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Firing-range rules aim for safety; hearing set for March 10

By Bob Dodd

As homes have crept closer to the nearly 60-year-old Spurwink Rod and Gun Club firing range, it was inevitable that conflicts over noise and safety would come to a head.

Town officials now hope that a proposed Shooting Range Ordinance will succeed in balancing the competing rights of the firing-range owners and nearby homeowners, and provide a process for resolving and avoiding future conflicts.

But it's clear that not everyone agrees on the issues or the proposed process.

At its Feb. 10 meeting, the Town Council set a public hearing on the proposed new ordinance for March 10 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club firing range has been a fixture in town dating to the late 1950s. With homes popping up in ever-closer proximity, especially in the mid-1990s, when the nearby Cross Hill subdivision was built, conflicts between the club and homeowners have intensified.

The Ordinance Committee was set with the task of reviewing the issues and making recommendations to the council.

After three public meetings, comments

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Superintendent offers 'road map' for school district's five-year plan

By Wendy Keeler

A road map.

That's what the Cape Elizabeth school district needs to implement its new five-year strategic plan, School Board member Michael Moore said in October after the board adopted a set of four goals for the district to achieve by 2018.

At the board's Feb. 11 meeting, Superintendent Meredith Nadeau presented a draft of such a road map.

The product of months of work by administrators, teachers and school staff members, the draft includes strategies for meeting the strategic plan's four goals and ways to measure the effectiveness of the initiatives and actions undertaken to meet the targets.

"It's an aggressive plan that's fantastic," Moore said on Feb. 11. "I couldn't be happier that we have measurable benchmarks but also specific action items to achieve them."

Goals include ensuring opportunities for the success of all students; expanding learning opportunities for all students "by cultivating an inclusive and supportive district culture"; increasing student engagement in

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No resting on laurels – or dog beds – for Westminster's first agility champions

By Wendy Keeler

Despite being written about, photographed and interviewed by media outlets from all over the world, Cape Elizabeth's Delaney Ratner has spent no time resting on her laurels, and her dog Kelso has spent little time resting on his dog bed after the two made history Feb. 8 by winning the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show's first-ever agility championship in New York City.

Two days after the win, Ratner, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was back attending classes at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

A week after Ratner's seven-year-old border collie zoomed, zipped, soared and snaked his way around an obstacle course to beat out more than 200 dogs to win the inaugural agility competition in the world's most famous dog show, he and his handler headed to Amherst, N.H., to compete in another agility event. They will return there for two more competitions in the next few weeks, and then travel to Pennsylvania at the end of March for another.

For serious dog agility competitors like Ratner, a sophomore majoring in econom-



Photo courtesy of Westminster Kennel Club

Delaney Ratner of Cape Elizabeth gets some loving from her dog Kelso after the two won the Westminster Kennel Club's first-ever Masters Agility Championship on Feb. 8 in New York City.

ics, the Westminster competition might be likened to an important test, as opposed to a midterm or final.

"Because 'Westminster' is a household name, it's where it's at in terms of marketing and publicity and getting the public to know about agility, and that's why I think personally it was so cool to win," said Ratner, who competed in other Westminster events with Jonesy, her mother Cindy's

schnauzer and with a dog belonging to one of her mother's agility students. "I was just excited to go and run my dogs in front of a really big crowd, because it's good practice for the [American Kennel Club] nationals and world team tryouts, which have more weight to them. Westminster is more like a local trial with a lot of press and cameras and spectators."

In 2012, Ratner and Kelso won a grand prize at the 2012 U.S. Dog Agility Association's Cynosport World Games in Commerce City, Colo. – a big deal in the sport of dog agility. She hopes to qualify for the American Kennel Club National Agility Championship in Reno, Nev., in March 2015.

Ratner has been competing in agility events since she was six years old, inspired by her mother, a longtime dog handler and trainer who teaches agility classes around Cumberland County. Ratner's other early teachers were her dogs, Shane and Page.

"Our border collie Shane was (like) the horse you would put your kid on if you didn't want them to fall. He was bomb-proof." Her second dog, Page, another bor-

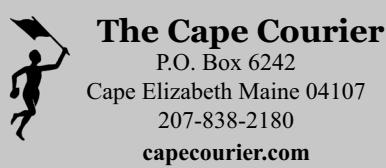
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Speech team wins again!

