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CAPE TRAPPINGS



Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley

Lobster traps among the snowy drifts on Feb. 25 at Kettle Cove.

School budget proposal includes teacher retirement costs, capital improvements

By Wendy Keeler

As they do every year at this time, Cape Elizabeth School Board members are going line by line through Superintendent Meredith Nadeau's proposed budget for the next school year, a \$22.5 million plan that would increase spending by \$712,261, 3.3 percent over this year's budget.

This year, for the first time, however, the School Board is reviewing a budget plan that includes a new addition to the minus column: \$300,000 in teacher retirement costs not covered under the state's biennial budget proposal.

That expense, a first for Maine school districts, accounts for nearly half of the proposed increase in Cape Elizabeth's 2013-2014 school budget.

"I think it's important for local folks to understand that only \$412,000 of the increase is the school's normal expenditure budget increase," Cape Elizabeth School Board Chair John Christie said on March 4. "In other words, the district leadership team has presented the School Board with a budget that increases by only 1.9 percent, which is less than the rate of

—see SCHOOL BUDGET, page 18

Where Lassie, 101 Dalmatians and Clifford shop

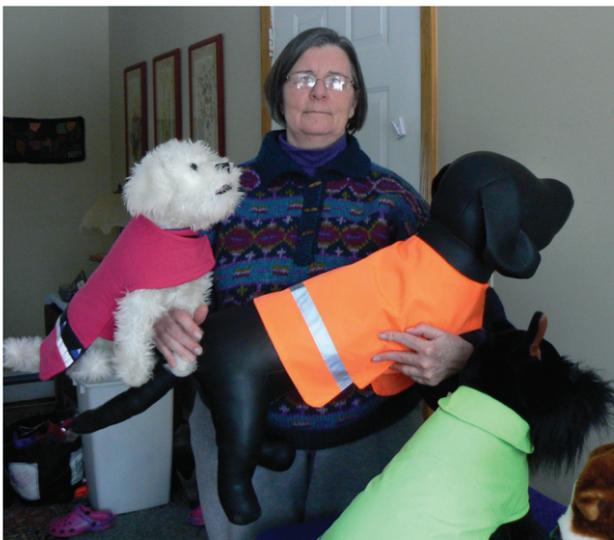


Photo by Wendy Keeler

Cape resident Jean Montesano and her canine models show off some of Montesano's "Doggie Dry 'n Safe" dog wear.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth resident Jean Montesano has fans across the country, but her handmade clothing for hard-to-fit physiques has earned her special points among certain populations – especially the "deep-chested" and "short and chubby," she said on a recent afternoon in her Sawyer Road home.

Montesano's "Doggie Safe 'n Dry" togs are big among Doberman pinschers, Great Danes and boxers – "anything with a deep chest" – and also among pugs, bulldogs and Boston terriers, "the short and chubby breeds," she said.

Those breeds aren't alone.

In all 50 states and throughout Canada, canines of all sizes, shapes and breeds can be found trotting,

sniffing and running through the woods, in yards, along streets and on beaches and boats wearing duds made by Montesano, 60, in the business she started on a "fluke" not long after retiring from a 35-year career as an elementary school teacher in Scarborough.

Dogs who sport Doggie Safe 'n Dry clothing can thank Montesano's son's boxer, Mackie, and Lucy, her daughter's Vizsla.

In 2006, the year Montesano retired, she was inspired to pull out fabric and tools from her arts and crafts collection to create blaze-orange reflective coats to protect her two grand-dogs during Cape Elizabeth's bow-hunting season.

—see DOG CLOTHES, page 4



90 for 90!

Longtime Cape Elizabeth resident Kathryn Eames celebrated her 90th birthday Feb. 28 in grand style. Her family marked the occasion by presenting her with 90 long-stemmed red roses. She currently is a resident of the Cape Elizabeth Home.

Young Cape artists earn spots in exhibit at Portland Museum of Art



Photo by Marguerite Lawler-Rohner



Photo by Maryjane Johnston

To mark National Youth Art Month, the Portland Museum of Art is displaying artwork from students throughout Maine this month. That group includes two local students: Cape Middle School seventh-grader Nina Thomas, above left with her photograph taken at Robinson Woods this fall, and Oliver Wilson, a fourth-grader at Pond Cove, whose print is shown above right.

CEHS swimmers earn state title



Photo by Amy Bates

Cape Elizabeth High School showed its depth in earning the Class A state swim championship last month in Brunswick. Fifteen girls scored for Cape, including a record-breaking win by Hannah Homans, Sadie Stiles, Sydney Wright and Caroline Herriman in the 200-medley relay. Cape toppled Brunswick, 282-268.5. This team photo was taken when the girls won the Southwesterns title earlier in February.



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Congrats to Cape kids for hockey trophy



From left, Cape students and Avalanche teammates Jack Pellechia (grade 4), Dan Zajkowski (grade 5) and George Roy-Becker (grade 4) with their team trophy.

Congratulations to the Casco Bay Avalanche Squirts hockey team for bringing home the 41st Annual Lions Tournament Trophy.

The team defeated the Twin City Titans Blue team 5-2 in the final game Feb. 20 at

Ingersoll Arena in Auburn.

The Lewiston-based Lions Tournament, which runs for five days, is believed to be the longest continuously running youth hockey tournament in the United States.

Andrea Pellechia

Devoted user: Fitness Center must be funded

I'm writing in support of the Cape Elizabeth Fitness Center and urge you to find a way for its budget needs to be supported in the FY 2013-2014 budget.

I've been a member of the fitness center since I moved to Cape Elizabeth in 2008 and have found it to be a valuable community resource.

The center is more than just a gym to me. True, it's a place for me to work out and support my physical health. Just as importantly, it offers community connections with people I might not typically encounter, as I have no children in the school system and work from home.

I've become friendly with staff members Karen McCue and John Fabish, who

always offer a warm and friendly welcome and answer any questions I may have.

I've also developed an informal circle of friends who frequent the gym at similar times. If the fitness center were to close down, I'd be losing one of the few services within the school system that my household, faithful taxpayers, use.

While I understand that budgets are tight, I urge town leaders to find a way to provide the nominal amount of funding needed to keep the center open. I use the word "nominal" when comparing the funds needed for the fitness center to the support provided to the community pool and the total budget itself.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martha Williams

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We used color for the first time in 26 years on the front and back pages of *The Cape Courier's* Feb. 13-March 12 issue. You'll see it on pages 1 and 20 this issue, too.

The Courier will include color in more issues this year, sometimes coinciding with special events such as graduation in June, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K in August and the annual Scarecrow Contest in October.

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Fifth-grader from Iowa seeks souvenirs, help for project about Maine

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Resident concerned by timing of street cleaning

I'm confused. Do we have lots of money that we are trying to get the town to use up?

Or, do we have workers that are bored and need something to do?

Why are we using the street cleaners, when the snow is not gone and more is predicted? Is this a waste of our time and money?

Eleanor Pierce

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Cape lawyer Kayatta finally confirmed as federal judge

It took more than a year, but experienced Cape Elizabeth lawyer William J. Kayatta Jr. was confirmed as a federal judge by the U.S. Senate on Feb. 13.

Kayatta, 59, succeeds Judge Kermit Lipez on the First Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals, based in Boston.

President Obama first nominated Kayatta in January 2012. Despite strong bipartisan support, Kayatta's nomination was stalled until it expired. The president renominated Kayatta this January.

B2B registration opens for residents March 14

Registration for the 16th annual TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race on Aug. 3 starts at 7 a.m. March 14 for Cape Elizabeth residents and opens to the general public March 15.

Last year, Cape resident registration filled in eight minutes, and slots for the public filled in five minutes. There will be 600 slots for Cape residents this year and 4,000 for the general public. A lottery for 1,900 remaining slots will start as soon as registration ends and will last through March 22.

Runners register at www.beach2beacon.org.

Boat-storage permit applications due March 22

Residents who would like to store a boat at Great Pond must submit a boat storage permit application to the town by March 22.

You can find one at capeelizabeth.com, and they should be submitted to the Assessing/Codes/Planning office at Town Hall.

The town will issue permits for slots at a lottery at 9 a.m. March 25 in the ACP conference room. Winners will be notified and have until April 1 to pay \$20 for their permit.

Any permits remaining after that date will be distributed in a second lottery drawing.

Fire inspector urges use of smoke detectors

Having smoke detectors in your home is one of the simplest ways to protect your family and property from fire.

Every residential property in Cape Elizabeth should have at least one smoke detector on each floor, said Lt. Patrick Cotter, Cape's fire inspector.

Cotter recommends testing every alarm in your home once a month. And you should know the age of the detectors and replace any that are more than 10 years old.

