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Town officials warn impact of state cuts could be major

By Wendy Keeler

Brace yourselves, Cape Elizabeth residents.

That's the word from town and school officials, who warn that Cape Elizabeth could bear a heavy burden if the state Legislature approves the biennial budget that Gov. Paul LePage released last month. Cape Elizabeth residents could see their tax bills increase as much as 12.2 percent, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager Michael McGovern said.

LePage proposes shifting a portion of teacher retirement costs – about \$1,836,920 for Cape Elizabeth last year – from the state to local districts, based on state funding formulas.

“As Cape Elizabeth has 11 percent of the school budget paid for by the state, it is estimated that \$1,634,000 of this expense would be transferred from the state budget to the local property tax,” McGovern said, adding that the state hasn't confirmed how the cost would be run through the school funding formula, so that figure could change.

Under the governor's proposed budget, the state would cut municipal revenue sharing by \$640,000. The plan also eliminates the homestead exemption, which would add \$158.50 each year to the bills of most Cape taxpayers under the age of 65.

“This [budget] would affect all of us, so it's important that residents hear about the impact of this possible action by the state,” Town Council Finance Committee Chair Frank Governali said.

“We should not sugarcoat the potential impact,” School Board Finance Committee Chair Michael Moore said. “The proposed changes could have a significant impact on the school budget.”

The biennial budget's shifting of teachers' retirement costs to districts might not be the only bad news for the Cape Elizabeth school district, school officials say. Under the budget, reductions such as the loss of \$196,872 in state aid to the district this school year – the result of a Dec. 27 curtailment order by LePage – could continue.

—see IMPACT, page 18

Big art from lots of little pieces

By Patricia McCarthy

A tree house, says Cape Elizabeth artist Amanda Edwards, captures “the imaginative and playful spirit of childhood, the healing qualities of nature and soothing elements of art.”

A little wooden getaway tucked into a tree? It just conjures up happy thoughts and memories, says Edwards, who is hard at work creating a five-story mosaic tree house that will be installed this spring at Boston Children's Hospital.

The art will be mounted on walls in corridors that overlook an interior courtyard. Artists hoping to have their work decorate the halls of the new addition were told to submit a cohesive design that spanned five floors and could be seen in its entirety from the courtyard and from a part of the hospital facing the new wing.

Edwards, a primarily self-taught artist, says she is thrilled that her proposal was chosen from 100 submissions.

“I had lots of ideas floating around my head for this project,”

—see MOSAIC, page 6



All images by Amanda Edwards

Counterclockwise from top right: Cape Elizabeth artist Amanda Edwards' renderings of the mosaic panels that will make up one piece of art spanning five floors at Boston Children's Hospital; jars upon jars of glass and tiles in her studio; examples of (much smaller!) completed mosaics by Edwards.

Four's the score as Cape speech team captures yet another state crown

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's state-title-winning speech team show off their trophies at a competition last month at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield.



By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth residents, add another January tradition to the list that includes New Year's resolutions, sledding at Purpoodock and sanded roads: high school state speech championship.

For the fourth straight year, Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team came home with the Maine Forensic Association title by out-speaking students at other schools across the state.

Thornton Academy in Saco placed second, and Bangor earned third place at the meet, held Jan. 26 at Brunswick High School.

The win is the result of a lot of time and effort given by students, who have to overcome bashfulness and stage fright to master the art of public speaking, said CEHS theater teacher Richard Mullen,

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Appletree School thanks Boy Scouts, Conservation Commission for trail work



Photo by Lindsay Pittenger

Appletree School students take a snowy January walk along a Cape Elizabeth trail.

The children and teachers of Appletree School would like to extend their thanks to our local Boy Scout troops and the Conservation Commission, who worked incredibly hard to build new pathways on the

greenbelt trails near the Highlands in Cape Elizabeth.

We are so lucky to have them right behind our school to enjoy every day.

Lindsay Pittenger

Parent chaperones get close look, like what they see at CEEF-funded Cape Fusion event

We recently had the experience of being parent chaperones for a Cape Fusion event at Cape Elizabeth High School and want to relay to the community what an excellent program this is.

On a night when Cape Fusion is offered, the pool, gymnasium, auditorium and lobby area are open for a variety of recreational activities. Running between pool activities to dodge ball to table tennis to the giant inflatable obstacle course, the students really

seem to enjoy themselves.

This program, which is funded by a Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation grant, provides a safe place for students to go and promotes healthy social interaction.

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank CEEF, the school staff members, and volunteers for supporting a grant that so positively impacts the Cape Elizabeth community.

Mary and Craig Brett

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
 COLUMN**

Cape rep eager to boost Maine's ailing economy

**By Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig
 State House District 121**

The Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future has started its work to secure long-term prosperity for our state.

The goal of this group is to develop legislation to strengthen Maine's workforce, downtowns and small businesses.

I was honored to be appointed to this committee along with Rep. Terry Morrison of South Portland, and we look forward to working with the 13 other Republican, Independent and Democratic members.

Our state's economy needs a boost. Maine was the only state in New England and one of only seven states nationally to have its economy shrink in 2011.

More than 50,000 Mainers are unemployed or underemployed. This is a staggering number, but we must focus on the future and what we can accomplish by working together.

The committee has heard from industry experts about ways to address our workforce skills gap. In the next five years, 4,000 jobs will be unfilled because of a mismatch between worker skills and employer needs. This is an area in which lawmakers must find common ground and build new public-private partnerships.

The committee also will work to revitalize our downtowns, rejuvenating the heart and soul of local communities. A highway sign touting that Maine is "Open for Business" may be a start, but it takes a vibrant community to make a business owner want to set up shop and make long-term investments.

Finally, the committee will focus on small businesses, which make up 95 percent of all our businesses. We will help small businesses find ways to lower costs, adapt to a changing business climate, benefit from public and private investment and stand out in a global economy.

Maine has a lot to be proud of. National studies highlight our clean air and water, great small towns, good schools and strong families.

We rank among the best in areas like places to live, tax rates for business investment, community life and child well-being. And, Maine rightly takes pride in its strong work ethic and ingenuity.

Building on these strengths, our workforce, our downtowns, and our small businesses, we can grow our economy.

We must seek meaningful job-related investment in areas like research and development and road infrastructure.

The governor should release bonds that voters have already approved to jump-start our economy. These bonds would support jobs in transportation, construction and clean water improvements with up to a five-to-one federal match.

Maine people and business leaders have made their voices heard. An economy moving in the right direction and a stronger middle class are the highest priorities.

And they want our leaders to highlight our state as a positive place to visit, live and work. That is the mission of the bipartisan Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future. There has never been a better time to put Maine back to work.

As always, please email me with your thoughts at *kmderrig@maine.rr.com*, and thanks for reading.

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Reception for Uruguayan teacher is Feb. 13

Ana Rodriguez, a Uruguay Fulbright Exchange teacher, will be the guest of honor at a public reception set for 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Local Buzz Cafe in the Pond Cove Shopping Center.