Cape Elizabeth High School's speech team has done it again – for the fifth straight year. Below, the speech team captured the Maine Forensic League state speech championship, besting Bangor and Skowhegan high schools on Jan. 25 at Brunswick High School. At left, at the same meet, the high school's fledgling debate team was honored as state runner-up. Sixty students participated this school year in the speech and debate program, coached by Lisa Melanson and Richard Mullen.

Photos by Jenny Campbell





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Photo by Amy Bates

The Cape Elizabeth High School girls' swimming and diving team celebrate a second-place finish at the Feb. 17 Class B girls state championship meet at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Back row, from left: Katie Connolly, Lexie Bakke, Sierra Bates, Haylee Walsh, Sydney Wight, Rose Baillie, Sadie Stiles, Caroline Herriman, Jane Vaughan, Shannon Howard, Sarah Loring, Morgan Connell. Front row: Gabby Lawrence, Mya Hodgdon, Phoebe Coburn, Taylor Herrera, Katie Schonewolf, Gabrielle Raymond, Arden Wing, Elise Flathers. Not pictured: Michaela Pinette and Anni Ball.



Photo by Alina Perez

The CEHS boys' swim team placed third on Feb. 18 at the Class B boys state championship at Bowdoin. Back row, from left: Wyatt Page, Ethan DuPerre, Stephen Bennett, Tony DeMarco, Alex Mukai, Jordan Petersen, Griffin Thoreck. Front row: Leo Wing, Kyle Long, Connor Thoreck, Reese McFarlane, Owen Thoreck.

'It does not take very much to make a large impact in Myanmar,' Cape visitor shares

Dear Cape Elizabeth community,

My daughter Hudson Fisher, who is in first grade at Pond Cove, and I embarked on a trip to Myanmar (Burma) in Southeast Asia over holiday break this year. I was invited to travel with a group of educators and counselors who know and have friendships with Burmese people.

There was a plea to help orphaned children in the impoverished area of the Chin Mountain Region in a village called Kanpetlet. It was one of those moments when my insides knew I needed to say yes.

I struggled with the idea of helping children in another country rather than my community. The difference is that these children were suffering because their basic needs were not being met. They are living in a country where they do not have nearly the support, resources, or infrastructure to help these children, something our generous community offers.

With the help of my daughter, we organized and offered the local community resources and support they did not have including plants, buildings, medicines,



Cape Elizabeth first-grader Hudson Fisher, in a pagoda in Kanpetlet, Myanmar.

school uniforms and other supplies. The idea is to listen to what they need and let go of my American culture views and support what actually was needed. There are now 52 thriving children who have healthy faces, smiles and have a chance to learn and grow and make a positive difference in their community.

It does not take very much to make a large impact in Myanmar. It is a beautiful country with a beautiful culture with lessons for us all to learn. If you would like to learn more about our efforts or help, please contact Jenniferhfisher@icloud.com. Warmly,

Jennifer H. Fisher

Couple thanks those who helped after driver hit, killed their dog

One week ago today our wonderful dog, Max, was killed by a hit-and-run driver. Fortunately, the people in the car behind saw what happened and called the police. We do not know the names of the people who called them, or the names of the neighbors who helped the police and my husband look for Max's body. We wish to thank all these people, and particularly the two police officers who responded that night.

They were most helpful and sympathetic. They were truly Cape Elizabeth's finest!

With great appreciation,

Jay Houghton

Dog's neighbor, friend to driver: 'What you did was a selfish act'

To the motorist who struck and killed our beloved dog and was too callous to stop on the evening of Feb. 3, 2014, leaving him on the side of the road. If you're reading this, then you know who you are.

The death of Max, a 10-year-old black lab still so full of life and a friend to all of us who loved him, was taken from his loving owners, the Houghton family, too soon.

They will never again have the comfort of Max's love and the companionship he gave them, only the sweet memories of him remain. I commend the couple following behind you who did stop, and called the police.

