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Supermoon rising



Photo by Noah Whittenburg

A full moon rises over Portland Head Light on the evening of March 19. The last time the moon was this close to the Earth and full was 1992, and the next time will be 2029.

School Board reopens search, adopts budget

By Wendy Keeler

The School Board reopened its search for Cape's next superintendent on March 24 after spending two weeks interviewing candidates to replace Superintendent Alan Hawkins, who stepped down on Dec. 31.

"Our plan is to reopen the search immediately and hopefully begin interviewing in May," School Board Chair Mary Townsend said March 25, right before *The Cape Courier* went to press.

During the second half of March, the board interviewed five people from a field of 15 candidates from nine states. Some of the candidates recently accepted jobs in other districts. Others, while highly qualified, did not fully meet the board's criteria.

"We're in a very competitive race, and two of the candidates were in other hunts and took other jobs. The other candidates came from great school systems, but they weren't the right match for our district," Townsend said.

The board will seek direction from su-

—see SCHOOL BOARD, page 18

Assessor's revaluation goal: Everybody pays a fair share

By Patricia McCarthy

Property values may be falling in some parts of the country, but in Cape Elizabeth, they've risen enough to trigger a revaluation.

State law requires a town to revalue properties when official assessments fall below 70 percent of the actual market value. Assessors determine this by comparing sales prices with the town's assessments; for example, if a house sells for \$200,000 but its town assessment was \$140,000, the assessment is only 70 percent of the real value.

Cape Elizabeth Tax Assessor Matthew Sturgis said property values in Cape Elizabeth are currently at about 80

(Assessor Matthew) Sturgis said some residents' tax bills could shoot up because of the revaluation, particularly if their current assessment is lower than the overall figure of 80 percent of the true market value.

percent of market value, so this revaluation puts the town ahead of the state requirement.

The townwide reassessment has been occupying the work life of Sturgis, who has been inspecting properties

and poring over sales data to determine values for the last year. He expects to send out the new assessments in late April, and those new values will be used in setting the tax bills that will be issued in August and come due in October.

The new values also will be posted in the assessor's section of the town's website – www.capeelizabeth.com/government/departments/assessor/home.html – at the same time notices are sent out.

This is the town's first reassessment since 2004. Since that time, property values in Cape Elizabeth have been on

—see REVALUATION, page 18

Lily Jordan earns another shot at National Spelling Bee title

By Wendy Keeler

Lily Jordan may always get a warm, fuzzy feeling from "salmonella," but "rotunda," the word she spelled correctly on March 19 to win her second straight Maine State Spelling Bee, may bring a special rapture in future years.

"Salmonella" earned Lily a berth last June at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., but "rotunda," the word she spelled to win this year's state bee, gives the Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader a final shot at winning the national bee, which is only open to middle school students.

At this year's state bee, Lily, 13, felt less nervous than she did last year. Then again, she felt more nervous, too.

"I felt more confident because I had competed before, but I was more nervous because there was more pressure to win again

this year," she said. "And this is my last year to compete."

Between now and the national bee, Lily will continue her year-round daily practice of studying spelling words a half hour to an hour a day from "Spell It!" a booklet Scripps provides. With the help of her mother, Nancy, Lily also studies words that have been used before in national bees.

"If I get a word wrong, my mom will circle it and then I will study the circled words," Lily said. She even uses the words in conversations. Ask her friends, who have heard her utter some doozies over the years.

"One time when I was feeling really excited, I told my friends, 'I'm feeling like a 'fei.' They said, 'What's a 'fei?'" A 'fei' is a wild banana. They have gotten used to it."

From time to time, Lily also might drop

—see LILY JORDAN, page 18



Photo by Glenn Jordan

Cape Middle School eighth-grader Lily Jordan won a berth to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in June on the word "rotunda."

Matthew Fishbein wins another Maine chess title

By Wendy Keeler

Cape mom Ilene Schuchman could have seen it coming. Six years ago, she and her son, Matthew Fishbein, who will represent Maine in July in the middle school division at the National Chess Federation's U.S. Open in Orlando, Fla., were all but booted out of a Community Services "Mommy and Me" chess class. Matthew, 13, who was in first grade at the time, had never played chess in his life.

"From the get-go, Matthew pretty much beat me," Schuchman said on March 21, two days after Fishbein won the middle school division at the Maine State Scholastic Individual Chess Championship Tournament in Orono. "The teacher told me, 'Matthew belongs in the next level of the class,' and I

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Food vendors will be at the Fort this summer

By Patricia McCarthy

Lunch at Fort Williams won't require a picnic basket this summer. The town is offering permits to vendors to sell food and drink at the park on a trial basis.

The Town Council unanimously approved the permits in a special meeting March 21. The meeting was added so there would be enough time to review potential vendors and issue permits that will take effect May 1.

Until now, the town, owner of the park since 1964, has only permitted food vendors there during limited special events.

Town officials, working with the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, have set up numerous standards, requirements and operating rules for vendors.

"The Town Council has given us the charge to come up with a means of generating revenue within the fort, and we're trying to do that in the most discreet way possible so as not to change the character of this park," said Commission Chair Bill Nickerson.

Toward that end, the number of permits will be limited to five, and vendors will be restricted to designated locations. At the

two most desirable vendor spots, close to Portland Head Light, a total of four permits will be issued for two sessions: two for May 1-Aug. 31 (for the summer) and two for Sept. 1-Oct. 31 (for the height of tour bus/ foliage season). One permit will be granted for a third location – near the flagpole and in closer proximity to the beach – for May 1-Oct. 31.

Only nonalcoholic drink sales will be permitted, and there are numerous other rules laid out.

The town is now seeking proposals from potential vendors and has set a minimum permit fee of \$2,000, thus generating a minimum of \$10,000 in 2011.

"Money raised in the park will stay in the park," said Nickerson, explaining that pushcart permit revenue will go toward a variety of "tremendous capital and operating needs" at Fort Williams.

The money hasn't been earmarked yet for any specific projects, but the needs range from fixing crumbling bleachers to managing the overgrowth of plants to maintaining trails.

The decision to limit the number of permits – and therefore potential revenue – this

year was carefully weighed, Nickerson said, noting that there is great concern about altering the park's character, about potential costs that can't be predicted at this point and about adversely impacting a proven revenue-producing venture, the Portland Head Light Museum & Gift Shop, which generates \$500,000 a year in sales.

At the end of the vendor season this fall, the commission, council and town staff members will assess how this experiment has worked and decide whether or how to continue it next year.

Anyone interested in providing vendor services should submit a request by April 8 in a sealed envelope marked "Fort Williams Park Food Vendor" by mail to Town Manager, 320 Ocean House Road, P.O. Box 6260, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Requirements and regulations for vendors, and information about how to submit a vendor request are posted at the town website home page (capeelizabeth.com) and at the Fort Williams page as well (Visiting tab to Attractions tab to Fort Williams.)

Cape residents will be given preference in cases where two or more applicants are relatively equal.

Public Works crews go above, beyond at Fort Williams

Thank you to Bob Malley and his crew for all their hard work this winter at Fort Williams. I walk at the fort every day with my four-legged friends.

I find the roads are always plowed and sanded as needed. With so much snow and ice this winter, keeping the roads clear is very important for the safety of me and the dogs. It is wonderful to live in a town that consistently does a fantastic job clearing the roads.

A big thank you also to the person who is shoveling out "Tup's" bench. I have noticed after every snowstorm someone takes the time to shovel all around this bench. We have had a lot of snow this year, and someone is very dedicated to this task. It is so heartwarming to walk by that bench every day and actually see the bench (not a snow-bank).

I appreciate your efforts! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Theresa Fox

California fifth-grader seeks help for report on 'magnificent state'

Hello. My name is Adrien. I am a fifth-grader at Napa Valley Language Academy in Napa, Calif.

The reason I am writing to you is because my class is doing state reports and I have chosen your magnificent state, Maine. I would really appreciate it if you posted my letter in your newspaper so that I can get all the help I need from you or your readers. I will be writing my report on your state's agriculture, economy, history, famous people, state symbols, and historical and tourist attractions. I will also be doing a PowerPoint presentation and oral report.

What I would like from your readers are magazines, brochures, pamphlets, postcards and souvenirs—or anything else that would be helpful for my report. Thank you in advance for your support in helping me become a great researcher of your awesome state.

Adrien, c/o Mrs. Hernandez
2700 Kilburn Ave., Napa, CA 94558,

Uh-oh



Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Hansen, who lives on Cragmoor, took this photo of a boat that crashed onto rocks on his property on Feb. 19. "The picture was taken at 6:15 a.m., about an hour after it crashed on our rocks," Hansen wrote in an e-mail to *The Cape Courier*. "One of the fishermen who had been on the boat told me, as he stood on my lawn, that the guy who was piloting the boat had fallen asleep at the wheel on the way home."

