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## If all budgets pass as proposed, taxes would rise by 4.3 percent

By Patricia McCarthy

A mild winter and increased recycling by residents are paying off on the bottom line of the Cape Elizabeth budget.

Town Manager Michael McGovern said the town is saving about \$132,000 a year, compared to three years ago, on fees to ecomaine for waste disposal. He also said that lower costs for winter sand, equipment maintenance and catch-basin cleaning because of a less-stormy-than-usual winter will carry over into savings for the upcoming budget year, which begins July 1.

McGovern has presented an \$8.8 million budget proposal to the Town Council for 2012-13. It calls for a slight cut in overall spending for municipal services, although that's achieved by moving the costs associated with the Donald L. Richards Community Pool to the Community Services budget.

That shift is aimed at creating a more streamlined chain of command, McGovern said, rather than for budgetary reasons.

While taxes to support town services will stay flat at \$3.37 per \$1,000 of assessed

—see TOWN BUDGET, page 6

## School Board adopts budget of \$21.8 million

By Wendy Keeler

The Cape Elizabeth School Board adopted a budget on March 27 that calls for spending 3 percent more than this year.

The \$21,765,817 budget proposal, which School Board members are scheduled to present to the Town Council on April 11, would increase the school portion of the property tax by 3.4 percent. The owner of a median-valued Cape Elizabeth home of \$314,000 would pay roughly an extra \$163.28 in taxes under the proposed school budget.

"This is a budget that not only maintains the high quality of education that Cape Elizabeth residents expect but also furthers our district goals at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer," School Board Chair Mary Townsend said. "We are facing the evaporation of federal jobs money and Medicaid funding for instructional support students as well as continually shrinking state subsidies, so it is imperative that our administrators use district resources wisely and creatively. I believe that in this budget they have achieved that."

At the urging of School Board member David Hillman, the board added \$30,000 to Superintendent Meredith Nadeau's recommended budget at the March 27 workshop. The additional funds would be used for contingencies, increasing the district's contingency balance to \$100,000.

—see SCHOOL BUDGET, page 6



## HAPPY, GLORIOUS SPRING!

*A bubble of water sits in the very beginnings of a tulip in a Cape Elizabeth garden in mid-March.*

Photo by Katherine Urbanek

## A coincidence – and a little déjà vu – as another Jordan heads to the national bee

By Patricia McCarthy

How do you spell "spelling dynasty" in Cape Elizabeth?

J-O-R-D-A-N.

Nat Jordan, a seventh-grader at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, last month picked up where big sister Lily left off, taking the title in the Maine State Spelling Bee in a three-hour contest that was one of the longest ever in the state.

Nat, 12, nailed "coincidence" in the 50th round, beating out Brandon Aponte of Hancock County. The bee ran about twice as long as the typical state spelling final as Nat and Brandon correctly reeled off word after word.

In fact, the spell-off went on so long that the bee's organizers were scrambling for words that Nat and Brandon might not be able to handle. By mistake, they pulled up some relatively easy words; Brandon misspelled "deceitful" after handling much

more difficult words earlier in the contest.

The win propels Nat, the son of Glenn and Nancy Jordan, to Washington, D.C., for the national bee next month. Lily won the state title for two years in a row and then went to the national finals. Last year, she made it to the rounds that were televised nationally on ESPN before finishing in a tie for 10th.

Nat's twin brother, Jacob, also inherited the family spelling gene but got knocked out in the school bee, which came before the county bee and the state bee.

Nat said he followed Lily's winning formula, dutifully studying the "Spell It" book of 1,300 words provided by Scripps-Howard, which runs the National Spelling Bee. Mom Nancy would quiz him after he got into bed at night for 15 minutes to half an hour, and Lily would use the kitchen whiteboard to provide a daily Greek or

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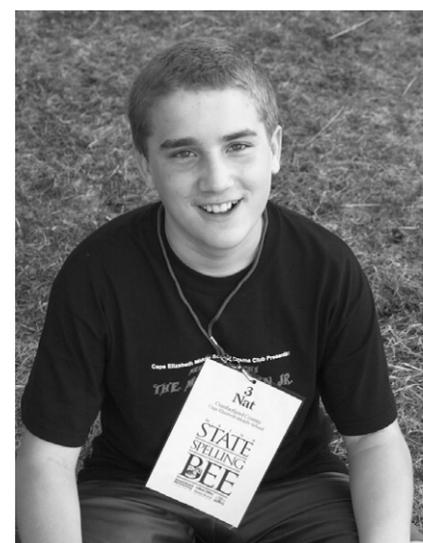


Photo by Patricia McCarthy

*The next competition for CEMS seventh-grader Nat Jordan is the National Spelling Bee in May in Washington, D.C.*

## Popular grocery chain eyes Pond Cove Shopping Center



Pond Cove Shopping Center, along Route 77, in Cape Elizabeth.

There was renewed optimism this week about future plans for stores in the Pond Cove Shopping Center as a popular California-based grocery-store chain is considering an expansion to Cape Elizabeth.

The IGA was in the middle of negotiations with Hannaford to become part of the Scarborough-based grocery chain earlier this year, but plans fell through.

That left a perfect opening for another chain to make a proposal.

"It's too early in the negotiations for us to disclose the name of the store," explained Adam Donovan, a spokesman for the chain. "But I am confident that local residents will appreciate not having to drive over the bridge to get the organic and specialty food that they need."

The store, which specializes in unique food items, organic produce and meat, also carries a variety of wines and beer.

"The fact that the location of the IGA already had a liquor license

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## The Cape Courier's 25th anniversary: Part II

By Bob Dodd  
and Mary Takach

**Note:** In continuing the story of *The Cape Courier's* first 25 years, Mary and I thought we would bring in a special Cape resident to interview us on the period from September 1997 until the early years of the new millennium. This was the period after *The Courier's* first editor, Wendy Derzawiec, stepped down to rediscover her personal life.

So we asked Howie Metz, that romantic figure from the turn of the century (the 20th century, that is), if he'd do the interview. Howie, thankfully, agreed to do this.

**HM: Good to see you again. By the way, do you remember how we first met?**

**BD:** I sure do; it was one of the defining moments of *The Courier's* history. It all began when we decided to do a special Valentine's Day issue asking residents to send stories on how they first encountered the loves of their lives. Each day we anxiously checked the mail (and emails – a new way to communicate back then) to see if anyone was going to respond.

**MT:** I remember coming into *The CC* office and asking Bob if we had gotten any "how-we-mets" stories. "Who's Howie Metz?" he asked in all seriousness. And so that's how you came into our lives, Cape's Casanova from the early 1900s who came to be the face of the Valentine's Day feature. By the way, we ended up getting a great response, filling a whole page with Cape romances that grew from first encounters in kindergarten classrooms, college campuses, military bases, rehearsal dinners and more!

**HM: What changes did you see in *The Courier* during your years there?**

**BD:** To me, one big change was adding Mary's position. She was originally hired as the assistant editor, and she quickly made it much more. It wasn't long before we changed the title and responsibilities and Mary became *The Courier's* first community editor. This position remains an essential part of the paper.

**MT:** We had a lot of fun introducing new features such as "Howie Metz," "Familiar Faces," "A Day in the Life," and coverage of the first of many Beach to Beacon races.

**BD:** There was one other huge change – 9/11. This wasn't just a *Courier* change, of course. 9/11 changed us all, and I think this change is reflected in *The Courier*. It got a bit more serious, I think, after this. We all did.

**HM: What specifically changed after 9/11?**

**BD:** It was subtle things, really. Before 9/11, to me Cape was kind of a Lake Wobegon, larger-than-life little world where all the kids are above average (OK, maybe a lot above average). I liked *The Courier* having kind of a funky edge to it. It was OK for Carl Pearson to do some of the Town Council reports in rhyming verse. That type of thing. I couldn't imagine doing this after 9/11.

I'll never forget how Capers living in New York or helping out with the response helped bring the tragedy home to us here in Cape. We got some incredible photos and stories.

**MT:** Just months after 9/11, brave young men and women left our little sanctuary called Cape for the battlefields

**Bob Dodd joined *The Courier* board of directors in 1993. He served as editor from 1997-2003, when he rejoined the board. He continues as a volunteer board member and writer. Mary Takach started as assistant editor in 1998 and soon after became the paper's first community editor. She continued in that role until 2003.**

of Afghanistan and Iraq. I remember a couple issues when we ran "Letters from Afghanistan" – it brought the reality of the war so close to home.

**HM: What else sticks in your memory about *The Courier* during this time?**

**BD:** Jim Murray's turning a little-attended Memorial Day ceremony into a wondrous and well-attended event. That will always be with me. It was a special thing to see. He revitalized the day and its purpose. I felt quite proud of *The Courier's* role in helping him to do that. I also have a special memory for the way the community responded through *The Courier* to the tragic death of Kevin Brady. There was an incredible outpouring of concern in the letters to the editor. The four articles written by Elizabeth Gayer, Debbie Butterworth, Tina Harnden and Chief Neil Williams, from the perspectives of a student, parent, school department staff, and a public safety official on the issue of teen drinking. It earned *The Courier* an award from Day One.

**MT:** Another story that changed our lives was the Columbine shootings. That tragedy led to a lot of soul searching in our community regarding how students are typecast and treated as well as the general safety of our schools. On much happier notes, we ushered in Fort Williams' centennial anniversary with all the great stories about the history of the fort, the second millennium (Y2K), and the numerous successes of the Cape Land Trust as it acquired coveted green space in Robinson Woods and Gull Crest.