It's the right thing to do, and it saddens me to think of how many people that don't stop to report an accident.

I understand accidents can happen, and death is part of life, but what you did, was a selfish act. You should have stopped. You didn't stop. Do you even know what you took away?

Brenda Anair

Correction

The Feb. 14 issue of *The Cape Courier* incorrectly stated that applications for a new property tax fairness credit are available at Town Hall. Unlike a previous circuit breaker program, there are no separate applications. Residents apply for the credit when they file their 2013 Maine taxes with the forms 1040ME and Schedule PTFC.

The Courier regrets the error.

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Oblivious to the cold

Photo by Martha Agan

The brant is a small goose, explains Cape Elizabeth resident Martha Agan, who took this shot and offers a brief education: "From a distance, they may look like a Canada goose, but brants lack the long neck and white cheek that can be seen on Canada geese. However, the brant has a white patch on its neck. In the winter, brants seek eel grass in coastal bays. They are often seen near Kettle Cove. In the summer, the brant breeds in the high Arctic tundra."

Council imposes fees on commercial vans bringing visitors to Fort Williams

Commercial vans touring Fort Williams Park will be charged an entry fee starting July 1.

The Town Council has approved a \$500 seasonal fee for each van visiting more than 30 times a season, adding commercial vans to the types of vehicles subject to an entry fee. In 2011, councilors adopted fees for tour buses and trolleys. The fee schedule did not include passenger vehicles, but also did not include commercial vans that take tourists to see the local sights.

Bill Brownell, chair of the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, called the omission a "gap" in the current fee schedule. "Basically we want to fill that gap so the fee structure is fair and consistent to all commercial vendors of buses and vans," Brownell told members of the council at their meeting Feb. 10.

Councilors approved the \$500 per vehicle per season fee, which is less than the \$800 fee recommended by the commission. Brownell and Councilor Jim Walsh, liaison to the com-

mission, explained that the lower fee would give the only affected tour provider, whose business Walsh described as a "startup," a chance to modify his business plan to accommodate the fee, Brownell said.

"Maybe at a future date we can increase, but we all think it's appropriate at this time," Brownell said of the modified fee.

At the same time, councilors approved a per-visit fee of \$20 for commercial vans that visit less frequently; and, affirmed the fee schedule that has been in place since 2011:

Last year the fees generated more than \$27,000, and this year revenue from the fees is expected to top \$30,000, Brownell said.

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Recycling Committee selling compost bins

The town's Recycling Committee, in conjunction with the Maine Resource Recovery Association, is sponsoring a compost bin sale for Cape Elizabeth residents.

The committee is encouraging citizens to make a greater effort to reduce the amount of food, leaf and yard waste they generate by initiating their own backyard-composting program.

The bin offered for sale is called "The Earth Machine," which is the same unit that was offered during the last program.

The Earth Machine is 33 inches by 35 inches; is made from recycled plastic, has an 80-gallon capacity and converts grass,

leaves and table scraps into an abundant supply of rich garden soil. It assembles easily and comes with a 10-year warranty and instruction booklet.

The cost is \$25 per bin. A companion "Kitchen Scrap Pail" is also available for \$5. Orders will be accepted until April 30. Please make checks payable to: "MRRA" (Maine Resource Recovery Association) and mail along with the order form to: Cape Elizabeth Public Works, 10 Cooper Drive, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. Bins will be available for pickup after May 23.

Questions can be directed to Al Ward at Public Works by calling 799-4151.

**Want to store your boat at Great Pond?
Deadline for permit applications is March 21**

The town is taking applications for 32 seasonal boat-storage slots at Great Pond for town residents for 2014.

The Conservation Committee will assign the slots using a lottery system. Any town resident who would like to store a boat at Great Pond should submit an application by March 21 to the office manager in the Assessing/Codes/Planning Office at Town Hall.

Residents who received a permit for the 2013 season and did not store a boat will only be eligible for a boat slot if supply exceeds demands. Only one application per household may be submitted.

The lottery will be held at 9 a.m. on

Monday, March 24 in the ACP Conference Room at Town Hall. Winners will be notified and will have until April 1 to pay the \$20 fee for their 2014 boat-storage permit.