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Cape merchants join forces to encourage local business

By Patricia McCarthy

When Janel Voelker went to college in rural Iowa, small-town merchants would pull out all the stops during the holidays – staying open late and staging holiday scenes in storefronts to draw shoppers downtown.

It worked, Voelker remembered, and it got her to thinking recently that it would probably work in Cape Elizabeth as well.

“It would be cute with all the New England charm here,” said Voelker, who owns Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic in Cape.

Holiday events and other activities year-round are what Cape businesses need to thrive, Voelker believes, and many other businesses in town apparently agree.

This month, Voelker launched the Cape Merchants Association to help businesses in town promote themselves and each other. Already, a sizable number of businesses have signed on, including Alewives Farm, Paula Banks Consulting, Shore Things and Re/Max Oceanside.

“It’s basically our version of ‘Buy Local,’” Voelker said, referring to efforts popping up in towns and cities around Maine, encouraging people to do business close to home as a way of supporting each other and the community.

Voelker and other interested business owners have met once and have been brainstorming ideas about how to keep Cape in the forefront of residents’ minds when they head out to shop or need a service.

CMA meetings

When: First Tuesday of each month
Time: 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Next meeting: April 5, at Re/Max, 1237 Shore Road

For instance, businesses could create a map showing landmarks and local businesses, with CMA members buying ads. A flier for visitors with a directory of local businesses might be a way to tap into the thousands of visitors who come here every year. Other ideas include a Welcome Wagon, with local businesses offering coupons and samples to new residents, and networking events so CMA members can steer customers to each other.

Voelker and other CMA founders also want to create a Second Friday Art Walk soon, to encourage local businesses to support Cape artists and get people going from business to business to see the exhibits. “It would be nice to see a street full of people getting out of their homes and checking out our downtown.”

For Voelker, at its core, the CMA will try to push a simple idea that can help businesses grow.

“We get people coming into our businesses that otherwise wouldn’t,” she said.

The organization is open to anyone who owns a business located in Cape Elizabeth.

Town Briefs

Go online to order compost bins by April 29

Need a sure sign of spring? How about the annual compost bin sale?

The town Recycling Committee conducts the sale in conjunction with the Maine Resource Recovery Association to encourage more residents to compost. Composting can reduce the amount of waste that the town disposes of, and that means the town and taxpayers save money.

The Earth Machine compost bins can be ordered through April 29 and will be available for pick up after May 9. The cost is \$25 per bin, with a kitchen scrap pail available for \$5.

The bins help residents turn grass clippings, leaves and table scraps into rich garden soil. They are 33 by 35 inches, with a capacity of 80 gallons, and are made from recycled plastic. The bins come with a 10-year warranty and instruction booklet.

Order forms are available online. Call Al Ward at 799-4151 (Public Works).

Will residents use web to pay tax bills?

Town officials will be watching the response to a new online property tax payment option to see if it builds on a trend of residents using the web more often to transact business.

Since the latest tax bills were sent out Feb. 18, residents have had the ability to pay their property taxes online using an electronic check, debit card or credit card. Payments can either be made immediately, or a payment can be scheduled to be made at some future time.

Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane told the Town Council at its March 14

meeting that 31 residents registered for the online tax payment system, and 10 scheduled payments during the first three weeks the system had been available. Property tax bills are due April 5.

Paying the bills online is not free, Lane noted. The vendor operating the system for the town, Invoice Cloud, charges 40 cents to process a payment from an electronic check, \$3.95 for debit card transactions and 2.95 percent of the transaction amount for credit card payments. None of that money goes to the town, Lane said.

Lane noted that an ongoing council goal is to allow residents to transact more business with the town online.

Future Open Space Committee complete

Membership on the town’s Future Open Space Preservation Committee has been rounded out.

The panel was formed by the Town Council late last year to help with a range of open-space issues—for example, members were asked to identify properties that the town should try to preserve as open space and to research potential sources of financing to help with purchases.

The committee includes three public members and a number of members appointed to represent various groups. The members are Caitlin Jordan, Jessica Sullivan and Frank Governali, representing the council; Carol Ann Jordan, Planning Board; Richard Bauman, conservation commission; John Greene, Cape Farm Alliance; and Wayne Brooking, Jr., Craig Cooper and Bo Norris, public members.

The committee held an organizational meeting on March 24.

—Patricia McCarthy

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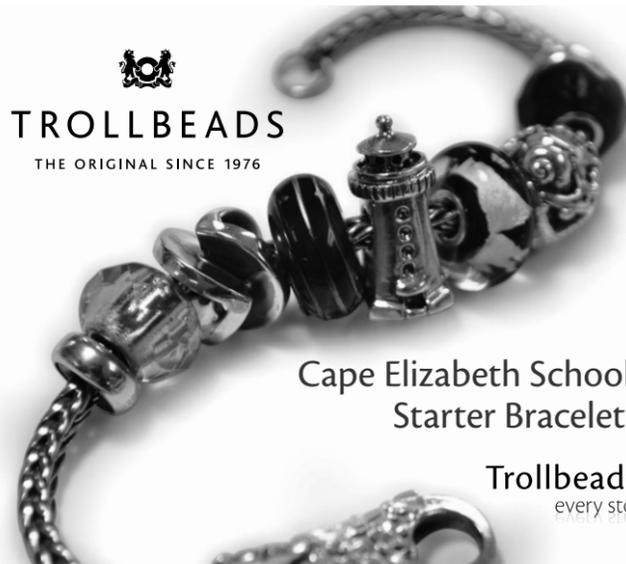
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Rare fungus threatens 85 percent of Cape Elizabeth's trees

By Debbie Butterworth

When Greg Marathas, an arborist with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, was visiting a family friend in Cape Elizabeth last summer, he was concerned about what appeared to be signs of a potentially deadly infestation of the Anthracnose fungus on numerous trees in the Fort Williams area.

"I remember studying this disease when doing my undergraduate work," he said. "But we were told that it was highly unlikely we would ever encounter it doing our field work because scientists have worked diligently to eradicate this fungus and the damage it can cause."

He explained that single attacks of the disease are generally not fatal to trees, but from the condition of the leaves he observed, he felt that this infestation has been building for several years, increasing significantly the risk of widespread impact to the trees in this area.

Initial identification can be made by

observing brownish leaf blotches along the veins on the underside of the leaf, along with premature leaf drop. "I saw trees that had lost virtually all their leaves last year and it was only August," stated one of the park rangers.

"As the disease progresses over a period of just a few years, the fungus moves into the stem tissue, and at that point, the tree is doomed," explained Marathas. "When it has reached this stage of intensity, it has rapidly spread, and there is evidence that it has contaminated many species of trees, including maple, oak, elm, walnut and birch."

Marathas has been working through the winter with other horticultural professionals to develop a plan to deal with the trees that have already been affected, which by his estimate, would be approximately 85 percent of the trees in Fort Williams.

"I hate to say it, but at this point, it looks like there are only two viable options in Cape Elizabeth," Marathas said.

"We could try to initiate an aerial spraying program, which may or may not slow the progression of the fungus. Of course, with any program like this, there are inherent risks, and the somewhat toxic Manzate/Dithane combination of fungicide has been linked with a number of studies of early dementia, respiratory infec-



Photo by Debbie Butterworth

This photo of a defoliated tree near Portland Head Light, taken in August, shows the severity of a fungus attacking trees in Cape Elizabeth. Many trees like this one probably will need to be removed from Fort Williams to stop the spread of the disease.

tions, skin lesions, memory loss and birth defects. However, some studies suggest that if spraying is done at night when most people are indoors, the potential side effects can be minimized."

To be effective, according to the chemical manufacturer, a rigorous program of multiple applications across the town would need to be dispersed before the buds emerge in April.

The only other solution to avoid a total deforestation of the town would be to remove those trees from the Fort. All but a few trees would have to be cut down.

While this would certainly change the landscape of our park and possibly impact activities at the Fort this summer because of the heavy equipment needed for the tree removal, the town might possibly stand to gain from this disaster if the harvested wood can be sold as lumber.

"It's too early to tell if the wood has become discolored as a result of the fungus," explained Marathas. "But when we start cutting, we'll know for sure."

Reaction from townspeople has been mixed. "When I first heard about losing all those historic old trees at the Fort, I was upset," stated one ranger. "But then I thought maybe it's not so bad, because with all that new open space, we'll have more room to perhaps build more ballfields for the kids. And maybe I can pick up some of that lumber for my deck."

Others had more of an emotional reaction, mourning the loss of the stately old trees and the environmental impact their loss will bring.

While this identification has been limited to Fort Williams at this point, residential trees are also at significant risk, especially on properties along Shore Road and other adjoining neighborhoods.

"It is our responsibility to halt the spread of this insidious disease," explained a spokesperson from Augusta. "To that end, town officials, relying on the professional advice from arborists like Marathas, have the authority to issue mandates to residents, requiring them to remove offending trees from their property."

