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## Student photos of Robinson Woods at library in June



Photo by Eavan Sibole-Little, grade 8

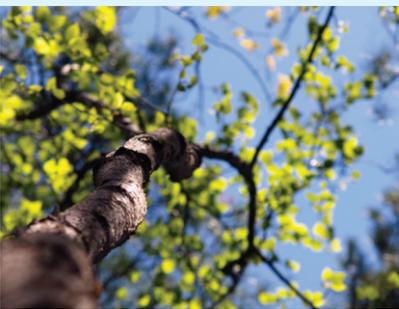


Photo by Anna Friberg, grade 8

"Preserving the Land Through Art," featuring photographs by Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, can be seen June 1-30 at Thomas Memorial Library. Proceeds will benefit the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. See page 12 for details.

## Cape voters OK budget, but many upset at polls



Photo by Patricia McCarthy

Fran Tighe and his 7-year-old son Owen made time to vote after a Cape AA Little League game (exiting the booth with one ballot only!) on May 14.

By Patricia McCarthy

"So ... what are we voting on?"

"Can you explain more about this ballot question?"

These are a couple of the many questions Cape Elizabeth voters put to election volunteers and town workers at the polls May 14.

When workers told residents that, by law, they couldn't answer such questions about the

issues, "some got very angry," Town Clerk Debra Lane said a week after the election.

By state election laws, "we cannot provide any information or clarification on any issue on the ballot. So if a voter asks, 'what does 'yes' mean? Or what does 'no' mean?' we are not permitted to answer or influence

—see BUDGET, page 18

## More bluebirds are calling Cape home



Diane Hamlin took this photo of one of many eastern bluebirds that wintered in her Colonial Village neighborhood. She was able to feed some by hand.

By Tina Fischer

If you've seen the vivid blue flash of bluebird wing when out walking Cape's trails or fields this spring, you've witnessed evidence of the local resurgence of the eastern bluebird.

Neighbors in many sections of town are feeding and providing nesting boxes for these avians, spawning a marked increase in their population here.

While there's been no official tracking townwide, Bowery Beach Road resident Frank Miles has been keeping notes on the 18 nesting boxes he's built, installed and tends, on town property off Spurwink Avenue (in fields at the "town farm" and Gull Crest) and in his own yard.

He estimates the population has grown close to 50 percent in those boxes over the 20 years he's been tracking his blue-feathered friends. And more of the birds are overwintering in Cape, thanks

—see BLUEBIRD, page 5

## State releases parasitic flies to battle winter moths



Photo courtesy of Maine Forest Service

A very young winter moth (*Operophtera brumata*) caterpillar on a maple bud in Cape.

By Patricia McCarthy

It'll be a bug-eat-bug world this spring in Cape Elizabeth, and the hardwood trees in town will be better off for it.

The state released 800 parasitic flies at Two Lights State Park on May 7 and 9 to try to combat winter moths that threaten trees in town. The moth's caterpillars feed on hardwood trees and shrubs, like oak, apple, birch and maple, and Cape Elizabeth has an abundance of oak trees.

The moths — *Operophtera brumata* — became noticeably bothersome in Cape late

last fall, and the state reported the highest populations of winter moths in Harpswell, Vinalhaven and Cape Elizabeth this winter.

So the state decided to release the parasitic flies — the winter moth's natural enemy — in those three towns this May, explains Charlene Donahue, a forest entomologist for Maine.

With a limited supply of the flies available, Donahue wanted to be sure they were released in Cape where they could do the

—see FLIES, page 4

## Officials opt for iPads at CEMS

By Wendy Keeler

Don't look for those ubiquitous black laptop cases around town next year.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders, who have carried their school-issued Apple laptops to and from school in the cases every day for the past 11 years, won't be needing them anymore. The Cape Elizabeth school district will switch to Apple iPads, touch-screen tablet computers, starting in the 2013-2014 school year.

Up until now, under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, the state has contracted with Apple to provide a laptop computer for every seventh- and eighth-grader in Maine. Now the state has decided to make Hewlett-Packard the preferred contractor while giving districts the option of choosing computers made by other companies, provided the devices don't cost

more than HP's \$254.86 Windows-8 laptop.

Each iPad will cost the state \$217, but Cape won't get back any money from the savings. The district is opting to go with iPads for other reasons.

"The future direction that technology is going is into mobile devices that have all the resources of the Web," District Technology Coordinator Erik Kramer said on May 20. "There will always be a place for personal computers, but they're becoming the minority use, and the majority use now is the mobile device. They are calling this the 'Post-PC Era,' and our students are the 'Post-PC Generation.'"

Longer battery life also makes iPads a better choice for students, CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said. Continuity is another benefit of the district

—see iPad page 18



Photo by David Sherman

## Western Maine doubles champs

Cape Elizabeth High School students, from left, Michael Mills and Sam Sherman, with coach, Andy Strout, center, won the Western Maine Conference doubles championship on May 18, beating fellow Capers Eli Breed and Luke Gilman.

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*The CEEF Apple, shown with children's book illustrator and author Cathryn Falwell, enjoyed Author Fest as much as the children, parents and visiting authors. CEEF capped its year-long, 10th anniversary celebration with a \$10,000 grant to fuel a successful, seven-day, communitywide celebration of literacy, May 6-11.*

Photo by Lisa Stevens

## CEEF receives thanks for literacy week's impact

It was Monday morning of the CEEF-sponsored Cape Celebrates Literacy Week (May 6-11), and I already knew the months of planning had paid off.

At the end of Pond Cove visiting author-illustrator Scott Nash's presentation, a first-grader turned to me and said, "OK, now I'm totally inspired." Really!

His words were echoed all week by other children, right through the culminating event, the Cape Author Fest on Saturday afternoon when, after meeting more than 30 authors and illustrators, a student told me wistfully, "This is the best day of my life." Likewise, parents and teachers have expressed awe at the jaw-dropping scope of the weeklong celebration marking CEEF's 10 years of supporting our schools. Who wouldn't concur?

In collaboration with the School Department, the Parents Associations of Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School,

Thomas Memorial Library, and with support from Community Services, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, and local preschools, CEEF sponsored a festival with a dizzying array of guest authors, visiting artists, and other successful professionals for six days of events.

From Maine State Ballet to former Maine Rep. Tom Allen, from MaineToday columnist Bill Nemitz to storyteller Len Cabral, there was truly something to inspire everyone. It's an extraordinary community that can come together in such grand fashion, and watching the week unfold gave me renewed appreciation for being a part of it.

Huge thanks to CEEF for its ongoing enrichment of the schools. Who knows what's in store for next year?

Very sincerely,

**Cameron Rosenblum, Pond Cove School Library media specialist**

## MSPA: Thank you to CEEF, citizens for backing

On behalf of the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parents Association, I would like to thank the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation for partnering with us on a number of teacher grants that were awarded during the 2012/2013 school year.

As in years past, both organizations have continued to work extremely hard to provide the financial means for teachers and staff to continue to offer enriching opportunities for our students.

With our combined funds, we were able to send Caitlin Ramsey to the Midwest International Band Conference in Chicago. While at the conference, she attended many workshops to improve her teaching skills and curriculum.

Together, the MSPA and CEEF pur-

chased tickets for students and faculty from the entire seventh grade to attend the play, "Eureka!" The storyline taught students about the people and concepts that have served as the basis for many math and science theories.

Just this past week, we joined with CEEF to fund additional literary workshops for Cape Middle Schoolers during Literacy Week.

Thank you, CEEF, and thank you to all of the Cape citizens who care about our children's education. We would not be able to provide these gifts without your endless volunteer energy and financial backing.

With gratitude,

**Ashley Wernher-Collins MSPA co-president**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE COLUMN

## Legislator: Work by committee a big step in right direction for Maine's economy

**By State Sen. Rebecca Millett State Senate District 7**

At the start of this session, Democrats created the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future to address our state's skills gap and strengthen our economy.

The committee members have been working hard since January and have held public hearings across the state where they have talked with business leaders, employers, university officials, and the public regarding ideas for pointing Maine's economy in a positive direction.

The result is LD 90 – the first comprehensive approach to workforce development in recent memory.

The committee unanimously passed the bill, and both the Senate and the House have supported it.

There are more than a dozen elements in the bill, including a new uniform credit-transfer system between the University of Maine system and the Maine community college system. This would include block credit transfer and reverse credit transfer agreements.

Block credit agreements guarantee that a student who receives an associate's degree from a Maine community college and then transfers to the university system will receive a minimum number of transfer credits.

Reverse credit transfer agreements allow students who transfer to the university system before completing an associate's degree to retrospectively receive an associate's degree once those requirements are met at the university.

Furthermore, to help support students who began their postsecondary education but never completed their degrees, LD 90 includes a new scholarship fund, using state and university funds to lower financial barriers to education.

This will help close the skills gap in our state by helping Mainers finish their education and obtain skills for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

The committee has also passed a bill to allocate \$100,000 to the Maine Downtown Center.

The Center works with communities to encourage downtown revitalization. According to studies in Maine, for every \$1 invested in our downtowns there is \$25.43 in reinvestment.

This small investment has the potential to make a big difference!