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

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

Contact Town Planner Maureen O'Meara for more information at 799-0115.

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

It's almost spring ... otherwise known as mud season

By Erika Carlson Rhile, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Committee chair

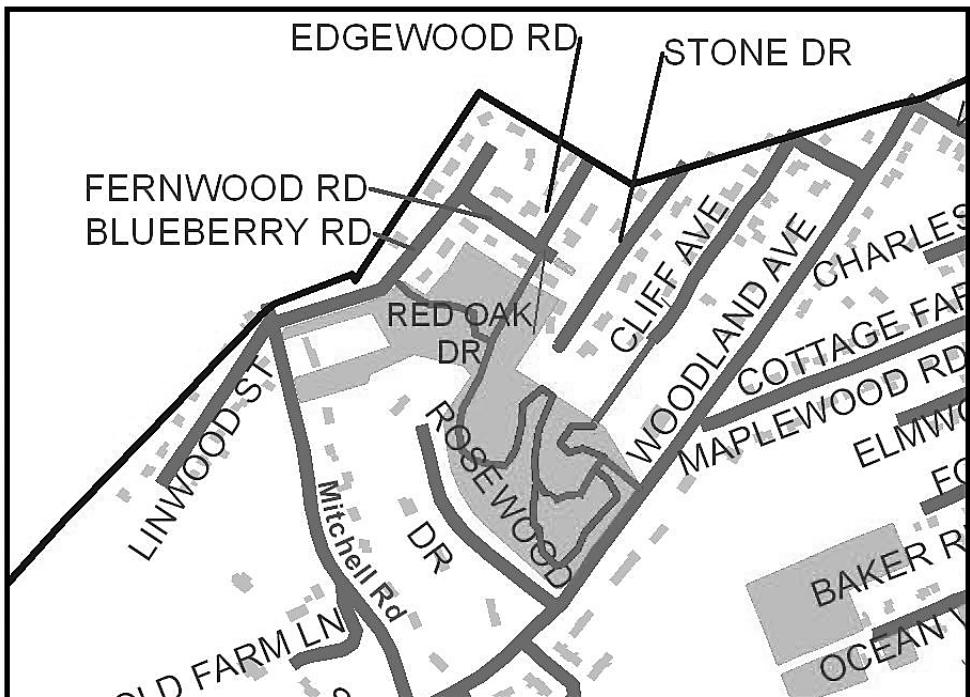
Here are some interesting things happening in March, fun to know and observe in Cape Elizabeth and beyond:

- **A lot of planets** will be visible this month: Mars and Jupiter will be bright from evening until dawn. The early morning March sky teems with planetary activity, with views of Saturn, Mercury and Venus.
- **Listen for saw whet owls** – their call sounds like a truck backing up.
- **Watch for the return of red-winged blackbirds.** They will start lining their nests with cattail fluff.
- **Giving birth** are fishers, foxes, coyotes, red squirrels and voles.
- **Wood frogs** are well adapted to cold and range further north than other North American amphibians. Listen for their duck-like calls from ponds.
- **Spring forward** March 9!
- **Full Worm Moon** March 16th. So named by the Algonquin tribes because this is the time when the ground begins to soften and earthworms reappear, inviting the return of robins. In some regions, this is also known as the Sap Moon, as it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins.
- **The spring equinox** for the Northern Hemisphere occurs on March 20 at 12:27 p.m. On this day the Sun rises directly east and sets directly west.
- **An exceedingly rare celestial event** is predicted for early morning March 20th when an asteroid will briefly hide one of the brightest stars in the sky from view. The star that it will obscure is Regulus, in the constellation of Leo, the Lion. Those who are watching at just the right moment (no telescope necessary) will see an amazing sight: Regulus will seem to abruptly disappear and remain invisible for up to 12 seconds.



Ankle deep in mud while checking sap buckets off Spurwink Road, Erika Carlson Rhile says she'll take snow over mud season any day.

Featured Trail: Dyer Woods: small, but it's incredibly diverse



By James Tasse, Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission member

The Dyer Woods area is the northernmost of the open-space parcels in Cape Elizabeth. A roughly triangular parcel bounded by Woodland Road on the southeast, Rosewood Road on the southwest, and Blueberry Lane on the northwest, this compact recreation area includes trails, old-growth pine forest, and two pond areas.