**HM: Anything else?**

**BD:** It was such a pleasure to work with Ellen Van Fleet and everyone else connected with *The Courier*. What an experience! What also sticks out in my mind was the people I met who wrote stories and took photos for us. The awesome photos from people like Jack Kennealy and Ann Kaplan. The great stories from World War II for our Veteran's Day issues. Working with Connie Murray and the incredible folks at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society on the Cape History feature. On and on. There are so many great stories in this town, greater even when written in people's own words. I still look at Cape Elizabeth as a larger-than-life community. *The Courier* helps make it so.

**MT:** I also really enjoyed working with Ellen – she was such a wonderful mentor – and Bob Dodd. Bob was and still is so committed to *The Courier*, it was a great privilege and a whole lot of fun to work with him. I also enjoyed so many of our regular contributors that made *The CC* one of a kind. My favorites: Cape Halloween Ghost stories written by Carl Pearson and Jayne Jordan, and the annual April Fool's stories written by the iconic and indispensable Debbie Butterworth.

## Reader: Let citizens decide fate of library in a referendum

Democracy circumvented! In reference to the latest *Cape Courier* article from March 21:

It is our concern that Cape Elizabeth Town Council and town manager, by their desire to circumvent a referendum on the library budget and its planning, are not being ethically responsible to the voters.

The entire voting public of Cape should have the right, through our votes, to decide on a new library, and what voters are willing to pay for its planning, design, construction, bond interest and future maintenance. We do this for all other educational facilities in Cape – the library should not be the exception.

To me, it is unconscionable to think that the council and town manager want to circumvent representative government in this way. This may constitute a lack of fiduciary responsibility on the part of the Town Council.

Town Manager Mike McGovern's schedule for the public informational meetings, ending with a vote by the council in October, is too long, carries on beyond September and eliminates the possibility for citizens to place a library referendum on this year's November ballot. This schedule should be shortened to allow sufficient time for citizens to petition for a ballot referendum this November. Or the council should place a referendum on this November's ballot and allow the entire town to decide what we want.

Let Cape vote by referendum, for or against a library, and a library budget, in an open and transparent manner.

Philip F. Kaminsky

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Happy Easter!

### B2B planning under way



Photo by Ann Kaplan

Members of the organizing committee for the 15th annual TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K road race, including, from left, race founder Joan Benoit Samuelson, race director Dave McGillivray and race president Dave Weatherbie, meet March 19 at Cape Elizabeth High School.

### Ring, ring ... town wants to find out how you feel about preserving open space

By Patricia McCarthy

The Future Open Space Preservation Committee may soon be calling you.

The committee is finishing up its review of questions for a survey that will seek Cape Elizabeth residents' opinions of future open space priorities and some ideas about the best sources of money for buying open parcels for preservation.

About 400 people will be asked to participate in the survey, which will be conducted by the research firm Critical Insights. The survey should take about 10 to 12 minutes to conduct. Residents will be contacted at random, and members of the Town Council, School Board and FOSP Committee will be excluded from the pool of contacts.

The survey will cost an estimated \$17,000.

The survey is a follow-up to a public forum the committee held last month to discuss open-space priorities.

The committee is developing a list of criteria for identifying key open-space parcels, although the Town Council agreed in March to amend the committee's charge to allow it to avoid creating a list of specific pieces of land to target for preservation.

The committee has compiled a list of the questions to be asked, but doesn't want to release them before the survey to avoid compromising the integrity of the survey.

In addition to the list of open space preservation criteria, the committee is working toward an end-of-year deadline for developing open-space definitions, listing preservation tools, identifying possible funding sources for buying critical parcels, and any recommended ordinance or policy changes that should be considered.

The committee's conclusions will be contained in a report for the Town Council.

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## Big changes in store for Family Fun Day this year, including sale of beer

By Debbie Butterworth

Family Fun Day will be a whole new experience for Cape Elizabeth residents this year.

Faced with reduced state support for school and municipal expenditures, town officials have been struggling with financial cuts of their own. With the general budget due for final voting at the end of May, all department heads have been asked to make significant cuts in their originally submitted budget items.

Historically, the town has financially supported the Family Fun Day event, held at Fort Williams each June. However, a letter from the town informing the committee that the expected allotment of \$12,000 would be reduced by 50 percent has left committee members scrambling for funding to ensure the continuation of this traditional town festival.

"Our biggest expenses, and ones we felt we could not eliminate, are entertainment, police coverage, sanitation, and the popular fireworks display," explained Family Fun Day Chairman Frank Butterworth. "But the funding allotted to us for this year won't even cover the cost of the fireworks."

The committee considered several options, including corporate sponsorships and additional charges for parking, vendor spaces, and admission fees.

"All of these considerations would just bring in small, unpredictable amounts of money" explained one committee member. "We needed to have the funding confirmed before we committed to contracts with vendors and the fireworks display."

An unsolicited mailing advertisement brought an answer to their dilemma. "Tiger's Traveling Road Show," a well-known traveling carnival, contacted the committee with a description of their well-organized entertainment company, and following extensive research and a presentation by Bubba Stefanik,

**'We were a little hesitant at first to change the scope of this traditional festival for the town. But once we saw the slideshow and sampled the free buffet they provided for us, we were convinced that Cape Elizabeth was ready for this kind of entertainment.'**

— Frank Butterworth, festival chair

general manager of the carnival, the committee overwhelmingly voted to accept their offer to provide the entertainment and food for the festival. "We were a little hesitant at first to change the scope of this traditional festival for the town" explained Butterworth, "But once we saw the slideshow and sampled the free buffet they provided for us, we were convinced that Cape Elizabeth was ready for this kind of entertainment."

"We've been wanting to upgrade the children's activities for a number of years now," explained one committee member, "and now that we can offer them bonafide carnival rides, they will have much more fun and we expect to attract many more people to FFD."

The addition of Rocky's Petting Zoo was an added bonus." The zoo, not originally part of the Road Show, will be traveling south from Nova Scotia on June 15 and has been contracted to be part of the event. The zoo manager had not yet confirmed whether he would be bringing Bella, an African elephant, for animal rides around the tennis courts, but committee members hope that

this can be possible.

While local non-profit groups will still be allowed and encouraged to set up booths to sell food items, many of the food offerings will be supplied by Tigers.

"They will be bringing with them fryolaters and grills for sausages, which will allow patrons to purchase more substantial food than is usually offered," explained a food committee member. The final menu has yet to be decided, but possible items would include sausage sandwiches, corn dogs, pizza and fried dough.

The most exciting aspect of this change in entertainment will be the addition of carnival rides. Tigers has agreed to scale back the scope of their operation as the size of the field will limit just how many rides can be set up. "Kids and grown-ups alike just love rides," said a committee member. "The lights from the Ferris wheel can be seen all the way to Portland, attracting customers from many surrounding communities, and we are really in a position to make a lot of money for the town." Plans include kiddy rides, such as a merry-go-round and little motorcycles, and the most popular traditional carnival rides like the Ferris wheel, Zipper and Wild Mouse.

Parents have commented in recent years that there weren't enough games of chance for the kids to play, adding that all kids love the challenge of such games, and winning prizes for being successful with bean-bag toss games was a favorite part of FFD for them. In the past, nonprofit groups have run many games, but those numbers have dwindled in recent years, so families will appreciate the booths of games provided by Tiger's. "We don't consider these professional games to provide much competition for the local groups running games," stated the committee. "There's more than enough business for everyone."

Town officials initially were concerned about damage to the grass from the mechanical rides and increased foot traffic, but spoke with officials in Portland who faced a similar problem following a carnival set up in Deering Oaks several years ago. "Grass is very resilient," explained one official. "With some TLC, it will regenerate."

As most important town events, such as graduation and Little League games already

will have taken place, the condition of the grass isn't of great concern, and will certainly be back in respectable condition in time for next year's graduation ceremony.

The town had to grant several variances to accommodate requests by Tigers and the FFD Committee. As the setup for such an event is so time-consuming, it only becomes cost-effective if it can run for two days, a change from the traditional one-day festival. As the municipal ordinance states that Fort Williams is closed and locked at sundown, town officials have granted a onetime variance to this ordinance, and the Fort will be open and the carnival running past sundown. Carnival operators requested that they be allowed to remain open until midnight, but town officials denied that request and will have them shut down at 11 p.m.

Following considerable discussion, the town also has granted Tiger's a one-day liquor license, but has limited their sales to only beer — no wine or other hard liquors.

"People really appreciate a cold beer on a hot day," stated one committee member. "Especially if they're waiting for their kids on the rides and while they're watching the fireworks." Liquor sales will only be allowed until 11 p.m. on Saturday and will not be allowed at all on Sunday, the second day of the festival.

Parking for carnival operators was also a consideration, as the parking areas at the Fort are usually filled with visitors to FFD, and motor homes and motorcycles belonging to the carnival workers need additional space. Town officials have decided to allow them access to the field adjacent to Portland Head Light, and will be providing water and sewer hookups for them.

"The only thing we use that field for is the (annual) Beach to Beacon Race finish line" explained one town official, "and we feel sure that the grass will have regenerated by the first of August."