Parents, students and Cape Elizabeth community members are invited to attend, meet Rodriguez, and learn about Uruguay. At the event, Rodriguez will demonstrate the making of mate, a Uruguayan tea. Other Uruguayan beverages also will be served at the reception.

Rodriguez, a teacher from Pan de Azúcar, is participating in the exchange with Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher

Susan Dana. While in Cape Elizabeth, Rodriguez is working with students and staff and visiting the three Cape schools to learn about U.S. education, share her Uruguayan culture and participate in Maine cultural events.

The teacher exchange is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and implemented by the American Councils for International Education and the Commission for Educational Exchange between Uruguay and the United States.

Contact Dana at sdana@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Registration under way for 'Urban Runoff 5K'

The second annual Urban Runoff 5K will be held April 20 – Earth Day – at Deering High School in Portland. It's sponsored by a consortium of 14 southern Maine communities, including Cape Elizabeth, that are working to meet the standards and requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

Race proceeds go toward the group's educational outreach programs in local schools. Runners and walkers can register at www.urbanrunoff5k.com. Also, see the Urban Runoff 5K website or contact Cape Elizabeth Public Works Director Robert Malley at 799-4151 for more information.

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Featured Cape Trail: Whaleback Trail

By the Cape Elizabeth
Conservation Commission

This is a continuing series of articles on the greenbelt system of open space and trails located in Cape Elizabeth. These trails are constructed and maintained by the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission, an all-volunteer, seven-member board that reports to the Town Council and is dedicated to the preservation and the promotion of access to the public open spaces of Cape Elizabeth.



The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall, and the public is always welcome.

The town of Cape Elizabeth owns more than 1,000 acres of open space. Much of these lands are accessible to the public via 15-plus miles of greenbelt trails.

Look for the town greenbelt signs (see above) at all trailheads and also throughout the trail system to help you navigate your way on and through the trails.

The majority of trails on the greenbelt trail system are multi-use trails intended for a wide variety of recreational purposes, including walking, mountain biking, and on certain sections, horseback riding.

With the exception of a few trails that allow snowmobile travel in winter, including portions of the Great Pond trail, no motorized travel is allowed on any portions of the greenbelt trail system.

Dog walkers are required to remove waste from the immediate vicinity of the trails.

A complete description of the entire greenbelt trail system, including trail descriptions, maps and allowed uses can be found at www.capeelizabeth.com under "Most Viewed" and "maps."

Whaleback Trail
The Whaleback Trail is named after the adjacent neighborhood and distinctive stone "whale" at the head of Whaleback Way.

Whaleback Trail

The primary access to the trail is located on the western side of Whaleback Way, about 350 feet from the intersection with Old Ocean House Road. A second access is available from Route 77, but this access is very steeply sloped.

The Whaleback Trail's main value is to provide the Shore Acres and Eastfield/Westfield neighborhoods with a connection to Great Pond. It is only a short walk from the Old Ocean House/Whaleback Way intersection to the trail.

The trail is less than quarter-mile long and winds through ledge, adjacent to a picturesque and fast-moving stream, and down the hill to the Alewife Brook wetland complex. At the bottom of the hill, the trail is very wet and turns west (left) toward Route 77.

For those with "mountain goat-like" abilities, you can scale the slope up to Route 77.

In the future, the Conservation Commission hopes to work with a private property owner to establish deeded public access rights that make the final connection from the west side of Route 77 to the Great Pond trails.

For those reversing the trek, the Whale-



Look for greenbelt signs at all trailheads and also throughout the trail system to help you navigate your way on and through the trails in Cape Elizabeth. Above, a map of Whaleback Trail, a very short but important and picturesque connection in the system.

back Trail exits onto Whaleback Way. Across the street is a small town-owned open-space lot that the town is working on to create a circular loop path.

Trail users may proceed up Whaleback Way to Old Ocean House Road and across the street to the Turkey Hill Farm trails maintained by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

The Whaleback Trail is a modest but crucial link to a complete trail to Great Pond in the future.

The Conservation Commission will be working to replace an existing crossing with a boardwalk across the wettest portion of the trail at the bottom of the hill.

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A boat rack awaiting boats at Great Pond in Cape Elizabeth.

Apply by March 22 deadline: Lottery for 32 boat storage slots at Great Pond coming up

The town is once again taking applications from town residents for 32 seasonal boat storage slots at Great Pond.

Formal boat storage began at Great Pond three years ago. The town was provided an easement over the area, which is owned by the Sprague Corporation. The owner was concerned that the haphazard storage of boats was degrading the environment adjacent to the pond and required a more formal boat storage arrangement as part of the easement.

The town will issue permits for slots, using a lottery system. Any town resident who would like to store a boat at Great Pond should submit an application by March 22 to

the Office Manager, ACP (assessing/codes/planning) Office, Town Hall. Only one application per household may be submitted.

The lottery will be held at 9 a.m. on March 25, in the ACP conference room at Town Hall. The lucky winners will be notified and will have until April 1 (no fooling) to pay \$20 for their 2013 Boat Storage Permit.

Any permits remaining after that date will be distributed in a second lottery drawing from the original application pool.

At the end of this boat storage season, the Conservation Commission will conduct its annual review. This review will include periodic monitoring reports of boat storage use at Great Pond.

Iced beauty



Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley

Icy, rocky waters at Two Lights in late January.

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she says. "I spent a few weeks thinking of all tall things, everything from lighthouses to the sky itself. The moment that trees came up, I thought of all the amazing tree house designs I've seen, and thought to myself that there really is a universal love of tree houses that spans all ages, races, economical backgrounds, etc."

Each of five parts had to be able to stand on its own and adhere to a designated theme for its floor as well.

Each floor's piece will measure about 5 by 11 feet, which totals to 275 square feet of hand-cut mosaic pieces. The majority of them will be 1 or 2 inches in size, but range from 1/4 inch to 6 inches.

Edwards will use a huge variety of materials, including stained glass, glass tiles, ceramic tiles, blown-glass pieces, glass gems, fused glass and Italian Millefiori, just to name a few.

"It's hard to say just how much glass I'll be using. However, when the piece is complete, I'll be looking at all of my many glass orders, and just for fun, I'll calculate it all out. It will be a fun number to know."

She calculates that she and a part-time assistant will spend at least 1,000 hours on this piece - "not taking into consideration the many times that I lose track of time and work into the night!"

Edwards, 38, put together her first mosaic just eight years ago, but her work already graces walls from Portland (including a tree mosaic in the atrium of Barbara Bush Chil-

dren's Hospital) to London.

"I went into the art form with no preconceived notions of how to approach it. To this day, I look at glass the same way I look at any other medium I've worked with. It's all about being inspired, gathering the right colors, creating the right cuts, and trying to translate the feelings and images in your head onto your canvas of choice."