The easiest access is from Woodland Road or through the paper street at the end of Cliff Avenue. The whole trail network can be walked in about a half hour. The trails are open for walking, running, skiing, biking and snowshoeing.

Historically, the Dyer Woods area has been a somewhat neglected piece of town land. Most recently, an ad hoc paintball course, with barricades made of junk wood, dominated the area until the town removed all the refuse in spring 2012.

In fall 2012, members of the Greater Portland chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association, with assistance from Conservation Commission members and nearby residents, built a 30-foot bridge over one of the pond areas and began making improvements to the trail system.

The current state of Dyer Woods includes the new bridge and nearly a quarter mile of

new trails that provide easier access to the land by using less-steep grades and better following the contours of the landscape.

The existing trails that met CECC design standards were cleared and marked, and some trails have been rerouted in order to move them away from the ponds and muddy areas.

Most recently, Eagle Scouts installed trail blazes and "You Are Here" trail maps to help users find their way around the parcel. Other improvements planned for this spring include using fill to protect tree roots and smooth out some transitions, as well as cleaning more debris out of the ponds.

The trail system offers an incredible diversity of landforms for such a small area. The trails wind through mature pine forest with little undergrowth, and loop around the various rocky outcroppings in the parcel. The pond near Woodland Road is bridged, and a second pond in the middle of the parcel is now accessible for view thanks to a new trail segment alongside it.

Although small, the Dyer Woods property represents Cape Elizabeth's commitment to providing residents easy access to trails and open space.

It's a small gem, affording a great taste of the woods right in the most thickly settled part of town. Enjoy!





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Cape police deal with burglary, assault, criminal mischief, speeding

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

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2-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Two Lights area for a well-being check.

2-8 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area. While checking the residence, they learned that South Portland police had just arrested a person for burglarizing homes near the town line. Property from those burglaries was found in the suspect's car.

ARRESTS

2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, Fowler Road

SUMMONSES

2-4 Fryeburg resident, speed (34/25 zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$119
2-7 South Paris resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, Fowler Road

2-7 South Portland resident, burglary, theft, criminal mischief

2-8 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171

2-14 Hollis resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185

on McAuley Road

FIRE CALLS

1-28 Surfside Road, fire alarm

2-3 South Street, fire alarm

2-4 South Portland, mutual aid

2-10 Scott Dyer Road, carbon monoxide alarm

ACCIDENTS

2-5 Christopher Arich, accident on Route 77

2-6 Michael Capozza, Charles Thompson, accident on Mitchell Road
2-7 Ted Darling, Patrick Kertes, accident

RESCUE CALLS

There were 28 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

*Anyone feeling like winter
is for the birds?!*



Photo by Martha Agan

During the Valentine's Day storm, great black-backed and herring gulls could be seen hunkered down, resting on rockweed, facing into the wind off Kettle Cove as the seas were cresting with spray known as spindrifts.

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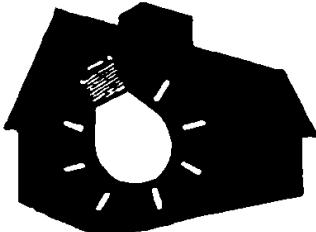
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Construction

- ✓ New Housing
- ✓ Room Additions
- ✓ Remodels

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- ✓ Recessed
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A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was in its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes both short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

Feb. 27, 1864 — Maine has contributed \$5,534.11 and 167 cases and 23 barrels of clothing in aid of the suffering Freedmen. Of this amount Portland contributed \$2,014.50 and twenty cases. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Army drawers are given out by contractors to be made in this city at five cents per pair. A woman sewing all day could not make more than two pairs, thus earning the enormous sum of ten cents a day. If the thread given out with the drawers falls short, as it is apt to do, the poor seamstress is told she must supply the deficiency! [Portland Transcript]

☞ Gen. Burnside arrived in this city by the noon train from Boston on Monday, and was met at the depot by a committee and escorted to the Preble House by a detachment from Camp Berry — and a great crowd of citizens. [Portland Transcript]