The official went on to say that while there have been reforestation funds available in the past to help cover the costs of planting replacement trees, it is doubtful that money for a project of this magnitude in a town with resources like Cape Elizabeth's would be available.

"Perhaps local civic organizations would be willing to take on the replanting as a service project," said a town official. "Or maybe groups looking to make a little money could sell replacement trees to residents similar to a Christmas tree sale."

Town officials will be hearing testimony from horticultural experts, including Marathas, at a special town meeting.

Following the informational session, they will take comments and questions from concerned residents. Officials will then make a decision as to whether they want to remove the trees or start the spraying program. The meeting will take place on April 1, meaning that anyone hoping to attend this fictitious meeting will realize it's an April Fool's joke!

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Special election May 10 to replace Democrat Bliss in state Senate

A special election will be held May 10 in Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and part of Scarborough to pick someone to replace Lawrence Bliss in state Senate District 7.

Bliss, a Democrat, resigned in March to accept a job as an administrator in the University of California system.

Bliss was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in November 2000, and re-elected in 2002, 2004 and 2006. In 2008, he ran for the state Senate and beat Republican John F. Ridge.

The date for the special election was set

by Secretary of State Charles Summers.

The Cumberland County Democratic, Green Independent and Republican committees will need to caucus to pick candidates from their parties and submit the names to the state by 4 p.m. on April 7. Candidates who are not enrolled in a party can get a space on the ballot by submitting petitions with signatures from at least 200 voters, with the same deadline of 4 p.m., April 7.

District 7 covers South Portland and Cape Elizabeth and the eastern part of Scarborough.

Planners don't restrict roosters, urge action on noise ordinances

By Wendy Derzawiec

Support for roosters in Cape Elizabeth surged this spring, enough for the Planning Board to recommend that zoning laws continue to allow the birds in residential neighborhoods.

The board did, however, recommend that the Town Council consider updating current noise and disturbing-the-peace ordinances as ways to address rooster behavior that runs afoul of neighbors.

At its meeting March 17, the board voted 3-2 against a move to restrict roosters to Cape Elizabeth properties larger than 40,000 square feet—about one acre. In a second vote, the board voted 4-1 to recommend the council make changes to ordinances other than zoning.

Board member Jim Huebener voted against both recommendations. "I just think it's one more regulation that is unnecessary and takes away from the rural character" of Cape Elizabeth, Huebener said of the zoning restriction. The votes followed the second public hearing the board has held on proposed rooster ordinance amendments.

The first, held in December, led to a deadlock and prompted the board to table consideration to a future meeting.

The rooster problem was first referred to the board by the Town Council last August at the request of a resident who complained about a neighboring rooster disturbing his sleep. The call for rooster regulation was supported by other residents, but even they questioned whether zoning was the answer.

Limiting roosters to larger lots would not help neighbors living next to a coop situated on a property line, Beacon Lane resident Gib Mendelson told the board at its December meeting.

At the March meeting, other residents came forward to defend residential roosters. Young Lane resident Beth Angle told the board how her daughter's interest in a bantam rooster led her to join and move up the ranks of the 4H. "It brought her into the agriculture community, and I'm really worried that we're headed away from encouraging our children to be in agriculture," Angle said.

She described the zoning proposal as a "slippery slope" that could lead to regula-

tions on geese and other animals. "I think you shouldn't legislate something because of a couple of complaints that couldn't be resolved within the nuisance ordinance," she said.

Members of Cape Elizabeth's farming community also spoke March 17. Penny Jordan, representing the Cape Farm Alliance, said she supported regulating roosters through a noise ordinance "because roosters are a food source." Cape farmer Jodie Jordan said he believed regulations make it hard enough for a farmer to make a living. "I don't think that you need to make any more regulations on roosters especially," he said.

Board member Victoria Volent made the motion for the zoning restriction. She said limiting roosters to one-acre properties or larger would not affect Cape Elizabeth's commercial farms and would address the real concerns of neighbors. The motion failed 2-3, with board members Huebener, Henry Steinman and Carol Anne Jordan opposed. Chairman Elaine Falendar and Volent supported the zoning restriction.

A second vote to recommend changes to other ordinances was opposed only by Huebener. New board member Richard Olfene abstained from both votes because he said he did not know enough about the issue.

The board's recommendations will now go to the Town Council, which will likely refer them to their ordinance subcommittee before holding another hearing and making a final decision.

Rudy's renovation OK extended

In other matters, the board voted to extend its March 2010 approval for Rudy's of the Cape, 517 Ocean House Road, to expand to an 80-seat restaurant.

Architect Pat Carroll, representing owner Mary (Page) Otulakowski, said he was requesting the extension because the renovations planned for last summer were put on hold pending a change in tenant operators.

Using a new Planning Board rule that allows public comment on any agenda item, Rudy's neighbor Gail Schmader urged the board to reconsider its approval of outdoor entertainment for Rudy's.

The board approved the extension, however, without discussion.

Conservation Commission to walk trails to check needs; public welcome to attend

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission will take one of its regular walks this weekend, with the focus on Great Pond.

The commission walks trails in town to monitor their appearance and help deter-

mine maintenance needs.

On Saturday, April 2, the commission plans on walking the trails around Great Pond. Members will meet at Kettle Cove Creamery and Cafe at 8 a.m., and the outing is considered a public meeting.

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Fowler Road farm to open organic stand from June to Thanksgiving

Mary Ellen and Austin Chadd of Green Spark Farm will open a stand at the farm's 316 Fowler Road location this spring.

The Green Spark Farm stand will be open once a week on Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m., from June through Thanksgiving.

"We want to connect with the local neighborhoods in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth," Mary Ellen explains. "We can host community activities on the farm, and give back to our neighbors."

Last year, the Chadds sold exclusively at the Portland Farmers' Market. The couple hopes a farm stand open before the weekend and offering organic vegetables close to South Portland will draw new business.

The Chadds lease about 10 acres in Cape Elizabeth for organic farming, and hope to feed families in South Portland and Cape



Photo by John Dillon

Veggies from Green Spark Farm, at the Portland Farmer's Market last summer:

Elizabeth looking for organic produce.

"We want to offer something different to local eaters, so we grow rare and heir-

loom French cantaloupes, orange-fleshed watermelons, and husk cherries, as well as some of the classics like rainbow carrots,

tomatoes and sugar-snap peas," says Mary Ellen.

The Chadds also are starting a Community Supported Agriculture program this year. Customers who pay in advance will receive a bonus of 10 percent and be able to shop off their credit at the farm or the Portland Farmers' Market.

"We need to get at least 50 members signed up at the farm to make opening the stand work," says Mary Ellen. "I hope Green Spark Farm can be a farm for the neighborhood."

The Chadds are planning you-pick-pumpkins for CSA members this fall, as well as potato digging, and garlic-planting events.

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Police deal with everything from illegal dumping to assault to fraud

Reported By Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 2-24 An officer met with a resident of the Eastman Road area about a criminal mischief complaint. The rear window of the plaintiff's truck camper had been broken.
- 2-26 An officer met with a representative at the Transfer Station about an illegal dumping complaint. The responsible party was identified and contacted.
- 2-27 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about credit-card fraud.
- 2-28 Two officers responded to an unoccupied vehicle off the road on Mitchell Road. The vehicle was removed, and attempts were made to locate the operator.
- 3-4 An officer met with a public works representative about damage to the donation box at Portland Head Light and the theft of its contents.
- 3-4 An officer responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check. The subject was accounted for, and further arrangements for assistance were made.
- 3-5 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about the theft of a snowblower, described as an orange Husqvarna valued at \$1,000.
- 3-5 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a suspicious-person complaint.
- 3-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a motor-vehicle burglary. Taken was a purse containing miscellaneous credit and identification cards and about \$20.
- 3-6 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about harassing phone calls.
- 3-9 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area regarding an unwanted subject.
- 3-10 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about damage to a garage that occurred when a vehicle slid into the building during a recent storm.
- 3-11 An officer met with a resident of Shore Acres about a lost or stolen iPad.

- 3-11 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about fraudulent charges on a credit card.