Every home also should have a carbon monoxide detector as well, placed outside the bedrooms, he said. Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas, and exposure to it can be deadly.

It's often produced by older motor vehicles and other gasoline-powered tools, heaters and cooking equipment.

For more tips on protecting your home and family, follow the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department on Facebook.



Friends bond via longtime Rotary service

Tony Wagner, left, and Dave Bagdasarian celebrate 30 years of service together in the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club. Both Cape residents joined the club in 1982. "This is a wonderful Rotary Club composed of solid individuals committed to giving back to their communities. How time flies!" said Bagdasarian.

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Dog clothes

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“Both dogs had the builds of a fawn or a small deer,” she said.

Dog owners who saw Lucy’s and Mackie’s dog vests wanted them for their own dogs. Soon a new career was born.

“People were asking where the vests came from, and I had been working with a career counselor at the time, and she said, ‘Go to Planet Dog in Portland,’ so off I went,” said Montesano, who started sewing when she was 11 and made her own clothes throughout high school and college.

Planet Dog began selling Montesano’s full-length orange coats in the fall of 2007. Collars came next.

“The coats did well, and then Planet

Dog said, ‘We know you have Velcro and we know you have orange,’ and at that time they were carrying an orange collar that kept sliding off, so sometimes after a hike through the woods, a dog would come back without the collar. Working together, we came up with orange collars that are 2 inches wide, with reflective tape.”

The collars were a hit, and Montesano continued developing and expanding both her clothing line and her market.

Today she makes reversible clothes of every size in rainbow and neon colors, and “theme coats” with trim featuring lobster boats, buoys and nautical flags.

She even makes team uniforms and brand clothes for companies. Her Sugarloaf coats feature the ski area’s mountain peak logo, and skulls parade across the trim of a pink uniform she makes for a competitive

dog team.

No matter what their color, size or trim, all of Montesano’s clothes share two qualities: They are reflective and waterproof, thus the name “Doggie Safe ’n Dry.”

Montesano sells her clothes in stores in every New England state, and the company also does a brisk online business, thanks largely to the website, www.mainemade.com, she said.

“You have to meet certain requirements to get the ‘Maine Made’ designation and get a page on the ‘Maine Made’ website that links to your company website. Materials have to be purchased in Maine, and your products have to be made in Maine,” said Montesano, who is amazed by how much business she gets through the site. “Having that designation gives me a leg up, particularly out of state, because products made in Maine have a very good reputation for quality.”

Montesano employs 10 local people who

sew, each with different skills. They make a lot of the clothing sold in standard sizes, and Montesano usually ends up handling the custom orders.

“I just did a coat for a 185-pound bull-mastiff, and in the same order from the same house, a coat for a 14-pound Chinese crested.”

Custom orders and feedback have helped Montesano develop her designs. Customers who bought vests made by other companies told Montesano, “‘My dog is a roller, and I have gone through a few vests,’ because the vests would catch on something and tear. So my goal was to have a good, snug fit so if the dog was off leash it wouldn’t get caught on underbrush,” said Montesano, who now sells coats with Velcro on the belly side.

How much free time does Montesano have in her “retirement” from teaching? “Don’t ask,” she said, laughing. “I don’t even want to know how many hours I work.”



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Council creates committees for library and town-center planning

By Bob Dodd

Planning for Thomas Memorial Library upgrades and for updating the Town Center Plan have been put in motion with the creation of two separate committees.

The Town Council agreed on the composition, charge and timeline for each committee at its Feb. 11 meeting.

Fresh look at library options

After the November defeat of a \$6 million plan to build a new library, the council made the aging library its top priority for 2013.

A Library Planning Committee has been established to study the options for less costly ways to address unresolved issues related to the library buildings and its services.

"This would not be a building committee," explained Chair Jim Walsh. The purpose of the committee will be to "prepare a plan for public library services and facilities to serve Cape Elizabeth for the next 25 years."

The five-person committee will be made up of three councilors – Frank Governali, Kathy Ray and Jessica Sullivan were appointed – a trustee of the library and a member of the School Board. The library director and facilities manager will serve as nonvoting members.

The council clearly wanted to be in charge of a review of the options.

"One of the challenges of the past," said Town Manager Mike McGovern, "was that the council from the very beginning didn't feel they had early input into the process."

While the initial proposal called for giving the committee up to \$25,000 to carry out its work, in this tight budget time, some councilors were reluctant to do this. Council-

ors agreed that the committee first needed to come back with a specific funding request.

The council expects to have a report from the committee by October.

Town Center Plan getting review

The council also established a committee to review the Town Center Plan and determine if updates are needed. The plan was adopted in 1993, and related zoning changes were adopted in 1995.

The committee is charged with making recommendations for changes by the end of 2013.

The committee is to review land uses, lot and building vacancies, roads, sidewalks, sewer and other infrastructure in the town center area. It also is charged with confirming the current vision for the town center or recommending changes. The goal of the current and any revised plan is to support "a vibrant, business and pedestrian-friendly town center."

A public information plan that includes a public forum is included in the committee's list of charges.

The committee is to consist of nine mem-

bers. Five residents will be appointed, of which one will be a town center business owner and one a resident within or near the town center.

The committee will also consist of two council members and a member of the Planning Board and the School Board. Councilors Jamie Wagner and David Sherman were appointed.

As with the library committee, the proposed \$10,000 appropriation of funds for the committee's work was deferred until the

committee determines its needs and makes a request to the Town Council.

Summer just around the corner!

The council approved the following dates for Fort Williams Park events:

- CEHS Commencement: June 9
- Family Fun Day: June 15
- Cape Little League: April-July
- TD Beach to Beacon: Aug. 3
- Engine Co. One Labor Day Weekend
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Planners seek more info before ruling on splitting lot; set hearing

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing March 19 on a proposal that would allow a lot at 10 Clinton Road to be split into two lots.

Winslow Pillsbury, owner of the 4.2-acre lot, is asking for a public-access waiver for the two lots, neither of which would have the 100 feet of frontage on Clinton Road necessary to meet town standards. Access to the lots would be provided by a private road that already exists as a driveway.

In an unusual move, the board scheduled the March public hearing before deeming the developer's application complete. Engineer Jim Fisher of Northeast Civil Solutions presented the application at the board's Feb. 25 meeting, but four of the seven board members said they found the accompanying materials lacking.

"Some of them are really major items as far as I'm concerned," said Chairwoman Victoria Volent.

Town staff's support of a waiver on the width of the pri-

vate road was among items the majority of board members said they wished to see. For example, Fisher said Pillsbury is asking for an 18-foot-wide roadway, but the plan showed 12 feet. The town standard is 22 feet.

Fire Chief Peter Gleeson also has expressed written concern about grade and turnaround width for the road but has not submitted documentation that any of these concerns have been addressed. Other missing items include labeling of fire hydrant and building envelope locations and documentation of silt fencing and stabilization.

Board member Elaine Falender said she would favor deeming the application complete but would vote to deny the project if the materials fail to appear next month.

If that were to happen, she said, the applicant's only choice would be to reapply and pay another application fee.

Falender moved to deem the application complete, supported only by board members Carol Anne Jordan and Josef Chalot. A second motion to rule the application in-

complete was favored by Volent and board members Peter Curry, Liza Quinn and Henry Steinberg.

A public hearing was scheduled for the March meeting but will not be held unless the board votes to rule the application complete before the hearing.

Subdivision ordinance gets March 19 hearing In other matters, the board also set a March 19 public hearing on a redrafted version of the town's subdivision ordinance (*see story at right*).

The board has been working on overhauling the ordinance, with an eye toward bringing the document in line with state regulations, for more than a year.

The overhaul is a recommendation of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and was one of the Town Council's goals for 2012.

Because the rewrite is so extensive, board members referred the latest draft to their March 5 workshop for final review before holding their public hearing.

Proposed new ordinance governing subdivisions aims to bring document into compliance

By Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

The subdivision ordinance, which regulates most new development in town, was adopted in 1968. A few sections have been updated over the years, but the bulk of the ordinance is about 45 years old.

At the direction of the Town Council and consistent with a recommendation from the Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Board has prepared a new subdivision ordinance for adoption. The draft is the subject of a public hearing on March 19.

The new ordinance contains few substantive changes – the goals guiding the drafting are to bring the ordinance into compliance with state subdivision law and to improve organization and readability.

Some highlights of the new ordinance:

- State law was changed to require all municipalities to use the same subdivision definition. The draft incorporates the state definition.

- The draft blends the state and town subdivision standards into one standards section.

- Many of the existing provisions remain but have been moved around for a more logical organization. An example would be the requirements for phasing of a subdivision.