In addition, any resident volunteering to house carnival employees or allow them parking space in driveways will receive a reduced-price bracelet, allowing them unlimited admission to the carnival rides.

"We are quite excited, not only about the atmosphere an event of this type will bring to Cape, but also about the amount of money we stand to make," said the committee. "We're hoping that we make enough that we can perhaps funnel some of our profits into other town accounts."

And if you believe this, then perhaps you'd be interested in purchasing a bridge in Brooklyn we hear is for sale. Happy April Fool's Day!

*Did we get you again? This article originally ran in 2002. We dug it out of the archives in honor of The Cape Courier's 25th anniversary.*

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# Planning Board adds to 94-page Fort Williams plan, sends to council

By Wendy Derzawiec

With a few additions, the Planning Board on March 20 approved the draft of the 2011 Fort Williams Park Master Plan update and has recommended its approval to the Town Council.

The council took its first formal look at the plan, the first revision since 2003, in February and referred it to the Planning Board for review.

The 94-page document suggests more than 90 recommendations for park improvements, some as small as new maintenance requests, others as large as proposing facilities to generate revenue.

“We think it will be an important contributor to the way the park is managed over the next seven to 10 years,” Bill Nickerson, chairman of the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, told members of the Planning

Board.

The board reviewed the plan extensively at a March 6 workshop, and asked for two additions:

- Address the possibility of public restrooms, particularly at a visitor’s center envisioned for the central parking/Battery Blair area of the park; and,
- Provide for vendors in the park.

Bob Metcalf, representing Mitchell and Associates, the landscape architecture firm that worked on the plan update, said that new language recommends consideration of public restrooms for any proposed facility (visitor’s center), and that strong consideration should be given to extending public sanitary sewers to service the facility.

The language to accommodate vendors is worded to refer to any kind of vendor, not just the food vendors that have been permit-

ted to operate in the park during the last two seasons.

No timeline for implementing the proposed recommendations is included in the plan, but Public Works Director Bob Malley said four of the priority projects are part of the fiscal 2013 municipal budget proposal.

The four recommendations are:  
**Expand the Ship Cove parking area** and incorporate a turn-around at the end. [Priority 1]

**Upgrade the group picnic area slab** at Ship Cove, including potential use of a canopy structure. [Priority 2]

**Improve vehicular and pedestrian accessibility** at the intersection of the main access road (Ocean Road) and the road (Wheatley Road) leading to the grass overflow parking area. [Priority 5]

**Review the feasibility of improving the**

**intersection** of the main entrance road and the Ship Cove parking lot and widen the sidewalk to 6 feet with a new curb along the north side of Ocean Road from the Ship Cove parking lot to the pull-off. Repair the stone wall along the sidewalk as required. [Priority 7]

“Our intent was to package those to achieve some economies of scale, but we will be coming back to you after July 1 for site-plan review of those projects,” Malley told the board.

The draft plan is the culmination of more than a year of work by the commission, and represents input from user groups and an online survey that generated 385 responses. Nickerson said it was the first survey of such magnitude undertaken for Fort Williams Park.

The town’s comprehensive plan requires master plan updates every seven years.

## Cape real estate transfers: January 2012

NEW OWNER	PREVIOUS OWNER	STREET NAME	SALE PRICE	TYPE / USE
PAUL PIETRZAK	ANN J. BOWMAN	325 FOWLER ROAD	\$179,000	SINGLE FAMILY
DALE O. SHARP	EDNA L. KRULL	44 BROAD COVE ROAD	\$460,000	SINGLE FAMILY
RAYMOND M. BOILY	DANFORTH S. DESENA	5 HILLCREST DRIVE	\$298,000	SINGLE FAMILY
PHILIP E. HOILLEN	FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES	9 TANAGER LANE	\$416,750	CONDOMINIUM
JAMES C. WILLIS	JAMES C. WILLIS	27 WOOD ROAD	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
ERICA A. VARGO	RICHARD ALESSANDRO	79 FOWLER ROAD	\$239,000	SINGLE FAMILY
EVA POLISNER	FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES	18 TANAGER LANE	\$492,636	CONDOMINIUM
PAULA R. VALENTE	PAULINE G. BLAISDELL EST.	49 RESOLUTION PLACE	\$195,000	CONDOMINIUM
ERNEST E. JORDAN JR.	FRANCES E. JORDAN	DAVIS POINT LANE	\$ 0	VACANT LAND
LUCINDA ST. LAURENT	LOUIS R. GERMANI	160 MITCHELL ROAD	\$295,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GRAHAM S. PILLSBURY	GRAHAM S. PILLSBURY	7 PLEASANT AVENUE	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY

## Recycling Center open four Sundays, starting April 15, for disposing of leaves, yard waste

It may have felt like spring hit a few weeks ago during a mid-March warmup, but Cape Elizabeth’s recycling center will stick to its normal seasonal pattern of holding Sunday openings this month and next for disposing of leaves, yard waste and recyclables.

The center will be open for four straight Sundays, starting April 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a slight change from previous years, when the center was open the last two

Sundays in April and the first two in May. To avoid a conflict with Mother’s Day on May 13, the center will be open for the last three Sundays in April and the first Sunday in May.

The transfer station compactor will not be open during the Sunday hours, and household refuse is not accepted. Fees will be charged on some items, such as large loads of brush and limbs.

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## Town budget

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value, taxes to pay for Community Services' operations will increase from 11 cents to 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Under the proposed town, Community Services and school budgets, taxes would increase from \$15.18 to \$15.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

That's an increase of 4.3 percent and would increase the tax bill for a median-priced home valued at \$314,000 from \$4,766.52 to \$4,973.76 – an increase of

\$207.24.

The budget is currently being reviewed by the Town Council's Finance Committee. The committee will get the School Board's budget proposal on April 11, and both budgets are expected to be taken up by the full Town Council on April 26.

The school budget is then expected to go to a town vote on June 12.

McGovern said he's happy with the budget he has prepared because it continues to supplement funding for ongoing services with investments in infrastructure and maintenance. For instance, his budget calls for replacing a 16-year-old dump truck for

\$150,000; allocates \$84,000 for replacing two police cruisers and buying two new in-car camera units; allots \$210,000 to fix up Starboard Drive; earmarks \$70,750 to repair rot, replace some windows, and paint the exterior of Town Hall; and sets aside \$75,000 to refurbish a 19-year-old ladder truck for the Fire Department.

"This stewardship, we hope, will enable long-term savings to the taxpayers," McGovern said.

But "while we are putting more resources toward infrastructure, I always worry if we are spending enough on roads," he said.

There are no significant budget changes

in any of the individual town departments in McGovern's proposal. The overall payroll will rise 3.4 percent, but most of this is due to a 3 percent cost-of-living increase for town employees, he said, plus step increases for some workers to recognize experience on the job.

Debt service is down about \$41,000, reflecting the refinancing of some older, higher interest bonds, McGovern said.

However, lower interest rates hurt the town's balance sheet as well – the budget forecasts about \$25,000 in income from town investments, half of the amount budgeted for the current year.

## School budget

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"Nobody would run a \$22 million business with a \$70,000 contingency," said Hillman, expressing particular concern about unexpected costs for building emergencies and instructional support, or special education.

This school year, school officials laid off two employees in the School Department's central office to help cover about \$163,000 in unanticipated out-of-district special education placements, which are needed when the district is unable to meet a child's educational needs within the three schools. In 2012-2013, out-of-district placement costs will total roughly \$336,000, Instructional Support Director Jane Golding states in her department's budget proposal for the 2012-2013 school year.

### Revenue losses

Next year, the district faces a projected \$272,286 reduction in state aid. Nor will Cape schools have the \$452,524 in federal-jobs money that the district has in the current school-year budget.

Medicaid funding also has dropped. In 2010, the district received about \$395,000. As of January, the district had received \$23,880 in Medicaid for the 2011-2012

school year, and funding next year is expected to be even lower, School Board Chair Mary Townsend said.

In the proposed budget, the largest increase is slated for salaries and benefits, as teachers enter the second year of a three-year contract. The salaries and benefits line would rise 2.4 percent over this year's.

The proposed budget also calls for a significant increase in spending for instructional support – up 49.6 percent to \$354,764.

### Changes

Cape Elizabeth Middle School athletics next year would receive an increase of \$33,004, a 23.5 percent rise. Community Services has been managing middle school sports, but that responsibility will shift back to the school next year. The budget projects a \$19,000 increase in revenues from activity fees.

Under the proposed budget, the Maintenance and Facilities Department would be responsible for transportation, which has always been under the auspices of Community Services. Community Services would take over the running of the Richards Pool from the town government.

The proposed budget calls for cutting 12.5 educational technicians and adding four teachers to work with students who receive special education.

"This is an educational decision, not a budget decision," Golding states in her budget proposal. "The instructional needs of students warrant additional full-time certified special educators who are focused on contributing to narrowing the achievement gap, improving student progress and providing high-quality explicit instruction."

A shift in staffing from Cape Elizabeth High School and a reduction in the district's professional development budget would enable the School Department to add a literacy coordinator to oversee curriculum coordination in kindergarten through grade 12.

The budget for capital improvement and contracted services is up \$38,000 next year. Next year the district will see a \$34,000 reduction in the debt service.

### 'Very reasonable budget'

Despite the financial challenges the district faces next year, the superintendent feels confident about the 2012-2013 school budget.