She figured out the process as she went along, starting with a mosaic sink for her children's bathroom.

"Before it was complete, I was planning what I would mosaic next. I then did a garden scene on our kitchen island, then a backsplash, fireplace mantel, and the list grew greater and greater as I found more kinds of glass. I started selling my work a year later, and have worked with glass pretty exclusively ever since."

And in the next few months, as a May deadline approaches, it may occupy most of her life. Edwards has completed Phase 1 - all of the "people, creatures, flowers and other life going on in the tree" on mesh. The next phase, she explains, is taking the mesh pieces and putting them together on the large panels.

"Creating these elements on mesh allows me to move them around on the larger piece before permanently adhering them. The next phase will be the creation of the



Amanda Edwards at work in the studio of her Cape Elizabeth home and a mosaic she created of a happy-looking octopus.



tree, sky and water. Then it will be grouting and sealing, and finally the installation in Boston."

The project will be unveiled in June. To see examples of Edwards' work, visit mandolinmosaics.com.

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Cape police face it all: theft, domestic violence, road rage and more

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-18 An officer responded to the Transfer Station and met with a representative from Public Works about a burglary complaint.
- 1-23 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a residential burglary. Two laptops, a camcorder and an MP3 player were missing from the residence.
- 1-23 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights Road area about the theft of blank checks.
- 1-26 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area about damage to a motor vehicle window that occurred during the night.
- 1-26 An officer met with a South Portland resident who reported the theft of a wallet from his unlocked vehicle parked at a local business on Ocean House Road.
- 1-28 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area about criminal mischief to a mailbox during the night.
- 1-30 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 1-30 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 1-30 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about a road-rage incident.
- 1-31 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 1-31 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 2-1 An officer met a Cape school bus driver about a vehicle that passed his bus while he was stopped with red lights flashing.
- 2-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a domestic disturbance.

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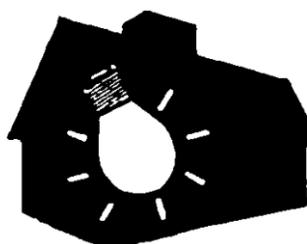
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- 2-1 Scott Dyer Road, structure fire
- 2-3 Tiger Lily Lane, fire alarm
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A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was about to enter its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

Feb. 14, 1863 – The Passamaquoddy Indians number about 400 persons; the Penobscots about 500. The State this year appropriates for the former \$1850; for the latter \$4631.

☞ Soldiers drowned: Five soldiers, belonging to the garrison at Fort Scammel, who had been on a visit to Fort Preble last Friday, undertook to return in the afternoon in the boat that runs between the two forts. It will be remembered that a severe storm was raging at that time. They had nearly reached Fort Scammel, when a heavy sea upset the boat, and only three succeeded in holding to the capsized craft till help came to them from Fort Preble. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Every pleasant Sabbath of late,

a detachment of the 17th U.S. Infantry stationed at Fort Preble have marched into town to attend divine worship, accompanied by Poppenberg's band. Last Sunday they attended at St. Luke's church, whereon the soldiers received the rite of confirmation, administered by the officiating Bishop, Dr. Burgess. The soldiers make a fine appearance in the streets, and seem to enjoy the privilege of attending church, though their tramp is a very long one and must be fatiguing in the present state of the roads. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Galts Elevator is now completed. The building is 60 feet high, 102 feet long and 53 feet wide. It will contain 130,000 bushels of grain, and its cost is \$50,000. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Two drunken soldiers of the 7th regiment fell to beating a negro on Union Street, Monday afternoon; quite a crowd gathered, but the row was quelled before the police arrived. [Portland Transcript]

Feb. 21, 1863 – A big pine was cut in Buxton a few weeks since by Mr. Richard Palmer. It measured six feet across the stump, making the circumference about 18 feet. It made 6,000 feet of lumber and was manufactured into sugar boxes. Such

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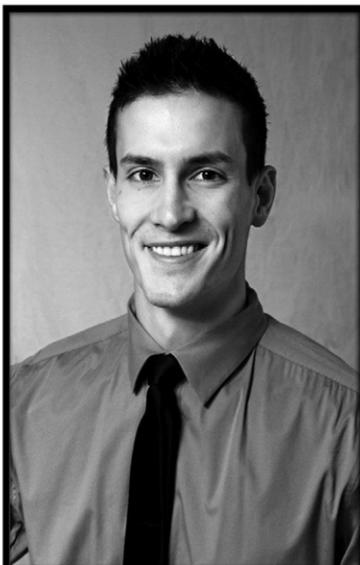
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Portland's City Building was completed in 1860 and was lost only six years later in the Great Portland Fire. Presumably, it was illuminated with candles.

"monarchs of the forest" are now not often found in the woods.

☞ Our State Senate is made up of four lawyers, 16 merchants, five farmers, three lumbermen, and one each mason, tanner and "gentleman." [Portland Transcript]

☞ The number of negroes in New England is stated at 24,711. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the emancipation of the slaves in Missouri. The amount to be paid for each slave is \$200. Senator Fessenden of this State voted against the bill; Senator Morrill for it. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The organ grinders have been compelled to ask an advance in their compensation; where they formerly gave five

tunes for five cents they now give but four for the same money. [Portland Transcript]

Feb. 28, 1863 – The small pox has been introduced at Mechanic Falls by rags brought from California for use in the paper mills. One of the patients has died, but measures have been taken to prevent its further progress.

☞ A court martial was held at Camp Abraham Lincoln this week for the trial of deserters, etc. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A Yankee heroine – The schooner *J. P. Ellicott*, of Bucksport was recently captured by the pirate *Retribution*, and a prize crew put on board. The wife of the mate was left on board the brig, and she managed to get the prize master and his mate intoxicated, when she called on the prize crew, who were mostly negroes, to

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL page 9

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help her. She actually handcuffed the officers and took the vessel into St. Thomas, thus recapturing her from the pirates. [Portland Transcript]

Washington's birthday was observed on Monday in various ways. There was a skating carnival on the "Basin," in which the ladies took part, making a brilliant scene.

In the evening the City Building was brilliantly illuminated, and there was a display of fireworks in front of it which attracted a crowd. In the City Hall the young Ladies R.F. Society gave a promenade concert for the benefit of our sick and wounded soldiers. [Portland Transcript]

The scarcity of tar threatened to interfere with the boys' usual sport on Washington's birth night, but they were bound to honor the occasion, and some of them substituted old rubbers, by which they got up quite a bonfire. [Portland Transcript]

The body of a newborn infant was found in one of the docks, last week, with stone attached to its neck, by a rope. There was a skirt wrapped about the body, but it afforded no clue to the inhuman mother. [Portland Transcript]

The high prices of rags and cotton have set the rogues to stealing the sails from the vessels at our wharves. It isn't safe nowadays to leave anything in the shape of

cotton cloth out o' nights. [Portland Transcript]

A shovel factory is about to be established in this city. [Portland Transcript]

Our city is now paying soldiers' families about \$700 a week. [Portland Transcript]

March 3, 1863 – President Lincoln signs the Enrollment Act. All men between the ages of 20 and 45 are to be enrolled, and a draft was authorized from this pool of men in the event that there is a deficiency in volunteers. ... Under the Act, a drafted man has the right to supply a substitute to serve in his place.