- New language has been added that reflects standard practice.

One change that can be considered substantive is the treatment of major subdivision submission requirements. Both the existing and proposed ordinances require a major subdivision to undergo a two-step approval process. Submission of information is required for both preliminary and final subdivision approval. Changes have been made to the preliminary review submission to allow the

applicant to provide more conceptual-level information for road construction, sewer and stormwater, proposed lot survey lines, and phasing. The final subdivision approval submission list requires the detailed information.

The applicant can provide a complete preliminary submission without the cost of full design. The Planning Board can influence and change the design with less resistance from the applicant because full design has not yet been completed. The approval process suggests this approach, but the submission requirements require full design as part of preliminary approval.

The proposed new ordinance is available for review at www.capeelizabeth.com. Contact me at 799-0115 or maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org for more information.

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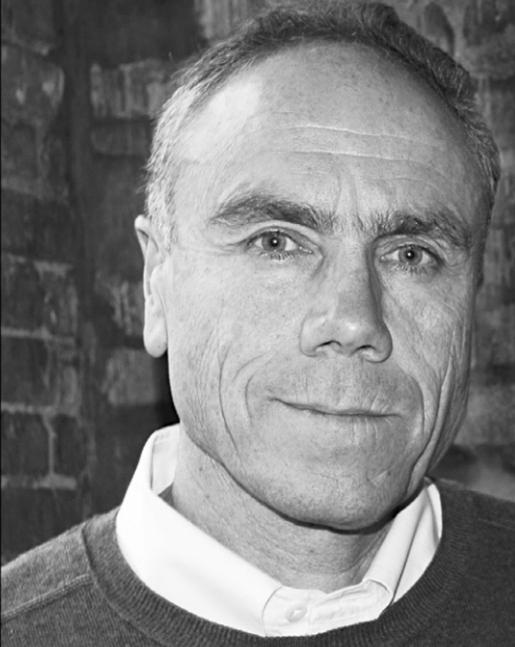
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Cape police contend with a little bit of everything in February

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 2-5 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding the theft of a jar of coins from the residence.
- 2-5 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 2-6 Two officers responded to a residence in the Oakhurst area for a domestic disturbance.
- 2-9 An officer responded to a report of a vehicle at the end of Two Lights Road, on the beach, possibly in danger of being swept into the ocean by the surf. No one in the area claimed ownership of the vehicle and the police dispatcher was unable to contact the registered owner. A wrecker was assigned and vehicle removed.
- 2-11 An officer met with a representative of the middle school about a burglary that appeared to have taken place during the weekend. Nothing appeared to be missing.
- 2-11 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a residential burglary. An iPad was missing from the residence.
- 2-11 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a violation of a protection order.
- 2-12 Two officers responded to a residence

- in the Bowery Beach Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 2-14 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for an unknown subject knocking on the door. They found a male subject sitting in a vehicle in the driveway. The subject had been drinking and the vehicle had been involved in a hit-and-run accident and was wanted by Portland police.
- 2-14 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 2-19 An officer responded to a residence in the Woodland Road area for a loud noise complaint.
- 2-20 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 2-20 Two officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the Bowery Beach Road area.
- 2-21 An officer met with a resident about harassing phone calls.

SUMMONSES

- 2-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, improper display of registration plates, Old Ocean House Road, \$137
- 2-6 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, unregistered

- vehicle, Shore Road, \$241
- 2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 2-8 Orange, California resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 2-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Eastfield Road, \$70
- 2-12 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$70
- 2-14 Windham resident, failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, Shore Road
- 2-15 South Portland resident, passenger with open container of alcohol, failure to stop for stop sign, Bowery Beach Road
- 2-16 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$70
- 2-18 Falmouth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road
- 2-19 Scarborough resident, speeding (39/25 zone), \$137
- 2-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$185
- 2-20 Buxton resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 2-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Mitchell Road
- 2-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Cheverus Road
- 2-22 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$70
- 2-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road

ARRESTS

- 2-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, arrest warrant, Crescent View Avenue
- 2-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Cheverus Road
- 2-22 Scarborough resident, violation of protection order
- 2-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Bowery Beach Road

ACCIDENTS

- 2-7 Garvey Maclean, deer on Route 77.
- 2-8 Logan Clardy, Sherri Supple, accident on Route 77.
- 2-10 Angela Leiss, Sarah Estes, accident on Route 77.
- 2-24 Matthew Oberholtzer, accident on Mitchell Road

FIRE CALLS

- 2-6 Deerfield Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-6 Spurwink Avenue, grass fire
- 2-8 Woodland Road, fuel spill
- 2-9 Oakview Road, investigation
- 2-9 Elmwood Road, wire down
- 2-9 Garden Circle, water problem
- 2-10 Deerfield Road, gas alarm
- 2-10 Charles Road, electrical fire
- 2-13 Deerfield Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-14 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-16 Mitchell Road, fire alarm
- 2-17 Rocky Point Lane, investigation
- 2-21 Pulpit Rock, fire alarm
- 2-24 Two Lights Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-24 South Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 26 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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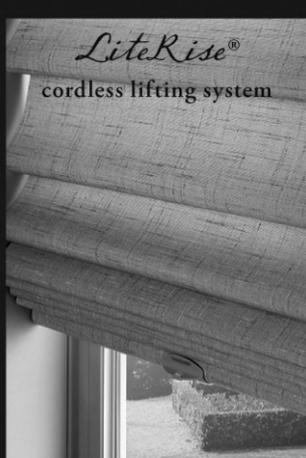


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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

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.

March 14, 1863 – Ten deserters from the rebels joined the Maine 13th at Pen-sacola, not long ago. [Portland Transcript]

March 21, 1863 – Maine has a history yet to be written. By papers recently brought to light in the Public Archives of Great Britain, it appears that Maine was explored in 1580 and valuable mines discovered, and that this portion of the continent had a history 40 years before the settlement at Plymouth. The Historical Society has petitioned the Legislature to procure copies of these papers. [Portland Transcript]

The 1st Maine Cavalry, during a recent reconnaissance, captured one Major, 12 other prisoners, 250 horses and mules, and any amount of contraband goods; confiscated 100 tons of corn, 10 tons of bacon, and destroyed twice the quantity. [Portland Transcript]

Shoes are now made in Lynn by steam! The introduction of sewing machines and other machinery is working a change in the whole business, and shoes are now manufactured in large factories instead of being sent out to scattered workmen. [Portland Transcript]

Characters of our Generals: The

following is a brief report of the phrenological characters of some of our leading men, taken down from a lecture delivered in Boston by D. P. Butler, Phrenologist. The observations were made from the best photographs and lithographs that could be obtained:

[Editor's note: Phrenologists believed that the human mind has a set of different mental faculties, with each particular faculty represented in a different area of the brain. It was believed that the cranial bone conformed in order to accommodate the different sizes of these particular areas of the brain in different individuals, so that a person's capacity for a given personality trait could be determined simply by measuring the area of the skull that overlies the corresponding area of the brain.]

President Lincoln: His head is large, but not very large. It is above the average. Considerably full, a good degree of power, but not one of the greatest of men. His head probably measures 23 inches. It is comparatively narrow at the base, but large and full at the top. Intellect is in good proportion, but the moral is the strongest power. He is one of the most honest leaders we have had. He is not a warrior, and therefore out of his place as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. His brain has not base enough. He is too timid – wants more destructiveness and combativeness. In peace,

he would be an admirable President. He is a good one now, but is not bold enough – not fighter enough, and consequently cannot inspire others to fight. With qualities like Andrew Jackson he would have ended the war before now. A good and wise man, but too timid for such an emergency – head too narrow to lead a Nation to battle-to enforce law at the point of the sword and mouth of the cannon.

The article goes on to discuss McClellan ("...has great physical endurance. ... He knows how to take care of himself. He has courage to any amount when disposed to exercise it, but he will keep out of the way of danger, from the selfish element."); Grant: ("... is a powerful man. ... Don't

know how large his head is – can't speak therefore, as to comprehensiveness." [Portland Transcript]

The notorious Kitty Kentuck is at last disposed of. She was last week sentenced, in the S.J. Court to two years imprisonment in the State Prison, for keeping a house of ill-fame. [Portland Transcript]

J.W. Dyer, Esq., is about to build at his yard in Cape Elizabeth, a stern-wheel steamer of about 200 tons and of light draught, as she is designed to go into the employ of some of the Express Companies

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL, next page

Schooner Fare musician and college professor Romanoff to talk about folk history, folk music

Steve Romanoff, a college professor, songwriter and member of the Maine folk band, Schooner Fare, will speak about the blending of folk history and folk music at a Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society presentation.