Together these bills will serve to expand economic opportunities across the state by helping our downtowns, the economic engines of our communities, prosper and ensuring there is a qualified workforce to support them.

We all want to see Maine's economy prosper for years to come, and the work of this committee is certainly a big step in the right direction.

Both bills face more votes in the Senate and the House and will then be sent to Gov. Paul LePage for his signature.

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# Councilors say no to mini-golf, yes to finishing Shore Road path

By Bob Dodd

A divided Town Council voted 3-4 to not send a miniature golf course proposal to the Planning Board for review. The action ended further review of the proposal.

At their May 13 meeting, councilors considered a request by Cape resident Carl Dittrich for Planning Board review of his mini-golf plans. Dittrich had proposed to construct the course in one of two zoned districts (BA zones) where businesses compatible with nearby neighborhoods are permitted.

The Good Table Restaurant, Rudy's of the Cape and Kettle Cove Ice Cream are located in this district. The site proposed by Dittrich would have been at the new Cape Co-op site across from Kettle Cove Creamery & Cafe. Dittrich described his vision for the course as being a small ocean-themed, all-natural course that would fit within a 50 x 50-foot area.

"It will be all hedged and beautiful," he said.

The majority of councilors, however, did not want to put something on the Planning Board's plate that they felt had little chance of being approved.

Miniature golf courses are currently not a permitted use in the town's two BA zones.

"I just wouldn't want to send something on to the Planning Board," said Councilor David Sherman, "that would take up a lot of their time and that has rather dim prospects for success."

Council Chair Jim Walsh agreed, saying he just could not imagine a mini-golf operation on Ocean House Road.

"From my perspective," said Walsh, "this is something that is dead on arrival."

Councilor Caitlyn Jordan wanted to have the Planning Board review the proposal and make a recommendation on whether a mini-

golf operation should be considered as a permitted use in the BA zone.

She said she felt it was the board's job to make such reviews and recommendations.

Councilors Jessica Sullivan and Kathy Ray joined Walsh and Sherman in voting against the referral to the Planning Board. Councilors Frank Governali, Jamie Wagner and Jordan voted to refer.

## Funds OK'd to complete Shore Road pathway

Councilors authorized the use of up to \$107,000 in unallocated town funds for the completion of the Shore Road pathway.

The sections to be completed will run between the two Fort Williams Park entrances and between Cottage Lane and Surf Road. The section of pathway between the park entrances will be similar to the recently constructed pathway that connects the park to the town center.

When completed, pedestrian walkways will run the entire length of Shore Road.

## Public hearings set for June 10

Three public hearings are scheduled for the June 10 council meeting at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

One hearing will be for a proposed change to the zoning ordinance to add summer day camps as an allowed type of day-care establishment. The ordinance currently provides a definition of and standards for home day care and day care facilities.

The change would define day camps at residences and provide standards for their operation. The proposed amendment also adds day camps as a permitted nonresidential use in both residential and business districts.

The second hearing will be on proposed

changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. Changes were recommended in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Board recommended the changes by a 5-0 vote on March 28. The changes would make the town's Subdivision Ordinance consistent with state subdivision law and also provide other improvements and updates.

Expansion of the role of the Conservation Committee is the subject of the third

public hearing. Proposed ordinance amendments would create an Open Space Evaluation and Preservation Program to be directed by the committee.

The purpose of the program "is to establish an ongoing, standardized effort for identifying, evaluating and recommending additions to the town's inventory of preserved open spaces." All proposed ordinance changes are detailed on the town website: [www.capeelizabeth.com](http://www.capeelizabeth.com).

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## Local Rotarians help homeless vets at VA2K 'Walk and Roll' and with transportation needs



*Rotarians from the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth club helped sponsor the Veterans' Administration's VA2K annual "Walk and Roll" May 15 in Portland. Among those helping with set-up, breakdown, registration, photography, donations and more were, from left, Doug Schauf, Joseph Conroy, Paul Butler, Ellie Speh and Dan Davidson.*

Photo courtesy of SP/CE Rotary Club

Many of Maine's homeless veterans have difficulty getting to medical appointments, job interviews and other obligations because of lack of transportation and money.

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, which has focused on assisting Maine's homeless veterans, has worked out a bus-pass program to provide such transportation to many southern Maine veterans.

The program provides a total value of more than \$600, most of it donated by the Rotary Club, and will provide 345 one-way trips for veterans throughout the region.

Thanks to the South Portland Bus Service, METRO, and Shuttlebus-ZOOM, a system has been established to provide a variety of bus passes. These will be given to officials of the Veterans Administration, who will determine how best to manage and distribute

these passes.

At any given time, there are more than 100 homeless veterans in Maine suffering from lack of a place to live and other basic necessities. In 2011, emergency shelter was provided to 535 homeless Maine veterans across the state.

The Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth, Maine has been providing beds, travel needs for veterans (to get to medical care, job interviews, etc.), some dental care and assisted with the VA2K "Walk and Roll" to raise awareness and obtain needed household items.

Contact club president Bob Flynn at [robertflynn13@gmail.com](mailto:robertflynn13@gmail.com) or VA Transitional Housing Liaison Susan Whittington at 623-8411, ext. 4344, or [Susan.Whittington@va.gov](mailto:Susan.Whittington@va.gov).

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# Flies

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most good. Earlier this spring, she conducted surveys around town to see where winter moths could be found in larger populations.

Two Lights State Park was a location where many were spotted, and she determined it would be a great place to release the flies.

“We put them in a place where there is a high population of the moths and where we don’t want to kill the caterpillars. In a state park, we know that no pesticides are being used on trees,” she said.

Donahue and town officials are hoping that the release of the flies in Cape will start a cycle that produces more flies each year and thus reduce the damaging impact of the moths.

She explained how this process should work:

The flies – *Cyzenis albicans* – are released, and they gravitate toward leaves that are already damaged (by winter moth caterpillars feeding on them) because they give off an odor that flies are attracted to. A fly lays eggs on these leaves, and the winter moth larvae eat these eggs. The fly eggs hatch and live and develop inside the caterpillar while it spins a cocoon and pupates.

The fly larvae eat the pupa from the inside out and stay in the cocoon over the winter.

They emerge as adults in the spring and restart the cycle. The flies mate, lay their eggs on the leaves that winter moth caterpillars are eating, and so on.

“Flies lay about 1,000 eggs apiece, and we released



Photo courtesy of Maine Forest Service

*Natashia Manyak, a University of Massachusetts technician, releases Cyzenis albicans parasitic flies at Two Lights State Park on May 9. The flies are being used to combat winter moths that are damaging trees in Cape Elizabeth.*

800 flies in Cape this year. In a perfect world, they’d lay 800,000 eggs, and they’d be in the ground, then that many flies would come out next year,” Donahue said.

The problem is that these parasitic flies do not live in Maine. Maine gets them from a lab at the University of

Massachusetts, which got them from British Columbia. The Canadian province had a huge problem with winter moths defoliating trees and used the flies to combat the moths. The flies continue to keep the moths “at a level that they can live with,” Donahue explains.

“It takes a lot to get these flies,” she said. “You have to hire people to go out and find the cocoons and beat them down, and it’s a labor-intensive endeavor. So there are limited quantities and you basically have a small window – when the caterpillars are eating leaves – for the flies to be released.”

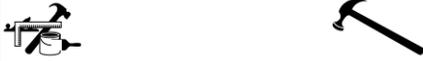
Donahue explained that Cape Elizabeth residents can help prevent further expansion of the moths by not moving plantings from their gardens, where winter moths might be living in the soils – to other towns, or even to other parts of town. For example, moving an apple seedling is risky, she said, because it’s likely that cocoons full of moths are in the soil around the trees, and it’s hard to differentiate them from dirt.

“It’s scary that we could lose a lot of foliage in Cape Elizabeth,” said Town Manager Michael McGovern, adding that this fly-release program offers hope, but significant improvement is years away.

“The hope is that we would be able to continue releasing the flies to get the situation under control before it becomes out of control. But yes, that will take years,” Donahue said.

She noted that the flies released in Cape are not dangerous to other insects or people. “Their mission in life is just to eat winter moths. That’s it,” she said.

Funding for the flies and their release in Cape is through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Forest Service.

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## Cape Farm Alliance seeks artists for fifth annual Strawberry Festival

The Cape Elizabeth Farm Alliance is seeking artists and craftsmen for the fifth annual Cape Elizabeth Strawberry Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 29.

The deadline to reserve a booth is June 15, and the cost is \$30. Email Suzanne Pillsbury at [suzannepillsbury@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannepillsbury@yahoo.com) for information about reserving a booth or sponsorship of the event, or visit [www.capefarmalliance.org](http://www.capefarmalliance.org).

Celebrating everything strawberry, the event features free admission, parking, and

entertainment for all ages, including local music, a kids' craft area, a variety of food vendors, and artists and craftsmen.

To kick off the festival, a community dinner featuring lobster and locally raised pork will be held Friday night before the event, June 28, at Shady Oak Farm. Tickets will be sold at local farm markets.

On June 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Local Buzz, farmers will be the featured guest bartenders at a Friends of the Fest event open to the public.



## Bluebird

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to increased sponsored housing and food and some milder winters.

"They often use the houses that are up and that they're familiar with for shelter and often many birds will crowd in the houses together to stay warmer," Miles notes.

