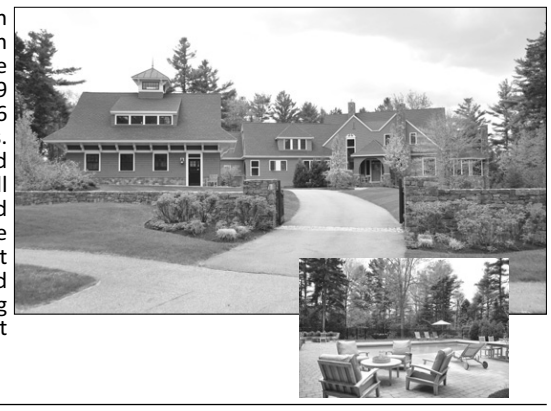

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High school club teams, clubs enjoy successes

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School mathematicians, thespians, and scientists have racked up some impressive honors lately.

Math team

The CEHS math team ranked second in the state's B division on April 6 at the annual Maine State Math Meet in Bangor. Ethan DiNinno came in first among Maine sophomores, with a score of 57 points. Will Pierce, who scored 53 points, was the 12th-place senior, and junior Will Bollenbach, with 40 points, came in 20th in his class. The meet was the culmination of the math-competition season for 96 Maine high schools.

Science team

The CEHS science team came home with second-place honors from the Maine Science Olympiad, held April 3 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

CEHS science team members won three events at the competition, which included teams from all over the state: Sam Naseef and Jay Cushing in the "Write-Do" event; Cushing and Graham Findlay in the "Physics Lab" category; and Ethan DiNinno and Ian dePaula in the "Mission" event.

A CEHS Science team comprised of Ethan DiNinno, Alex Diaz, Will Daly and Jack Queeney came in third at the Northern New England Science Bowl held Feb. 27 at USM. Teams from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine competed.

Highest honor

Cape Elizabeth High School Theater Director Richard Mullen received the New England Drama Council's lifetime membership award last month during the council's annual festival held this year in Falmouth. The award is the highest honor a drama teacher can receive in New England.

Theater students

The high school's one-act play, "The Birds," won the regional one-act festival to advance to the states. Forty students were involved in the production, which won the Ensemble Award for high achievement in group work.

The show also won special commendations for costuming, masks, and props. Individual all-star awards went to Sasha Kohan, Tom Campbell, Nolan Chase, Luke Sisselman, Peter Campbell, Griffin Carpenter, Kelsey Krull, Sam Barksdale and AJ Frustaci.

'Pasta with Purpose' dinner set for June 5

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation will hold its annual Pasta with Purpose spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School/ Pond Cove cafetorium. Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, salad, and bread from Willows Restaurant in South Portland and Market Fresh Produce in Scarborough will be served.

In addition to dinner, which will cost $5 per person and will be free to kids five years and younger, the evening will include demonstrations of programs funded through the Pond Cove Parents Association, the Middle School Parents Association, and CEEF, a nonprofit organization with a mission of funding innovative programs that fall outside the Cape Elizabeth school budget.

The dinner also will include a raffle drawing for round-trip tickets for two to Rome, Italy. Raffle tickets are $25, or $100 for five. Go to www.ceef.us for more information.

Runners who plan to compete in the Pond Cove Challenge 5K race the following morning can pick up race packets at the dinner. Anyone who wants to register for the race can do so at the dinner.

Photo by Joan Daly

Cape Elizabeth Music Boosters President Paul Catsos, left, honors retiring Cape Elizabeth Middle School Band Director Terry White April 9 at the Jazz Cabaret.

Boosters honor Band Director TerryWhite

By Wendy Keeler

During his 12 years teaching band at CEMS, Terry White has heard plenty of clapping for his middle school bands. But the standing ovation on April 9 at Cape Elizabeth High School's Jazz Cabaret was for White, and for White only. In June he will retire after 30 years of teaching music students.