All are invited to the free event, set for 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, in the Thomas Memorial Library's Community Room.

Romanoff, who cofounded Schooner

Fare in 1975, is a professor of interdisciplinary studies at the University of Southern Maine. He has written history-themed songs that include "Boats of Stone," about Maine's granite quarry industry in the 19th century, "Ballad of Mad Jack," "1491," and "We the People."

Email cehps@thomas.lib.me.us or call 799-1720 for more information about the event or the historical society.

A superintendent's history lesson



Photo by Don Kennel

Scarborough Historical Society member and former Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Bruce Thurlow returned to town last month to talk to Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society members about what was once Cape Elizabeth's and Scarborough's biggest event of the year: the Scarborough-Cape Elizabeth Fair. Started in 1875 and held off Pleasant Hill Road in Scarborough, the fair was held every autumn. Horse racing was the most popular event. Any horse could be entered, and purses ranged from \$12 for first place to \$3 for third place.



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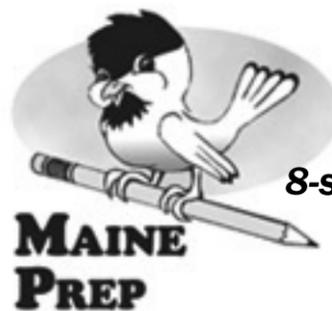
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Performances of Cape's one-act play, 'Dead Man Walking,' on March 19, 20

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School's one-act play, "Dead Man Walking," which follows Roman Catholic religious sister Helen Prejean's journey as a spiritual advisor to a death-row inmate, will open at Cape Elizabeth High School at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, with a second performance planned at the same time the following night.

In the one-act, adapted from a script that screenwriter, actor and director Tim Robbins adapted from a book written by Prejean, CEHS senior Elizabeth "EB" Coughlin plays Prejean and CEHS senior Griffin Carpenter plays the condemned man, Matt Poncelet.

"The theater department has taken on a big challenge in producing "Dead Man Walking," CEHS Theater Director Richard Mullen said. The play, which has "mature themes and is best suited to high school and adult audiences ... addresses the role of rehabilitation in our criminal justice system."

Each year, the CEHS Theater Department is among 80 Maine high schools that produce a show for the annual One Act Play Festival, an opportunity to showcase high school theater work of the highest level.

"The festival gives our theater program a chance to feature our most accomplished



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Elizabeth Coughlin and Griffin Carpenter will perform in "Dead Man Walking" March 19 and 20.

students as with seniors Alex Johnson in light design, Brent Staples in sound design, and Coughlin and Carpenter in leading roles. We also see final high school performances of seniors Meaghan Monaghan, Lauren Steidl, Sam Barksdale and Ian Andolsek," Mullen said.

After the Cape performances, the show will move on to the annual One Act Play Festival competition.

Admission to the show is \$5. Contact Mullen at rrmullen@capeelizabetschools.org for information.

'Game Day' planned for seniors on March 19

Community Services will host a free "Game Day" on Tuesday, March 19, when adults 55 and older will have an opportunity to play board games.

The event will run from 9:30 to 11:30

a.m. in the Community Center's Community Room. Registration, which is required, is available at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road, at www.capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868.

Easter Egg Hunt at Coastal Wellness on March 23

At Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic's fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt at noon on Saturday, March, 23, children of all ages will search for eggs filled with treasures. This year's hunt will not include candy. Children should bring their own

baskets to the event. All are invited to the free event at 1231 Shore Road.

Call 799-9355 to reserve a spot for children. Go to www.coastalwellnesschiro.com for more information about Coastal Wellness.

Project Graduation Flatbread event on March 26

A fundraiser benefiting Cape Elizabeth High School's 2013 Project Graduation is planned Tuesday, March 26, at the Flatbread Company, 72 Commercial St., Portland.

That night, \$3.50 of every large pizza and \$1.75 of every small pizza sold between 5

and 9 p.m. will benefit Project Graduation, a post-graduation trip organized by parents to give new graduates a safe night of fun.

Contact Lisa Morris at 767-7468, 838-4737 or capemorris@earthlink.net for more information.

CELT's nighttime owl walk planned March 27

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member Tony Owens will lead a nighttime owl walk from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27.

The group will start out at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road, viewing slides and listening to taped owl calls for a half hour before car-pooling to several sites in town. Using an audiotape, walkers will stroll quietly and attempt to locate owls by

sound and sight.

Participants should bring a flashlight, wear quiet walking shoes or boots, and be prepared to stand outdoors quietly for 10 to 20 minutes at a time.

Participants must be 12 years and older. The fee is \$6 per person. Register at 799-2868; or online at www.capecommunityservices.org.

Sesquicentennial

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for running up the shoal rivers of the South. She is to be completed in 90 days. [Portland Transcript]

March 24, 1863 - The 25th

Maine (which included 56 Cape Elizabeth men) left for Washington where they are guarding the vital Long Bridge across the Potomac until March 24, 1863. On the 24th they joined the Army of the Potomac and marched to Fairfax Court House in Virginia ... There their term of service expired and they returned to Washington, D.C. [Portland Transcript]

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CAPE CALENDAR | By Wendy Derzawiec

<p>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</p> <p>Thursday, March 14 Town Council Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall</p> <p>Tuesday, March 19 School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m., High School library Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall High School One Act, "Dead Man Walking", 7 p.m., CEHS auditorium</p> <p>Wednesday, March 20 Town Council Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall High School One Act, "Dead Man Walking", 7 p.m., CEHS auditorium</p> <p>Thursday, March 21 Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Public Works Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., TML</p> <p>Saturday, March 23 Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m.,</p>	<p>Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads</p> <p>Tuesday, March 26 School Board Workshop and Special Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CEHS library Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall School Board Finance Committee, 8-9 p.m., High School library</p> <p>Ongoing each week Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m. <u>Thursdays</u>, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. <u>Fridays</u> at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. <u>Saturdays</u>, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. <u>Wednesdays</u>, St. Bartholomew Church, 7 p.m. <u>Fridays</u>, St. Alban's Church. Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon <u>Thursdays</u>. Thomas Memorial Library. Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., <u>first and third Tuesdays</u> at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each <u>Wednesday</u> at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.</p>
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<p>Town Council replay March 13 & 14 - 2 & 8 p.m.; March 16 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>School Board replay March 15 & 16 - 2 & 8 p.m.; March 17 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Words of Peace March 16 & 17, 23 & 24 - 1 & 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Board (Live)</p>	<p>March 19 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Board replay March 20 & 21 - 2 & 8 p.m.; March 23 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board (Live) March 26 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board replay March 27 & 28 - 2 & 8 p.m.</p>
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WETeam plans free safety seminar, open house on March 30 at fire station, Richards Pool

The Cape Elizabeth Water Extrication Team will offer a free paddle sport safety seminar and open house from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the Town Center Fire Station.

The event will cover planning strategies that increase safety. Vendors will demonstrate examples of proper and appropriate gear and clothing.

The evening will conclude with in-the-water demonstrations of self- and assisted-rescue techniques at Richards Community Pool.

Contact Jacqueline Cottrell at 799-0473 or cottrell.jacqueline@gmail.com

Cape businesses collecting nonperishable food, money this month for Judy's Food Pantry

Members of the Cape Business Alliance, which includes 30 businesses in town, are collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for Judy's Produce Pantry during the month of March.

In the summer and fall, the pantry, run by Cape Elizabeth resident Nancy Miles, provides fresh, locally grown produce free of charge to Cape residents with limited resources who want to eat healthy food.

This January, the pantry began offering nonperishable food twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Methodist Church.

"This is the first time the pantry has been opened during the winter, so the need is even greater," said Kathy Duca of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a CBA member.

People who want to make monetary donations can drop them off at Alewives Brook Farm, Ann Veronica, Coastal Rehab, Coastal Wellness and Family Chiropractic, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, the Cookie Jar, Fiddlehead Flowers, the Local Buzz, Mainly Chiropractic, Mojo Health Bar, Polly's Hair Care, Re/Max Oceanside, Shore Things or Two Lights Home Care.

Checks should be made out to "Judy's Produce Pantry."

Nonperishable food can be dropped off at Coldwell, 295 Ocean House Road, or at a donation table at IGA.

The pantry is a cooperative effort of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church and Cape Elizabeth farmers and families.

CBA, which formed in 2010, seeks to promote Cape Elizabeth businesses and encourage new business endeavors in town.

Call Duca at 799-5000 for more information.

Nine bands on tap March 28 for Jazz Cabaret

Cape Elizabeth High School and Middle School musicians will perform at the annual Jazz Cabaret on Thursday, March 28, in the CEHS cafeteria.

The event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will be open to all community members.