SUMMONSES

- 3-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road, \$310
- 3-1 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Avenue, \$171
- 3-1 South Portland resident, speeding (46/35 zone) Route 77, \$137
- 3-1 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, possession of suspended license, Fowler Road
- 3-1 Massachusetts resident, speeding (47/35 zone) Ocean House Road, \$137
- 3-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating without a license, Ocean Street, South Portland
- 3-2 Falmouth resident, operating with a suspended registration, Bowery Beach Road
- 3-2 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 3-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 3-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-4 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Fowler Road, \$171
- 3-4 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$70
- 3-5 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Eastman Road
- 3-5 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, \$171
- 3-6 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Cottage Road, South Portland, \$310
- 3-7 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Spurwink Avenue, \$171
- 3-8 Durham resident, failure to produce insurance, operating without a license, Ocean House Road, \$308
- 3-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop for a stop sign, Route 77, \$131
- 3-9 Scarborough resident, unregistered vehicle, Spurwink Road, \$70
- 3-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Spurwink Road

- 3-11 Portland resident, speeding (30-plus miles over limit), Mitchell Road
- 3-11 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$133
- 3-11 Scarborough resident, speeding (54/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$185
- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, \$171
- 3-11 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Fowler Road, \$133
- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, assault, Lydon Lane
- 3-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, furnishing a place for underage people to consume alcohol, State Avenue
- 3-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 3-12 Hebron resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-14 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 3-14 Scarborough resident, speeding (39/30 zone), failure to produce insurance, Fowler Road, \$290
- 3-14 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road

- 3-1 Bruce Flanders, Elizabeth Smith, accident on Scott Dyer Road
- 3-10 Julian McGinn, Kimmie Ottesen, accident on Route 77

ARRESTS

- 3-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Spurwink Avenue
- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating with a suspended registration, Bowery Beach Road
- 3-11 Portland resident, exceeding posted speed limit by 30 mph or more, Mitchell Road
- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, assault, Lydon Lane

FIRE CALLS

- 3-4 Mitchell Road, fire alarm
- 3-6 Ocean House Road, fire alarm
- 3-9 Cottage Farms Road, building fire
- 3-11 Stonegate Road, carbon monoxide detector
- 3-11 Shore Road, assistance
- 3-11 Casco Bay, water/ice rescue
- 3-14 Stonegate Road, outside equipment fire

RESCUE CALLS

There were 13 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 runs to Mercy Hospital. There was 1 patient treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 3-12 Possession of alcohol

ACCIDENTS

- 3-1 Nathan Botelho, Nolan Morris, accident on Oakhurst Road

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Gen. Henry Knox, Knox Museum to be topics of Genealogical Society's meeting on April 2

Sophia Mendoza, education coordinator at Montpelier: The Gen. Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, will speak about Knox, who served in the Continental Army and the U.S. Army and went on to become the first U.S. Secretary of War, at the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society's meeting on Saturday, April 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mendoza also will discuss programs and exhibits at the museum housed in Knox's mansion, Montpelier. Mendoza's 1 p.m. presentation will be preceded by a 12:30 p.m. social time.

Mendoza, a Harpswell resident and a graduate of Bowdoin College, interned as a graduate student at the Knox Museum and also with the Maine Historical Society, Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, and the Bostonian Society. Her professional career has included projects involving the Maine Historical Society, Colby College's Special Collections, the Tate House Museum and the University of Southern Maine. She serves on the Maine Historic Records advisory board.



Gen. Henry Knox

GPCMGS meetings, held the first Saturday of each month, are free and open to the public. The church is located at 29 Ocean House Road. Call Deb Locke at 209-329-6438 or go to ww.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megpcmg/ for more information.

Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



About 150 years ago, on the eve of the Civil War, the people of Cape Elizabeth were going about their daily business, unaware of the trials to come. Certainly there were signs of trouble brewing, but except for the recent election, it all must have seemed very far away. In coming months, a Cape Courier series by Ellen Van Fleet follows the development of the war through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth in 1861. Cape Elizabeth author Paul J. Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," will be the main guide. Small entries in the Courier will capture the news and concerns as events unfolding outside of Cape Elizabeth thrust their way into the local consciousness.

March 26, 1861: At the Town Meeting, held yesterday, "the entire Republican Party ticket of town officers was elected by the largest majorities known since the formation of the party" as the town continued its support for the president. ["A Maine Town Responds," Paul Ledman]

In additional business, \$2000 was appropriated for repairs for Vaughn's Bridge and additional \$2000 was earmarked for schools and more funds were allocated for road repair, support of the poor and to pay interest on the town debt. ["A Maine Town Responds," Paul Ledman]

For the past two weeks audiences are flocking to see John Wilkes Booth play Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice" as well as starring in Shakespeare's "Richard III." Booth also plans to treat his audiences to performances of "The Corsican Brothers," "Raphael the Reprobate," and "The Female Forty Thieves." Booth has proved to be so popular that he has agreed to extend his performances by three weeks. [Maine State Archives]

April 6, 1861 The Portland Kerosene Oil Company are about to enlarge their works again, and have contracted with

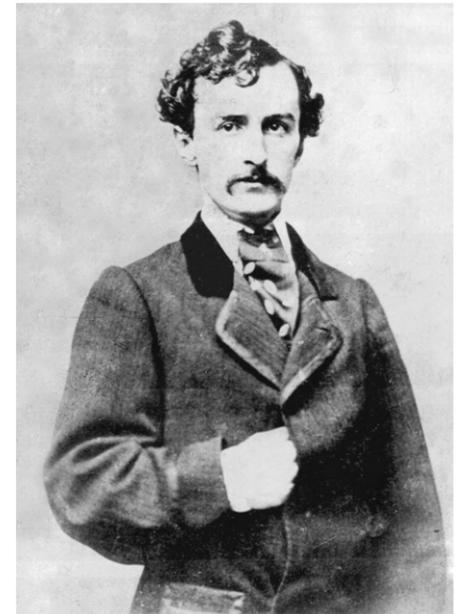


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John Wilkes Booth

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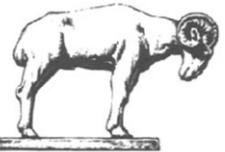
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CALENDAR

Reported by Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, March 30

School Board Policy Committee, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Friday, April 1

Jazz Cabaret, 7 p.m., High school cafeteria
 Engine 2 Annual Hockey Fundraiser, 7:20 p.m., Portland Ice Arena

Saturday, April 2

Conservation Commission Trail Walk, 8 a.m.
 Baseball/Softball Boosters Spring Dance /Silent Auction, 7 p.m.-midnight, Camp Ketcha

Sunday, April 3

Jazz Cabaret, 2 p.m., High school cafeteria

Monday, April 4

Town Council Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, April 5

High School Sailing Team Fundraiser, 5:30-9 p.m., Flatbread Pizza, Portland

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

Wednesday, April 6

Community Services Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

School Board, Town Council Finance Committee review of school, Community Services budgets, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, April 7

Alternative Energy Committee, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Town Hall

Middle School Spring Musical "Guys & Dolls Jr.," 7 p.m., cafetorium

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Town Council Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Friday, April 8

Middle School Spring Musical "Guys & Dolls Jr.," 7 p.m., cafetorium

Saturday, April 9

Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation Retreat & Workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Alban's

Middle School Spring Musical "Guys & Dolls Jr.," 2 & 7 p.m., cafetorium

Sunday, April 10

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

Middle School Spring Musical "Guys & Dolls Jr.," 2 p.m., cafetorium

Monday, April 11

Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, April 12

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

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

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Open Space & Greenbelt Management Plan Committee, 8 p.m., second floor Town Hall

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. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's, 885 Shore Road.

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

Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, except holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first & third Tuesdays (except July and August) at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, head of Two Lights Road. 799-4610 or 831-0166.

Fire-Police meetings, 7 p.m. third Thursday of each month except July and August at the Cape Elizabeth Police Station, 325 Ocean House Road.

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at Purpoodock Country Club. 799-1842.

American Legion, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, United Methodist Church. 767-6109.

Firefighters, high school players face off in April 1 hockey game

The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department will face off against the Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team in their fourth-annual fundraiser on Friday, April 1, at 7:20 p.m. at the Portland Ice Arena.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, can be bought at the door.

Proceeds benefit Engine 2 Company.

Lions' breakfasts on April 10, May 8

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host pancake breakfasts from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sundays, April 10 and May 8, Mother's Day, at the Lions clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads. The breakfasts include a choice of pancakes, French toast or scrambled eggs and toast, plus sausage, coffee and juice.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will go to Lions' charities.

Community Services' brochure available online; summer program registration opens on April 3

Cape Community Services' summer brochure, which can be viewed online now, will arrive in mailboxes by the end of March. Online registration for summer programs, which will open at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, will be available at www.cape.k12.me.us by clicking on the "Community Services" link.

The brochure has programs for residents

of all ages.

"The brochure features not only adult programs, but also camps and activities for students in middle school, high school, preschool, and elementary school," Community Services Director Janet Hoskin said.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

'April Scoop' cleanup at Fort set for April 9

The second annual April Scoop, when dog owners clean up the off-leash area at Fort Williams, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9, with a rain date scheduled the next day at the same time. All who attend should bring gloves and a scoop or shovel. Trash bags will

be provided. Dogs will be welcome.

The event aims to "help keep the park clean and preserve the positive image of dogs in the community," organizer Theresa Fox said.

Contact Fox at gunner@maine.rr.com or 767-4429 for more information.