"Bluebirds are not threatened in Maine so much as they aren't favored by much of our landscape and number of natural nesting sites."

Miles explains that bluebirds eat insects off grass mostly, as well as trees or bushes, and fruit and seeds if available during the winter, and that grassland is their preferred feeding habitat – they love hayfields, pastures, golf courses, playing fields, and expansive open lawns, spacious habitat and farmland.

"They're cavity nesters, depending on tree cavities or artificial cavities, i.e., nest boxes that we make. (And they compete for cavities with native tree swallows as well as starlings and house sparrows.) Because much of Maine's farmland of 50 to 75 years ago has reverted to forest, spots in which bluebirds thrive are now more limited, and nest boxes strategically placed help them along."

Miles said bluebirds will nest several times each summer, sometimes laying eggs as early as April and as late as July.

"Bluebirds lay four to five eggs on consecutive days, incubating them (female on eggs for 14 days), feeding and warming the hatchlings (another 14 or so days with the male's help), and then teaching the fledglings, who can fly but need to learn to find food.

"After two weeks with the male and fledglings, the female builds a new nest, lays eggs, and then leaves the older offspring with the male and begins another incubation. We have had three fledges sometimes in our houses, and I've noted two in some of the houses on my loops."

In addition to insects, mealworms are a bluebird's favorite dish. Mitchell Road resident Sheila Alexander had birds trained to come to her whistle – when she put out mealworms for them this winter. They also love seeds (that don't need cracking as they haven't got the beak for it).

Nate Greene of Sawyer Road (near the Dyer-Hutchinson Farm Greenbelt Trail) treats his bluebirds to mostly shell-free sunflower seeds, mixed with other seeds and cracked corn. He's been feeding and tracking bluebirds for the past six years and he's noted an increase in their population – year-

round in Cape. His first hatching of the season just fledged in mid-May. He thinks he has three or four, but they're gray, not blue, and hard to spot; binoculars are essential in the beginning.

The bluebirds' nesting habits, in addition to their striking colors and rich song, make them particularly fun birds to foster and track. Miles first got started through a class at Maine Audubon and with information he found online through the Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota (<http://bbrp.org>), where he connected to plans for building

nesting boxes.

Miles said most bluebird pairs will have claimed nesting spots in March, but late spring into summer is prime season for bluebird watching, as they continue to nest, hatch and fledge in their many habitats throughout Cape Elizabeth.

The nesting boxes at Gull Crest are not far from one of the community gardens, an area that is a prime feeding spot for them – and they can often be spotted perching on the garden's fenceposts, scouting their next meal.

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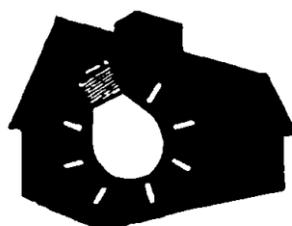


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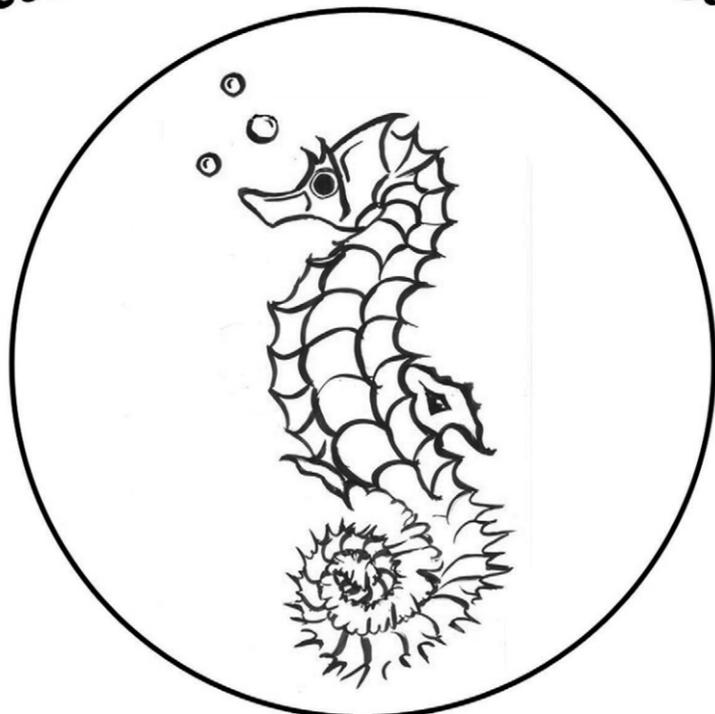
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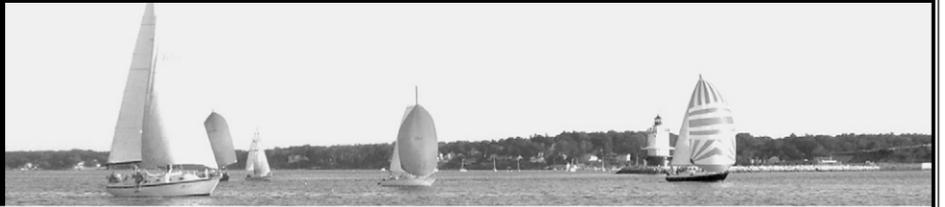
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# Still good people out there who turn in a wallet if they find one

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## COMPLAINTS

- 4-30 An officer responded to Fort Williams regarding a dog-bite complaint.
- 4-30 An officer responded to the Sawyer Road area for a report of gunshots.
- 5-1 An officer met with a representative of a local business about a complaint of trespass by juveniles after hours.
- 5-2 An officer met with a Scarborough resident about the complainant's vehicle being keyed while parked at the Cape Elizabeth High School.
- 5-2 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights Road area about a missing person, later accounted for.
- 5-2 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about the theft of a cellphone.
- 5-3 An officer met with a resident regarding harassing phone calls.
- 5-4 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about an unauthorized transaction on the victim's debit card account.
- 5-5 An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned over a black wallet that belonged to a resident of Limerick.
- 5-6 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights area about the theft of a cell phone.
- 5-7 Two officers went to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area to serve protection paperwork, remove a subject from the residence and confiscate four weapons per the order.
- 5-7 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who had been walking his dog at Fort Williams when it was approached by a loose dog that became aggressive with the complainant's dog. The owner of the other dog was identified and contacted by this officer. Both parties were issued quarantine notices.
- 5-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Brentwood neighborhood for a homeowner reporting he had interrupted a subject trying to burglarize a car in the driveway.
- 5-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a reported unattended death.
- 5-10 An officer met with a resident of the

Spurwink Avenue area regarding the theft of an iPhone.

- 5-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Oakhurst area for a domestic disturbance.

## SUMMONSES

- 4-30 Gorham resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road
- 5-2 Biddeford resident, operating with suspended registration, Ocean House Road
- 5-3 North Yarmouth resident, violation of conditions of release, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- 5-4 Portland resident, operation after license suspension, habitual offender
- 5-5 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension
- 5-5 Windham resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 5-7 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 5-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release, Broad Cove Road
- 5-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (56/30 zone), Shore Road, \$263
- 5-9 Saco resident, operating after license suspension, Fowler Road
- 5-9 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 5-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and scheduled drugs, and operating under the influence of alcohol, Route 77

## JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 5-13 Portland resident, operating without a license

## ARRESTS

- 5-3 North Yarmouth resident, violation of conditions of release, Bowery Beach Road
- 5-4 Portland resident, operating after license revoked for habitual offender, Fort Williams
- 5-5 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension
- 5-7 Portland resident, operating after license suspension
- 5-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release
- 5-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, Route 77

## ACCIDENTS

- 5-4 Nick Breed, accident on Mitchell Road
- 5-6 Andrew Kelly, accident at unreported location

## FIRE CALLS

- 4-30 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 5-1 Dennison Drive, fire alarm
- 5-4 Mitchell Road, car accident
- 5-6 Starboard Drive, electrical problem
- 5-9 Preble Street, carbon monoxide incident

- 5-10 Scott Dyer Road, electrical fire
- 5-12 Ocean House Road, investigation
- 5-12 Two Lights Terrace, smoke investigation
- 5-12 Shore Road, WETeam assistance
- 5-13 Tanager Lane, gas leak

## RESCUE CALLS

There were 24 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two runs to Mercy Hospital. There were four patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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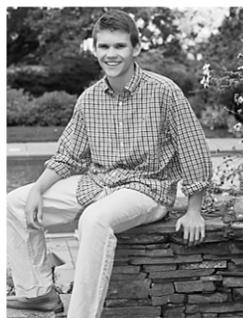
Travis DeLano



Daniel Epstein



Robert Freccero



Matthew Gilman



Francesca Governali



Zach Hillman



Emma Inhorn



Brett Parker

## Josephine Barth

Daughter of Max and Denise Barth

**Honors:** mock trial state championship; honor roll; Cape Elizabeth High School Awards for Excellence in English, art, chemistry

**Activities:** Zimpritch Poetry Symposium, mock trial team, CHEETA project, swim team, Model United Nations.

**Future Plans:** Gap year of travel to Thailand, Peru and Australia, followed in 2014 by University of Richmond in Virginia

## Allison Cristina Briggs

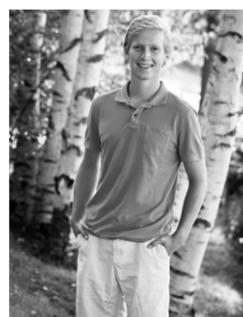
Daughter of Wyman and Laura Briggs

**Honors:** National Merit Scholar finalist; Western Maine Conference All-Academic Nordic ski team; Smith College Book Award; CEHS Award for Excellence in honors biology and AP statistics; volunteer tutor award; AP Scholar with Honor; Western Maine Conference All-Conference second team in tennis; Maroon Medal Society; National Honor Society

**Activities:** Varsity tennis team; varsity Nordic ski team; Cooking Club, founder



Madelaine Riker



Samuel Sherman



Lauren Steidl

and president; Safe Passage Club; World Affairs Council; leadership team; Sidhartha Club; math team

**Future Plans:** Bowdoin College in Brunswick

## Elizabeth Vali Sladek Coughlin

Daughter of Michael Coughlin and Zuzka Stadek

**Honors/Awards:** Portland Stage Company's Young Writer's Project winner, 2012, 2013; National French Exam Level V, second in state and 12th in nation; New England Young Writer's Conference at Bread Loaf; National Forensic League

Level of Excellence.