March 7, 1863 – A Mr. Jordan was found frozen, so that he soon died, on Saturday night near Barren Hill, Cape Elizabeth. He had been a very intemperate man, and a bottle was found in his pocket.

A train on the Kennebec and Portland railroad was thrown from the track by a cow last week, and the passengers, whose lives were put in jeopardy by the animal, presented its owner, a poor widow, with a purse of \$25,000. [Portland Transcript]

Umbrellas are property! The amended internal revenue law provides that they shall be taxed 3 percent. [Portland Transcript]

Hereafter tobacco is to be furnished to the soldiers by government at cost prices, and the sutlers will lose their present profits

on that soldiers' luxury. [Portland Transcript]

The conscription bill is said to be very popular in the army. The boys want to see the stay-at-homes take their turn at fighting the rebels. [Portland Transcript]

Our national debt – The public debt of the U.S., July 1, 1862, is stated at \$511,646,274, which with a population of 33,556,150, gives a debt of \$15,240 to each person. If the debt, however, be divided among the inhabitants of the loyal States only, it gives \$21,600 as the share of each individual. Now the total public debt of France ... gives to each individual of her thirty-six millions of population a debt of \$61,28, four times as much [ours]...The national debt of England amounts to ... a debt of \$133,55 to each individual, more than eight times as much as the debt of each person in the U.S. [Portland Transcript]

Maj. Gen John E. Wood, the veteran of Queenstown, Plattsburg and Buena Vista ... was welcomed to our city on Saturday evening last in a manner ... we have never seen surpassed by any public reception. Two-thousand persons assembled in City Hall to do him honor, and when he entered the hall he was greeted by the loud cheers of the multitude....

Gen. Wood and Staff, accompanied by members of the city government ... paid a visit to the defenses of our harbor Monday ... The party went aboard the little steamer *Favorite* ... and proceeded directly to Fort Preble where [they] were received by Col. Green, who had a detachment of the 17th US Infantry drawn up on the parade

ground. The guns of the fort gave the salute due to the rank of the distinguished guest, and the music of Poppenburg's Band greatly added to the charm of the fine spectacle ... After a full inspection of the fort, the party proceeded to Fort Gorges ... and thence to Fort Scammel. [Portland Transcript]

Brown's Portland Sugars are extensively used in the army ... and the company is unable to supply the demand. [Portland Transcript]

It is difficult to get up much of a fire in Portland nowadays. The steam fire engines make short work with "the devouring element." They are the true "fire annihilators." [Portland Transcript]

March 14, 1863 – Ten deserters from the rebels joined the Maine 13th at Pensacola, not long ago.

The Horse Railroad Co. have obtained the right of way from the authorities of Portland and Westbrook, and the Directors propose to lay the track the coming season through several of the principal streets of the city and into Westbrook, as far as Evergreen Cemetery and Morrill's corner. [Portland Transcript]

Old Munjoy continues to be the source from which is drawn the material to fill up the flats and spread out the area of our growing city. The gravel teams are now continually passing between Washington Street and Commercial Street, where new land is being made near Galt's Wharf. ["A Maine Town Responds"].

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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

Monday, February 18
Presidents Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday, February 21
Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Public Works
Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Saturday, February 23
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Winter Shore Bird Walk, 9-10:30 a.m., meet at Robinson Woods kiosk, Shore Road. \$6 per person, register 799-2860.
Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Monday, February 25
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, February 26
School Board Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m., High School library
School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m.-9 p.m., High School library

Wednesday, February 27
Community Services Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Monday, March 4
School Board Policy Committee, 7:30-9 a.m., Superintendent's Office, Town Hall
Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, March 5
Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, March 7
Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Sunday, March 10
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Monday, March 11
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, March 12
School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall

Ongoing each week
Al-Anon, 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 Episcopal Church.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church, 885 Shore Road.
Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Thomas Memorial Library.
Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road
The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

'Once Upon a Mattress' to run from Feb. 15 through March 2 at Lyric Music Theater



Brandon Pullen Photography

Members of the cast of Lyric Music Theater's upcoming comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress," rehearse on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," will open at the Lyric Music Theater on Friday, Feb. 15, and run through Saturday, March 2.

In the comedy, based on the fairy tale "Princess and the Pea," with music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, a royal decree forbids all marriages in the kingdom until a maiden proves herself to be a true princess. Princess Winifred must convince Prince Dauntless

the Drab's mother, the Queen, that she is a princess worthy of her son.

Michael Donovan directs.

Showtimes are planned at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$21.99.

Go to www.lyricmusictheater.org, email ticketlyric@gmail.com, or call 799-1421 to make reservations. The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St. in South Portland.

Bridge games offered on Wednesdays, Fridays; Senior 'Game Days' set for Feb. 19, March 19

Cape Elizabeth Community Services is offering a variety of programs for adults 55 and older this winter.

Bridge

Bridge players of all levels have the chance to play at drop-in games on Wednesdays and Fridays. Players are encouraged to bring partners.

Games are scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Cape Elizabeth Community Center's activity room, and setup time is at 10:30 a.m. On Fridays, when games are played in the Community Center's living room, setup time is at 10:15 a.m., and games run from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost per game is \$5, payable at the door.

People also can register at www.capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868. Games will not be held on days when Cape Elizabeth public schools are closed because of bad weather.

Spinning

Community Services offers drop-in spinning/cycling classes for people of all fitness levels five days a week throughout the year. The classes happen in the Community Cen-

ter's spin room, which is equipped with 28 spin bikes, a stretching area and a sound system. The class fee is \$12 per class.

Game days

Free "Game Days," when adults 55 and older get together to play new games such as Mexican Train and Left, Right, Center, along with classics such as Scrabble, chess, and cribbage, are planned from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 19 and March 19, in the Community Center's Community Room. Registration is required.

Haven's Candies tour, lunch

Community members have an opportunity to take a guided tour of Haven's Candies on Forest Avenue in Portland and watch chocolate being made, followed by lunch at a Portland restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 28.

A bus will leave the lot behind the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. The fee, which will cover transportation and the tour, is \$15.

Registration for all programs is available at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road, at www.capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868.