Cape musicians to perform in April 10 concert

Three Cape Elizabeth musicians will perform in a Portland Rossini Club concert at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Portland at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Mark Braun will perform on piano; Seth Blank will play French horn; and Braun's daughter, Camille, a Cape Elizabeth High School senior, will assist on violin for Gabri-

el Fauré's Piano Trio in D Minor, Op. 120.

The suggested admission donation is \$10, \$5 for seniors, and students are free. Call Richard Roberts at 797-8318 for more information, or go to www.phyllisleeke.com. The church is located at 143 State St. Parking is available at a lot behind the church, which is off Park Street.

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Three Lions Club members receive honors

Cape Lions Club members, Kim Brooks, Richard Perham and Norman Jordan recently received Melvin Jones Fellowship awards, which are among the highest honors the Lions Club bestows. Created in 1973 to honor Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones, the fellowships recognize dedication to humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion and concern for the less fortunate.

The Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world, funding programs and initiatives that address global and local humanitarian needs.

New members are always welcome. The Cape group meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month from September through June, at the clubhouse located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler



Photos by Lee Taylor

Kim Brooks, left, and Richard Perham display their Melvin Jones Fellowship awards on March 15.

roads. Contact Bruce Balfour at 831-0166 for more information.

Nine Cape dancers to perform in April in Portland Ballet's 'Flat Stanley' production

Nine Cape dancers will perform in the Portland Ballet's "Around the World with Flat Stanley — The Case of the Red Shoe" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 471 Stroudwater St. in Westbrook.

Eight of the dancers — Hannah Wallace, Helena Rieger, Lillian Grassin-Drake, Vanessa Van Deusen, Nika Johnson, Rachel Lockwood, Emma Wellins and Griffin Carpenter, who plays Flat Stanley — are Cape students at the Portland School of Ballet, which is part of Portland Ballet. Vanessa Van Deusen's father, Roger Van Deusen, plays the postmaster.

The ballet is based on the children's book, "Flat Stanley," by Jeff Brown, about a boy who is flattened by a falling bulletin board only to discover how easy traveling is when one can fit inside an envelope. The Portland School of Ballet received rights from the author's estate to use the "Flat Stanley" name and concept for the production.



Photo by Julie Rieger

Cape ballerina, Hannah Wallace, far left, dances at a Portland Ballet rehearsal of "Around the World with Flat Stanley."

Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults and will be available at the door. Call 772-9671 or go to www.portlandballet.org for more information.

International Affairs Trivia Challenge!



Photo by Marialice Wallace

Posing March 13 in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria during the World Affairs Council's fourth annual International Affairs Trivia Challenge are members of the winning table, left to right, Tim Queeney, Audrey Castro, Colleen Myers, Rick Ackermann, Debbie Fisher, Ogden Williams and Paul Ledman. The defending champion team from the Council on International Educational Exchange in Portland came in second, followed by a student team from Greely High School in Cumberland. More than 100 people, comprising 12 tables, participated in the trivia-style competition, which focuses on world knowledge and current events and raises money for the WAC.

Cape Garden Club to meet on April 13

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, at the Hunts Point Road home of CEGC President Jane Zimmerman.

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Cape figure skater to perform April 9, 10

Cape skater Meaghan Monaghan will perform in the North Atlantic Figure Skating Club's show, "The Elton John Songbook," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, at the Family Ice Center, 20 Hat Trick Drive in Falmouth. The show will include youth and adult skaters.

Tickets are \$8 for kids and seniors, \$12 for adults, and \$20 for reserved seats with backs. Call 781-5058 for more information.

Cape girls to dance, sing at April 9 benefit

Cape fifth-graders, Brooke Cottrell, Rachel Conrad and Molly Stone, will sing and dance at the Perform for a Cure variety show fundraiser, set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the South Portland auditorium. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Community Center in South Portland.

The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students.



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Experts offer financial advice during Money Smart Week at the library

A grant from the Key Bank Foundation has made it possible for the Thomas Memorial Library to participate in Money Smart Week, a national initiative of the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to provide a weeklong series of free financial literacy programs.

Highlights of the week will include a visit from Washington, D.C.-based author Alisa T. Weinstein, who will present two programs based on her book, "Earn It, Learn It: Teach Your Child the Value of Money, Work, and Time Well Spent."

Weinstein's book has been featured in *The New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes*. Other programs will include a talk on investment strategies by Ben Sprague, author of "Buy, Hold, Sell: A Disciplined Guide to Investment Success"; a panel discussion on entrepreneurship featuring local small-business owners; a program on fraud prevention for seniors, and another featuring estate planning information and advice.

Details on the schedule of programs for



Author Alisa T. Weinstein will address the topic of kids and allowance on Saturday, April 2, at the library.

Money Smart Week can be found on the library's website and in brochures available at the library and around town.

Visit www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org for details.

Money Smart Week schedule of events

Programs are free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Parent-child workshop/book signing with Alisa T. Weinstein. Preregistration required.

3-4 p.m.

Parent Q&A/book signing with Weinstein

Tuesday, April 5, 7-7:45 p.m.

Author talk and investment advice with financial analyst Benjamin Sprague

Wednesday, April 6, 2-3 p.m.

Fraud alert! Scams and how to avoid them with Cape Police Officer Mark Dorval

Thursday, April 7, 7-8 p.m.

Discussion of entrepreneurship with local business owners: Aaron Anker of GrandyOats, Tricia Healy Mitchell of Avolli, Ann Perrino of Ann Veronica Handprints, Jamie Wagner of The Local Buzz, with moderator/Cape resident Nancy Strojny of SCORE Maine

Friday, April 8, 2-3 p.m.

Estate planning advice from representatives from Key Bank's Trust Department

Staying informed



Cape Elizabeth resident Mahmud Faksh, a native of Syria, spoke to an audience of more than 30 people about current events in the Middle East on March 10 at the library. Faksh is a professor of political science at the University of Southern Maine.

Rose Kennealy is the April featured artist; library invites public to April 1 reception



"Late Summer Hay," a 16- by 40-inch painting is among the works of Rose Kennealy on display during April at the Thomas Memorial Library.

In April, the Thomas Memorial Library Gallery will feature a painting exhibit titled, "Contemplative Spaces" by Cape Elizabeth artist Rose Kennealy.

The exhibit can be seen from April 1 to 30. An opening reception, open to everyone, will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 1.

Most of the works are exterior landscapes of places, many in Cape, which, as Kennealy says, "hold the power to induce moments of

stillness and internal reflection."

"The formative part of each painting is the time spent in the place it depicts, absorbing the way the space feels and sounds and the way it wears light," Kennealy says.

"Many of the paintings were considered for a long time before making it out onto canvas, and their energy is cumulative over all that time. The whole exhibit invites you into spaces that offer room for contemplation."

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Library news on Facebook, Twitter

The Thomas Memorial Library now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Follow the library on Facebook or Twitter @

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April 2 supper planned at Methodist Church

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, April 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The supper will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts for a charge of \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for families. Take-out will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org for more information about the supper and other church activities.

St. Alban's choirs to give April 3 concert

The choirs of Saint Alban's Episcopal Church will present "Music For A Sunday Afternoon" at 3 p.m. on April 3. The program, which will include sacred works by Bach, Manz, Mendelssohn and Young, will feature organ and clavichord solos and performances by the church's chancel, hand bell and youth hand bell choirs.

Admission will be free, but donations to the church's music program will be gratefully accepted. Call 799-4014 for more information.

Tutu Foundation chair at St. Alban's in April

The Rev. Robert V. Taylor, chair of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, will be at St. Alban's Episcopal Church April 9-10.

Originally from South Africa, where he was an antiapartheid activist, Taylor previously served as dean of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Seattle, Wash. The nonprofit Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation has a mission to support a culture of peace in the spirit of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

Taylor will lead a retreat and workshop, "Pathways to Becoming Fully Alive," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 9. The cost for the event, which will include lunch, is \$40 before April 1, and \$50 after April 1 and at the door. Go to www.stalbansmaine.org to register. Call 799-4014 for more information.

Taylor will present the sermon at the 9:30 a.m. service on April 10.

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Middle school families, you have homework: Eat dinner together every night April 4-8

By Wendy Keeler

Most middle school students can count on homework every school night, but nightly family dinners? Not so much. Cape Elizabeth Middle School's Guidance Department would like to change that, however – at least for a week. From April 4 to 8, dining together will be homework for CEMS families.

"Eating dinner is a great way for parents to connect with kids," CEMS guidance counselor Gretchen McCloy said. "Research shows that ... families who are in the habit of talking together at dinner time find it easier to talk about difficult conversations down the road regarding dating, drinking, parties, etc."

Teenagers whose families have dinner together fewer than three times a week "are more than twice as likely to say that they expect to try drugs" than those whose families eat together five to seven times a week, McCloy said, quoting a 2010 report from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse.

But organizing family meals every night is no easy thing, McCloy said.