"Cape's musicians and their parents will truly miss Terry, a superb musical composer, arranger and performer who has taught thousands of students to read music and play what often was their first musical instrument," said Cape Music Boosters President Paul Catsos, who presented White with a gift from the boosters at the cabaret performance held in the CEHS cafeteria. "Despite many other demands on their time, about 40 percent of Cape High students participate in some form of band, and nearly all are Terry's former students."

At the April 9 performance, White's CEMS Tuesday Morning Jazz Band performed, along with the CEHS Tuesday, Thursday and Cannonball Adderly Jazz combos, which Ralph Norris directs, and Tom Lizotte's Tuesday Evening, Repertory and Concert Jazz ensembles. The high school students provided a second show on Sunday, April 11, in the cafeteria. Ninety student musicians participated in the cabaret this year.

White, who received a bachelor's degree in music from Berklee College of Music in Boston and a master's in music education from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, will not sit idle in his retirement.

Cape audiences in the future may not see White, a published composer and arranger, directing bands at concerts, but they will continue to hear his music.

White's music has been commissioned and performed by the Portland Symphony Orchestra and numerous high school and college ensembles across the country, and White leads his own big band in the Portland area. White's "retirement" will enable him to focus more fully on composing, he told the School Board in a letter announcing his retirement.

Pond Cove 5K Challenge to happen on June 6

The Pond Cove Parents Association will hold its 12th Annual Pond Cove 5K Challenge Sunday, June 6, at Pond Cove.

The 5K will begin at 9 a.m. The annual Fun Run for kids 8 years old and younger will start at 8 a.m., and a one-mile dash for kids 12 years old and younger will begin at 10 a.m. This year for the first time the race will include a "best costume" award.

Scott Dyer Road to be closed

Scott Dyer Road will be closed from 9 to 10 a.m.

Runners who register before the race will pay $15; the entrance fee will increase to $18 the day of the race. Participants in the one-mile dash will pay $10 apiece.

Runners can register at www.active.com or by downloading a form off www.pcpa.org, where information about the race is also available.

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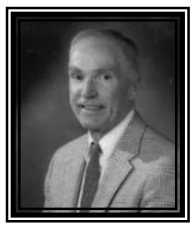

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Cape high school students enjoy a daylong poetry symposium with Maine's poet laureate

Gathering April 29 at Cape Elizabeth High School during the Gabe Zimpritch Memorial Poetry Symposium are, left to right, front row, Charlotte Rutty, Lauren Steidl, Zoe Johnston; middle row, Emily Hollyday, Brendan Stewart, Clarice Diebold, Julianne Ayers, CEHS teacher Lisa Melanson, poet Betsy Sholl; and, back row, Melissa Stewart, Julia Hintlian, Sasha Kohan, Maddy Gears, Jon Bass and John Jones.

By Lisa Melanson

On April 29, 13 Cape Elizabeth students attended the annual Gabe Zimpritch Poetry Symposium at the Thomas Memorial Library. The event, which included a workshop on poetry and an excursion to the Portland Museum of Art, was led by Betsy Sholl, Maine's Poet Laureate and a professor of creative writing at the University of Southern Maine. The symposium culminated in a celebratory reading in the evening at Thomas Memorial Library at which students read to an appreciative audience of more than 40 parents, friends, teachers, and others from the communtiy.

The Gabe Zimpritch Symposium has been held annually since 1998. It is funded by the Zimpritch family of Cape Elizabeth, whose son Gabe Zimpritch died on May 2, 1995, while a junior at Cape Elizabeth High School. The symposium honors Gabe Zimpritch's love of poetry.

In prefatory remarks at the evening reading, Sholl observed, "In grief some people turn inward and become smaller, harder, bitter, while others like Mr. Zimpritch and his family find in grief a greater humanity and become larger, more generous. It strikes me that to keep this program going over so many years is another sign of that generosity."

In the workshop, Sholl told students that "the imagination likes to be given random things to play with"; thus, her poetry exercises included material such as a list of 10 words that must be included in a poem, a description of what sounds exist in the cosmos, and a collage of impressions from viewing various works of art at the museum.

Clearly, the day away from the hectic pace of high school was a rewarding one.