The Jazz Cabaret will feature eight high school music groups: the Eponymous Combo, the Willie Maiden Combo, the Sonny Stitt Combo, the Don Doane Combo, the Terry White Combo, the Tuesday Evening Jazz Ensemble, the Repertory Jazz Ensemble, and the Concert Jazz Ensemble.

The eighth-grade jazz band also will perform.

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

Contact Cape Music Booster member Nancy Gunn at 939-8897 or nancy.gunn@maine.edu.com for more information.

Portland Players to present 'Noises Off' farce

"Noises Off," Michael Frayn's Tony Award-winning comedy, will be presented March 22-April 7 at Portland Players.

The theater is at 425 Cottage Road in South Portland.

The "ultimate backstage farce" is a play within a play, with the audience seeing both the cast's antic-filled final dress rehearsal for a bawdy British farce, and all the drama backstage.

The theater has a new curtain time of 7:30 p.m. for evening performances.

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Freshmen class launches fundraiser with sole



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Cape Elizabeth High School's freshman class student council representatives, left to right, back row, Mya Hodgdon, Eva Miele, Katherine Briggs; front row, Maureen Lavallee, Gabrielle Raymond and Maisie Perkins, promote a new fundraising program for the class, "Shoe Box Recycling."

Got shoes? Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2016 are seeking shoes of all kinds, from athletic and dress shoes to work boots and sandals, in a class fundraiser.

Freshmen student council representatives will sell donated shoes to Shoe Box Recycling, a for-profit recycling company based in Fairless, Pa., that resells gently used shoes at market places around the world.

Community members can drop shoes at

collection boxes at CEHS, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, IGA and the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Shoes, which must be paired, have to be dry and free of mildew and holes in the soles. Shoe Box Recycling will not accept heavy winter boots, skates, slippers, flip flops or shoes with blades.

Contact Tom Kohan at tkohan@capeelizabethschools.org for more information. Go to www.facebook.com/shoeboxrecycling to learn more about the company.

Lions' next spaghetti dinner to be held March 23

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will hold a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 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.

Funds raised at the dinner will also go to the nonprofit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which provides information about cystic fibrosis and finances research that aims to

find a cure and improve the quality of life for people with the disease.

The club will host pancake breakfasts from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sundays, April 14 and May 12. Lions' breakfasts 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 is \$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.

Call Paul Gentilini at 470-7353 for more information.

'Magician for nonbelievers' to perform at show geared to people all ages on April 7

Peter Boie, who calls himself a "magician for nonbelievers," will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. The show, which is geared to all people of all ages, includes magic, comedy and music.

Tickets, \$5 before April 5 and \$7 at the door, are available for sale at Community Services' office in the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. People can pay by cash or check.

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New library services kick off collaborative venture with schools

Many library users are aware that the Thomas Memorial Library is a member of the statewide downloadable audiobook and eBook service known as the Maine InfoNet Download Library.

More than 40 libraries across the state share the collection of eBooks and audiobooks provided through OverDrive, Inc.

Unfortunately, library users often find the lack of availability of titles and the format restrictions of this service to be frustrating. While Thomas Memorial Library remains a member of the statewide consortium, TML cardholders now have exclusive access to two new digital services:

OneClick Digital is a service from Recorded Books that allows library users to download audiobooks to a computer or portable device. Although the service does not yet include eBooks, users likely will find OneClick Digital to be an excellent resource for downloadable audiobooks. The library's collection includes more than 3,000 titles that are iPod compatible.

Audiobooks can be downloaded onto a computer and transferred to a mobile device, or downloaded directly through a free app. The collection includes primarily titles for adults but, beginning in July, the library will be able to offer a wide selection of children's and young adult titles as well.

This comprehensive collection is part of a pilot project for collaboration between Thomas Memorial Library and Cape Elizabeth schools, funded initially by the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

Students currently have access to the children's and young adult collections of audiobooks through an existing contract with Recorded Books. Beginning with the new fiscal year, the school department and the library will share the cost of the contract with Recorded Books to provide access to the entire collection for not only students, but all TML cardholders.

Part of the new contract is an additional service new to both the schools and the library: Transparent Language, an online language-learning program.

It includes instruction in more than 80 foreign languages, as well as programs for new English language learners. Thomas Memorial Library cardholders can access Transparent Language from home or within the library; there is even a free app that will allow use on mobile devices.

Library users can access both OneClick Digital and Transparent Language through links on the library's website. Outside of the library, users will need a valid Thomas Memorial Library card in order to use the services.

Visit the library's website for details.

World music program for kids is March 21

Children's musician Rob Duquette will present his monthly world music program for all ages on Thursday, March 21, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Duquette sings traditional and original songs and plays a variety of instruments from around the world.

YES!

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Photo by Janice Reale

Cape farmer Norman Jordan in a field of sunflowers.

Reale's Jordan exhibit up through March

Cape photographer Janice Reale's photo-documentary display of photographs and memories will be displayed through the end of the month at Thomas Memorial Library.

The exhibit is called, "I Remember Cape Elizabeth: Senior Stories, Extraordinary

Memories – Norman's Flower Stand." 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.

Mystery author Pahigian coming March 23

Maine author Josh Pahigian had been scheduled to appear at the library last month, but, unfortunately, his visit was set for the same day as the blizzard.

He's been rescheduled to appear at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 23.

Pahigian's latest book, "Strangers on the Beach," has been getting great reviews from readers and critics. Publishers Weekly recently picked it as one of its "Indie Sleeper Titles to Watch."

Pahigian has published books on baseball and baseball history, but "Strangers on the Beach" is his first work of fiction. Set in Old Orchard Beach, this mystery/suspense novel crosses the storylines of affluent summer tourists and struggling year-round residents when a famed and wealthy adventurer gets stranded in town after an incident at sea.

As tourists arrive, including two intriguing strangers, a troubled local teenager inadvertently uncovers evidence that will



Barring another snowstorm, author Josh Pahigian will be at Thomas Memorial Library on Saturday, March 23.

change the fate of all involved.

Pahigian will be reading from the book, answering questions, and signing books in the library's Community Room. Visit the library's website for more information on Pahigian, his books and the library program.

For program details: ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

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Cape Elizabeth resident **Liam McCoy** recently joined the Portland office of Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty as a vice president. McCoy, who has more than 15 years of experience in real estate brokerage and property management in Maine, holds an engineering degree from the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

Raised in Maine and the father of three, McCoy is on the board of directors of the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and is the director of Cape Elizabeth Little League's T-ball program.



Liam McCoy

The Portland law firm, Kelly Remmel and Zimmerman, whose shareholders include Cape residents, **Barry Zimmerman**, **Graydon Stevens**, and **Mike Duddy**, recently received the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project's 2012 Pro Bono Firm of the Year Award. The honor recognizes the firm's commitment to providing representation to asylum seekers and other noncitizens in 2011 and 2012. Cape resident **Pam Pillsbury** is a legal assistant at the firm.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Chris Lynch**, who founded Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty seven years ago this winter, recently announced that the company now ranks among the Top 10 real estate companies in Maine. The company moved to No. 6 overall in terms of dollar volume and ranked No. 1 for all home sales greater than \$500,000 for 2012.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Sasha K. Kohan** earned first honors at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., where she is a freshman. She is a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2012.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Brian Brett** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C., where he is a freshman. He is the son of **Mary and Craig Brett**.

Cape resident **Valerie Herrick** was named to the president's list for the fall semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, where she is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Well Heart Yoga recently opened in Pond Cove Shopping Center at 327 Ocean House Road. The studio, open seven days a week, offers programs for all levels, from vinyasa flow and combined Pilates-yoga classes to classes for parents and children, and meditation and heated classes.

The studio also offers teacher training programs approved by the Yoga Alliance, including a 200- and 500-hour certification in Cape Elizabeth and the Augusta area, a 95-hour children's yoga teacher training, and a women's island certification retreat in Casco Bay.

Founder **Leslee Hartwell**, a South Portland resident, has 13 years of yoga experience and studied directly under teacher **Rodney Yee**.



Leslee Hartwell

Tom Tinsman, a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth, was named "Broker of the Month" for outstanding sales in January at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**.

Two Cape students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. **Jack Barber** is a member of the Class of 2015. **Zach Breed** is a member of the Class of 2013.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Lindsay Rand** was named the fall-semester dean's list at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she is a sophomore.

Alison McCue, a Gorham resident who has been affiliated with **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** since 2011, recently earned her associate broker's license. McCue, who grew up in Portland and raised her three children in Gorham, volunteers as a docent for the Maine Historical Society.