☞ William Jackson, Jeff Davis's colored coachman, made a very favorable impression on the audience at the City Hall on Saturday evening. He tells his story well. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Cavalry now at Augusta are

to take ship at this port. Five ships are expected here for the purpose of transporting them to their destination. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The press is informed that during the past year about 800 families were added to our population. There is a great demand for small rents, and some of our capitalists ought to build tenements of this class. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The colored recruits at Camp Berry marched into town on Sunday and attended divine service at the Abyssinian church. They numbered about sixty and made a very neat appearance. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Indian scalps bring \$200 in Minnesota. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Terrible marine disaster: On Tuesday morning this community was startled by the announcement that the Steamship *Bohemian*, Capt. Borland, from Liverpool for this port, while entering the harbor on Monday evening, struck on Alden's Rock, about three miles from the main last of Cape Elizabeth. The vessel was immediately headed for the shore but sunk in

Staples' Cove, within less than a quarter of a mile from the shore, and in four fathoms of water. The night was calm, and there was a light fog, though not so thick by the lights could be seen. The boats were lowered, and the passengers crowding into them one was swamped, and sixteen of the steerage passengers, mostly women and children, were drowned. Great confusion prevailed on deck. ... The boats took the passengers on shore, where the people of Cape Elizabeth did all in their power to make them comfortable. Many of them fell into good hands at the Ocean House. There were 218 passengers of whom sixteen are known to be lost and two of the crew, who numbered 99. The cabin passengers were all saved. [Portland Transcript]

March 5, 1864 — We consider it a burning shame and disgrace to the State that the veteran regiments which have recently returned from the field have received no public reception commensurate with their services and sufferings in the cause of the country. The city of Augusta has shamefully neglected its duty in not extending a hearty welcome to these noble patriots who after two years of hard service have re-enlisted for the war. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The paper on which the *Transcript* is now printed is one half composed of straw. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Penobscot Indians number 271 males and 240 females. One hundred are farmers and the rest are engaged in hunting, log driving, and making canoes, baskets and moccasins. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Florida expedition under Gen. Seymour, after gaining some successes and capturing stores and artillery, has met with a sad disaster. On the 20th [the troops] met the enemy, said to be 15,000 strong at Olustee, a station on the Jacksonville and Tallahassee Railroad, west of Jacksonville. Our troops suffered severely, but fought nobly for three hours, and then retreated in good order to Jacksonville. Our loss in killed and wounded and prisoners was about 1000. We also lost five guns. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The *Bohemian* is the twenty-fourth steamship, running between Europe and America, that has been lost at sea. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The divers and wreckers have got to work on the *Bohemian*. It is proposed to float her by stopping the holes in her hull and deck, placing coffer damns about the hatchways, and pumping her out with an enormous steam pump which discharges a barrel of water at a single stroke. A diver went into the cabin and discovered the Purser's draw containing 500 sovereigns. Nearly all the mail bags have been found. Twenty-four bodies have been recovered.

[*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Several soldiers have been robbed of considerable sums of money in our streets recently. They should give the rum shops a wide berth. [Portland Transcript]

☞ P.T. Barnum lectured on Tuesday evening, at City Hall, on the Art of Money getting — a subject everybody is interested in. [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: From 1847 to 1853, Cape Elizabeth resident Scott D. Jordan was a mariner, plying trade routes in New England, England, the West Indies, the Caribbean and the southern coast of the United States. In 1863, he left his wife Judith and their three children to serve as a naval ensign in the Civil War. After the war, he farmed and served for a while as the superintendent of Cape Elizabeth Poor Farm.