CABLE GUIDE CHANNEL 3

<p>Town Council replay Feb. 13 & 14 - 2 & 7 p.m.; Feb. 16 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>School Board replay Feb. 15 & 16 - 2 & 7 p.m.; Feb. 17 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Words of Peace Feb. 16 & 17, 23 & 24, March 2 & 3, March 9 & 10 - 1 & 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Board (Live) Feb. 25 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Zoning Board (Live) Feb. 26 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board replay Feb. 27 & 28 - 2 & 7 p.m.; March 2 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Planning Board replay March 1 & 2 - 2 & 7 p.m.; March 3 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Town Council (Live) March 11 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>School Board (Live) March 12 - 7 p.m.</p>
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Millett to hold office hours for constituents at Local Buzz on morning of Saturday, Feb. 16

State Sen. Rebecca Millett, D-Cape Elizabeth, will hold office hours for her constituents at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Local Buzz, 327 Ocean House Road.

"Office hours is a time I make myself available to meet with constituents to hear about their thoughts, concerns and ideas and provide information about what is go-

ing on up at the State House," Millett said.

Millett, who is serving her first term in the Legislature, represents District 7, which includes Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and parts of Scarborough.

Contact Millett at senrebeccamillett@gmail.com or 799-3224 for more information.

At 'E-waste Drop-off' residents can recycle televisions, computers, microwaves, cell phones

Cape Elizabeth High School's 2013 Safe Passage Team will hold an "E-waste Drop-off" from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 16, in the high school's upper parking lot, located directly opposite the entrance to the Cape Elizabeth Community Center.

Items that will be accepted include televisions, computer monitors, computers, laptops, cell phones, printers, lead-acid batteries, computer backup batteries, microwave ovens and stereo equipment. Students will unload the items from people's cars.

"Bring your items, and we'll make sure

they get recycled," said Cape Elizabeth resident Christine Mackenzie, one of the team's parent advisors.

Donations, which will be welcome, will benefit the nonprofit organization Safe Passage, which provides educational and medical support for children and families living in poverty on the outskirts of the Guatemala City dump.

The CEHS team will travel to Guatemala to volunteer at Safe Passage in June.

Contact Steve Lavallee at steve@tmo-main.com for more information.

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member Bob Cash to lead Feb. 23 walk focusing on winter birds

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member Bob Cash will lead a nature walk focused on winter shore birds at Pond Cove from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The walk will be held rain or shine, so participants should dress appropriately and wear footwear geared to wet trekking. The group will meet at Robinson Woods parking area on Shore Road. The cost per person is \$6.

Register at Cape Elizabeth Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road; by phone at 799-2868; or

online at www.capecommunityservices.org.

Participants registering at least 48 hours before the program will receive notification of changes or cancellations. Call CELT at 767-6054 or Community Services for more information.

The nonprofit CELT conserves and provides stewardship for lands cherished by Cape residents for the education, use and enjoyment of current and future generations. Go to www.capelandtrust.org for more information about the organization.

Land Trust invites artists' submissions for 'Paint for Preservation' wet paint auction

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is accepting artist submissions for "Paint for Preservation 2013," the organization's sixth annual juried wet paint auction and one of Maine's premiere art auction events.

The deadline for submissions is March 27.

Artist entries will be juried by Jean Maginnis and Wes LaFountain, founders of the Maine Center for Creativity.

The Wet Paint Auction will be held on Sunday, July 14. During the day of the event, selected artists will paint en plein air at designated public and private locations chosen to highlight Cape Elizabeth's natu-

ral beauty. That evening, the new artwork will be auctioned live at a cocktail reception at Ram Island Farm in Cape Elizabeth.

Proceeds are shared with participating artists and benefits the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Saving Cape's Great Places initiative to preserve local conservation lands.

Interested artists are invited to submit two images of original paintings in any medium. Samples must be submitted as digital images on CD or electronically via email. The submission form and more information are available at www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2013/.

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Library presents Irish music program to get you in the spirit for St. Patrick's Day

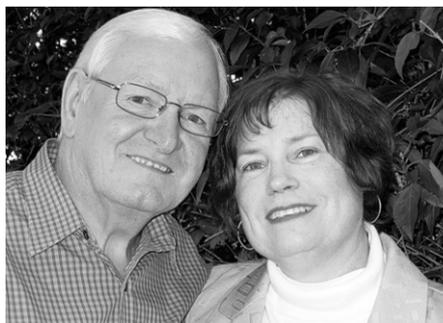
On Saturday, March 9, Glenshane Irish Folk Duo will present a free concert of Irish songs from 2 to 3 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

Jean and John Nesbitt are from Glenshane, and they've been performing together for 30 years.

John grew up in County Derry, Northern Ireland, listening to all the traditional musicians of the day. Jean is a native New Englander, whose musical influences range from Broadway to Bach and rhythm and blues to folk.

They met when John was a member of The Bards Irish Folk Group from Ireland and Jean was performing with The Faculty, a cover band.

Their performance of songs from Ireland and the British Isles range from touching to



John and Jean Nesbitt have been performing Irish music together for 30 years.

toe-tapping. John's humorous stories and Irish wit are sure to win over the hearts of all present. The duo's vocal harmonies are accompanied by guitar, bass, harmonica, penny whistle and piano melodica.

In March at TML: Reale's display of photos, memories about Norm Jordan's flower stand

A photo-documentary display of black-and-white photographs and memories by local photographer Janice Reale will be displayed March 2-31 at Thomas Memorial Library.

The exhibit, supported by a grant from the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission, is called, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories - Norman's Flower Stand." A community reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8.

Also, as part of the exhibit, "memory cards" will be available for community members who would like to record a story about Cape Elizabeth, or farmer Norman Jordan's flower stand. Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society cookbooks, featuring a cover shot by Reale, also will be available for sale.

"I've spent the past year photographing Norman Jordan and the seasonal changes of his well-known flower stand and greenhouse at Fowler and Ocean House roads," said Reale. "I've also had the privilege of spending time with Norman and hearing stories about local history in Cape Elizabeth."

Reale said that the focus of her photo-documentary work has been about strengthening connections between past and present in our community. "I believe what many view as 'ordinary memories' are really extraordinary connections."

Reale has been photographing Cape residents and documenting their memories for



Photo by Janice Reale

Cape farmer Norman Jordan and his daughter Becky select seeds to plant.

seven years. Her fall 2007 exhibit, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary Memories" featured personal stories and photographs of seniors in the community, reflecting about common landmarks.

Reale also has coordinated historical bus tours of Cape Elizabeth, led by local historians Norman Jordan and Wayne Brooking, and created the "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" memory classes for seniors.

Vacation week features special programming

School-aged kids who aren't heading out to warmer climes for February vacation can have fun at two hands-on craft programs at the library. They will be led by staffer Rick Lepage.

Kids ages 5-9 can register for "Age of Sail," in which they'll hear tales of sailors and sailing ships, and craft their own tall ship using scrap wood and everyday materials.

The program will be offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Registration is required and limited to 10.

Kids ages 9-12 can register for a two-part modelers workshop called "Undiscovered Lands." Participants will learn how to build their own battlefield, village or castle dioramas, discovering the secrets of creating realistic trees, rivers, mountains and buildings.