"Overall, I think it's a budget that meets the needs of students, is going to help us move forward as a district, and reflects our sensitivity to the financial climate. I think it's a very reasonable budget," Nadeau said.

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# Police notify DEP after report of person dumping motor oil in culvert

By Debbie Butterworth

## COMPLAINTS

- 3-9 An officer met with a school-crossing guard about a vehicle that failed to obey her stop sign. She had obtained a plate number and the officer made contact with the registered owner.
- 3-9 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area about a possible missing juvenile. The juvenile was located.
- 3-9 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-10 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing from the vehicle were a GPS and an iPod.
- 3-11 An officer met with a subject about a possible burglary of an unoccupied dwelling in the Scott Dyer Road area. A check of the building indicated possible entry through an unsecured window. Contact was made with the responsible party regarding the building.
- 3-14 An officer met with a resident about a telephone harassment complaint.
- 3-17 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a dog-bite complaint. The owner of the dog was identified, contacted and issued a quarantine notice.
- 3-17 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint.
- 3-17 An officer responded to Gull Crest Field for report of a subject dumping motor oil into a culvert. The subject

was located, and the state Department of Environmental Protection was contacted and responded.

## SUMMONSES

- 3-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road
- 3-8 California resident, improper display of license plates, Route 77, \$137
- 3-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 3-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (56/35 zone) Spurwink Avenue, \$215
- 3-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Cheverus Road, \$133
- 3-11 Portland resident, failure to change address on license, Eastfield Road, \$137
- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, seatbelt violation, Fowler Road, \$70
- 3-12 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, criminal trespass, refusing to submit to arrest, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, Spurwink Avenue
- 3-13 Rhode Island resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road, \$310
- 3-17 Pownal resident, speeding (47/30 zone) Shore Road, \$185
- 3-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 3-19 South Portland resident, speeding (46/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$185

## ARRESTS

- 3-12 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, criminal trespass,

refusing to submit to arrest, leaving the scene of an accident; failure to report an accident, Spurwink Avenue

- 3-19 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension

## JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 3-11 Speed (60/45 zone) Bowery Beach Road

## ACCIDENTS

- 3-7 Heidi Jackson, deer, Route 77
- 3-12 Anthony Welch, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 3-12 Erin Haber, Anna Brogan, accident on

Surf Road

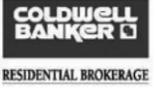
## FIRE CALLS

- 3-12 Preble Street, investigation
- 3-13 Ocean House Road, electrical fire
- 3-14 Wabun Road, fire alarm
- 3-15 Hunts Point Road, appliance fire
- 3-15 Oakhurst Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-16 Algonquin Road, appliance fire
- 3-16 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 3-16 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 3-19 Mitchell Road, cooking fire

## RESCUE CALLS

There were 19 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital.





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## Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

A 2011-2012 Cape Courier series by Ellen Van Fleet follows the development of the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago. Cape Elizabeth author Paul J. Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," is the main guide. Small entries in the Courier capture the news and concerns as events unfolding outside of Cape Elizabeth thrust their way into the local consciousness. News items from the Portland Transcript are printed verbatim.

**April 5, 1862** – Miss Sarah J. Prentiss, formerly of Paris, in this State, has been appointed matron of the brigade hospital at Ship Island. [Portland Transcript]

*Editor's note:* Ship Island is located between Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La. "Union troop strength on Ship Island peaked in April 1862 when more than 15,000 men assembled for the final assault on New Orleans," the website, <http://mshipisland.com>, states. "As soon as the city fell, the Union garrison on Ship Island

was reduced to one regiment of infantry, the 13th Maine."

☞ Maine has sent one in every 29 of her inhabitants to the war. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Owners of slaves in the District of Columbia are removing them as fast as possible in view of the probable passage of the act abolishing slavery there. [Portland Transcript]

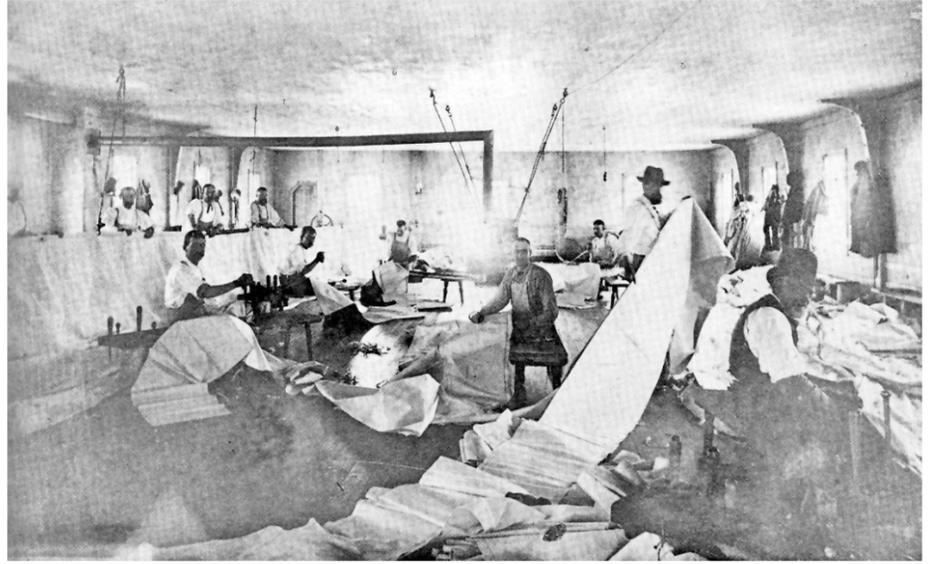


Photo Courtesy of the Thomaston Historical Society.

In this undated photograph taken at the Dunn and Elliot Sail loft in Thomaston, workers use duck cloth to make sails.

☞ A vessel arrived at Newburyport on Friday last, from Philadelphia, with a black captain and crew – not a white person on board. This is the first case of the kind in that city. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Gen. Grant, though hardly 40 years of age, has been in 17 battles, three of which he commanded and was in the Mexican war. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Maine Cavalry paraded in Washington on Friday week and was highly complimented on its fine appearance. [Portland Transcript]

**April 12, 1862** – Gov. Washburn declines to be a candidate for re-election next September. We believe it is conceded by all parties that he has performed the arduous duties of his office with great ability and faithfulness. [Portland Transcript]

☞ All recruiting in this State, for regiments now in service, has been discontinued. [Portland Transcript]

☞ No passes are to be granted to civilians to visit Fortress Monroe or other military posts. The officers complain that the presence of female visitors interferes with military discipline. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia has passed the Senate [Portland Transcript]

☞ The President's emancipation resolve has now been adopted by both Houses of Congress. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Capt. Geo. P. Sherwood, of Co. F., 5th Maine Reg., who was wounded at Eull Run, has received orders to join his

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## Sesquicentennial

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regiment. He has not yet recovered from the effects of his wound. [*Portland Transcript*]

It is settled that there was actually a plot to murder President Lincoln on his way through Baltimore. A man arrested in Richmond for the crime has been released because he proved by Wigfall that he was the chief of the band organized to kill the President. [*Portland Transcript*]

*Editor's note:* A number of suspected conspirators were identified, but no one was ever indicted or put on trial. The phrase "proved by Wigfall" is a puzzle. It may be a reference to Louis Trezevant Wigfall, an imposing political figure from Texas. Wigfall served in the United States Senate from 1859 until March 23, 1861, when he withdrew. He was expelled from the Senate on July 11, 1861, for support of the rebellion. Wigfall had continued to hold his seat after Texas had seceded on February 1, 1861, exhorting the rightness of the Southern cause and berating his Northern colleagues whether on the floor of the Senate or in Capitol Hill saloons. During this time in Washington, he spied on federal preparations for the coming conflict, secured weapons for delivery south, and upon expulsion by his fellow Senators, he went to Baltimore, Md., and recruited soldiers for the new Confederacy before traveling to the Confederate capital in Richmond, Wikipedia states.

**April 19, 1862** – Patents have been granted to Gilbert L. Bailey of Portland for improvement in buckles and for improved ice creepers; to Perley D. Cummings of Portland for improved kerosene oil burner; to Robert W. George of Richmond for improved washing machine; and to Caleb

Sanborn of Berwick for improved medicine for cough. [*Portland Transcript*]

Of the Colonels of the 16 Regiments sent out from Maine, five have been made Brigadier Generals – Shepley, Caldwell, Howard, Jameson and Berry. [*Portland Transcript*]

The Yankees have already commenced the re-population of Virginia in the rear of our victorious armies. They will regenerate the State. [*Portland Transcript*]

The First Mayflower – Mr. E.L. Pillsbury, of Cape Elizabeth, who for many years had brought us the first mayflower of the season, presented us on Saturday last with a fine specimen of the trailing arbutus. We have heard it insinuated that he has a private hotbed in the woods in which he forces his mayflowers, but we don't believe it. He knows the secret haunts of the shy flowers and the spots earliest visited by the sun. [*Portland Transcript*]

The Portland Duck Co. has commenced operations again at their mills in order to meet the great demand for heavy duck occasioned by the fitting out of vessels for the spring business. [*Portland Transcript*]

*Editor's note:* "Doek," the Dutch word for "cloth," evolved into the English word "duck" in reference to sail canvas.