He wrote the following letter in the winter of 1844:

*U.S. Steamer Carondelet
At anchor off Gaines Landing, Mississippi River
Feb. 29, 1864*

... on the 26th of Feb. a Lady came to the bank of the river on the Arkansas side and waived a flag of truce. Capt. Mitchell sent the First Cutter with an armed crew and brought her on board the Ship. She informed the Capt. that 4000 Rebels under General Price were coming in to attack our Ship that night for she had heard them talking about it at her house, 60 of them having been there the evening before. Her house is seven miles from here. Their plan of capturing the Ship was to be by boarding her in boats in the night and take us by surprise. A plan which if they had tried to have carried out would have been very likely to have reduced their numbers faster than they had an idea of. But they did not. We were prepared for them and perfectly willing for them to do their worst. All of our guns are kept loaded with Grape and canister all the time and a half minutes notice is all we need to discharge every gun in the Ship which would annihilate all the flat boats the Rebels could get together in a month. I don't know that the Rebels came in on that night but think quite likely they did as there was some Rockets sent upon the shore during the night from among the thick woods.

March 4 — At 5:30 p.m. [we received orders] to go down to Natchez. No particulars. We immediately got underway and ran down to Gaines Landing and came to anchor for the night. It will take us about three days to go down as we don't run in the night. What we are to do at Natchez we have not learned, but we are in hopes to go in to Red River as soon as the river is high enough.

March 5 — At 5:30 this morning we got underway. At 5 p.m. we made fast alongside the Ordinance Ship at Goodridge's landing about 125 miles from where we started this

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL, page 9

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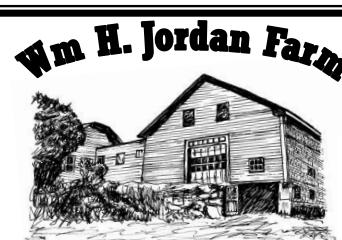
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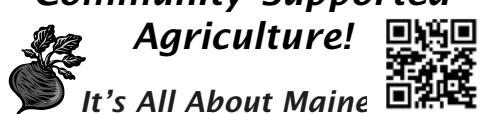
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Cape resident to discuss growing up in 1940s in Cape, spending time at Fort Williams

Cape Elizabeth resident Sally Hinckley will talk about her experience growing up in the Cape Cottage area of Cape Elizabeth during the early 1940s at a 7 p.m. Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society presentation planned Monday, March 3, in the Community Room at Thomas Memorial Library.

During her childhood, Hinckley spent a lot of time at Fort Williams, where her

father was stationed, her grandfather was a chef and her great-aunt was an assistant chef.

The free program will include light refreshments.

Email cehps@thomas.lib.me.us for more information, or call 799-1720 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, when the society's office in the basement floor of the library is open to all.

Sesquicentennial

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morning. We are taking in Ammunition.

March 6 – Have passed Vicksburg, J. Davis [plantation] and Grand Gulf.

March 7 – at 12 Noon passed by Natchez bound direct to the mouth of the Red River. We are pretty sure that the Old Carondolet will have a little more thumping with the Rebel shot this spring. I think as soon as the river is high enough for the fleet to go right up the river the clearing out of the place will be a short job. The sooner the river rises the better it will suit me, for I would like to get out of there before the weather gets to be too hot. And if we come out right side up I should be after getting a furlough so to come home. At present I cannot make any calculations when that will be.

March 7 – at 6 p.m. came to anchor at the mouth of the Red River. There is 14 other Ships at this place which makes it quite lively. We are in a good cause and trust that we shall prove successful. I came out here to assist in putting down the rebellion and have never been sorry yet. And I am all ready to pitch in.

Scott Jordan

Sasha K. Kohan received first academic honors for the fall semester at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. She is a 2012 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and the daughter of **Aimee and Tom Kohan**.

Andrew K. Grennon, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., where he is a member of the class of 2015.

Lexi Weatherbie, a junior at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., is spending the spring semester in New York City. Lexi is taking three classes related to New York City art and culture while doing a marketing and public relations internship at Boast USA, a tennis and racquet sport apparel company.

Emma Kast was named to the fall-semester dean's list at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., where she is a senior majoring in environmental studies. The daughter of **Ellen Kast**, she is a 2010 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

More Neighbors on page 16

4-H winner gets summer internship in Midwest



Photo by Bethany Angle

Maddy Gears, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate who started Madeline Holsteins, a heifer farm, in Cape Elizabeth in 2009, will spend the summer as an intern at MilkSource Genetics in Kaukauna, Wisc. At the company, which operates dairies, a calf farm and a heifer-raising facility, she will work with cattle and dairy experts from around the world and will have an opportunity to learn about genetics, show cows, nutrition and breeding. A freshman at the University of Maine in Orono, where she is studying animal and veterinary sciences, she bought her first heifer at age 13 and has since won many 4-H awards.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Tanner Garrity** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. A 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Tanner is majoring in marketing.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Ross Negle** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass., where he is majoring in construction management.