The two parts will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Thursday, Feb. 21.

Registration is required and limited to 10. Registration can be done in person, by phone, or online at the library's website.

The new, free regular monthly music program for all ages, "World Music with Rob Duquette," will be from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Feb. 21. Duquette plays drums and percussion instruments, as well as guitar, ukulele and other instruments.

Check out some upcoming programs for adults

The library is not just about kids' programs. Many programs for adults meet monthly or weekly. Here's the schedule:

- Evening Knitting Group: Thursdays, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Morning Knitting Group: Mondays, 1-3 p.m.
- The Read-Through Play reading group:

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- Evening Book Discussion Group: Thursday, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Socrates Café, philosophy discussion group: Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Morning Book Group: Wednesday, March 6, 9:30-11 a.m.

For program details: ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

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Cape Elizabeth Lions to serve up 'moose meatballs' at Feb. 23 spaghetti dinner



Photos by Lee Taylor

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club members, from left, George Urbanneck, Sonja Ney and Judy Shedd enjoy serving duty at the club's Jan. 26 spaghetti dinner.

By Wendy Keeler

Ever dined on moose meatballs? Cape residents will have a chance to try them out on Saturday, Feb. 23, when the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club hosts its next spaghetti dinner.

Diners at the Lions' Jan. 26 spaghetti

dinner got to taste the meatballs, which Cape Lions Club member Benson Dana created with meat from an 817-pound moose he bagged in October in the Rangeley Lakes region. They got high praise from one diner.

"Benson used six pounds of meat along with other secret ingredients to make some

perfectly delicious meatballs," Cape Lion Lee Taylor said.

The Feb. 23 dinner and another planned Saturday, March 23, will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lions' clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Dinner will include all-you-can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Soft drinks will be served, and diners may bring their own wine or beer.

The cost will be \$10, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will benefit maintenance of the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse.

The club also will host pancake breakfasts from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on March 10, April 14 and May 12. The breakfasts will include a choice of pancakes, French toast or scrambled eggs and toast, plus a serving of sausage, coffee and juice.

The cost for the breakfasts will be \$5, and \$4 for children 12 and younger.

The Lions, who seek new members, invite people to learn more about the club's service projects and activities at dinner meetings, held at the clubhouse from 6:39 to 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month except July and August.



Bud Olsen, left, the Lions Club's "spaghetti cooker," mans the kitchen at the Lions' Jan. 26 spaghetti dinner with Benson Dana, who displays his moose meatballs.

Call Paul Gentilini at 470-7353 for more information.

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Waste not: CEMS students work together to improve school recycling, composting



Cape students working together on the Chewonki Zero Waste Challenge are, left to right, front row, Cammie Grimes, Natalie Gale; back row, Wesley Parker, Nat Jordan and Zoeth Chalot, pictured with their teacher Lisa Axelrod.

Five Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-graders working on a plan to improve recycling and composting at their school hope to win \$2,000 to help CEMS put their plan into place.

Zoeth Chalot, Natalie Gale, Cammie Grimes, Nat Jordan and Wesley Parker have been working with their teacher Lisa Axelrod on the "Chewonki Zero Waste Challenge," a competition to reform schools' recycling and compost systems in order to make them more environmentally friendly. Under Axelrod's direction, the students have

been exploring environmental inefficiencies and working to educate the school.

"We were shocked when we saw how much recyclable material was being thrown in the trash," Grimes said.

The top prize, \$2,000, would help them change that practice.

"For us it's not about winning," Zoeth said, "but instead about making our school a more environmentally friendly facility."

The nonprofit Chewonki Foundation, based in Wiscasset, runs educational programs with an environmental focus.

Cape Robotics Feb. 2 VEX tournament, biggest ever in Maine, attracts 126 students

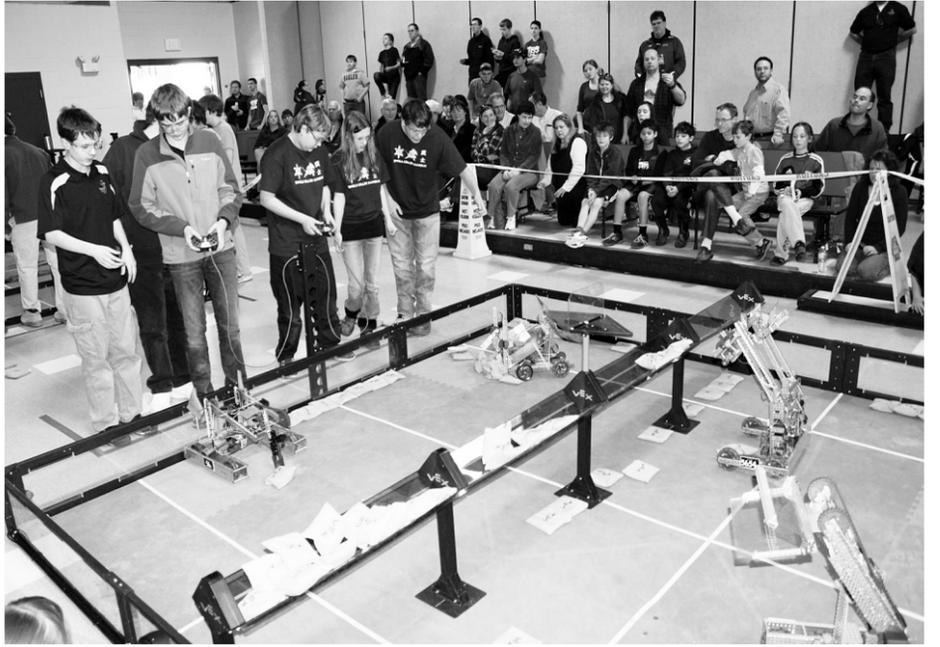


Photo by Kayla Horne

Cape Elizabeth students, far left, Andrew Volent, and, second from left, Walker Grimes, and members of a robotics team from another school operate their robots during a Feb. 2 VEX tournament at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Maine's biggest VEX robotics tournament to date, which included 126 students on 31 teams from schools in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, happened in Cape Elizabeth on Feb. 2 at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. The Cape Robotics boosters group hosted the meet, which the University of Maine College of Engineering and Black Bear Robotics coordinated.

All three Cape Elizabeth teams that competed – two middle school and one high school team – made it to the quarter-finals, qualifying them for VEX regional championships, which will be held in Connecticut

and New Hampshire. Teams that perform well regionally qualify for the VEX World Championship, which will be held in April in Anaheim, Calif.

In VEX competitions, robots, which students build out of VEX Robotics System components, face off against each other in matches on 12-by-12-foot fields. In this year's game, "Sack Attack," robots are teamed up for each match randomly, with two per side. The objective is to score as many sacks as possible in floor goals, 18-inch trough goals or 30-inch-high goals. The highest scoring team wins the match.