"With the hectic schedules our families have, it takes a great deal of patience, thoughtfulness and energy to pull off dinner as a family," she said.

During the week, CEMS will send daily e-mails to parents with tips ranging from ideas for quick, healthy meals to conversation starters to research on why family dinner time is so critical," McCloy said. The information also will be posted on the school's home-page blog at www.capeelizabeth.com.

McCloy's upbringing makes her "personally passionate" on the topic of nightly family meals.

"I grew up in a busy family, but it was always really important to my parents, former Cape teachers, Kathy Hanson Earle and Buddy Earle, that we ate together as a family. Sometimes our meals would be at 8 p.m., but my parents valued this time for us to talk as a family. I want to help encourage other families to promote this healthy tradition."

Contact McCloy at 799-8176 or gmcloy@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Students crunch numbers in dining room for 14 straight hours in 'Mega Math Challenge'

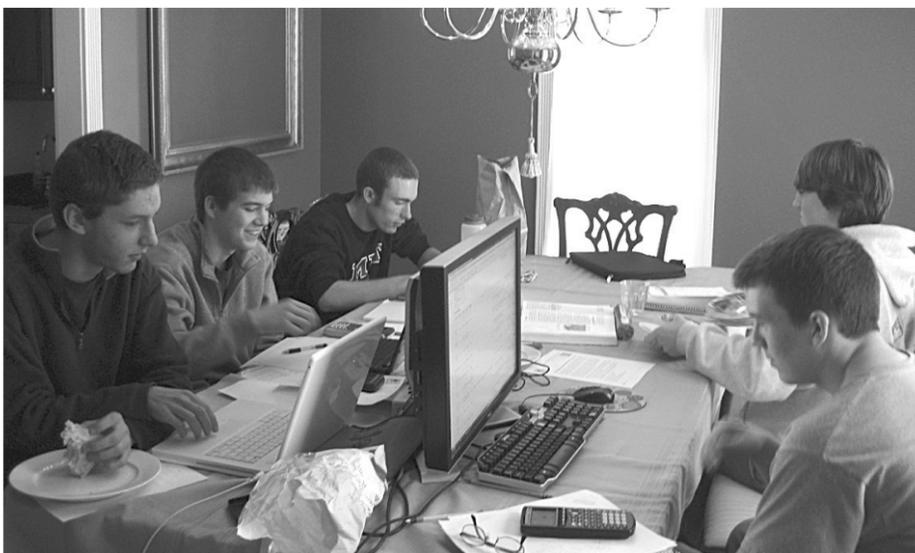


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Cape Elizabeth High School students, clockwise from front left, Ethan DiNinno, Paul Hamerski, Jack Queeney, Teddy Farnsworth and Matt Miklavic hunker down for 14 hours on March 6 in Farnsworth's dining room while tackling Moody's Mega Math Challenge, an applied mathematics competition for high school students in the eastern U.S. In this year's M3 challenge, sponsored by the Moody's Foundation and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2,585 students spent 7 a.m. -9 p.m. crunching numbers and creating math models to determine the long-term impact of the drought on Lake Powell, located on the border of Utah and Arizona. The Cape group submitted a 13-page paper. Finalists will be notified in April.

Sailing team fundraiser on April 5 at Flatbread

Flatbread Pizza in Portland will donate \$3.50 of every pizza sold from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, to the Cape Elizabeth High School's sailing team. Proceeds raised at the event will go toward team uniforms. Team members will sell tickets that night for a raffle that will include a personal flotation device from West Marine, movie tickets, earrings by Cape jeweler Lisa Gent, gift certi-

ificates, T-shirts and more. The four-year-old coed club team, which currently includes eight members, competes in the fall and spring. This spring the team will travel throughout New England competing in regattas against other high school teams. The restaurant is located at 72 Commercial St. Contact Lisa Gent at lisagent@myfairpoint.net or 799-9739 for information.

Have camping gear to loan, sell or donate?

Cape Elizabeth Middle School sixth-graders, who spend five days every May in Wiscasset at the Chewonki Foundation's outdoor education program, are always in need of camping equipment for the program: rain gear, frame backpacks, sleeping bags and headlamps. The Middle School Parents Association has organized an online exchange to connect sixth-grade families with

community members who have equipment to donate, sell, loan or swap. Go to www.capemspa.org/who-we-are/chewonki-equipment-exchange to view lists of items that are needed and items that are available. Contact Suzanne McGinn at smcginn1@maine.rr.com for more information. Sixth-grade parents and the MSPA fund the Chewonki program.

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Jazz Cabaret set for April 1, 3 at CEHS



Photo by Warren Roos

Cape Elizabeth High School's Cannonball Adderley Combo is among the CEHS and Cape Elizabeth Middle School musical groups slated to perform in Jazz Cabaret events Friday, April 1, and Sunday, April 3, in the CEHS cafeteria. Combo members include, left to right, front, Abby McInerney, Justin Cary, Julianne Ayers; and, rear, James Yokabaskas, Jessie Morgan and Brett Parker. Macklin Sweeney is not pictured.

Cape Elizabeth High School and Middle School musicians will play at two Jazz Cabaret performances the first weekend of April in the CEHS cafeteria. The first Jazz Cabaret is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, and the second for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3.

The events will feature six high school music groups: the Concert Jazz Ensemble, the Tuesday Evening Jazz Ensemble, the Tuesday Combo, the Thursday Combo, the Repertory Jazz Ensemble and the Cannonball Adderley Combo. The middle school's eighth-grade jazz band will perform at the Jazz Cabaret on Friday night.

Tickets, which will be for sale at the

door, are \$5 per person, \$15 per family and \$3 for seniors and students. Refreshments will be available.

The Jazz Cabaret on April 1 will include a dedication to Ralph Norris, who will retire after 14 years with the Cape jazz program.

A saxophonist and retired civil engineer, Norris, a Falmouth resident, conducts the Tuesday, Thursday and Cannonball Adderley combos and also writes music for the ensembles. A former member of the Don Doane and Terry White big bands, he has also recorded with pianist Tom Snow.

Call Dore Douty at 767-4727 for more information about the Jazz Cabaret events.

'Guys and Dolls Jr.' to run April 7-10



Photo by Stephen Price

Cape Elizabeth Middle School's Drama Club will perform the musical, "Guys and Dolls, Jr.," April 7-10, in the CEMS auditorium. Performances at 7 p.m. are planned Thursday, April 7; Friday, April 8; and Saturday, April 9. On Sunday, April 10, a 2 p.m. show is planned. Set in the colorful world of New York City during the 1940s, the musical is populated with gangsters and gamblers, missionaries and showgirls. The show, which runs about an hour and a half, is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the CEMS front office or at the door. Call 799-8176 for more information.

Students named semifinalists in writing contest

Seven Cape Elizabeth Middle School writers have been named semifinalists in the first round of the Letters about Literature writing contest, which asks students to write a letter to an author describing how they have been affected by the author's work.

Eighth-grade semifinalists are Sierra Bates, Eva Brydson and Lily Jordan, students of Terese Roberts, and Rachel Lockwood and Libby O'Brien, who have Jamie

Michaud as a teacher.

Fifth-grade semifinalists are Adeline Hayes, a student of Elizabeth Johnston, and Ford Malter, a student of Sally Connolly.

The contest is sponsored in Maine by the Maine Humanities Council and at the national level by the Library of Congress and Target Corp. The next round will determine state winners, who then will move on to judging at the national level.

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Cape Soccer Club to hold online registration for fall travel soccer for boys, girls next month

The Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club will hold online registration for boys' and girls' fall travel soccer from April 11 to May 1. The program is open to 8- to 14-year-old players. Practices begin in August, and practices and games, which usually total three or four days a week, continue through October.

Teams are divided by age, not grade. Players must turn 8 before Aug. 1, 2011, to register. Go to the CESC website, www.capeelizabethsoccerclub.org, to learn about the different age brackets.

The \$150 registration fee covers players' uniforms, field and referee costs, and tournament fees. The club will hold assessments in the month of May to form teams; details will be announced after registration has closed. Late registrations will be accepted if rosters are not full, but people who sign up late must pay an additional \$35 fee. Go to the CESC website to register.

Contact Mike O'Connor at 767-5860 or president@capeelizabethsoccerclub.org for more information.

Babe Ruth baseball registration set for April 25

Cape Elizabeth's Babe Ruth baseball league will hold registration at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25. Cape residents born between May 1, 1995, and April 30, 1998, are eligible.

A completed registration form, a \$100 registration fee, and a copy of the player's birth certificate will be required at registration. Contact Dan Sullivan at sull@maine.rr.com or Blaine Riggle at driggle@maine.rr.com for more information.