Jim Zimpritch, father of Gabe, remarked, "It was so exciting to see these energetic and engaged young people."

Jon Bass, a senior, thanked Zimpritch for the opportunity to write poetry.

Lauren Steidl, a freshman, added, "I felt like my writing improved over the course of just a few hours."

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Nonesuch Books fair May 26 to benefit schools

Nonesuch Books in South Portland will hold a book fair benefiting the Pond Cove and Middle School parents' associations from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, at Nonesuch Books in the Mill Creek Shopping Center.

Summer reading lists from the schools will be available at the fair, which also will include a bake sale. Giftwrapping will be offered.

Contact Liz McEvoy at liz_mcevoy2000@yahoo.com or 767-1518 for more information.

Arts Night!

At top, Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Katie Rabasca sings to the accompaniment of the CEMS jazz band on April 29 during the annual CEMS and Pond Cove Arts Night. At right, a young artist checks out his handprint on a painting he creates during Arts Night, when community members enjoyed students' poetry, artwork, drumming, choir singing, and movies, and bought pieces created by students. "This is a great opportunity for students to show their wares and receive accolades for their achievements," CEMS Principal Steve Connolly said. "The celebration reflects how integral the arts are to our society as a whole," CEMS art teacher, Marguerite Lawler-Rohner said.

Photos by Claudia Dricot

Seniors, parents, send in postgrad plans!

High school seniors, do you want your postgraduate plans included with other seniors' plans in a June issue of the *The Cape Courier*?

Soon-to-be graduates and parents should send the senior's name, parents' names, and the senior's plans, including the location of the college or postgrad activity, by Tuesday, June 1, to Debbie Butterworth at dbutterw@maine.rr.com or 21 McAuley Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107. Only seniors and parents can send this information.

CEHS art show to run through May 17

Cape Elizabeth High School junior Bella Narvaez works on a Greek "red-figure" pot in Mary Hart's advanced ceramics class in April. Along with works in a variety of media by CEHS artists, the piece will be part of an exhibit that will run in the CEHS auditorium lobby through Monday, May 17. Three prize-winning works will be purchased at the show through the support of a Cape Elizabeth community member.

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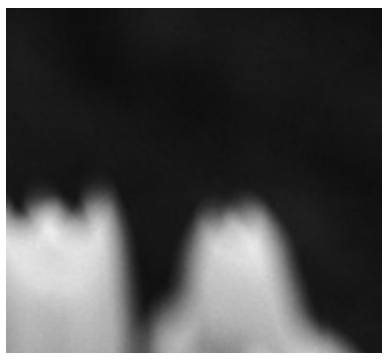

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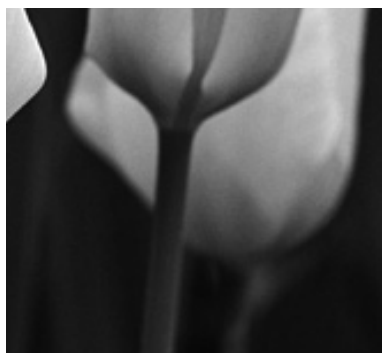

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CEEF awards $27,515 in grants

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recently awarded $27,514.75 in grants to Cape schools. This year, the nonprofit organization, which seeks to fund innovative programs in the Cape schools that fall outside the school budget, received a record $147,000 in requests from teachers and staff.

To Pond Cove, CEEF awarded $7,476 to outfit teacher classrooms lacking LCD projectors, SmartBoards, and other technology. CEEF has provided more than $22,000 in technology to Pond Cove over the past two years.

Another CEEF grant to Pond Cove will enable several teachers to attend the Wayland Literacy Institute in Wayland, Mass., this summer to gain a deeper understanding of the developmental needs of young writers.

With the help of CEEF, Cape Elizabeth Middle School will add a civil rights team and puppet club to its extracurricular offerings. Additionally, the foundation will fund three professional development opportunities: one that will enable the technology integrator to enhance teaching methods; another for a Spanish-language and cultural immersion program in Santiago, Spain; and a third for a course offering guidance counselors strategies to help students with behavioral and emotional needs.