**Activities:** National Honor Society, executive committee; theater; speech team; CEHS Environmental Club; Cape Coalition

**Future Plans:** McGill University, Montreal, Canada

## Travis Jon DeLano

Son of Thomas Tomczyk and Mary DeLano

**Honors:** National Merit finalist, Northeastern University Scholar

**Activities:** Mock trial team, math team

**Future Plans:** Northeastern University in Boston, majoring in chemistry

## Daniel Aaron Epstein

Son of Michael and Jill Epstein

**Honors:** Valedictorian; Harvard Book Award; Maine Principals' Association Award; National Merit finalist; CEHS Awards for Excellence in honors freshman English, world history I, biology, AP junior English, macroeconomics; Maroon Medal Society.

**Activities:** World Affairs Council, co-president; National Honor Society, president; concert jazz band; varsity basketball; Natural Helpers

**Future Plans:** Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass.

## Robert Anthony Freccero

Son of Brian and Jessica Freccero

**Honors:** National Merit finalist, AP Scholar with Honor, National Quest Scholar, Connecticut College Book Award

**Activities:** National Honor Society; Student Advisory Council, vice president; chess team; mock trial team; math team, Philosophy Club, indoor track, tennis.

**Future Plans:** University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

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**Matthew Gilman**

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**Honors:** United States Institutes of Peace National Peace Essay Contest state winner; National Merit Scholar; U.S. Presidential Scholar semifinalist; Model United Nations Best Delegate Award; Dartmouth College Book Award; Moody's Mega Math Challenge national semifinalist; Maine Association of Math Leagues and America Mathematics top-10 scorer, qualifying for American Invitational Math Exam; multiple awards for varsity tennis and varsity golf; top-20 ranker in United States Tennis Association New England

**Activities:** Varsity tennis, varsity golf, jazz band, World Affairs Council, intern for U.S. Sen. Angus King's campaign

**Future Plans:** Yale University in New Haven, Conn., majoring in global affairs and economics

**Francesca Governali**

Daughter of Frank Governali and Terry Ann Scriven

**Honors:** National Merit finalist; 2012 AP Scholar with Honor; Maroon Medal Society; Columbia University Book Award; World Affairs Council Award for Outstanding Leadership; DAR Citizenship Award; North Shore Science League, first place; CEHS Award for Excellence in world history

**Activities:** Nordic ski team, 2009-2013, captain; National Honor Society, vice-president; crew at Waynflete School, 2012-2013; science team, co-captain; Outing Club; World Affairs Council, co-president; Student Advisory Council Council, secretary; Maine Handicap Skiing volunteer; Habitat for Humanity ReStore volunteer

**Future Plans:** Gap year followed by Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., in 2014

**Zachary Elias Hillman**

Son of David Hillman and Chris Hillman

**Honors:** National Honor Society; Phi Beta Kappa Book Award; gold and bronze medals at Maine Science Olympiad; first place at 32nd Annual Maine Student Film and Video Festival; cross country team's coach's award for outstanding leadership; Western Maine Conference all-academic team in cross country

**Activities:** cross country team, co-captain; indoor track, captain; science team;

math team; Philosophy Club; New England Film Academy

**Future Plans:** Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., majoring in physical sciences

**Emma Rose Inhorn**

Daughter of Roger Inhorn and Victoria Masakowski

**Honors:** National Merit finalist, Williams Book Award, Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award, Maroon Medal Society, Society of Women Engineers excellence awards in math and science, WMC all-academic team in cross country; WMC all-academic team in indoor track, WMC All-Conference first team in cross country, CEHS Awards for Excellence in history, grades 9-11; advanced algebra, AP statistics, honors physics, honors freshman English

**Activities:** cross country team, co-captain; indoor track team; spring track team; science team, co-captain; Interact Club, president; math team; Student Advisory Council, president; Safe Passage Club, co-president; National Honor Society; Books and Bagels Club

**Future Plans:** Tufts University School of Engineering in Medford, Mass.; majoring in biomedical engineering.

**Brett Oliver Parker**

Son of Mark and Laura Parker

**Honors:** Yale University Book Award; National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society; CEHS Awards for Excellence in AP U.S. history; honors biology; world history II, philosophy and ethics, advanced algebra; AP Scholar with Honor; Model UN Best and Outstanding Delegate awards; 2012 Maine State Scholastic High School Team Chess Champion

**Activities:** chess team, captain; soccer team, captain; Maine representative at 2012 Denker Tournament of High School Chess Champions; math team; youth sports coach; World Affairs Council leadership group; 2012 Maine Space Grant Consortium neuroscience research assistant at Bowdoin College in Brunswick; Moody's Mega Math Challenge team; Socrates Café group, co-founder; baseball team; indoor track team; ultimate Frisbee team; concert jazz band; jazz combo; peer tutor, math team

**Future Plans:** Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., majoring in philosophy

**Madelaine Riker**

Daughter of Richard Riker and Alison Riker

**Honors:** CEHS Award for Excellence in physical education, Brandeis Book Award, National Honor Society, WMC All-Academic award in soccer; CEHS Midfield MVP and Players' Player soccer awards; Kevin Brady Spirit Award for Soccer, Cape Elizabeth Soccer Boosters' People on the Hill Soccer Award, WMC All-Star Soccer Game, WMC Student-Athlete Summit

**Activities:** varsity soccer, captain; varsity basketball; indoor track; junior varsity tennis team; Spirit Week Committee; Winterfest Committee; Prom Committee; math team; Hope for Haiti; Books and Bagels, CEHS band

**Future Plans:** University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, majoring in nursing

**Samuel Starr Sherman**

Son of David Sherman and Martha Burchenal

**Honors:** National Merit finalist; semifinalist in 2013 Moody's Mega Math Challenge; Colby Book Award; CEHS Awards

for Excellence in honors physics, AP physics, honors pre-calculus, honors U.S. history; WMC All-Conference first and second teams in tennis; WMC doubles champion, WMC All-Academic golf and track teams; coach's award in track.

**Activities:** tennis, indoor track, golf, football, World Affairs Council, math team, Cape Conservation Commission volunteer

**Future Plans:** Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., majoring in engineering and neuroscience

**Lauren Steidl**

Daughter of Scott and Mary Steidl

**Honors:** CEHS Citizenship Award for Excellence; National Honor Society; Maroon Medal Society; Academic All-American in lacrosse and field hockey; All-State field hockey team; CEHS MVP for field hockey; WMC first team in field hockey; lacrosse All-American; WMC lacrosse first team; ESPN's High School Top 100 Girls' Lacrosse Watch List

**Activities:** lacrosse, field hockey, theater, speech and debate

**Future Plans:** Princeton University

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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

## Thursday, May 30

**Conservation Commission Greenbelt Plan Forum** – North Cape, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

## Friday, May 31

**Library Planning Committee**, 10:30 a.m., Thomas Memorial Library

## Sunday, June 2

**Cape Challenge 5K**

## Monday, June 3

**School Board Policy Committee**, 7:30 am -9:00 am, Superintendent's Office, Town Hall

**Family Fun Day Volunteers**, 7 p.m.,

## Tuesday, June 4

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

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

## Thursday, June 6

**Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees**, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

**Recycling Committee**, 7 p.m., Public Works

## Saturday, June 8

**Garden Club Plant Sale**, 9-11 a.m., Pond Cove Shopping Center

## Monday, June 10

**Town Council**, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

## Tuesday, June 11

**School Board Executive Session**, 6-7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

**School Board**, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

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

**Conservation Commission Greenbelt Plan Forum** – South Cape, 7 p.m., Town Center Fire Station

## 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, 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.

**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

**South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club**, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

## Garden Club's annual sale to be held June 8

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club members will hold their annual plant sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, at Pond Cove Shopping Center. The sale will feature plants from club members' gardens as well as pastries.

People who want to contribute plants should call 799-0273.

The club always welcomes new members. Call membership chairperson Betty Montpelier at 799-0229 for more information.