Amanda Slack named 'Performer of Week' three times this season



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Amanda Slack

Cape Elizabeth resident Amanda Slack, a senior at William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., was named Women's "Tennis Performer of the Week" in the Liberty League on March 21 for the third time this season. Slack has a 6-1 season record. At a tournament in Orlando, Fla., Slack beat singles' opponents from Simpson College in Indianola, Ind.; University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.; Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.; and Principia College in Elmhurst, Ill.

Slack and her sister Melissa, her doubles partner on the William Smith team, played for four years on Cape Elizabeth High School's girls' varsity tennis team, which won the 2007 Class B state championship under their co-captaincy.

Will Hall earns honors for tennis, academics



Will Hall

Cape resident Will Hall, a senior at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., has racked up both athletic and academic honors this month. In addition to being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society, Hall was named Athlete of the Week in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference the first week of March.

Captain of the university's nationally ranked tennis team, Hall helped the team that week to a 4-0 record while going 3-0 in singles and 4-0 in doubles.

Last year, Hall won the tennis team's Most Valuable Player award, and he just gets better and better, coach David Detwiler said.

"He is one of the most improved players that I can ever remember from my career here at W&L," said Detwiler said. "He is a good student, is eager to learn and is a very hard worker."

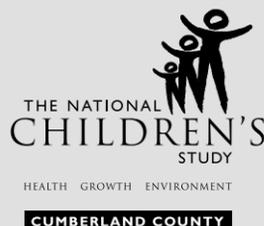
Hall, who graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2007, was captain of the CEHS basketball and tennis teams.



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Downhill racers



Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Emma Landes and Robert "RJ" Sarka, a Cape seventh-grader who attends Carrabassett Valley Academy were among 150 13- to 15-year olds from the East Coast who competed March 3-6 at the 2011 United States Skiing and Snowboard Association Eastern J3 Finals at Sunday River in Bethel. Both raced in Super G, Giant Slalom and Slalom events.

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Travel team completes 37-game season



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Cape Elizabeth's fifth- and sixth-grade travel basketball team finished the season with a 22-16 record. The team competed in the Freeport Travel League, the Boys and Girls Club League and a two-day tournament in Brunswick and made it to the championship game in all three, ultimately losing close games. Members of the team are, left to right, front row, Aiden Knowles, David Hare, Brendan Tinsman, Finn Bowe, Ted Hall; back row, Coach Mike Cloutier, Coach Bob Cloutier, Casey Cloutier, Jack Ingraham, Hunter Stephenson, Roman Cloutier and Coach Bill Hall.

Baseball dance, auction planned on April 2

The third annual Cape Elizabeth Baseball and Softball Boosters Spring Dance and Silent Auction is set for 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, April 2.

The event, which will feature deejay Aaron Filieo, the Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher who also coaches the high school's varsity football team, will be held at Camp Ketcha, 336 Black Point Road in Scarborough.

Proceeds raised at the event will help cover such expenses as coach stipends for freshman and junior varsity teams and equipment.

Tickets can be bought in advance for \$30 per couple or \$20 for a single ticket, or at the door the night of the event for \$35 a couple.

Contact Debbie Allen at debnsteve@maine.rr.com or 799-6210, Ken Pierce at kpierce@monaghanleahy.com or any Booster member for more information.

Dance, silent auction benefiting boys lacrosse to be held on May 6 at Joe's Dockhouse

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' lacrosse boosters will hold a dance and silent auction from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at Joe's Dockhouse in South Portland. Proceeds from the event will benefit the boys' team, the defending state champions. Auction items include a summer getaway week at the Jordan Grand Hotel at Sunday River, golf outings, lacrosse equipment, massages, designer bags, clothing and more.

"Community support of this event will preserve our high quality program that consistently turns out state champions by raising funds for extra coaching staff, equipment, scrimmage opportunities, etc., that our cash-strapped town could not afford," Mary Takach, a booster, said.

Joe's Dockhouse is located across the

parking lot from Joe's Boathouse Restaurant at Spring Point Marina. Tickets, which are \$15, can be bought now or reserved. Contact Beth Goduti at jgoduti@maine.rr.com or 799-3105 or Jean Lavallee at slavallee@maine.rr.com or 767-3516 for tickets or more information.

Cape hockey team wins league title



Members of Cape Elizabeth's fifth- and sixth-grade hockey team, pictured with their coaches, beat Yarmouth 3-1 on March 13 in Gorham to win the Southern Maine Middle School League's Roy Division. Cape had three wins in the championship tournament and finished the season 10-2. The league also includes teams from Saco, Scarborough, Brunswick, Auburn, Bonny Eagle, Mount Ararat and Westbrook.

A \$2,000 slam dunk



Cape Elizabeth Middle School students take on teachers on March 10 during the Middle School Parents Association's annual Basketball Bonanza, when eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball teams vie against faculty teams. The \$2,000 raised at the event will help fund CEMS projects and programs.

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Lily Jordan

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a spelling word into a test answer, as she did once with "bibliopegy." Lily will never know if the person who graded the test knew the fancy word for "bookbinding," however, because it was a standardized test.

A voracious reader, Lily is interested in three possible careers. She might be a professional softball player – in which case she's in great shape, because she plays softball in the

spring and summer, field hockey in the fall, and ice hockey in the winter.

Or she might write, like her father, Glenn Jordan, a sports and news reporter for the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*, or edit, like her mother, who freelance-edits English as a Second Language books.

Already, Lily's résumé sets her up nicely in this area: In addition to the writing awards she has received in the past two years, Lily just won two more. See page 15 to learn about the most recent.

Lily's third career possibility: educational reformer.

With this title, Lily would create schools that "give students more rights and make them more in charge of their own educations, so they wouldn't have homework. Either there wouldn't be classes, or the students would be able to pick what they want to do in their classes and what they want to study," she said.

Meanwhile, Lily will continue working in the education field in her own home – as a teacher to

her 11-year-old twin brothers, Nat and Jacob.

"I'm trying to help them memorize "Spell It!" for next year," she said. "We put up lists of words on a white board, and we're thinking of setting up a plan for them to study through the year."

Be forewarned, young spellers in Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County, Maine, and the United States: Nat and Jacob Jordan seem to have the family spelling gene. Jacob even made it to the county bee this year.

"My brothers are great spellers," Lily said.

School Board

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perintendent search consultant Jackie Roy of Massachusetts-based J.A. Roy & Associates, Townsend said. Roy, who the board hired this fall, will continue her search work at no additional fee, she said.

Interim Superintendent Ken Murphy, who served as Yarmouth school chief for 18 years, is contracted to work through June 30. Townsend said March 25 that she didn't know if Murphy would consider extending

his time in Cape until the board has hired a new chief, and Murphy could not be reached for comment.

Budget adoption

The board on March 22 unanimously adopted Murphy's recommended \$21 million school budget, which is 2.2 percent, or \$448,000, higher than this year's. The proposed budget, which would increase the school property tax by 1.9 percent, now moves on to the Town Council. Councilors will vote on it April 25 right after a public hearing on the budget.

If the council supports the proposal and Cape citizens approve the council's approved budget at the polls on May 10, the owner of a median-valued Cape home of \$254,000 will pay about \$85 in additional school taxes next year.

"This is a budget that upholds our school system for a minimal tax increase to homeowners," Townsend said March 22 before the board voted 7-0 to adopt the budget.

The budget calls for a spending increase of about \$790,000, \$406,000 of which would go to salaries and benefits; \$109,000 to facilities and buildings; \$66,000 to

heating oil; and \$7,000 to property and auto insurance. The increase also includes \$47,000 for out-of-district tuition for special education and \$21,471 transportation. About \$33,000 would be used to pay off the first installment of the School Department's \$150,000 loan for a new high school boiler.

The proposed budget calls for the elimination of 1½ teaching positions.

Next year, with the loss of state aid and federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Cape will face a projected \$268,146 loss in revenues.

Matthew Fishbein

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said, "Yes, but that class doesn't include parents," and the teacher said, "That's right."

Matthew will compete against top junior high chess players from across the nation July 29-Aug. 2 at the U.S. Open. It won't be Matthew's first national tournament. In 2009, at the U.S. Chess Federation Super-Nationals in New Orleans, La., he tied for 10th place among U.S. players in the kindergarten to fifth-grade bracket. Two years before that, he tied for 13th place nationally among players in the kindergarten to third-grade division.

The length of Matthew's chess résumé rivals some retirees' employment résumés. Because he has racked up so many tournament wins over the years, Matthew's rank keeps rising. The Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader is currently rated



Matthew Fishbein

eighth among all Maine chess players, including adults, and in the top 40 in the nation among players in his age bracket.

Last year, Matthew made Maine chess history when he became the youngest player to win the high school division of the Maine State Scholastic Individual Chess Championship. However, despite holding the state high school title, as a 12-year-old sixth-grader,

Matthew was not eligible to represent Maine in the high school division at the U.S. Open last summer.

When others congratulate Matthew on his successes, he is sweetly pleased and appears almost surprised. He does admit to one area of strength in the game of chess, however: "tactical moves."