More Neighbors on page 20

Cape Elizabeth resident **Robert Martin**, a United States Army Private First Class, recently returned from a nine-month tour in Afghanistan, where he completed more than 120 missions and received several deployment awards. He is now stationed with the 173 Airborne Brigade at the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza in Vicenza, Italy, where he is training with the Sky Soldiers. Robbie will return to the U.S. in April on a three-and-a-half-week leave.

A 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Robbie graduated in September 2011 from basic training in Fort Benning, Ga., with the second battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment. He completed training as a motor transportation operator at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo, in fall 2011, and then returned to Fort Benning to attend Airborne School.



Robbie Martin

Poet **Ben Berman**, a 1994 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate who lives in the Boston area with his wife and daughter, recently received the New England Poetry Club's Erika Mumford Prize and artist fellowships from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Somerville Arts Council.

In "Strange Borderlands," his first full-length collection, he chronicles, in metrical, free verse and prose poems, adventures that include his Peace Corps service in Zimbabwe after college.

Ben teaches creative writing classes at Brookline High School and at the Grub Street creative writing center in Boston. He has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize three times and recently published work in *Burnside Review*, *Salamander*, *The Raintown Review* and the *Connecticut Review*.

Eight Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Sierra Rintel, **Jillian Smith** and **Sawyer Theriault** earned highest honors.

Emily Ham, **Hannah Johnson** and **Holly Register** earned high honors

Edward Smith and **Anna Valley** earned honors.

Married!



Anne Jenkins and Joshua Thelin

Anne B. Jenkins, the daughter of **Bruce and Joan Jenkins**, and **Joshua P. Thelin**, the son of **Paul and Barbara Thelin**, were married on Aug. 25 at Spurwink Meeting House in Cape Elizabeth. A reception at Ram Island Farm followed.

Annie and Josh are both graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2000. Before the wedding, they traveled with their dogs, Henry and Harbor, on a two-month cross-country adventure. After the wedding, they honeymooned at Moosehead Lake.

The couple lives in Portland.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Sarah Cummings** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., where she is a member of the Class of 2015.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Ben Richardson** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at American University's Kogod School Of Business in Washington, D.C. A sophomore, he is the son of **John and Marybeth Richardson**.

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Cape Elizabeth High School honor roll for second quarter

Seniors

High Honors - Josephine Barth, Allison Briggs, Abigail Buhrman, Travis DeLano, Daniel Epstein, Matthew Gilman, Francesca Governali, Zachary Hillman, Anastasia Kouros, Brett Parker

Honors - Ian Andolsek, Max Barber, Clifton Bauman, Jacob Brady, Anna Brogan, Moriah Brown, Griffin Carpenter, Justin Cary, Cameron Caswell, Harper Chalot, Nolan Chase, Meghan Clifford, Jane Coffrin, Elizabeth Coughlin, Zachary Culver, Deirdre Curran, Marlo Dell'Aquila, Clarice Diebold, Seth Dobieski, Petar Filipov, Michaela Forde, Robert Freccero, Sydney Glazier, Caroline Gleason, Emma Inhorn, Christina Kouros, Jeanette Lalouche, Stefan LaRose, Laura MacKay, Connor Maguire, Rachel Matusko, Erin McGlynn, Alissa Mitchell, Jessica Morgan, Mireia Odlin, Talia Pappas, Rudolf Peltzer, Talley Perkins, Madelaine Riker, Charlotte Sawyer, Douglas Sewall, Samuel Sherman, Emily Spidle, Rohit Srungavarapu, Brent Staples, Lauren Steidl, Kisa Tabery, Emily Tall, Maria Tremblay, Natalie Underdown, Jenna Wallace, Chelsey Whynot, R. Jacob Wilson

Juniors

High Honors - Daniel Brett, Heather Chase, Lucas Dvorozniak, Trevor Ewald, Trevor Gale, Jordan Greer, Kevin Hare, Dorothy Janick, Katherine Miklavic, Liam Simpson, Brian Taintor, Addison Wood

Honors - David Allen, Samantha Altnauer, Julian Andrews, Amanda Barnett, Ysanne Bethel, Allison Bowe, William Britton, Elizabeth Cloutier, Mitchell Cohen, Ethan Duperre, Dylan Egeland, Thomas Feenstra, Matthew Fisher, Sarah Flaherty, Elise Flathers, Henry Gent, Zoe Gillies, Anna Goldstein, Joshua Graessle, Mae Gruen, John Hall, Dana Hatton, Caroline Herriman, Andrew Hollyday, Kayla Horne, Omar Khalidi, Mikaela Kohan, Montserrat Kwan, Mackenzie Leighton, Gabriel McGinn, Abigail McInerney, Sophie Moore, Kayne Munson, Brian Nestor, Emma O'Rourke, Sara Paclat, Mary Perkins, Hailey Petsinger, Katie Rabasca, Natalie Rand, Matthew Reale-Hatem, Deven Roberts, Gwyneth Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, Nathan Rose, Anne Russell, Ian Schrank, Nicholas Shedd, Phoebe Shields, Dylan Sullivan, Mary Thibodeau, Jack Tierney, Jane Vaughan, Sydney Wight

Sophomores

High Honors - Mathias Barth, Sierra Bates, Eva Brydson, Aaron Dobieski, Rhoen Fiutak, Julia Ginder, Thomas Gleason, Walker Grimes, Robert Harrison, Lily Jordan, Brette Lennon, Rachel Lockwood, Emily Lynch, Daniel Menz, Hannah Preble

Honors - Alexander Curtis, Paul Calande, Cole Caswell, Ting-Ju Chiang, Matthew Chipman, Kathryn Clark, Isabel Clarke, Nicole Cloutier, Claudia del Olmo Carceles, Parker Dinsmore, Hayley Doss,

Jack Drinan, Katherine Ewald, Emily Faria, Caroline Garfield, Rachel Garrity, Luke Gilman, Thomas Gleeson, Luke Harrison, Noah Haversat, Taylor Herrera, Caroline Kelley, Emma Landes, Arturo Lizano, Sarah Loring, Samuel MacDuffie, Robert MacKay, Devin Maguire, Amelia Morrissey, Ethan Murphy, Wyatt Page, Nicholas Pellechia, Michaela Pinette, Monica Planinsek, Noah Robinson, Kirsten Rudberg, Maci Russell, Hannah Satturley, Hannah Sawyer, Sairah Shir, Benjamin Stanley, Acadia Stewart, Lindsay Stewart, Ashley Tinsman, Lucia Torner del Villar, Andrew Volent, Arden Wing, Leo Wing, Claire Zimmerman, Sarah Zucchero

Freshmen

High Honors - James Bottomley, Madeleine Bowe, Brayden Crosta, Puamae'ole DeGrandis, Jared Duperre, Rachel Epstein, Chloe Gillian, Hannah Glazier, Taylor Hansen, Eileen Misterovich, William Steidl, Natalie Vaughan, McKenna Wood

Honors - Sierra Aceto, Sophia Avantaggio, Alexandria Bakke, Stephen Bennett, Montana Braxton, Katherine Breed, Lydia Breneman, Thomas Brett, Katherine Briggs, Thomas Buonaiuto, Victoria Diaz, Marcus Donnelly, Miles Dorrance, Dana Dufresne-Bonoff, Emma Dvorozniak, Megan Ellsmore, Haley Fawcett, Matthew Fishbein, William Gibson, Adara Graessle, Teresa Haller, Katherine Hansen, Logan Hansen, Carter Harvey, Ryan Harvey, Bryce Hewitt, Sophie Hewitt, Emma Hindall, Olivia Hintlian, Mya Hodgdon, Lauren Holmes, Lydia Ingalls, Joseph Inhorn, Andrew Jensen, Anya Kohan, Roman Medina, Sarah Merriam, Sarah Morin, Alexander Mukai, Wyatt Newhall, Lily Norris, Sarah O'Connor, Caitlin O'Sullivan, Kathleen Oberholtzer, Nicholas Pappas, Nicole Penley, Harrison Queeney, Gabrielle Raymond, Matthew Riggle, Dylan Roberts, James Salerno, Robert Sarka, Erin Sewall, Cooper Siepert, Rosalie Stevens, Allison Stewart, Vincent Tarpo, Nikita Wallace, Erin Whitcomb, Morgan Wight, Portia Wilson, Randy Zhou

Cheverus High School honor roll for first trimester

Seniors

High honors - Andrew Cloutier
Honors - Brian Chiozzi, Samuel Duddy, Michael Gordon

Juniors

High honors - Sydney Hallowell

Sophomores

Honors - Benjamin Duddy
Honors - Elizabeth O'Brien

Freshmen

High honors - Andrew Jalbert
Honors - Andrew Mitchell

CEEF 'Alumni Award' nominations deadline on April 15

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation seeks nominations for its first annual Alumni Award, which the nonprofit organization will present at Cape Elizabeth High School's graduation in June.