At the recent annual meeting and luncheon, the club elected Jeanette Gugliemetti as president, Betty Montpelier as vice president, Jane Zimmerman as secretary and Carol Christ as secretary.

Club members continue to work on the gardens at Portland Head Light and at Thomas Memorial library.

New members are always welcome. Call membership chairperson Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

## Thirty-one artists to paint at scenic Cape spots on July 14 for CELT's Paint for Preservation

When 31 artists paint at scenic places around town on Sunday, July 14, community members will be able to watch them at work. That night, during the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's sixth annual Paint for Preservation wet-paint benefit, the newly created artwork will be auctioned live at a tented reception at Ram Island Farm.

This year's painters will include three Cape Elizabeth artists, 28 artists from 18 towns in seven Maine counties, and artists from Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York.

Cape artists Bill Barton, Cooper Dragouette and Ted Smith will be joined by Paul Black, Paul V. Bonneau, Catherine Breer, RN Cohen, Daniel Corey, Marsha H. Donahue, Philip Frey, Roberta Goschke, Dan Graziano, Alison Hill, Tina Ingraham, Marianne V. Kuhn, Joshua Langstaff, Sally Loughridge, Mike Marks, Caren-Marie Michel, James Mullen, Ellen Pelletier, John R. Santoro, Caleb Stone, Don Stone, N.A., Janet Sutherland, Judy Taylor, Bill Tomsa, Emily Leonard Trenholm, Michael E. Vermette, Christopher Volpe, and Corky Wennberg. Jean Maginnis and Wes LaFountain, founders of the Maine Center for Creativity in Portland,

selected the artists in a juried process.

Samples of the artists' work are available at [www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2013](http://www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2013), where a map of the artists' painting locations will be posted closer to the date of the event.

Reception and auction tickets, which are \$50 in advance and \$60 the day of the auction are limited, and reservations are required. Go to the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road, visit the Paint for Preservation website, or call 767-6054 to make reservations or buy raffle tickets to win a granite and bronze sculpture by Maine artist Lise Becu.

"The Wet Paint event is the perfect marriage of land conservation and art," said Cape resident Susan Leighton, who is co-chairing the event with Cape resident Jean Hayes. "The artists enable us to view local landscapes from entirely new perspectives. Their works represent the very types of lands that the Land Trust seeks to protect."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Saving Cape's Great Places initiative, which is committed to the permanent conservation and stewardship of lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community.

## CABLE GUIDE

## CHANNEL 3

### Zoning Board replay

May 29 & 30 – 2 & 8 p.m.  
June 1 – 9 a.m.

### Words of Peace

June 1, 2, 8 & 9 – 1 & 7 p.m.

### Town Council (Live)

June 10 – 7 p.m.

### School Board (Live)

June 11 – 7 p.m.

### Town Council replay

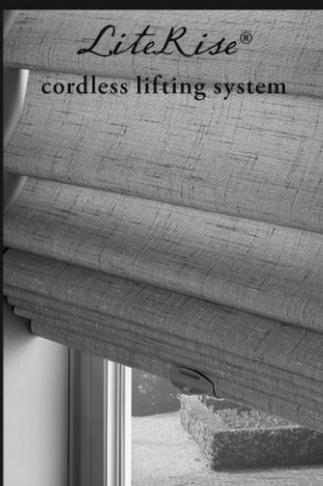
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The musical, "All Shook Up," which will run through Sunday, June 2, at the Portland Players in South Portland, includes Cape Elizabeth resident Ciara Bethel, fourth from left, who stars as Lorraine, and cast members Alison Bogannan, Rebecca Washko, Matt Laberge, Emily Akeley and Logan Rausch.

### Cape's Ciara Bethel stars in musical

Performances of the musical, "All Shook Up," featuring music by Elvis Presley, will run through Sunday, June 2, at the Portland Players, 425 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Cape Elizabeth High School junior Ciara Bethel stars as Lorraine in the show.

In the production, which includes Elvis

hits such as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Don't Be Cruel," a guitar-playing roustabout rides into a strait-laced town and changes everyone he meets.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Call 799-7337 or visit [www.portlandplayers.org](http://www.portlandplayers.org) for more information or for tickets.

### Fundraiser on June 21 at Flatbread in Portland to benefit Safe Passage team's trip to Guatemala

A portion of every flatbread pizza sold the night of Tuesday, June 11, at Flatbread Company restaurant in Portland will go to Cape Elizabeth High School's Safe Passage team. The group will get \$3.50 for every large pizza and \$1.75 for every small pizza sold between 5 and 9 p.m. at the restaurant, located at 72 Commercial St.

A team of 24 will travel to Guatemala

in June to volunteer at a nonprofit school program for children and families living in extreme poverty around Guatemala City's garbage dump.

Contact Christine Mackenzie at [cdmac@mindspring.com](mailto:cdmac@mindspring.com) or 232-4767 for more information about the fundraiser. Go to [www.safepassage.org](http://www.safepassage.org) for information about Safe Passage.

### 'Year of X' to be performed May 30, 31



Photo by Robert Mackay

Cape Elizabeth High School students, left to right, front, Oscar Nino, rear, Shannon Howard, Lauren Grey, Jeremy Caswell, Hannah Walsh and Dominic Morin, will perform in "Year of X," a satire about CEHS and the town of Cape Elizabeth, which CEHS seniors Griffin Carpenter, Sam Barksdale and Ian Andolsek, wrote. The "good-natured satire" will offer audience members an opportunity to "laugh at ourselves," CEHS Theater Director Richard Mullen said. Performances are planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, and Friday, May 31, in the school auditorium.

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## CELT-funded project leads to student exhibit, valuable lessons

By Marguerite Lawler-Rohner  
CEMS art teacher

In 2012, the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Art department was awarded a Cape Elizabeth Land Trust grant for the service-learning project, "Preserving the Land Through Art."

The concepts behind the grant were for students to learn about stewardship of the land firsthand and document their experiences in nature through the art of digital photography.

With the support of the Land Trust and parent volunteers, Suzanne McGinn and Lisa Gent, all of my 7th and 8th grade students have gone into Robinson Woods II to record the beauty of nature firsthand.

In this endeavor, my priority has been to cultivate the concepts of preserving the lands of Cape Elizabeth for future generations by using student art as a vehicle of communication. It is my hope that my students will experience the landscape hands-on and become stewards of the land.



Photo by Jack Stewart, grade 7

This service-learning project has become a part of the art curriculum in grades 7 and 8. The goal of the project is to cultivate the

concepts of conserving the land for the future and fostering an appreciation for the environment. The service-learning objective is to sell framed artwork to the public with the sales translating into a donation to the nonprofit organization, The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. The project provides students an opportunity to give back to their community while expressing their creativity.

This is the second year of the project and the 2013 exhibit opens June 1 at Thomas Memorial Library (and runs through June 30). Last year's exhibition has become part of the permanent art exhibition at the middle school in the main hallway.

This year's juried show will consist of 37 digital photographs taken on-site by students during their trimester in art. The chosen photographs capture the ever-changing panorama of Robinson Woods II through the seasons of fall, winter and spring.

I hope you enjoy the show. If you're interested in purchasing a print, contact CELT at 767-6054 or [info@caplandtrust.org](mailto:info@caplandtrust.org).

## Pulitzer-winning ex-Caper Walsh to read from 'August Gale' on June 12

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Barbara Walsh will speak about her book, "August Gale: A Father and Daughter's Journey into the Storm," at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Thomas Memorial Library.



Barbara Walsh

In "August Gale," Walsh - who has interviewed killers, bad cops, and crooked politicians in the course

of her career - takes readers on two heart-rending odysseys: one into a deadly Newfoundland hurricane and the lives of Irish Catholic fishermen "who relied on God and the wind to carry them home." The other is into a squall stirred by a man with many secrets: a grandfather who remained a mystery until long after his death.

Sixty-eight years after the hurricane that claimed several of her Marystown ancestors, Walsh searches for memories of the August gale and the grandfather who abandoned her dad as a young boy.

Together, she and her father journey to Newfoundland to learn about the 1935 storm, and along the way her father begins to talk about the man he cannot forgive.

A former Cape Elizabeth resident, Walsh will sign "August Gale" and her children's book, "Sammy in the Sky," which is illustrated by painter Jamie Wyeth.

Both books will be for sale at the library.

Contact the library at 799-1720 for details, and learn more about Walsh at <http://barbarawalsh.net>.

## See May 30 if owning that feather is legal

Local resident and Master Naturalist Erika Rhile will present a program on illegal wildlife trade in Maine at 7 p.m. May 30.

Rhile will discuss the laws that govern the possession of wildlife artifacts in Maine, why they exist, and how you can make sure you're in compliance.

## Caswell returns with music program June 6

Singer/songwriter Jud Caswell will present his monthly Musical Story Hour for ages 3 and up at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 6.

Caswell provides musical accompaniment to picture-book stories and leads the audience in songs and musical games.

## Nature Journaling Workshop is June 1

Master Naturalist Sharon Gallant will present a Nature Journaling Workshop for adults and high school students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

Gallant will take participants through exercises to awaken the senses and enhance the ability to record observations. After creating initial journals, the group will venture outside and practice by exploring nearby trails.

All materials will be provided, but participants should plan on bringing a brown-bag lunch.