"Sometimes I sacrifice my pawns or even a piece such as a king, bishop, or rook, because I am going for an attack on my opponent's king. I am able to see maybe six, seven moves ahead of where I am. It all depends on the situation," he said. "I can't see the possibilities, of course, as fast as Rybka [a chess computer program], but I can still see them pretty quickly."

After Matthew's Community Services chess teacher, Dan DeLuca, moved in 2006, Matthew started playing chess against Chess Master, a software program.

"He really improved dramatically playing

that," Schuchman said. "When he went to the state tournament that year, all of a sudden he was great. It was really surprising."

Matthew no longer plays against the program, but he travels often to New Hampshire and Massachusetts on weekends to play rated players, mostly adults.

Many Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m., he plays at the Cape Community Center during an open chess time that Schuchman and her husband, Dan Fishbein, Matthew's father, started with other Cape parents. Young chess players of all levels from Cape and other towns participate – but not nearly as many as Matthew would like.

"We're always looking for more members," he said. "Believe it or not, it only takes a year or two to get good at chess. You can become really strong at it quickly. For example, there's a kid in the 10th grade who has played for only one year, and he's the 10th best high school student in the state."

Revaluation

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a bit of a roller-coaster ride, Sturgis said, with a rapid rise, then a decline and a recent leveling off. Sturgis said property values and assessments were off enough to start a revaluation two years ago, but the market was so unstable that he decided to hold off until things settled down.

After the reassessment, the tax rate will be adjusted to reflect the new values. Towns are not allowed to use the revaluation itself to increase tax collections, although the new rates also will reflect likely increases in both the town and school budgets.

Sturgis said some residents' tax bills could shoot up because of the revaluation, particularly if their current assessment is lower than the overall figure of 80 percent of the true market value.

An example, Sturgis said, is a house that sold in December 2007 for \$395,000 and then again three years later for \$449,900. The house is officially assessed at \$220,000, he said, or just under 50 percent of the true market value.

Those whose assessments are closer to real market values, however, may see a reduction in their tax bill. Those residents "are paying more than their fair share," Sturgis said.

In some towns, revaluations can trigger wholesale changes in tax burdens when the values of different classes of property

head in different directions. For instance, there have been cases where residential values have risen while commercial and industrial values have fallen, resulting in a shift in the tax burden to homeowners.

That's unlikely in Cape Elizabeth because the town is predominantly residential. Sturgis said 85 percent of the properties in town are residential, 9 percent of the land is vacant or open space, 4 percent is commercial and 2 percent is government-owned or otherwise exempt from property taxes.

However, homeowners may see wholesale changes in values in specific neighborhoods, Sturgis said.

For instance, in the area from Oakhurst Road to Cottage Farms, there's been a marked difference between sales prices and assessments, he said. That area has experienced rising prices due to high demand and little turnover.

Similar situations exist for waterfront properties on Shore Road and in the Two Lights area, Sturgis said.

Property owners who believe their assessments are unfair can appeal them, Sturgis said. After the 2004 assessment, about 600 homeowners sat down to discuss the figures with Sturgis, he said, but no one filed a formal appeal after he explained how the values were determined.

Sturgis said it's important to remember that the main goal of a revaluation is fairness. "The last thing I want to do is over-assess someone, but I don't want to be too far under, either," he said.

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Ellie Harrell of Cape Elizabeth, age 3, has the right idea! Protected in a pair of green frog boots, she has her lunch at Kettle Cove on a sunny and warm St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

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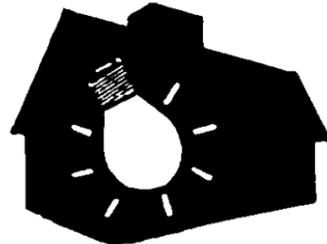
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Family of 16-year-old with CMD won't give up hope for treatment, cure

By Wendy Keeler

Cape 16-year-old Kings Floyd, a junior at Waynflete School in Portland, doesn't let her disease stop her. Kings may have lost the use of her legs five years ago to congenital muscular dystrophy, a progressive disease for which there is no treatment or cure, but she still participates in the school dance program – as a choreographer. Like many 11th-graders, she has started visiting colleges.

But adapting to life with CMD doesn't mean giving up hope for a treatment and cure for the disease. On that front, Kings and her father Tracy will not back down.

"Some day, Kings will be able to gain back some of her muscle loss," Tracy said recently, after he and Kings made a trip to Washington, D.C., where they talked to politicians, including U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, about the need for research into and awareness about the disease. "I don't know how and I don't know when, but I plan to make it part of my life's objective in every way I am able."

Doctors don't always recognize CMD, Tracy said. Congenital muscular dystrophies always cause muscle weakness at birth, but some people with CMD have mental delays and never walk, while others have normal intelligence and lose the ability to walk as they grow older, said Jackie Nelson of Cure CMD, an all-volunteer organization with a mission to optimize care for people with CMD. The nonprofit also seeks to find treatments and a cure for the disease.

When Kings was an infant, her doctors tested her for CMD after recognizing her low muscle tone. At three years old, with



Kings Floyd, front left, who has congenital muscular dystrophy, and her father Tracy recently met with Sen. Olympia Snowe in Washington, D.C., to talk about the need for research for a cure for CMD, and awareness about the disease.

the help of therapy and use of a standing frame, she walked. But by the time she was 11, the disease had taken enough of a toll on Kings' muscles that she lost the ability to walk.

Someday Kings wants to get her driver's license. She also wants to live independently.

"What scares me the most is that I might always have to depend upon others to complete my more challenging goals, like going to college," she said.

Tracy won't stop working for the day when his daughter can live as she hopes.

"In my most imaginative dreams, I would like to see the government institute a NASA-like effort to research the CMDs," Tracy said. "Only with focused efforts on a cure will we be able to come up with one."

Visit www.curecmd.org for more information about CMD and Cure CMD.

Cape residents Patricia Bredenberg and Candice Lee have been named to the board of directors of PORTopera, the only opera company in the state that performs fully staged operas with nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. Bredenberg, a geriatric nurse practitioner with a doctorate degree from Syracuse University, has served on the boards of the Thomas Memorial Library, Sexual Assault Response Services and the YWCA.

Lee, an interior designer and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, is a recent graduate of the French Culinary Institute. She is a former board member of Greater Portland Landmarks and the Portland Stage Company, and she serves on the board of the Victoria Mansion.



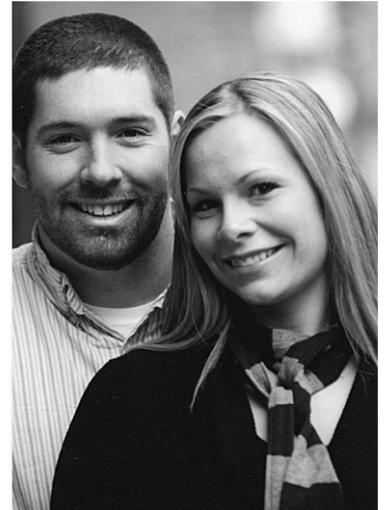
Candice Lee



Pat Bredenberg

James and Deborah Croft announce the engagement of their son, David, to Sonia Latendresse, the daughter of Richard and Francine Latendresse of Canaan, Vt.

Dave is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. Sonia is a graduate of Canaan Memorial High School and the University of Maine at Farmington. Both Dave and Sonia are employed by the Cape Elizabeth School Department. A May 28, 2011, wedding is planned in Cape Elizabeth.



Dave Croft and Sonia Latendresse

Cape Elizabeth resident Laurie Trenholm, executive director of the Maine chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, was among about 100 people who celebrated the relocation of the chapter's office from Falmouth to Scarborough at a March 10 open house in the new space.



Laurie Trenholm, left, with Scarborough resident Marilyn Paige, founder of the Maine chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Two Cape Elizabeth students, Blair Griffin and Meredith Riker, were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston, Mass.

Kelsey Amanda Treister was named to the fall dean's list at the University of Rochester in New York, where she is a senior majoring in history. She is the daughter of Caryn and Ron Treister and a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Three Cape lawyers from Verrill Dana were recently recognized by Chambers & Partners, a legal research firm that conducts annual surveys: Matt Caras for bankruptcy, Gregg Ginn for benefits and compensation, and Alexia Pappas for litigation.

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For this tax to affect the sale of your personal residence, in which you have lived at least 2 out of the 5 years prior to its sale, you must:

- have a yearly income of in excess of \$200,000 as an individual or \$250,000 as a couple; *and*
- realize a gain on the home's sale in excess of the capital gains exclusion, currently \$250,000 for individual taxpayers or \$500,000 for couples.

Only the amount in *excess* of the capital gains exclusion may be subject to this 3.8% tax, *not* the entire sales price of the home.

Please seek the advice of your attorney and/or accountant.



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