Through a $3,000 CEEF grant, members of the Cape Elizabeth High School wind symphony will have an opportunity to work with an internationally known composer on a custom-written symphony inspired by Cape Elizabeth residents who have made important national and local contributions. The foundation also will provide seed money to help bring back the high school's Lincoln-Douglas debate team.

Another CEEF grant, for $500, will help CEHS keep its Chef of the Month program going. Each month, when a local chef visits the school, students, school staff and Cape community members enjoy dishes prepared with locally grown food and cooked using the chef's recipes.

"Future years will find the program self-sustaining," CEEF President Christine Mackenzie said.

Social studies classrooms at the high school will be equipped with mounting supplies for technology that will allow teachers to use new teaching methods. Another CEEF grant for CEHS will provide partial funding for a training program to help teachers improve instruction for students in need of stress-management techniques.

A joint CEHS/CEMS grant will enable modern-language teachers to take a standardized certification course training them in new methods of assessing students' language proficiency.

Since 2002, CEEF has awarded more than $780,000 to Cape schools. Visit www.ceef.us for more information about CEEF grants.

Young engineers compete with best in Dallas

Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders, Anthony Castro, left and Luke Dvorzniak, right, whose robotics team competed in the 2010 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship April 22-24 in Dallas, Texas, get their picture snapped with robotics wiz Grant Imahara of the television science program, "Myth Busters," at the Dallas Convention Center. About 400 teams from 14 countries qualified for the event, in which robots designed and built by teams using VEX components compete in games against each other. "This was our first time at the worlds, and we finished in the top quarter, so we feel good about our performance there," said team coach Jack Queeney, a Cape Elizabeth High School junior.

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Catholic stance on homosexuality topic of May 18 talk

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church will sponsor "Tough Theology Talk," a series in which the Catholic Church's stance on three controversial issues will be discussed. The first meeting, planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, will address church teaching on homosexuality.

The discussion, "for those who might be confused on the church's stance on homosexuality, the rights of homosexual persons, and marriage … will not be a public debate or round-table discussion," said Katherine Williamson, a pastoral associate at St. Bartholomew.

"Abortion and the Church" will be the theme of an October discussion. Contact Williamson at 799-5528, extension 102, for more information.

Bet Ha'am plant sale on May 16 to help local food pantries

Congregation Bet Ha'am will hold a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, at the synagogue. The sale will feature a variety of plants.

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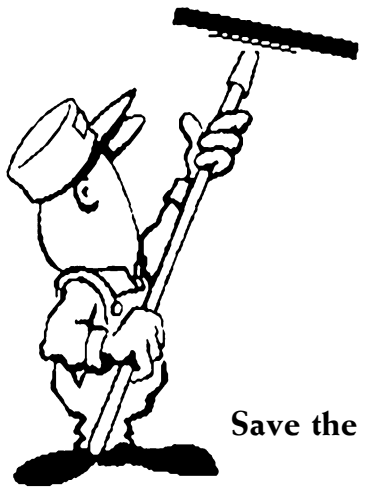

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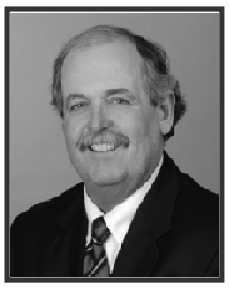
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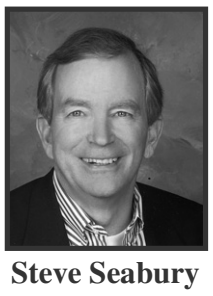
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Voting

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one dedicated state box and one dedicated municipal box," Lane said. "It will be labor intensive for the staff, but we are trying to make it easier for the voter."

Lane's office and the tax office at Town Hall will both be closed on election day, so that staff from those offices may assist at the polls. "We are just needing more election staff, and this is how we can supplement our current list of election workers," Lane said. "This will be a huge help, as elections are so complicated now."