Registration is required and can be done in person, on the phone, or online at the library's website. More information on this and other programs in the Natural History Series can be found on the library's website.

## Summer reading programs start in June

Registration for the library's annual summer reading programs for children and teens will begin the week of June 9.

Once again, the library also will offer a summer reading program for adults, which will begin the first week of July.

Last year, the programs were focused around themes of nighttime and dreaming. This year, the themes revolve around the underground world, with the children's program called "Dig Into Reading," the teen program called, "Beneath the Surface," and the adult program called, "Groundbreaking Reads." Details will appear in the next issue of *The Cape Courier*.

### Upcoming recurring programs for adults

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## Cape resident launches 'Lucy Fund 5K' fundraiser on June 30 in sister's memory



Cape Elizabeth resident Beth Elicker, right, is organizing the Lucy Fund 5K, a June 30 road race in Cape Elizabeth, to honor the memory of her late sister, Beth Stanovick, left, and to raise money for cancer research. Above, Elicker and her sister, a mother of two, are pictured during summer 2011, a year before Stanovick died from stage-4 cancer, at a fundraiser for the Lucy Fund, which Stanovick established to raise money to fund research to treat metastatic cancer.

By Wendy Keeler

Fueled by love for her late sister and a desire to fight the disease that killed her, Cape Elizabeth resident Beth Elicker is launching a 5K fundraiser she plans to turn into an annual event in Cape Elizabeth. The Lucy Fund 5K, set for Sunday, June 30, will start at 9 a.m. at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

All race proceeds will benefit a fund that Elicker's sister, Lucy Stanovick, established at the National Foundation for Cancer Research after her diagnosis of stage-4 breast cancer at the age of 42.

"At that time, Lucy realized there was a lot of information regarding breast cancer, but there was almost nothing about stage 4," Elicker said. "With 90 percent of cancer mortalities due to metastasis – stage 4 – Lucy's goal was to fund research to stop the spread and treat metastatic cancer as a chronic rather than a deadly disease."

Stanovick, a mother of two and an associate professor of English education at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, died in August at age 46.

"Lucy felt written off when she was diagnosed, as if people looked at her as a lost cause, but she continued to live her life with vibrancy and intent up until her death," Elicker said.

Research supported by the Lucy Fund has provided new insights into the causes and mechanisms of cancer cell metastasis, said Danny Welch, director of the National Foundation for Cancer Research and chair of the Department of Cancer Biology at the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

"Knowing from day one that she was on the clock, Lucy turned her efforts toward the impact she could make on generations to come. Her desire to bring about cures was remarkable," Welch said.

Stanovick's example is a constant source of inspiration for Elicker.

"Through Lucy's efforts, I am reminded of the importance of the human spirit and how collectively we can make a difference," Elicker said. "Her impact is beyond what any of us can know, and I thank her for focusing her energy and passion in this direction. She was a very special spirit and is dearly missed."

Registration for the race is \$25 in advance, and \$30 the day of the race. Go to [www.facebook.com/LucyFund5K](http://www.facebook.com/LucyFund5K) to register.

Contact Elicker, the race director, at 233-0022 or [belicker@maine.rr.com](mailto:belicker@maine.rr.com) for more information.

Go to [www.nfcr.org/lucyfund](http://www.nfcr.org/lucyfund) for information about the Lucy Fund.

## Cape Challenge 5K fundraiser planned June 2

The Cape Challenge 5K, a fundraiser for all three Cape Elizabeth public schools, is set for Sunday, June 2.

The event will include a 5-kilometer race at 9:30 a.m., a One-Mile Dash for kids 12 years old and younger at 9 a.m., and a "Fun Run" for children 8 years old and younger at 8:30 a.m.

All three events will start and finish at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

### Awards

Awards will be given to runners of both the 5K and One-Mile Dash at a ceremony planned for 10:15 a.m.

Awards for 5K runners will be given to the top male and female runners overall, and to first- and second-place finishers in the following age groups: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and older. One boy and one girl in each of the following groups will get awards: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18. Overall winners will not be eligible for age group awards.

To runners of the one-mile dash, trophies will be given to the top boy and girl overall and to the top first- and second-place finishers in the following age groups: 6 and younger, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Overall winners will not be eligible for age group

awards.

The Cape Challenge Trophy will go to the school with the most 5K runners. One CEMS and one Cape Elizabeth High School runner also will get an award for best superhero costume.

Registration for the 5K is \$12, and \$15 the day of the race. Registration for the One-Mile Dash is \$8, and \$10 the day of the race. No registration is required for the Fun Run.

Go to [www.runinarace.com](http://www.runinarace.com) to register. Registration packets will be available for pickup on race-day morning starting at 8 a.m. or from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, in the Pond Cove/Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafetorium.

Proceeds from the race, which is sponsored by Bostwick & Co. Real Estate and Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture, will help fund programs at the three Cape schools.

Contact Hope Straw at [hope@thestraws.com](mailto:hope@thestraws.com) about volunteering at the race.

### Games and a picnic

The Cape Elizabeth Wellness Committee will offer games and a picnic at 11 a.m. at CEMS. One of Mainely Burgers' food trucks will be at the event.

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## Courier sees the sights in Cyprus, Paris

The Cape Courier has been logging in the miles again. At left, during a two-week, eight-country trip, Cape Elizabeth residents Lynda and Steve Hubbell catch up on their hometown news during a visit to Nicosia, located in the eastern Mediterranean. The capital city of the island of Cyprus; Nicosia is divided by two countries. The Republic of Cyprus controls the southern section, and the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus controls the northern part of the city. Below, at the Palace of Versailles in France, Cape Elizabeth resident Helen Conrad reads The Cape Courier during a family vacation this spring with her husband Bob and their children, Alex, Rachel and Dylan.



Amber Hayden, the daughter of Cape Elizabeth residents Christopher and Andrea Hayden, received a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford on May 18. In June, she will begin a family medicine residency in Wilmington, N.C., at the Hanover Regional Medical Center.

A 2001 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, Amber graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in Holyoke, Mass., in 2005 with a bachelor of science degree in neuroscience and behavior.



Amber Hayden

Piper Quinn McGeachey, the daughter of Josh and Tara McGeachey of Tiverton, R.I., was born Feb. 13 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Piper's grandparents are Coleen and the late Robert McGeachey of Cape Elizabeth, and Michael and Cheryl McLarney of Newport, R.I. Piper recently met her McGeachey and Thoreck aunts, uncles and cousins from Cape Elizabeth. Piper's father, Josh, is a 1998 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Cape Elizabeth resident Tori Brigham was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Boston University, where she just completed her freshman year. A 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, she is a member of BU's "Presidential Scholar" honors program, majoring in economics and mathematics. She is the daughter of Patricia and Thomas Brigham.

Cape Elizabeth resident Jennifer DeSena was recently named Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage real estate's "Broker of the Month" for superior sales in April.

Cape Elizabeth resident William Kelly received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology last month from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.

Cape Elizabeth resident Anne Johnson was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, N.H.

Two Cape Elizabeth students recently received degrees from Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. Ellen Margaret Darling earned a Bachelor of Science degree in international business. Matthew Clossey Weiss earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

## Mainly Burgers' second baby



A year after opening their Mainly Burgers food truck at Scarborough Beach, Cape Elizabeth residents Jack Barber, left, and Ben Berman, have opened another, pictured here. The first truck serves gourmet and classic burgers every day at Scarborough Beach, and the new truck is open on weekends on streets, in parking lots, and at special and catered events around Portland. Expect to encounter Cape faces at the windows when making an order. In addition to Berman and Barber, Capers manning the trucks include Emily Muscat, Piper Otterbein, Max Barber, Jackson Berman, Lena Castro, Matty Pierce, Max Gore, Carolyn Doane, Zander Schonewolf and Brian Taintor.

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## Librarian Joyce Bell to retire after 23 years at high school



Joyce Bell

By Jane Vaughan

In Joyce Bell's 23 years as Cape Elizabeth High School's librarian, technology has evolved, and faces have come and gone, but there has been one constant at the high

school – the caliber of students and teachers who spend their days in the halls of CEHS.

"The teachers are just as wonderful as we've always had, and there's still an extremely bright student body filled with motivation and empathy," said Bell, who will retire at the end of the school year. "I think the school just attracts high-powered people."

Over the years, the CEHS library, home to 18,000 books and 12 computers, has become a different place, Bell said.

"The major changes ... have been how we do things," she said. "With all the new technology, the library has changed drastically."

Bell's lengthy career has allowed her to experience the evolution of technology and the effect of that on the CEHS library. Since she started at CEHS, technology has progressed from cassette players and overhead projectors to computers and iPads.

"Keeping up with technology is the most satisfying part of my career. Technology

promotes learning for the rest of the school and is extremely important. With the proliferation of technology, online databases and other resources have exploded in numbers, and this has made doing research much easier," she said.

Bell has no doubt that libraries will continue to be used in the future.

"Librarians teach information skills, and that's always a need: the proper use of info, the ethics of giving credit, the best method of locating the best info. Really what we do is work for the students, and we have to set the stage now in navigating the library for future use in college," she said.