The honor will recognize a CEHS alumnus who serves as a model for current students, inspiring and motivating them to seek excellence during their school years and beyond as they pursue careers, and community or public service.

April 15 is the deadline for nominations.

Go to CEEF's website, www.ceef.us, to complete a form to nominate a Cape alumnus whose academic, professional or community achievements have enhanced 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@themainerealestatenetwork.com for more information.

Bulb fundraiser to benefit CEHS Class of 2015

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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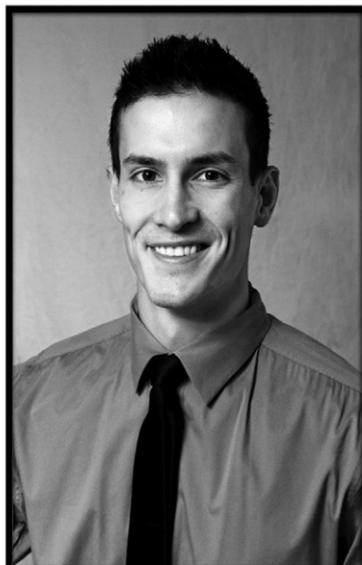
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Uruguayan teacher reflects on differences between U.S., Uruguayan students, schools



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Ana Rodriguez, right, a Uruguayan teacher who spent two weeks in Cape Elizabeth last month during an exchange program, and Cape Elizabeth Middle School Spanish teacher Susan Dana, who will spend three weeks this summer in a similar program in Uruguay, point to the country on a map in Dana's classroom while holding the Uruguayan flag.

By Wendy Keeler

Ana Rodriguez, an Uruguayan school teacher who spent two weeks in Cape Elizabeth last month, expected some surprises during her stay here on a Fulbright Commission teacher exchange program. Some surprises were bigger than others, however.

For Rodriguez, who had never seen snow, the Feb. 8 blizzard that dumped a record snowfall on the area was an unexpected delight.

So were her trips to Augusta, where she was acknowledged on the Senate and House floors, and to the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, where she was recognized for co-founding the Lions Club in Pan de Azúcar, her hometown of 9,000 in Uruguay.

But what Rodriguez, who has taught elementary through middle school students in Uruguay for 25 years, didn't expect were some of the differences between American and Uruguayan students and schools she observed during her stay.

Rodriguez spent most of her time at Cape Elizabeth Middle School with her host, Cape Elizabeth resident and Spanish teacher Susan Dana. Rodriguez will host Dana this summer when she spends three weeks in Uruguay on a U.S. State Department teacher exchange.

"In Uruguay, students and teachers hug when they see each other every day, and at the end of the day," Rodriguez said in Spanish, with Dana translating. The hugs are such a part of daily school life that "one day I forgot to hug a little boy goodbye, and he was so sad."

So on Rodriguez's first morning at the middle school, when she learned the guidelines that adults should follow in the Cape schools, she was confused at first.

"When Ana heard, 'Don't touch a kid,' she asked me, 'What's the big deal?'" Dana

said.

"We don't follow those precautions in Uruguay," Rodriguez said. "We know our students and parents on a more personal level. At parent-teacher conferences, for instance, I give the parents a kiss on the cheek, even if I'm meeting them for the first time, and parents come to my house sometimes to find out what the homework is."

School days are more organized in the U.S., and students here are "pretty calm," said Rodriguez, who also spent time at the other two schools during her stay.

"You'll see when you come to Uruguay that children tend to yell out to each other," Rodriguez said to Dana, whose stay in July will occur during winter in South America, when students attend school.

Rodriguez not only was surprised when a CEMS student got a detention for cutting a lunch line, but also by the fact that "when it's 10:05, students know that it's time to go to Mr. Filieo's room. There's less of a structure and system" in Uruguay, Rodriguez said.

This month, Rodriguez starts a new job as principal of a school of 160 students in kindergarten through ninth grade. She hopes to incorporate some of what she observed in Cape Elizabeth schools.

Not only are school days more organized in Cape Elizabeth, but so are classrooms, which "improves the school climate," she said. "Our classrooms are often filled with paper, and here it's cleaner and there's more recycling."

Rodriguez isn't the only one who got a lot out of her visit.

"I've always dreamed of going to South America," sixth-grader Ezra Smith wrote in a thank-you letter to Rodriguez. "When you visited our school, in a way I got to visit South America!"

Eight Cape Elizabeth writers receive 2013 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

Eight students from Cape Elizabeth High School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School recently earned honors for their writing in the regional 2013 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program.

Each year, U.S. students in grades 7 through 12 submit their works at the regional level of the competition. Works that win top regional awards earn national recognition.

Two CEHS students, Lily Jordan and Jane Vaughan, are among five Maine students named American Gold Key/American Voices nominees, and their work will move on to the national level of competition. Jordan, a sophomore, earned the honor in the category of persuasive writing for her piece, "Citizens Without A Voice," and junior Jane Vaughan's "The Moonie Slide," won the award in the personal essay/memoir category. Senior Abigail

Buhrman's untitled work in the "flash fiction" category won a Gold Key, the highest regional honor.

Senior Ian Andolsek earned a Silver Key for his poem "His Woods These Are, I Think I Know"; sophomore Ben Stanley for his poem, "I Am Not A Tree," and his personal essay/memoir, "The Longest Bus Ride"; and CEMS eighth-grader Natalie Gale for "Behind The Shades" in the flash fiction category.

Four students earned honorable mentions: freshman Caitlin O'Sullivan for her short story, "But Then I Remember"; freshman Will Steidl for his personal essay/memoir, "Second Chance," and his poem, "Grandfather, Dogs Will Never Change"; eighth-grader Natalie Gale for "The Oscillator" in the flash fiction category; and Jane Vaughan in the journalism category for "TEDx a Success."

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Parents need to enroll kids now at Pond Cove

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15, 2013, should contact Pond Cove School as soon as possible, preferably by Friday, March 22, to register their children in kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools should notify the Pond Cove office if they are planning to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove for the 2013-2014 school year.

A birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency, such as a utility bill, are required at registration. Call Pond Cove at 799-7339 for more information.

Baseball Boosters' dance, silent auction planned on March 23

The Cape Elizabeth Baseball Boosters will hold their annual Spring Dance and Silent Auction fundraiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the St. Bartholomew Parish Hall.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher and Cape Elizabeth High School football coach Aaron Filieo, a longtime DJ, will provide the music.

Tickets are \$15 apiece or \$30 for two. The event will include appetizers and a cash bar. Contact Jane Bozek at boozwaz3@maine.rr.com or 799-2634 for more information.

Bosworth, Ginder, Connolly, travel team capture state ice hockey championship



Cape Elizabeth members of Casco Bay Hockey's state-title-winning under-14 team include, front row, fifth from left, Eliza Connolly; back row, second from left, Kate Ginder, fourth from right, Hannah Bosworth; and second from right, Coach Ken Ginder.

Cape Elizabeth hockey players Hannah Bosworth, Eliza Connolly and Kate Ginder and their Casco Bay Hockey Association's girls under-14 travel hockey team won the state championship last month, defeating Lewiston 3-2 in the finals.

On March 8, the day *The Cape Courier* went to press, the team was scheduled to

compete against state championship-winning teams from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont in the USA Hockey regional championship in Woodstock, Vt. The regional winner will move on to the national championship.

Kate Ginder's father, Ken, coaches the team.

'E-waste Drop-off' fundraiser set for March 16

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.

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@tmomaine.com for more information.

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 include the drawing of the MSPA's annual raffle fundraiser. Raffle tickets, which will be for sale at the event,

are available at the MSPA front office and for downloading at www.capemspa.org. Raffle items include a Kindle Fire HD, tickets to the Portland Sea Dogs' Field of Dreams/Fan Appreciation Day, and a Beach to Beacon registration and number.

Crusher, the Red Claws' mascot, will appear at half-time. Kids younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Mary Ellen Carignan at mcari-gna@maine.rr.com for more information, or about donating an item or service to the raffle.

Basketball player Andrew Dickey receives honors

Cape Elizabeth resident Andrew Dickey, a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington, recently was named to the North Atlantic Conference second team in men's basketball.

He is 10th in the NAC for scoring and

second in the NAC for foul shooting, with an 82.8 percentage at the line.

A 2010 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, where he was a member of the varsity basketball team, he is the son of Andrew and Ann Dickey.

Happy belated 50th, Pammy R.! XO

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Congregational Church to offer seven services from Palm Sunday to Easter, March 29 supper

First Congregational Church in South Portland will offer several worship opportunities from Palm Sunday to Easter.