Duck was typically made from cotton or linen – flax – with some use of hemp. These natural fibers have poor resistance to rot, UV light and water absorption. Linen is stronger, but cotton is lighter. Linen was the traditional fiber of sails until it was supplanted by cotton during the 19th century. As sail size grew, linen was too heavy to be practical so cotton became more popular, Wikipedia states.

**Nathan Corbell** has opened Seacoast Vision Care in Scarborough, an optometry practice that offers services for all ages, including eye exams, contact lens care, and medical treatment of eye conditions.

Corbell, who lives in Cape Elizabeth with his family, has practiced optometry for more than 10 years. He was the first optometrist at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. In 2001, he graduated from New England College of Optometry in Boston, Mass., where he received clinical honors for his patient care. He is a member of the American and Maine Optometric associations.



Nathan Corbell

Four Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.: **Jacqueline Fabricius**, a biology major; **Theodore Bowe**, a behavioral neuroscience major; **Josiah Baker-Connick**, who hasn't declared a major; **Sydney Banks**, a business administration major; and **Timothy Takach**, a pharmacy major.

**Fiddleheads Flowers and Vintage Chic Gifts** recently launched, "Flowers for a Cause," a monthly program in which the shop supports a local, nonprofit organization. Fiddleheads designs custom arrangements for each charity, and a percentage of each purchase goes directly to the organization. The April recipient is the **Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation**, which promotes partnerships between private funding and public education in Cape Elizabeth. Cape native **Lauren Springer** owns the shop.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Thomas A. Brigham** recently was named co-president of Portland-based Oakhurst Dairy, the largest dairy in Maine and the largest family-owned, independent dairy in northern New England. Brigham previously served as the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

"Our family could not be more pleased to elevate Tom Brigham to the role of co-president," said Co-president John Bennett, whose family has owned the dairy for three generations. "Tom is a highly trusted and valued colleague who has been a member of the Oakhurst senior leadership team for more than 16 years. Together, we bring a collective strength and expertise that will allow us to continue to take the company forward."

Brigham has more than 25 years of senior financial management experience in food-related businesses and has been responsible for all accounting and finance functions at Oakhurst since joining the company in 1995.

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# CAPE CALENDAR

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## Wednesday, April 4

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

## Thursday, April 5

**Recycling Committee**, 7 p.m., Public Works  
**Alternative Energy Committee**, 7 p.m.,  
Facilities Office at the High School

## Sunday, April 8

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

## Monday, April 9

**School Board Policy Committee**, 7:30 a.m.,  
Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
**Town Council**, 7 pm, Town Hall chamber  
**Town Council Finance Committee**, 7 p.m.,  
Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

## Tuesday, April 10

**School Board Business Meeting**, 7 p.m.,  
Town Hall chamber  
**Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m.,  
Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference  
Room, second floor Town Hall

## Wednesday, April 11

**Recycling Committee** tour of Riverside  
Composting Facility, 11 a.m. ,  
**Town Council Finance Committee**, 7 p.m.,  
Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

## Community Services Advisory

**Commission**, 7:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth  
Community Center

## Thursday, April 12

**Town Council Finance Committee**, 7 p.m.,

Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

## Monday, April 16

**Patriots Day Holiday**, Town Hall, Thomas  
Memorial Library closed. Recycling  
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## Ongoing each week

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**The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth  
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club president, 838-8129.

## Cape Elizabeth Garden Club to meet April 4

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at the home of Dorothy Ingalls, 20 Canterbury Way.

Following a business meeting, professional florist and club member Hilda Lewis will present a program demonstrating how to create a terrarium.

"Club members look forward to a busy spring, with a district meeting in Falmouth

in April and a Garden Club Federation of Maine convention taking place in Freeport in June," club members stated in a press release. "When the gardening season begins, members will again be working on the gardens at the Thomas Memorial Library and at the keeper's quarters at Fort Williams."

CEGC welcomes new members. Contact Barbara Anderson at 767-2898 or anderson-cape@aol.com for more information.

## 'April Scoop' set for April 14 at Fort Williams

The third annual April Scoop, when volunteers pick up trash and dog waste at Fort Williams, is planned from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14, with a rain date scheduled the next day at the same time. Trash bags will be provided. Dogs will be welcome.

Volunteers are invited to show up at any time during the morning. Headquarters will be on the path next to the maintenance building near the back of the Fort.

Contact Karen Brenner at 233-2582 for more information.

## Cape actor in 'Hedda Gabler' this month

Cape Elizabeth actor Thomas Campbell will play Eilert Lövborg in the University of Southern Maine's production of "Hedda Gabler," which will open Friday, April 20, at Russell Hall on USM's Gorham campus.

Written in 1890 by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, the play centers on Hedda Gabler, who has recently married academic George Tesman. Gabler is bored by her life and feels trapped by the limits society places on women. The appearance of Tesman's ac-

ademic rival, Lövborg, throws the couple's lives into disarray. Lövborg, a writer and a recovered alcoholic who has wasted his talent until now, has just completed a bestseller in the same field as Tesman.

"Hedda Gabler" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28; and at 5 p.m. on April 22, 25, and 29. Go to www.usm.maine.edu/theatre or call 780-5151 to buy tickets. The theater is located at 37 College Avenue.

## Trip to Cape Cod, Nantucket offered May 1-3

Community Services plans an excursion to Cape Cod and Nantucket, Mass., from May 1 to 3.

The trip will begin with a high-speed ferry ride to Nantucket for lunch and a tour of the island. Group members will return that day to Cape Cod, where they will check into a Hyannis hotel. On Cape Cod, the group will visit Provincetown, tour historic Route 6A, visit galleries and shops, and go to restaurants. A choice of either a whale-watching adventure or a dune tour in a Suburban will be offered.

On the last day, the group will drive to New Bedford to visit the New Bedford

Whaling Museum, the largest museum in the country dedicated to the history of American whaling.

The cost, \$356 per person, will include custom-coach transportation, two nights of lodging, two full breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, the ferry ride to Nantucket, the island sightseeing tour, a whale watch or dune tour, admission to the museum and the services of a guide escort. Meal and room taxes, meal gratuities, and baggage handling also will be covered.

The group will leave at 7 a.m. on May 1 from the parking lot behind the Community Center. Call 799-2868 for more information.

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April 11 & 12 - 2 & 8 p.m.  
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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 8 at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am

## Raffle to benefit Cape Elizabeth Land Trust



Andrea Peters' oil painting, "Monhegan Trees," will be raffled off July 22.

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is selling raffle tickets for an original painting by Andrea Peters in conjunction with the organization's fifth annual Paint for Preservation Wet Paint fundraiser on July 22.

"Monhegan Trees," an oil on board measuring 24 inches by 24 inches, is valued at \$4,800 and can be seen at Gleason Fine Art Gallery, 545 Congress St., Portland. Images of the painting can be viewed at the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road, or online at [www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2012](http://www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2012), where raffle rules are posted.

Raffle tickets are \$50, or three for \$125, and are available through the CELT website, at the CELT office, at Gleason Gallery, or by phone at 767-6054. The drawing will be held July 22, and the winner does not have to be

present. Raffle proceeds will support CELT's Saving Cape's Great Places initiative to preserve strategic local conservation lands.

Peters' work has been exhibited in shows throughout the Northeast. "Monhegan Trees" features trees growing on the slope of lawn in front of Monhegan's Island Inn.

On July 22, selected artists will paint at public and private locations in Cape Elizabeth. That night, the artwork will be auctioned off at Breakwater Farm.

Founded in 1985, CELT has permanently protected nearly 600 acres in Cape Elizabeth. The organization is now raising money to acquire an additional 63.6 acres of land along Shore Road.

Go to [www.capelandtrust.org](http://www.capelandtrust.org) or call 767-6054 for more information.

## Eric Kawamoto to perform in May 12 concert

Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Kawamoto is part of the 21-voice a cappella ensemble, Renaissance Voices, which will present a concert, "Folk Song Suite," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at Portland's Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High St.

Organist and composer Harold Stover will direct the ensemble's performance of a collection of English, Chinese, Polish, German and American songs. Some of the songs, from earlier centuries, will be sung in their original, traditional forms but most are arranged by classical composers who include Stover, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Chen Yi and Johannes Brahms.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets can be bought in advance for \$12 at Starbird Music or Longfellow Books in Portland and at Book Review in Falmouth (by cash or check), or at [www.renaissancevoices.org](http://www.renaissancevoices.org). Admission will be \$5 at the door for students, who must have valid student identification.

The audience is invited to a reception after the concert. Visit the group's website or call 729-4958 for more information.



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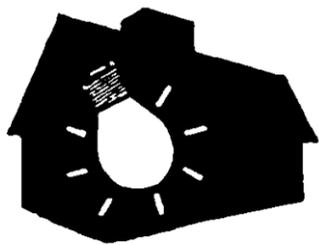
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## Art League members display this month; Reception is April 6



'Burpee,' a watercolor by Susan L. Fisher, is one of the pieces by Cape Elizabeth Art League members on exhibit this month at Thomas Memorial Library.

Works by members of the Cape Elizabeth Art League are on display this month at Thomas Memorial Library.

Members have been painting together for about 20 years. They meet Tuesday mornings at the Community Services building to share skills, critique each other's work and enjoy each other's company as they paint and draw. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome.

The cost is \$3 to cover use of the room. Contact Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

## Financial planner to talk April 5 about wealth-transfer planning

Cape Elizabeth resident and Certified Financial Planner Tak Suppasettawat will discuss basic wealth-transfer planning at an informal session from 7 to 8 p.m. April 5 at the Thomas Memorial Library Community Room.