In her job, Bell leads seminars for freshmen on how to navigate the library, compiles lists of databases for students to use, and often visits classes to offer advice on conducting research. Filling multiple roles has made her job rewarding.

—see BELL, page 16

## Another play by EB Coughlin wins competition at Portland Stage Co.



Photo by Todd Brian Backus

Cape Elizabeth High School senior, playwright EB Coughlin, speaks on May 14 on stage at Portland Stage Co. after the theater produced a portion of her play, "The Card."

By Wendy Keeler

Spring is in full bloom in Cape Elizabeth, where once again the birds are chirping, the grass is growing, and Cape Elizabeth High School senior E.B. Coughlin, 17, is winning honors for one of her plays.

For the second straight year, a play by Coughlin has been chosen as one of three winning scripts in the Portland Stage Co.'s Young Writer's Project, an annual competition for young playwrights.

The theater produced an excerpt of her script, "The Card," on May 14, a year after doing the same with her play, "The Way It Is."

"The Card" centers on a girl who receives a Valentine from a boy who used to tease her in middle school.

"She calls her friends over to discuss the matter," Coughlin said. "As they talk, they reveal their complicated feelings about the past and present."

Last spring, CEHS students performed "The Way It Is." In September, the Freeport Players included the "The Way It Is"

—see COUGHLIN, page 16

## A vested interest in earth-moving machines



Photo by Kayla Horne

Students from Cape Robotics, an extracurricular group for Cape kids of all ages who are interested in engineering, visited the L.P. Murray & Sons, Inc., sand and gravel pit on Fowler Road on May 15 to study the company's soil conveyance system and trommel soil screener. Pictured here are, left to right, Cape Robotics advisor Evan Thayer; students Evan Medunitza, Darius Rieger, Kyle Guerrette, Tommy Villiotte, Haley Fawcett, Nicole Penley, Isaiah Robichaud, Madi McCarthy, Zahra Freedman, Rohan Freedman; and Skip Murray, who owns the earth work company founded in town more than 65 years ago.

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## Genealogy research at Family History Library in Salt Lake City to be topic of June 1 meeting

Doing research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be the topic of the Saturday, June 1, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society.

The talk, which will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road, will begin at 1 p.m., preceded by a social time with refreshments.

Gray resident Nancy Mason, a genealogist for more than 35 years, will talk to the group about the most effective way to use

the resources at the Family History Library, which is operated by FamilySearch, the genealogical arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mason has traveled to the library once a year for the past 14 years.

GPCMGS meetings are held the first Saturday of every month and are free and open to the public.

Contact Diane Brakeley at 767-3391 or go to [www.gpcmg.org](http://www.gpcmg.org) for more information about the event or the group.

## Bell

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"I'm teaching the research aspect to students. I'm working with teachers on the planning and with the parent volunteers. I get to see the results, see it all come together at the end. I love the variety. Every day is different. I'm not stuck in one position," she said.

Andrea Hayden, now a registrar and guidance secretary at CEHS, fondly remembers the years she worked with Bell in the CEHS library.

"We survived a major flood, lots of reconstruction, personal crisis, and drove each other mad with our furniture rearrangement ideas. [Joyce] truly has been the 'spirit' of literacy and innovation," Hayden said.

CEHS English teacher Win Phillips also has warm words for Bell.

"Whatever you need, she's on it. She's ready to help out with any suggestion you have and is always incredibly attentive and helpful," he said.

Bell shrugs off the praise.

"Really my job is to be a steward and

**'I think I've had my dream job.'**  
— retiring CEHS librarian  
**Joyce Bell**

leave the place in good shape for the next person to pick up and go. You enjoy it while you're there, do a good job, and move it forward."

Now the time has come for "the next person to pick up and go," she said.

With her husband retiring next year, Bell will have a year to "do [her] own thing" and fully pursue her hobbies, which include making silver jewelry, knitting, gardening, exercising, traveling, and, of course, reading. She and her husband also frequent the Maine State Music Theater in Brunswick, which she praises as "outstanding."

No matter how much she enjoys retirement, Bell will happily remember her time at CEHS.

"I think I've had my dream job. Working with everybody has been so much fun."

## 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.

**May 30, 1863** – It is said the draft will be for the purpose of filling up the old regiments, it not being the intention to form any new ones. [Portland Transcript]

The Mercantile Library Association is a flourishing condition, numbering now about 250 members. Anyone can now enjoy the benefit of its excellent library by the annual payment of \$2.00. As we have no public library, this is a privilege of which many will avail themselves. [Portland Transcript]

The mean heat on Friday last was six and a half degrees greater than that of any previous experience in May during the past eight years. The weather has been refreshingly cool since then. [Portland Transcript]

Mrs. Harriet Eaton, who has so faithfully labored as a camp nurse, has returned to this city to recruit her health after her arduous services of more than seven months in the field. Her labors, with those of her colleague, Mrs. Fogg, have been of incalculable service to our soldiers. [Portland Transcript]

Mrs. Isabella Fogg ... took part in the hospital transport service in the waters of Cheasapeake Bay. After the battle of Chancellorsville, she was serving in a temporary hospital at U.S. Ford when it was shelled by the Confederates. While performing her du-

ties on a western hospital boat, in charge of the diet kitchen, she fell through the hatchway and received injuries that disabled her for life. [Campfire and Battlefield, by Rosister Johnson]

The official statement of killed at the Chancellorsville battles makes the number of officers 154, and of enlisted men, 1358; total 1612. Of wounded there were 624 officers and 8894 men; total 9518. Aggregate number of killed and wounded, 11,030. The verified returns of missing will not exceed 2500. [Portland Transcript]

**June 6, 1863** – Brigham Young in one of his recent Sunday "sermons" bragged of the beauty of his wives, and one of the "brethren" claimed to have 59 children, and defied any of the followers of the faith to show a more prolific record. [Portland Transcript]

The man with the air gun is in town giving ambitious youngsters a chance to exhibit their marksmanship at a cent a shot. [Portland Transcript]

Rogues now have their choice to enlist or go to prison and they don't hesitate long. [Portland Transcript]

The pension office at Washington has lately recorded the nineteen-thousandth application of wives made widows by this war. [Portland Transcript]

## Coughlin

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in "Can U Rel8?," an anthology of short works.

Even after all of the accolades she received for "The Way It Is," Coughlin was

still undone when she found out the Portland Stage Co. had selected "The Card."

"I was stunned," Coughlin said on May 20 from Toronto, Ont., where she is doing an internship with various Canadian artists who are involved in theater. Coughlin is spending a couple of weeks in Toronto, where she lived as a little girl, during Cape Elizabeth High School's Senior Transition Project program, when seniors do internships in their last weeks of school before graduating.

"When I wrote 'The Card,' I figured I wouldn't be chosen again, but I wanted to write another one to prove to myself I could do it. So when I found out 'The Card' was selected, I was almost more excited than I was last year. I was just as honored and grateful as last time, too."

Coughlin, whose academic success at CEHS has earned her a place among students in the top 10 percent of the class [see page 8], is still deciding between the University of Toronto and McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

"Because I'm a dual citizen, going to one of these two schools is a lot cheaper for me than going to school in the states," she said.

Despite her demonstrated talent in playwriting, Coughlin hasn't decided what she will major in when she attends college in the fall.

"But theater is definitely a possibility," she said.

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**After 24 years at First Congregational Church, Rev. John McCall to give his last sermon on June 9**

By Wendy Keeler

A few weeks after the Rev. John McCall became head pastor at First Congregational United Church of Christ in South Portland 24 years ago, the Berlin Wall fell. Since that time, McCall, who will retire on June 9, has witnessed many changes, including the fall of some other long-standing barriers.

"I think we have made the transition from a pretty traditional kind of church to a much more progressive, mission-minded congregation," McCall, 66, said recently while reflecting on changes at the Meeting House Hill church. "We were one of the first congregations in the area to say we welcome members and affiliates regardless of sexual orientation, nationality, gender, social skills or work history."

That topic made for "a difficult conversation that didn't fit for everybody," McCall recalls of that time.

"In 2002, the members authorized me to give the church's blessing to a same-gender couple in a service in our sanctuary, a union if you will," McCall said.

"At the time, that was somewhat controversial. There was a lot of pastoral focus at that time to listen to people and encourage them to push through their feelings. I think the time since then shows that we were on the right side of history."

Over the years, the church has expanded its reach beyond the church walls and into the community with missions such as the Community Crisis Ministries, an assistance program established in 1999 that seeks to meet the needs of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland residents who are in financial crisis as a result of illness or job loss, or other hardship.

"We work directly with public assistance and school departments in both South Portland and Cape Elizabeth," McCall said about the outreach program, which Cape Elizabeth resident Kathy Sahrbeck coordinates. "We annually give away between \$65,000 and \$85,000, and that's all above and beyond the regular church budget."

Since McCall joined First Congregational, religious practices have undergone changes, McCall said.

"In 1989, no one had heard of 'spiritual but not religious.' Today that's a common way of explaining the shift away from church membership and organized religion in general, particularly in northern New England," he said. "In many ways it's tougher to persuade folks to gather for worship when their lives are so full with so many other options."