An 8:30 a.m. chapel service is planned on Palm Sunday, March 24, followed at 10 a.m. by sanctuary worship that will include the Meeting House Choir and Sunday School for children through eighth grade.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, the church will offer a 7:30 p.m. Communion service in the sanctuary. The Chancel Drama and soloists will perform.

A soup supper, to which all are invited at no charge, is planned at 6 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29. A 7:30 p.m. sanctuary service will follow. The Meeting House Choir

and instrumentalists, directed by Shirley L. Curry, will perform John Rutter's "Requiem."

The church plans three services on Easter Sunday, March 31: a 6 a.m. sunrise service at Fort Williams, near the flag pole, and 9 and 11 a.m. services in the sanctuary that will include music by the Brass and Meeting House Choir. The services will end with the Hallelujah Chorus. The 9 a.m. service will have American Sign Language interpretation for the hearing impaired.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Go to www.fccucc.org or call 799-3361 for more information.

St. Bartholomew offerings this month include presentation, egg hunt, Holy Week services

St. Bartholomew Parish has a busy month ahead.

Msgr. Michael Henchal, the pastor of St. Bartholomew, will present, "Conscience and Church Teaching," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at the church, 8 Two Lights Road. The presentation, part of St. Bart's series on tough, and in some cases controversial, issues that Roman Catholics face today, will tackle such questions as "What is a good Catholic to do when he or she is presented with a teaching of the church with which he or she finds difficult, even impossible, to understand and accept?"

To sign up, contact parish secretary Susie DeGrinney at 799-5528 or susan.degrinney@portlanddiocese.org, or go to www.saintbarts.com and click on the "Conscience and Church Teaching" picture on the home page. There is no fee to attend.

A St. Patrick's Day luncheon is planned

at noon on Sunday, March 17. The event will include a corned beef dinner, Irish sing-along songs, raffle items, and "leprechaun prizes." Tickets, available at the door, after Masses, or through the parish secretary, are \$10 for adults, \$7 for 5- to 18-year-olds, and kids 5 and younger go free.

An Easter egg hunt and "Basket Blessing" are planned from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the church. The event will include Easter stories, singing, information about the symbolism of a Polish Easter basket, and refreshments. Families are asked to donate Easter candy for the free event.

Holy Week services are planned at 9 and 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 24; 7 p.m. on Holy Thursday, March 28; and at 7 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29. The church will hold an Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, and Easter Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 31.

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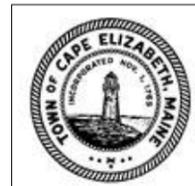
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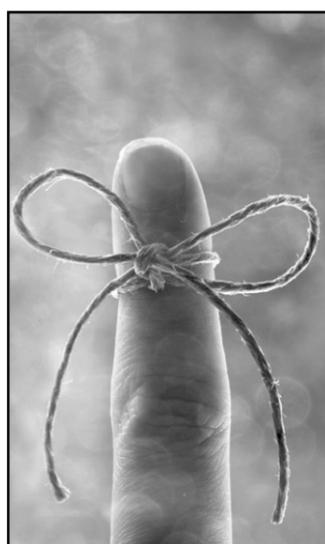


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School budget

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inflation.

The other part of that increase is the \$300,000 in retirement costs.”

Salaries and benefits, which make up roughly 80 percent of the district’s total budget, would rise by \$281,847, the second highest increase in the budget plan, followed by spending for capital improvements, which would go up by \$143,425.

State education aid to the district is set to increase next year by \$190,640, a 9.4 percent rise over the \$2 million allocated for the current school year before Gov. Paul LePage issued a \$196,873 curtailment of that allocation this December.

Because of changes in Medicaid laws, Cape Elizabeth will receive a projected \$200,000 in Medicaid reimbursements next year, less than half of the \$480,000 the district got this school year.

Taxes for school services

Under the proposed budget, \$19.6 million must be raised by taxes, a 3.8 percent increase. The owner of a median-priced home valued at \$314,000 would pay an extra \$129 in taxes for school services next year.

To add money to the plus side of the budget, the superintendent proposes carrying over \$350,000 from the district’s undesignated fund balance, “which will put us at risk,” Nadeau said on March 5. “There will be less money available for future years or for some unforeseen issue.”

Capital improvements

The proposal includes a 12.5 percent increase in spending for the Facilities and Transportation Department budget, much of which is earmarked for capital improvements. Last year, a report by a Portland engineering firm estimated that over the next 10 years capital needs for the schools would range from \$7 to 10 million.

“We have reached a point where we don’t have the luxury of deferring needed investments to maintain our schools,” School Board Finance Committee Chair Michael Moore said on March 6.

Some of the more immediate needs, which are addressed in the proposed budget, include replacing fire alarm notification systems and upgrading security access at all three schools, and making changes to the high school entrance to bring it into compliance with disability standards.

Staff changes

Under the proposal, Pond Cove would restore the assistant principal position and eliminate the current teacher leader position. A new position for a technology teacher, who would teach computer classes in grades 1-4 and integrate technology at Pond Cove, would be created by eliminating two existing educational technician technology positions.

Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School would share a full-time school nurse and a full-time nursing support staff member.

Other proposed changes at the middle school include the elimination of a sixth

grade teacher, based on enrollment. A half-time world language teacher position would be eliminated at CEMS, which would share a .2-time world language teacher with Pond Cove.

Under the plan, both the middle and high schools would change the way they handle library and media services by combining the roles of librarian and technology integrator into one position.

The plan also proposes that a middle school math teacher teach one period a day at the high school and adds a .2-time science teacher at the high school to address high class sizes and teacher loads.

One secretarial position at the high school would be eliminated next year, reducing the number at CEHS from five to four.

Next year’s proposed budget also includes a \$9,500 decrease in expenditures for Portland Arts and Technology High School, a regional school that provides hands-on training in technical and academic fields for students in Cape Elizabeth and neighboring districts.

Funding is based on the number of students each school sends to PATHS.

Other changes

If the proposed budget is approved, CEHS will get six cafeteria tables replaced at a cost of \$6,600, the school’s first furniture purchase in more than three years. The budget for co-curricular supplies and travel would increase by \$5,000, funds to be used by CEHS teams that include speech, debate, mock trial, science and math.

Under the proposed budget, Pond Cove would increase spending on books and periodicals by \$9,325 next year, enabling the school to update and increase its nonfiction

book collection.

At the middle school, the superintendent proposes spending an additional \$5,718 next year on computer software and an extra \$4,062 to buy new furniture.

The proposed budget and beyond

Considering the unexpected addition of \$300,000 in retirement costs to next year’s budget, Nadeau thinks school officials have done a good job creating a budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

“The district has worked hard to bring forth a budget that meets the needs of students in the district but that also is responsive to financial challenges we are facing,” she said.

Nadeau fears what lies ahead.

“Will the district be expected to absorb an increased share of the retirement costs? That \$300,000 could be \$500,000 a year from now. Is the state going to be able to continue to provide a comparable level of funds to general purpose aid? It seems unlikely,” she said.

Christie also feels discouraged.

“For years, I have worried about the state essentially reducing the revenues that they provide the Cape Elizabeth school district, but this year the state has actually increased the expenditure side of our budget by requiring the local districts to pay costs that we never had to pay before.”

The School Board is slated to adopt a budget at the end of this month.

More detailed information about the proposed 2013-2014 budget is available on the Cape Elizabeth school district’s web site, www.cape.k12.me.us, by clicking on the “School Board” link and then on the “Budget Information (2013-2104)” link.

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Tadhg Moriarty

David M. Luongo was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Vermont in Burlington, where he is a senior majoring in theater.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Noelle Webster** was named an honor student for the fall semester at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I., where she is a freshman. The daughter of **Beth and Russ Webster**, she is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Three Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. **Samuel Eisenberg** is a junior majoring in biomedical engineering. **Samuel Naseef** is a junior majoring in robotics engineering. **William McCarthy** is a freshman majoring in physics.

Four Cape Elizabeth students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Northeastern University in Boston: **Theodore Bowe**, majoring in biology; **Sydney Banks**, majoring in business administration; **Katie Cavanaugh**; and **Timothy Takach**, majoring in pharmacy.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Madeline Kraft** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where she is a freshman.

Colleen Martin was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., where she is a senior majoring in athletic training. She is the daughter of **Steve and Mary Martin**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Amelia Bothel** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass.

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Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

Mary Brazell, the daughter of **Colleen and Robert Brazell** and a Cheverus High School alumna, graduated summa cum laude in December with a degree in psychology.

Catherine Tierney, the daughter of **Kevin and Sarah Tierney**, a freshman, is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

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