Lane said that municipal staff from other departments may also be "borrowed" on June 7 to assist with putting absentee ballots through a voting machine to allow for earlier results after the polls close on June 8.

Complete election information, including sample ballots as they become available, will be posted on the town website at www.capeelizabeth.com.

Strawberry

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will be available in advance at local farms and through the Cape Farm Alliance website. A complete listing of the Strawberry Fest events will also be available online at www.capeelizabethfarms.com.

The alliance seeks local sponsors at $100, $250 and $500 levels. At the $500 "Strawberry Field" level, the sponsor's logo will be featured prominently in all marketing materials and the sponsorship banner. In addition, the logo and website will be featured on the Cape Elizabeth Farm Alliance website, which will be linked to news distribution services statewide. Sponsors will be invited to place promotional materials at a designated table. At the $250 "Strawberry Patch" level, the sponsor's logo will be featured on posters, the website, the Farm Alliance's 500-plus member e-mail, and the sponsorship banner. At the $100 "Strawberry Plant" level, the logo will be positioned on the website and on the festival sign. Friends of the Fest, those who give under $100, will be recognized on the banner as individual strawberries.

The Cape Elizabeth Farm Alliance, now in its third year under the direction of local farmer Penny Jordan, is dedicated to the viability and sustainability of farming and fishing as ways of life in town. Leaders of the group created the Strawberry Fest in recognition of the important role the strawberry has played – and continues to play – in Cape Elizabeth's storied farming heritage.

If you would like to be a festival volunteer, please contact Sarah Maxwell at maxwellsarahj@yahoo.com or at 207-799-9990. To become a Friend of the Fest, or to become a sponsor at the higher levels, please contact Suzanne Martin-Pillsbury at suzannepillsbury@yahoo.com. or at 207-799-2372.

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Deadline for applications is Friday, June 4, 2010.

FAQs

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sive solution to the growing financial needs at Fort Williams," and that "…while some tell us that they would gladly pay more in taxes to keep the Fort free, many more say that taxes are too high and we need to spend less."

Can't we fund the capital needs and annual maintenance costs through private donations?

The council response to this is "No," with the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation averaging only $3,000 per year to fund park projects, and donation buckets around the Fort collecting a yearly average of just $1,200, amounts that "don't come close to covering annual upkeep and maintenance of the Fort, let alone its long-term capital needs."

So what are the long-term capital needs of the Fort?

The council refers to the 2003 Master Plan for the park (available through the town website) and a long list of park needs and goals. "If we are going to be in a position to preserve the park's features for future generations, we need to start raising funds today."

How about being more creative and coming up with other ways to raise revenues from Fort Williams?

The council lists many creative suggestions, but also "impediments" to what can be done, including shoreland zoning regulations, the absence of sewer and water lines, designation of open space, and restrictions on alcohol consumption.

If we go with a pay/display system, how will that work? Will people have to pay to enter the Fort, including walkers and bikers?

The council responds that walkers and drivers will enter freely, as will motorists "who simply want to drive through and take a look," with the $5 fee only for those "who wish to park and stay for a visit." The council also explains a kiosk system set up at various parking areas in which a driver will pay $5 in cash or with a credit card for a parking ticket which may then be displayed on the dashboard. Yearly passes will also be sold for $20 for nonresidents and $10 for residents.

What about parents who attend their children's Little League games? What about people who are there for a special event?

The councilors say that parents attending a child's sporting event will be exempt and that council and town staff will work through the various special event scenarios "to ensure that fees do not discourage attendance" and are fair.

Where will the money from the pay and display system go?

"All revenues generated at the Fort will be devoted to the Fort," says the council.

My tax dollars already support the Fort. Why has a majority of the council proposed fees for residents too?

"The council's goal is to make the Fort financially self-sufficient, meaning no tax dollars would be earmarked for the Fort. Thus, a majority of the council thought it would be unfair to charge nonresidents while giving local residents a free ride."

So why charge residents a lower rate for an annual pass? Isn't that unfair too?

The council references "indirect costs" of maintaining the park that our tax dollars will still support as well as the historical support that the town has given the park.