McCall, who was ordained in Illinois 42 years ago, is not the only family member who will be retiring in June. His wife, the Rev. Andrea Thompson McCall, also will

retire next month after 19 years at the University of Southern Maine, where most recently she served as interfaith chaplain and director of the college's Community Service and Civic Engagement.

First and foremost on the couple's retirement to-do list? Not leave their South Portland condominium at night.

"I think I have gone out on 4,000 evenings for church meetings, home visits and counseling appointments, and I want to begin by not doing that," said McCall, who grew up in South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Oregon, California, the son of Congregational ministers.

"I want to really breathe and change the pace of life. We want to contribute and do something to make the community better and stronger, but we aren't going to jump into volunteering until we have gotten our feet on the ground and adjusted to life as retired people."

The couple also looks forward to visits with their 24-year-old son, who graduated from Bates College in Lewiston two years ago and soon will return to Maine to attend University of Maine Law School in Portland.

After McCall retires, the Rev. Diane Harvey will take over his duties until the congregation chooses a head pastor. Harvey, who specializes in helping churches through interim and transition periods, joined First Congregational Church in September, a month after McCall announced his retirement.

Sometime in the next several months, McCall said, the church's search commit-



The Rev. John McCall will give his last sermon at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 9.

tee, which formed shortly after McCall announced his retirement, will propose a new head minister.

"They will call a meeting of the whole congregation, and the person they have selected will preach to the congregation, and then members of the church will be asked to give a vote," said McCall, who is not involved in the process. "It's a vote by the members of the church."

McCall will give his last sermon at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 9.

Please see our Favorite Dad Memories Q&A in the June 12 issue of *The Cape Courier*. Have a great one to share? Email [info@capecourier.com](mailto:info@capecourier.com) by June 1.

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## Budget

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their voting,” Lane explained. “It’s very clear in the law.”

Voters approved a \$22.5 million school budget in a validation election – but not without some significant upset expressed.

“About a dozen people told us they didn’t know what they were voting on, and about three dozen people were really angry with us for not explaining the issues to them, some pointing at me very close, yelling, and getting into my personal space,” Lane said. She said she has dealt a few angry voters at other elections, but not on this level and not with so many people being as belligerent.

Lane said numerous people were angry about not being able, as they were expecting, to vote on the School Board’s proposal – now passed – to have a pilot program for full-day kindergarten for some students in the fall. Students will be assigned to all-day kindergarten via a lottery.

There was no specific question on the ballot about this plan.

Lane said that she explained numerous times that individual components of the town and school budgets are not sepa-

rated out on ballots – that voters decide on a whole budget, not individual parts. She also pointed out resources – local websites, newspapers and the town website, for example – that might be helpful in educating voters who were seeking answers.

“Some folks listened and were respectful, and the majority understood that we couldn’t answer their questions. But some were still furious,” Lane said.

“It’s very important that the integrity of the election was upheld and that there was a recognition that the election workers did not try to influence the vote,” she said. “We did our job, as we always do, and, unfortunately, some people were frustrated. It was a very challenging day, and that was surprising. Let’s just put it that way.

“One woman did leave after I told her some resources she could check, and she came back a few hours later to vote and sought me out and thanked me, which I really appreciated.”

Cape voters passed the budget, 625-377. In responding to an advisory question, 441 voters said the budget figure was acceptable, 320 said it was too high and 218 said it was too low. By a 702-291 vote, residents also said the validation process instituted

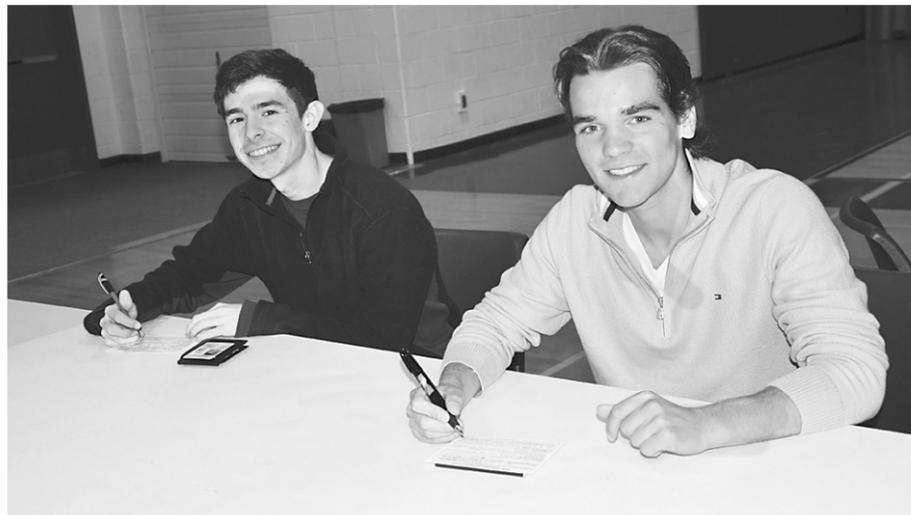


Photo by Patricia McCarthy

Two Cape Elizabeth residents filled out voter registration forms and voted for the first time at the town election on May 14. Brent Staples, left, said he is active in theater at the high school and that it made sense to support the school budget to help ensure that extracurricular programs continue. And Justin Cary said it felt “liberating” to vote after a long wait. He couldn’t vote in the presidential election in November because he was turning 18 a day after the election.

by the state should continue.

In a more typical election with local candidates vying for office, voter turnout in Cape Elizabeth is usually about 35 percent

to 40 percent, Lane said. Cape had an 85 percent turnout for the presidential election in November. A turnout of 12 percent on May 14 was low, but not surprising, she said.

## iPads

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making the switch to iPads, Kramer said.

For years, Cape Elizabeth students only received school computers in seventh and eighth grades. That changed at the start of the current school year, however, when every Cape Elizabeth High School student and teacher got an iPad through funding from the district’s technology budget and the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.

“Our freshman class this year is the only grade level that has come from the middle school’s one-to-one technology experience into the high school’s one-to-one technology environment, and the transition to a different device has been difficult,” said Kramer, who believes “it will make a difference in the educational environment for our students” to arrive at CEHS versed in

the use of iPads.

CEMS staff members should handle the transition from laptops to iPads nimbly, Kramer said.

“The middle school has a proven record of introducing one-to-one technology and teaching students how to use technological devices for educational purposes. They have been doing that for years,” he said. “Whether it’s an iPad or MacBook, they know how to utilize technology in a one-to-one environment. The middle school teachers are going to be able to pick it up much faster than the high school has.”

School Board member Mary Townsend expressed concerns about students’ ability to type and compose on iPad touch screens during a May 14 presentation by Kramer on the district’s technology plan. The School Board’s two school representatives, seniors Abby Donnelly and Nolan Morris, who had never used iPads until this school year, said they still prefer tra-

ditional computer keyboards for doing school work.

“It was difficult for us as high school students to adjust to the iPads because we have had laptops and computers for so long,” Donnelly said.

But kids who start early with iPads become adept at using the touch screen keyboard, Donnelly and Cape Elizabeth School Superintendent Meredith Nadeau said.

“[The kids I baby-sit] use iPads so much better than I do,” Donnelly said. “If you introduce them first instead of laptops, they’ll be much more productive on iPads.”

“I read a ... research article where someone had analyzed student typing on laptops, iPads with keyboards and iPads. Straight iPads had the highest words per minute for typing” among third- to sixth-graders, Nadeau said.

### MacBooks

All Maine school districts have an option of buying the now four-year-old MLTI MacBook laptops from the state. Although

Cape may buy a few, the cost of maintaining the older technology offsets the \$47 price for each laptop, so most of the MLTI laptops will go back to the state, Kramer told the board.

At the May 14 School Board meeting, board members voted unanimously to submit the new technology plan to the Department of Education. The plan will go back to the School Board for a final vote after the state reviews and OKs the plan.

Districts with state-approved plans qualify for about \$15,000 in annual e-rate funds from cellphone and landline providers that service the schools, Kramer told the Board.

### Cape schools get As

Early this month, the state Department of Education gave As to all three Cape Elizabeth schools.

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## Cape resident new Coast Guard commander

Cape Elizabeth resident Brian Gilda was sworn in as commander of the U.S. Coast Guard's Northern New England sector on May 7 after two years as deputy commander. He heads Coast Guard operations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York – an area that includes more than 1,100 personnel.

Gilda has worked on five continents in his 23-year Coast Guard career. Most recently, he oversaw the inspection of commercial vessels in the New York Coast Guard sector. During that assignment, he participated in the 2009

rescue of US Airways Flight 1549. Shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport, the commercial airliner landed in the Hudson River off midtown Manhattan after striking a flock of geese and losing power. All 155 passengers were safely evacuated.

Gilda graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1990 and earned a master's degree in fire protection engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

A native of Bellingham, Wash., he and his wife, Margreet, who is from Amsterdam, have two sons, Tim, 11, and Thijs, 8.



U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Brian Gilda, second from right, salutes USCG Rear Adm. Dan Abel, third from left, at a May 7 "Change of Command" ceremony in Portland.

Cape resident **Jeremy Allmendinger** was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., where he is majoring in professional writing. He is a 2010 graduate of Franklin Academy in East Haddam, Conn.

**Katherine MacColl**, a 2009 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in graphic design and digital media from Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., where she was named to the spring-semester dean's list.

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