She will talk about financial strategies to help people minimize taxes, protect and preserve assets for future generations, and philanthropic goals.

The presentation is free and will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Refreshments will be served. Visit the library's website at [www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org](http://www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org) for more information.

## Discussion group on parenting issues starts April 10



Author Sarah MacLaughlin, shown with son Josh, will lead the library's new monthly discussion group for parents, starting April 10.

Ever wish you could get some advice and constructive support about tantrums, picky eaters, bedtime delays and other common parenting challenges?

The library is launching a new monthly discussion group for parents of 2-to 8-year-olds, led by Sarah MacLaughlin, a parent educator and author of "What Not to Say: Tools for Talking with Young Children" (Bay Island Books, 2010.)

The sessions start at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. Subsequent programs will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.



Author Pam Flowers, pictured here with members of her sled-dog team, will present a program about her adventures at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the library.

## 'Alone Across the Arctic' talk is April 12

As part of a national speaking tour, author Pam Flowers will present a narrated slide-show program, "Alone Across the Arctic" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Thomas Memorial Library.

Flowers' program details her solo, trans-arctic expedition with her eight-dog team from Barrow, Alaska to eastern Canada. This trip was the basis for two of her books, "Alone Across The Arctic: One Woman's Epic Journey by Dog Team" for adults, and an award-winning children's picture book,

"Big Enough Anna: The Little Sled Dog Who Braved the Arctic."

Flowers also will discuss how these two books went from concept to shelf.

The program is appropriate for adults as well as families with children. A book signing will follow.

Copies of Flowers' books will be available for sale through the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

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**Story Time schedule a little different in April**

Because of scheduling conflicts and other reasons, there will be no Tales for Tots sessions on Thursdays during the month of April at the library.

Families that usually attend on Thursdays can go on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Saturdays for Family Story Time at 10:30 a.m.

The Thursday schedule for Tales for Tots will resume in May.

Also, there will be no regular story times during school vacation week, April 16-20.

**Gardening columnist and Cape resident offers low-maintenance gardening tips on April 14**

The library will present three spring programs to help your garden grow.

In the first free session, at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Cape Elizabeth resident and *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram* columnist Tom Atwell will offer his expertise on "Low-Maintenance Gardening."

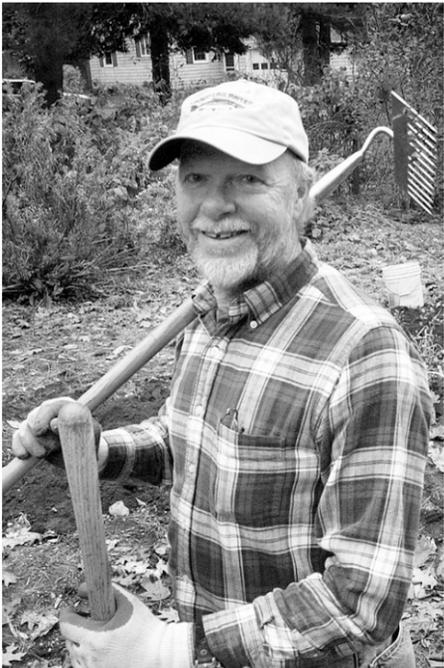
Atwell, who has written the "Maine Gardener" column since 2004 and worked for the papers since 1974, will discuss how you can reduce the amount of maintenance your garden requires by choosing the right plants and preparing the soil properly.

The second program in the series will take place on Saturday, April 21, in celebration of Earth Day.

It will be a family-friendly program on vermicomposting (composting with worms), in cooperation with the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee.

Details about the third program in the gardening series, on April 28, are still being worked out.

Please visit the [www.ThomasMemorial-Library.org](http://www.ThomasMemorial-Library.org) for details about the series and other upcoming programs.



Tom Atwell, columnist for the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*, will talk about low-maintenance gardening at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

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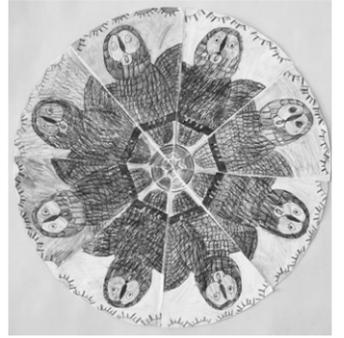
### Moody's Mega Math Challenge!



Photo by Barbee Gilman

Cape Elizabeth High School students, left to right, Matt Gilman, Paul Hamerski, Teddy Farnsworth, Ethan DiNinno and Ben Hansel spent 14 hours on March 4 in Gilman'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, students crunched numbers and created math models from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. to determine the best regions in the country for establishing rail lines as part of a high-speed intercity passenger rail program. The Cape group, which submitted a 15-page paper, is one of 134 groups out of about 1,000 to make it into the second round. Finalists will be notified on April 4.

### Fourth-grader's work in show at Portland Museum of Art



Pond Cove fourth-grader Jake Williams, left, received a certificate on March 10 at the Portland Museum of Art for being one of 100 Maine students whose artwork was exhibited in a show there last month. Williams created his piece, a mandala featuring owls, for a class assignment. "The lesson required students to choose something from nature that represented them in some way or shared a characteristic that they feel they have in common. Jake chose the wise owl," Pond Cove art teacher Maryjane Johnston said.

### Cape musicians to perform April 12 at USM

Seven Cape Elizabeth musicians will perform with the University of Southern Maine Youth Ensembles April 12 at Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland.

Waynflete School student Helen Gray-Bauer plays violin with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Cape Elizabeth High School violinists Charlotte Ruty and Madeline Kraft perform with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra. CEHS student William Britton plays oboe with both the

Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. CEMS violinist Natalie Gale plays with the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra. Remy Delva, who is homeschooled, plays clarinet and Cape Elizabeth Middle School student Hazel Pine plays flute with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble.

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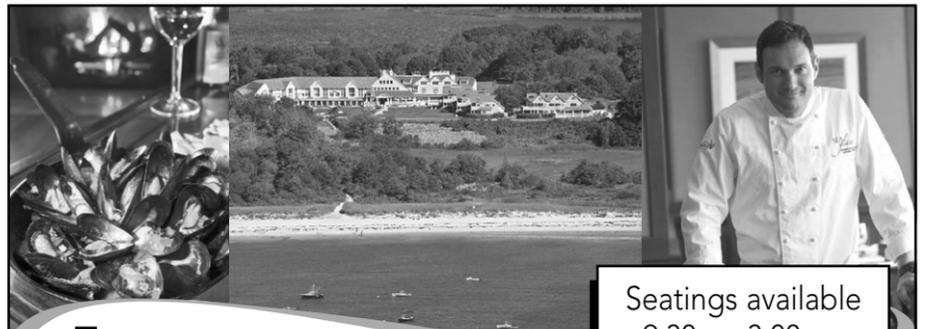
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## Twenty-eight professionals talk to students at CEMS about careers, how to pursue them



Photo by Gina Oxenhandler

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students enjoy a fashion design presentation last month during the 15th annual Career Exploration Fair.

Instead of following their usual class schedule on March 8, Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders learned about everything from sportswriting and fashion design to forensic science and fire-fighting. Twenty-eight professionals turned out at the 15th annual Career Exploration Fair to talk to students about their careers and the paths they took to pursue them.

Presenters included: newspaper sportswriter Glenn Jordan; lawyer Peter Cary; physician Chris Bowe; personal trainer Joni Hewitt; video game artist Ben Salerno; musician Tony Boffa; architect Donna Peterson; actor and director Stacey Koloski; chef and restaurant owner David Turin; Malcolm Toon, who designs apps for mobile devices;

engineer Jim Ekedahl; veterinarian Patricia Chase; fashion designers Emily Adair and Lauren Lafay; forensic scientist Tom Joyce; graphic designer Sara Lennon; firefighter Ben Davis; police officer Mark Dorval; marine biologists and educators, Adam Baukus and Curt Brown; photographers Joanne Lee and Chelsey Dauphin; Kim McLean and Joshua Baeten of the U.S. Coast Guard, and journalists Susan Grisanti, Kate Gable, and Melanie Kratovil.

"The students repeatedly heard, 'Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life,'" said Gail Schmadler, the Cape schools' director of volunteer services, who organized the fair in conjunction with the CEMS Guidance Department.

## Outing club plans April 28 'Adventure Race'

Cape Elizabeth High School's Outing Club will hold an "Adventure Race" fundraiser, open to community members of all ages, on Saturday, April 28, at Gull Crest Field. The race will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m., and an award ceremony will follow.

At the event, three- or four-person teams will collect codes from various locations on the Gull Crest and Great Pond trails, using a map and compass to navigate. Teams that collect the most codes will win. Groups will not be able to use smartphones during the race, and the competition will not include different age brackets for winners.

Club members are soliciting local businesses and some outdoor outfitting chains for donations for prizes and awards. Some nonprofit organizations also will donate

items to be given as awards.

The cost per team is \$20, and groups can pay at the race or before, but teams must register in advance. Contact Andrew Hollyday at 767-7139 or hollydaya@gmail.com to register or get more information.

The Cape Elizabeth Outing Club schedules outings throughout the year, and the race fundraiser will help support the events.