What about tour buses?

The council questions the fairness of the fees for tour buses, already separately approved for implementation at the council's Feb. 8 meeting, noting that the cost will be passed along to tour bus customers who also spend money at the gift shop. The council reiterates the majority council opinion that the "fairer approach is to charge everyone who enters and parks at the Fort."

If we implement a pay/display system, will it make the Fort self-sufficient? Won't the cost of added staff members and equipment make this a zero sum game?

The council cites projections that net revenues would total $1,265,000 after the first three years, taking into account start-up costs and ongoing labor, thus more than covering annual maintenance costs.

Don't we have a responsibility to keep the Fort free for all users?

The council says, in part, that the town has a responsibility to make the park "*accessible* for all users," that the town will be "humane and compassionate" in implementation of the "modest fee," and that this will allow the town to care for the Fort's many needs "for generations to come."

If the majority of the council favors the pay/display system, why a public referendum?

The council says, in part, that they "felt it was only fair to ask the citizens to weigh in again…The only way to know how the majority of the citizens truly feel is to put it out to vote."

Citizen response to FAQs

"Overall, people have said they appreciate it," Sherman said, whether they favored fees or not.

"At least one legal objection" was also made, almost immediately after the posting of the FAQs, according to Sherman.

Another resident, Kathy Johnson, who has been vocal in her support of alternative fundraising options, said that while she had been able to find some answers to her specific questions about parking fee costs in separate documents on the town website, she wished the council had done a better job of including this information in their FAQs.

"Why we can't expand the gift shop, offer food concessions or look at Fred Prince's idea of interment—all things that would be value added, instead of just charging fees," was also not satisfactorily answered for Johnson, who described herself as "just heartsick" over the parking issue.

The complete FAQs and supporting documentation are available on the town website at www.capecourier.com. The council continues to invite comments, which may be sent to the council by e-mail from the town website, by clicking on "Contact Us" on the left side of the home page, and then choosing "E-mail all Town Councilors."

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Girl Scouts invite kids to make crafts on May 23

Gathering in April with blankets they made for the Chestnut Street Family Shelter in Portland are Girl Scout Troop 1412 members, left to right, back row, Hannah Preble, Julie Ginder, Kate Ewald, Acadia Stewart, Amelia Morrissey, Rachel Garrity, Hannah Saturley; front row, Eva Brydson, Sarah Loring, Maci Russell, Haley Bauman and Lily Jordan.

Members of Cape Elizabeth's Girl Scout Troop 1412 invite children to attend an "Eco-Art" craft event Sunday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. All kids will be welcome at the event, where crafts will be geared to kindergartners through fourth-graders. There will be a suggested $3 per-child donation.

Kids will use recycled materials to make newspaper hats, paperboard headbands, musical instruments, mosaic sculptures and more. Games and a planting area will be offered.

The troop has supported the Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family program, the Animal Refuge League, and troop activities including camping trips. The 12 members, all in seventh grade, are considering a major trip in the U.S. or abroad during high school for which significant funds will need to be raised.

Members' final event of the year will be a June 5 yard sale. Contact Melanie Stewart at mjonesstewart@aol.com for information.

Five Cape students were named to the first-semester dean's list at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. **Emily Croft**, **Chelsey Johnson**, and **Jillian Smith** received highest honors. **Katherine Hall** and **Hannah Johnson** received high honors. **Matthew Dickinson** received honors.

Two Cape students at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. received highest honors for the winter term: **Edith G. Iyer-Hernandez**, the daughter of **Christine Iyer**, and **Grant Backer**, the son of **David and Suzan Backer**.

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Cape cleaners

Taking a break after helping with volunteer clean-up efforts at Crescent Beach on Sunday, April 18, are, left to right, Kate, Eileen, Brett, Joe, and Meredith Hetrick and fellow Cape residents, Gail Zarr and Paula Elkins. Along with other beach rangers, the group trucked away a stack of garbage bags, broken lobster pots and piles of plastic line before having hot cocoa and homemade cookies at the Inn by the Sea.

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