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CEEF to bestow first alumni award this spring

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation will present its inaugural Alumni Award this spring in conjunction with the Cape Elizabeth High school's graduation festivities.

The award will recognize a CEHS alumnus who embodies the spirit of CEEF's mission of innovation, excellence and impact on youth.

CEEF will award a graduate who serves as a model for current students, someone who inspires and motivates students to seek excellence throughout their school years and beyond as they pursue careers, community and/or public service, CEEF Co-president Trish Brigham said.

CEEF seeks nominations for the award. "We hope that this award will not only

highlight the achievements of a CEHS alumnus, but also celebrate the passion, commitment and dedication to excellence in education that are hallmarks of our teachers, administrators, community members and students here in Cape," CEEF Co-president Frank Governali said.

Go to CEEF's website, www.ceef.us, and complete a brief form to nominate a Cape alumnus whose academic, professional or community achievements have enhanced the opportunities for youth to lead rich and productive lives.

Contact Brian Guthrie at 899-4541 or bguthrie@maine.rr.com or Liam McCoy at 712-6860 or liam@themainerealestatenet-work.com for more information.

Students inducted into National Honor Society

Three Cape Elizabeth students at Cheverus High School in Portland were inducted into the National Honor Society on Jan. 27: seniors Brian Chiozzi and Michael Gordon and junior Sydney Hallowell.

A national organization, NHS honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and service and challenges them to get involved in school activities and community service.

School Board soon to begin work on budget

School Board members soon will begin work on the next school-year budget.

Superintendent Meredith Nadeau will present a preliminary budget to the School Board on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Cape Elizabeth High School library.

School Board budget workshops are planned from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 5, March 19, and March 26, in the CEHS library. A workshop also will be held, if needed, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Residents are welcome to attend all workshops.

The public also will have a chance to comment on the proposed budget at a Town

Council meeting planned from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 8, in the Council Chambers.

School Board members will present their recommended budget to the council at a meeting set for 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, in the Council Chambers.

A public hearing on the town budget is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 29, in the Council Chambers, and the Town Council will make its final budget vote on Monday, May 13.

Citizens will vote on the Town Council's adopted school budget at a referendum later in the spring.

For more about School Board budget planning, see page 1.

Three Cape Elizabeth High School seniors named U.S. Presidential Scholars candidates

Three Cape Elizabeth High School students have been named candidates in the 2013 Presidential Scholars Program. Cameron F. Caswell, Daniel A. Epstein and Matthew M. Gilman are among about 3,000 candidates selected from current U.S. high school seniors.

The Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the President to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Candidates are selected for exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment.

Annually, up to 141 students are chosen to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of scholars, who are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in many areas: academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community.

Five hundred semifinalists will be selected in early April, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Presidential Scholars in May.

Proceeds from 'Flower Power' bulb fundraiser to go toward CEHS Class of 2015 graduation

Fifty percent of every purchase of flower bulbs made in an online "Flower Power" fundraiser under way for Cape Elizabeth High School's sophomore class will go to the Class of 2015's graduation.

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Volunteers needed:

- Readers are needed for the fourth-grade "Mystery Reader" program at 9 or 10:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Readers will be given a short story to read to the class.
- Volunteers to help hang second-graders' stained glass projects.

Tangible resources needed:

- 10,000 tennis balls
- Individual CD or tape players, with ear phones if possible
- Legos
- Swimming noodles for a class project
- Mini-trampoline in good condition
- Glass baby-food jars
- Empty cylindrical containers such as those that hold oatmeal, corn meal, or salt
- Lincoln Logs
- Office supplies such as paper clips, tape, a sturdy stapler (not electric), pencils, pens and Wite-Out for the the Pond Cove copy room

- Playmobil adventure sets

Middle School

Volunteers needed:

- The science department seeks a volunteer who has knowledge about astronomy and a telescope to share with students early one evening at the middle school or Portland Head Light during a voluntary experience for seventh- and eighth-graders.

Tangible resources needed:

- 10,000 tennis balls
- Mini-trampoline in good condition
- Snow globes and pinwheels to use for breathing exercises
- Palm-sized stress balls
- Two- person games appropriate for middle school students
- Yarn
- Used cookie sheets with sides

High School

Tangible resources needed:

- Wet suit for a student who is tall, slim and has a 28-inch waist.

Contact Gail Schmader, volunteer services director for Cape Elizabeth schools, at 799-7339, extension 1104, or gschmader@capeelizabethschools.org.

Cape Olympians prevail!



Photo by Scott Dorrance

Cape Olympian athletes and coaches gather the last weekend of January at Sugarloaf Mountain during the 2013 Maine State Special Olympics Winter Games.

A team of 10 Cape Olympians traveled to Sugarloaf Mountain on Jan 27-29 to participate in the 2013 Maine State Special Olympics Winter Games.

Gabe Brewington, Thomas Bourdeaux, Thatcher Kent, Peter Tarling, Ian Robertson and Patrick Taylor competed in 100-meter and 500-meter Nordic ski events. Nolan Dorrance competed in 100-meter and 300-meter speed skating events.

Andy Erskine, Jamison Vickery and Ethan Powers attended the finals competition and supported and cheered on their teammates.

"I am very proud of each of the Cape Olympians' accomplishments and am also proud of the sportsmanship they displayed towards each other and towards other athletes competing in the games," Coach Dave Croft said about the team's performance. "They worked very hard at practices during the last couple of



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Coach Dave Croft supports CEHS athlete Gabe Brewington after a Nordic event.

months, and the medals and ribbons they took home with them illustrated their effort."

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Downhill racer

Cape Elizabeth resident Alex Conrad placed second among boys in the under-18-years-old division last month at the Shawnee Peak Qualifier Alpine ski racing event in Bridgton. Conrad, a junior at Carrabasset Valley Academy is the son of Robert and Helen Conrad. The school is located at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain.

Photo by Nate Jenckes

Getting Ray-ready



During a parent-coached eight-week Community Services basketball program for Cape first- and second-grade boys this winter, young hoops players got an early start preparing to play someday for Cape Elizabeth High School boys' varsity basketball coach, Jim Ray.

Basketball Bonanza planned on March 20

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parents Association will hold its annual Basketball Bonanza fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, in the school gym.

At the event, eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball team players will take on coed CEMS faculty teams. A free-throw and foul-shot contest, open to all middle school students, is set for halftime. A free-throw contest for Pond Cove students also is planned.

The evening will also include the drawing of the MSPA's annual raffle fundraiser.

Details about raffle items will be included in the next issue of *The Cape Courier*.

Raffle tickets will be available in advance as well as the night of event. Refreshments also will be for sale. Children younger than 10 years old should be accompanied by an adult.

Raffle tickets will be available for downloading starting March 4 at www.capeemspa.org. Contact Mary Ellen Carignan at mcarrigna@maine.rr.com for more information, or about donating an item or service to the raffle.