## Middle School musicians perform at festivals



Students who performed in the Southern Maine Middle School Music Festival last month at Westbrook Middle School were, left to right, front row, Emma Shedd, Haley Fawcett, Tasha Thomes, Dana Dufresne-Bonoff, Eli Babcock; back row: Zodi Chalal, Jimmy Salerno, Katie Oberholtzer, Megan Nicholson, Hazel Pine, Jana Freedman and Lexie Bakke.

Twenty-six Cape Elizabeth Middle School band and chorus students were selected to play in honors musical festivals last month in Westbrook and Kennebunk.

Seventh- and eighth-graders Eli Babcock, Lexie Bakke, Zodi Chalal, Dana Dufresne-Bonoff, Haley Fawcett, Jana Freedman, Megan Nicholson, Katie Oberholtzer, Hazel Pine, Jimmy Salerno, Emma Shedd, and Tasha Thomes performed in the Southern

Maine Middle School Music Festival at Westbrook Middle School.

Sixth-graders who performed on March 10 at the District 1 Honors Music Festival at Kennebunk Middle School were: Katie Bozek, Jacob Brydson, Blair Carpenter, Chloe Chapin, Annie Citrine, Julie Derzawiec, Myra Diehl, Christie Gilles, Luc Houle, Sarah Knupp, Chase Kozlowski. Sam Preble, Olivia Reale-Hatem and Anna Torre.

## Urban Runoff 5K race, walk set for April 21

The inaugural Urban Runoff 5K race and walk is planned Saturday, April 21, at Deering High School on Stevens Avenue in Portland. The event, to be held rain or shine, will raise money to support clean-water education in 14 school districts in southern Maine, including Cape Elizabeth.

Registration will open at 7:45 a.m., and the race will begin at 9 a.m. Participants can

register for the race on race day for \$20 or in advance for \$15 at [www.urbanrunoff5k.com](http://www.urbanrunoff5k.com).

A children's festival is planned from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District is coordinating the event on behalf of 14 municipalities, collectively known as the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group.



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**Correction:** The March 21 issue of *The Cape Courier* gave incorrect information about how the Cape Elizabeth High School science team has performed in past Science Bowls. In 2008, the team, coached by Bill Brewington and comprised of Libby Cummings, Anna Tranfaglia, Caitlin Pomeroy, Nick Whiteman and Charlie Governali, won the regional competition and went on to compete in the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., as the CEHS science team had the previous year. Both the 2007 and 2008 teams won recognition in specific categories in the national competition.



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## Cape gymnasts bring home first-place medals

Three Cape Elizabeth gymnasts finished first overall in the Maine State Gymnastics Championships on March 18 at Maine Academy of Gymnastics in Westbrook.

Cape Elizabeth High School freshman Ethan Nestor-Darling, a level-10 gymnast who trains with Steve Randall at Gymnation in Kennebunk, earned first place on pommel horse, still rings, vault and parallel bars.

Two Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-graders also triumphed. Zachary Stewart, a level-6 gymnast, came in first in floor, vault and still rings. Zachary Wellins, a level-5 gymnast, had first-place finishes in still rings, vault, parallel bars, high bar and pommel horse. Both boys train with Garrett Robinson at Maine Academy of Gymnastics.

The three will compete in regional cham-



Gymnasts, left to right, Zachary Wellins, Ethan Nestor-Darling and Zachary Stewart display their medals and spirit on March 18.

pionships on April 15 in Braintree, Mass

United States of America Gymnastics, the national governing body for gymnastics, has established 10 levels of gymnastics, with 1 the lowest and 10 the highest.

## Cape swimmer Jensen earns record swim times

Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Jensen recently earned record times in the 70-74-year-old division of the New England Masters Swim Club, which includes about 1800 members who range from novices to Olympic-trial qualifiers.

Jensen earned first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:17.01, first in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:50.67, and second place in the individual medley with a time of 1:19.04 on March 4 at the 2012 Lighthouse Masters Swim Meet at Richards Pool. Jensen's times also earned him a top-10 spot among swimmers who are members of U.S. Masters Swimming organization.

A retired engineer, Jensen has swum almost every weekday morning since he moved to Maine seven and a half years ago, but he had not competed in a Masters' swim meet since 2002, when he lived in New

Hampshire. In 2007, he did compete in the Peaks to Portland race, earning first place in his age group.

When he was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., Jensen swam for the team and held a longstanding record for distance freestyle.



Eric Jensen, pictured here with his wife Laurie, on the water instead of in the water, recently earned record swimming times.

## Two 'mini-session' sports programs offered

Community Services is offering two sports programs for adults this spring. The "Lighthouse Masters Swim Club," geared to accomplished competitive swimmers, will have 5:45-6:45 a.m. sessions Monday-Friday, May 14-June 14 at the Richards Pool. The cost is \$88 per person. To register, go to [www.cape.k12.me.us/commserv.htm](http://www.cape.k12.me.us/commserv.htm) and click on the "Register Now" blue activenet.

com box, or go the Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road.

Indoor soccer sessions for adults are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym on the Sundays, April 15, 22, 29 and May 6. The cost per session is \$5, payable at the door. Contact Community Services at 799-2868 for more information

## National Academic Squad



Photo by Tim Langan

Ally Boyington goes after the ball during a Dickinson College game against Frostburg State University of Frostburg, Md., on Sept. 9 in Carlisle, Pa.

Cape resident Ally Boyington, a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.,

was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's Division III National Academic Squad.

A 2011 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, Boyington is majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology and environmental science at Dickinson where she played for the Red Devils field hockey team this fall and earned a varsity letter.

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Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Prayer: Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Sermon recordings available to download.

### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
799-8396

[www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org)

Chapel Service: 8 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.  
Child care: 10 a.m. service  
Audio tapes of services available.

### Cape Shore Assembly of God

536 Cottage Road, South Portland  
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Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Family Bible Studies:  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Sermon recordings available to download.

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

29 Ocean House Road  
767-5000

Sacrament Meeting:  
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Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m.  
Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon  
Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon

### Congregation Bet Ha'am

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Saturday: 10 a.m.  
Family Shabbat services:  
Second Friday: 6:30 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of South Portland

879 Sawyer St., South Portland  
799-4565

[www.spfbc.com](http://www.spfbc.com)

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8) Tuesday  
6:20 p.m.

### First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland  
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[www.fccucc.org](http://www.fccucc.org)

Chapel worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.  
Sunday School  
and Preschool Childcare: 10 a.m.

### Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

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[www.stalbansmaine.org](http://www.stalbansmaine.org)

Rite I: Wednesday: 9 a.m.  
Rite I: Sunday: 8 a.m.  
Rite II: Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
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4-11 years old: 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Weekday Masses:  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.

## Special helpers



Seven girls from Cape Elizabeth and South Portland Girl Scout troops helped serve during the Sunday morning church service at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on March 11. Assisting that morning were, left to right, Lucy Hartley, Mikayla Livingston, Grace Hartley, Julia Olsen, Abby Wolf, Greta Francwicz and Eva Morris.

## St. Alban's to offer daily Holy Week services

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will open Holy Week with Palm Sunday services on April 1 at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. The church will hold communion services at 9:30 a.m. on April 2, 3 and 4.

Maundy Thursday on April 5 will include a children's program at 6:30 p.m. Children will gather to bake the bread for Holy Communion and learn about the significance of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet.

At a 7 p.m. service of Holy Communion, the altar will be stripped of decoration and parishioners will have the option of washing each other's feet. At the end of the service, people can choose to leave in silence or stay to pray in a vigil that will continue until 8 a.m. on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, April 6, St. Alban's will offer a noon-1 p.m. service of readings, meditation and music.

The period from 1 to 2 p.m. will be dedicated to prayer, reflection, and music, and a traditional offering of prayer, scripture and hymns is planned at 3 p.m. A service of Holy Communion is set for 7 p.m.

An Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7, which will begin outdoors at 7 p.m. with the "lighting of the new fire," will continue in the candlelit church where the congregation will celebrate the first service of Easter.

Services are planned on Easter Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

St. Alban's is located at 885 Shore Road. Call 799-4014 or go to [www.stalbansmaine.org](http://www.stalbansmaine.org) for more information.

## Public supper planned on Saturday, April 14

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

The church suppers are usually on the first Saturdays of the month, but because of the timing of Easter – April 8 – April's supper will be on the second Saturday. The final public supper of the season will be May 5.

The price for the supper, which will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts, will be \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$20 for families (two adults and children). Takeout will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Visit [www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org) for more information.

## Churches to share Easter week services

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church and Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will share three Easter week services and a breakfast.

A 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on April 5 at the Methodist Church will be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. "Fellowship and Appetizers" gathering. A Good Friday service is planned at 7 p.m. on April 6 at the Church of the Nazarene.

An "Easter Sunrise Service" is set for 6 a.m. on April 8 at Two Lights Point and will be followed by a 6:30 a.m. breakfast at the Church of the Nazarene.

Additional Easter services at 10 a.m. are also planned at both churches. The Methodist Church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Church of the Nazarene is located at 499 Ocean House Road.

Contact Cape Church of the Nazarene at 799-3692 or visit [www.capenazarene.org](http://www.capenazarene.org) for information, or contact Cape Methodist at 799-8396 or visit [www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org).

## Hymn Sing on April 20

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will host an "Old-fashioned Hymn Sing" at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend.

"This is an informal evening, and we welcome requests for favorite hymns that folks haven't sung in a while," church member Laurie Sayre wrote in an email to *The Cape Courier*.

The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road. Call the Rev. Jon Twitchell at 318-3515 for more information.



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# Bee

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Latin root word and challenge Nat to come up with other words from that root.

Lily is “very determined for my success,” Nat said, before offering a little brother’s assessment of the real reason his sister is pushing him: “Mostly, she just wants to go to Washington, D.C., because she has friends that she met at last year’s bee that she wants to see.”

Nat admits that he was nervous before the state bee started, but the butterflies in his stomach settled down after he got his first word right.

“Then you get in a rhythm and you calm down,” he said. “Once you start spelling words right, it gives you confidence.”

His toughest words, Nat said, were “tanha,” a Buddhist term for wanting to have, and stollen, a German sweetened bread.

As the rounds piled up, Nat said, he began to realize that Brandon and a third competitor – Ben Philbrook of Aroostook County, who lasted until round 36 – had also memorized the “Spell It” book and the contest would come down to who slipped up first.

“I was kind of sad at that point because I realized I had only a one in three chance of winning,” Nat said. “The thing I was scared about was misspeaking. I would go slow



Photo by Glenn Jordan

Nat Jordan had some Cape Elizabeth fans in the state spelling bee audience as he spelled his way to success. From left, Ben Wolf, Jack O’Brien and Finn Wolf show their support.

and “write” it on my arm.”

In the end, the win left Nat – along with family members and his fellow competitor – drained.

“It felt very exciting, but I was more relieved,” he said. “My mom said her brain was tired, and her back hurt from sitting so long.”

There wasn’t much time for the Jordans to soak up another victory.

Nat said the family raced to try to catch the end of his baseball tryouts – Nat also plays football, is on the Nordic skiing and debate teams and recently had a role in “The Music Man Jr.” at the middle school – then ordered a pizza for dinner.

## Nat Jordan’s words at the 2012 state bee

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. pretzel      | 26. diphthong   |
| 2. nightingale  | 27. flamboyant  |
| 3. lucid        | 28. mistletoe   |
| 4. lariat       | 29. notochord   |
| 5. clementine   | 30. lieutenant  |
| 6. crochet      | 31. bellicose   |
| 7. prosecute    | 32. stollen     |
| 8. souvenir     | 33. langlauf    |
| 9. quell        | 34. coffle      |
| 10. acme        | 35. calypso     |
| 11. seltzer     | 36. quisling    |
| 12. barrage     | 37. batik       |
| 13. subterfuge  | 38. punctilio   |
| 14. benevolent  | 39. cheka       |
| 15. matriarch   | 40. belligerent |
| 16. nebbish     | 41. chassis     |
| 17. cadenza     | 42. mandir      |
| 18. vigilante   | 43. novillero   |
| 19. cedilla     | 44. tokamak     |
| 20. teriyaki    | 45. jacamar     |
| 21. pochismo    | 46. zwinger     |
| 22. illuminati  | 47. tanha       |
| 23. homogeneous | 48. wedel       |
| 24. ridiculous  | 49. ruefully    |
| 25. ergonomic   | 50. coincidence |

# Center

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was a huge advantage, and will allow us to offer our standard stock and possibly expand on some varieties without having to go through the whole license application process.”

“While we have a basic footprint for all of our stores, because of the lenient zoning ordinances in Cape Elizabeth, we are planning to pilot a few additional services here,” Donovan explained in a recent telephone interview.

One idea he mentioned is construction of an outdoor café, where patrons could enjoy beverages and snacks on a patio that likely would encompass part of the current parking lot.

It is unknown at this time if the liquor license will extend to the café, but as it will be a license transfer, not a new issue, it is ex-

pected to cover all aspects of alcohol sales.

Some changes are inevitable. Company engineers have expressed the need to increase the square footage for retail sales, and that can be accomplished in several ways, the first also being an integral part of the company’s mission statement, which dictates that no adjacent retail stores be in competition with the kinds of products and services offered by the chain.

Because of this clause, the leases for several other tenants in the shopping center will be terminated, with the possible exemption of Two Lights Home Care, the preschool, the cleaner’s and the tutoring center.

The grocery chain will have the option of expanding into those vacated spaces, or may decide to lease to other non-competing outlets. In other locations, they have amicably neighbored with sporting goods stores

and arcades.

“The addition of other retail shops will actually increase our customer base, making the shopping center a real destination shopping experience for residents of southern Maine,” Donovan said.

Whether the store expands into existing space or expands the existing store, parking is an issue that will be carefully considered.

Although the present parking lot abuts a town building offering many adult and youth programs, town officials are open to negotiations to relocate that building, possibly to the vacant land available on the other side of the high school driveway.

“It’s not worth it to expand into the suburbs if we can’t get the square footage we need for our diverse food products,” explained Donovan. The chain is also building a new store in Portsmouth, N.H., so the timing is just right to add the store in Cape

Elizabeth.

Paula Banks, owner of Two Lights Home Care, an elder-care home services company located in the shopping center, has mixed feelings about the proposal.

“The increased traffic flow will give me more exposure but will also make an already busy parking lot even more dangerous,” she said when asked about her reaction to the changes.

“I’m not a fan of franchised food or services, and our little IGA reminds me of the way life should be and used to be. Don’t get me wrong, I like a \$3 bottle of wine just as much as the next guy but hate to see the end of several small, locally owned businesses who are my neighbors now.”

Well known for their in-store product-sampling offerings presented by employees wearing colorful Hawaiian shirts, the store will continue to offer that sampling and will initiate an outreach program, offering dessert sampling carts in all three local schools.

“When we offered free sweets for the kids in exchange for some advertising in the cafeterias, school officials jumped at the idea” explained a nutritionist at the headquarters in California.

“I sure wish we could take advantage of all the local food and floral offerings from farmers, lobstermen and fishermen,” explained the same nutritionist. “But in our experience, the food we import is always cheaper, and our advanced refrigeration systems can make even week-old broccoli look good!”

Design conception engineers will be looking for talented local artists to design and paint murals on the sides of the building, as has been done in many of their other locations.

Interested artisans can submit portfolio impressions by contacting Donovan at [mural@aprilfools.com](mailto:mural@aprilfools.com).

Rest easy! None of the businesses in Cape’s beloved Pond Cove Shopping Center actually will be affected by any such thing. This is another installment of the longstanding, annual April Fool’s-related “gotcha” series by the multitasking Debbie Butterworth, who also took the front-page photo of the shopping center.

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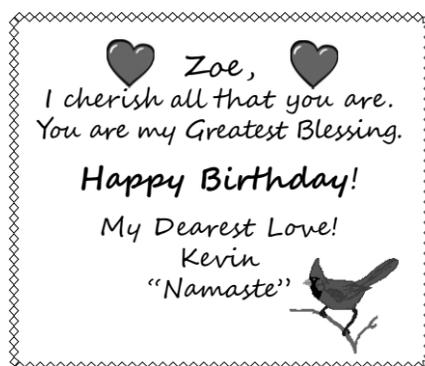
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### Happy 90th!

Cape Elizabeth resident Bob Mayberry, pictured here with his wife Shirley, recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends at Rudy's on the Cape. In his honor, the restaurant has named a pizza after him. Before leaving that night, he booked his 100th party at Rudy's. The restaurant, open all summer, will be closing in the fall for reconstruction.



### 'Volunteer of the Year'

Cape Elizabeth resident Renelle Ray, left, recently was named Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's "Employee Volunteer of the Year" for her commitment to community service and her work with several nonprofit organizations including Special Olympics and the Portland Fire Department. She is pictured here with, center, Karen Voci, executive director of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, and Susan Greenwood of Portland's Cromwell Center, who also was honored at the company's annual Community Spirit Awards presentation. Ray is an employee at Portland-based Health Plans, Inc., a subsidiary of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.



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Megan Lubetkin, the daughter of Roy and Beth Lubetkin, was named to the winter-term dean's list at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn.

### Cool sign-off! Family discovers an unexpected piece of history

Not long after this photograph was taken of Cape Elizabeth resident Phil Burke dismantling the Cape Cottage Post Office sign on Shore Road, Burke discovered an older sign below it.



Photo by Mike Watson

By Wendy Keeler

Last month, while working to preserve a piece of Cape Elizabeth history, Cape Elizabeth resident Phil Burke uncovered an even bigger gem.

Burke, whose 94-year-old mother Annie closed the Cape Cottage Post Office branch on Shore Road in December after serving there as postmaster for 66 years, climbed a ladder on March 21 to dismantle the two-sided "U.S. Post Office Cape Cottage Branch" sign that graced the front of the branch for years. Underneath it, he found an older two-sided sign for the post office, which was open for 113 years.

"It's in pretty good shape," said Burke, who is not sure of the age of the older sign, which he plans to donate to the Cape

Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. "The south side is in tough shape, but the north side's in good shape because it didn't have the sun beating on it."

Burke will hang the south side of the newer sign on his Fowler Road property on a fence facing Great Pond. The other side will stay with his mother, who lives above the former post office with her husband Wally.

Joseph Armstrong, the great-grandfather of Wood Road resident Joe Higgins, opened the Cape Cottage branch in 1898 inside the building, which housed his general store, Armstrong's. In the 1940s, Annie Burke, who was then Annie Williams, took over from Harvard Armstrong's wife, Molly.



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