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Free addiction-recovery program to be offered

A free addiction-recovery program will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 21-May 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road. All are welcome to attend.

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Impact

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“The Governor’s budget for the next two fiscal years anticipates that funding to schools will begin at the post-curtaiment rate,” Superintendent Meredith Nadeau warned in a Feb. 1 email to parents of all Cape Elizabeth students. “I think it’s reasonable for us to assume that state funding is not going to increase.”

Until School Board members get more information about the proposed shift in teachers’ retirement costs, work on next year’s school budget will be challenging, Moore said.

“What we would like to know first is if the state is going to shift these costs to the local districts, and, if so, how much will be shifted,” Moore said. “As part of our long-term budget, we did not assume that the state would shift these costs to local districts. This cost shifting would create an entirely new cost for local districts to fund.”

‘We should not sugarcoat the potential impact [of Gov. Paul LePage’s proposed biennial budget].’

– School Board Finance Chair Michael Moore

If the Legislature votes to cut municipal revenue sharing by \$640,000 – 7.2 percent of Cape Elizabeth’s municipal budget – the burden on Cape taxpayers would be heavy.

“With no other changes in our expenses or income, a \$640,000 reduction in state revenue sharing would have to be made up in local property tax increases,” Governali said.

If LePage’s biennial budget is approved, Cape Elizabeth homeowners with limited income will face a heavier burden, McGovern said.

Last year, 608 Cape households – one out of every six – received assistance from

the Maine Property Tax and Rent Relief “Circuit Breaker” program, and homeowners and renters directly received \$482,859.

“The average benefit was \$794,” McGovern said. “The proposed budget reduces the eligibility for this program, and it is estimated that 90 percent of those eligible in Cape Elizabeth could no longer participate in the program. ... For these struggling households, the total impact is \$1,402.54.”

McGovern doesn’t understand the logic behind LePage’s proposed budget.

“What the governor’s budget does is transfer unavoidable expenses from the state to the property tax, and it removes existing municipal revenue sources,” McGovern

said. “First he’s transferring expenses we can’t avoid, and then on top of that he’s taking away what would help pay for them.”

When the Legislature will approve a final state budget is unknown, but likely not in the near future, elected officials say.

“The biennial probably won’t be voted until mid-June,” State Sen. Rebecca Millett said.

What can residents do?

Contact state legislators, say town officials.

“This could have a significant effect on residents, and therefore it’s important for us to communicate to our state representatives our opinions on it,” Governali said.

Millett will hold office hours for constituents at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Local Buzz (see page 11), and can be reached at senrebeccamillett@mail.com or 799-3224.

Contact State Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig at kmderrig@maine.rr.com or repkim.monaghan-derrig@legislature.maine.gov or 749-9443.

Speech team

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who coaches the team with CEHS English teacher Lisa Melanson.

“In a sense, all 40 of this year’s participants have won against the well-known fear of public speaking,” Mullen said.

“This is accomplished through hours – even years – of work, often on Saturdays in the far reaches of Maine.”

Outstanding performances by CEHS seniors Sam Barksdale, Elizabeth Coughlin, Griffin Carpenter, Nolan Chase, Clarice Diebold and Abigail Hunter helped clinch the win, said Mullen.

Juniors Nick Shedd and Trevor Gale

won top honors in the tournament’s novice division by winning the “public forum” category, which CEHS entered for the first time this year.

In 2009, Cape won its first state speech title since the 1990s, a victory made sweeter after the team’s near demise.

In June 2008, both the CEHS speech team and the debate team were cut from the school budget.

Although the debate program was not restored, the speech team program was reinstated later that summer. That year, the team competed in 13 categories.

In 2011, CEHS added Lincoln-Douglas debate, and this year, public forum.

The program continues to attract a healthy roster of students – and for all the

right reasons, Mullen said.

“Speech and debate has become a popular activity at the high school, not because

it is easy but because it challenges young people to find their voice and to develop public speaking skills,” he said.

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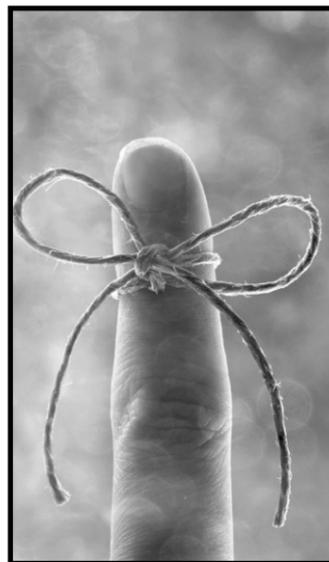
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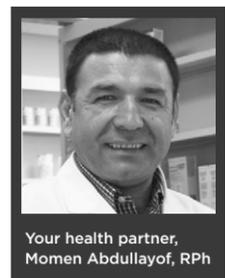
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Cheverus High School senior **Anders Nelson** attended the inauguration of President Barack Obama last month while participating in the five-day LeadAmerica Presidential Inaugural Leadership Summit in Washington.

In addition to attending the presidential swearing-in ceremony and inaugural address on the National Mall, Anders participated in seminars featuring guest speakers such as former Secretary of State and Joint Chief of Staff General Colin L. Powell and national leaders who spoke on a variety of subjects, including national security, international relations, science and technology, personal action and advocacy, human rights and health care.

"It was amazing," Anders said about the experience. "Being part of such a huge historical event was pretty incredible. It definitely made me want to be a lot more involved in politics and aware of the issues."

LeadAmerica offers college-credit programs and immersion experiences to high school and middle school students with a goal of building a more globally competitive America.

Anders is the son of **Robert and Janet Nelson**.



Anders Nelson

Cape Elizabeth resident **Rebecca Jordan Strout** was named to the dean's list at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., where she is a sophomore majoring in graphic design. She is a 2011 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Cape Elizabeth resident Matthew Feeman was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., where he is majoring in computer science. A junior, he is the son of **Beth and Robert Feeman**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Lauren Perrino** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. Lauren, who is majoring in archaeology and studio art, is the daughter of **Ann and Phil Perrino** of Shore Road. She is a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2011.



Lauren Perrino

Russell Cotter Hamerski was named to the presidents' list for academic achievement at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Russell, a 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is a junior and works as a teaching assistant in the engineering department.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Mary Brazell**, the daughter of **Colleen and Robert Brazell**, earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and graduated summa cum laude in December from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Cynthia A. Dill**, a civil rights lawyer and former Maine State Senator, has joined Troubh Heisler, a law firm in Portland.

Dill's practice will concentrate on commercial and civil litigation, federal employment law and representing veterans, government relations for individuals and businesses, and assisting Internet-based companies and start-up organizations.



Cynthia Dill

Cape Elizabeth resident **Karyn Barrett**, a member of the class of 2015 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., received faculty honors for the fall semester.

Cape resident **Matthew Merritt Propp** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Lindsay Stephen** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., where she is a freshman. She is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

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