Correction

The Feb. 12 issue of *The Cape Courier* incorrectly identified Emily Attwood in the caption of a photograph recently taken in Stowe, Vt., at the University of Vermont Carnival, where Attwood, a senior and Nordic skier at Middlebury College, was racing and met up with sisters Erin and Dana Hatton.

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, February 26

School Board Negotiations Committee, 4-6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, February 27

Cape Care Open House, preschool: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; after-school care: 3-5 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

School Board Evaluation Committee, 3:15-5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Town Council Appointments Committee, 5-7 p.m., Technology Conference Room, Town Hall

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

Monday, March 3

School Board Policy Committee, 7:30-8:45 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, March 4

School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

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

Thursday, March 6

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

Town Center Plan Committee, 4 p.m., Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

School Board, 7-9 p.m., Town Hall chamber

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

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 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.

CABLE GUIDE

CHANNEL 3

Zoning Board of Appeals replay
Feb. 26 & 27 – 2 & 8 p.m.
March 1 – 9 a.m.

Planning Board replay
Feb. 28 & March 1 – 2 & 8 p.m.
March 2 – 9 a.m.

Words of Peace
March 1, 2, 8 & 9 – 1 & 7 p.m.

Town Council (live)
March 10 – 7 p.m.

School Board (live)
March 11 – 7 p.m.

Town Council Replay
March 12 & 13 – 2 & 8 p.m.

Subject to change. Please check the program guide on Channel 3.

Chorus, bands to perform on Thursday, March 13



Photo by Joanne Lee

Cape Elizabeth High School chorus members, left to right, back row, Cole Carpenter, Jacob Nedwell, Katie Oberholzer, Lily Pillsbury, accompanist Zoeth Chalat, Lexie Bakke, Brynne Kennedy, Ali MacAlister (leaning on piano), Sarah Morin; front, Claire Zimmerman, Lydia Ingalls and accompanist Rebecca Tarling will perform March 13 at CEHS.

Cape Elizabeth High School musicians will perform at a 7 p.m. concert set for Thursday, March 13, in the high school auditorium. The free concert will be open to the public.

The event will feature performances by the CEHS chorus; the high school's symphonic band, which is comprised of fresh-

men and sophomore musicians; and the wind symphony, in which juniors and seniors play.

The auditorium is located on the school's first floor. Contact Joanne Lee at jlee@capeelizabethschools.org or Tom Lizotte at tlizotte@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Cape Land Trust invites artists' submissions

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust invites artists' submissions for "Paint for Preservation 2014," the nonprofit organization's seventh annual wet-paint auction fundraiser. The submission deadline is March 28.

Dan Kany, an art historian, author, and an art critic, will jury the show.

On the day of the auction, Sunday, July 13, selected artists will paint outside at public and private locations in town. That evening, the new artwork will be auctioned live at a cocktail reception at Breakwater Farm.

Proceeds will be shared among participating artists and the Land Trust.

Interested artists are invited to submit two images of original paintings in any medium. The submission form and more information are available at www.capelandtrust.org/paintforpreservation/2014/.

CELT permanently conserves and provides stewardship for lands cherished by the community, for the education, use and enjoyment of current and future generations. Founded in 1985, the organization has permanently protected more than 660 acres.

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'Private Lives' at Portland Players next month

"Private Lives" will open Friday, March 21, at the Portland Players in South Portland. Performances will run through Sunday, April 6.

Written in 1930 by British playwright Noel Coward, the comedy of manners centers on a divorced couple.

While honeymooning with their new, younger spouses, the exes discover that they are staying in adjacent rooms at the same hotel.

Claudia Hughes directs.

Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students with identification.

Call 799-7337 or go to www.portlandplayers.org to make reservations. Email info@portlandplayers.org for information.

The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road.

Lions plan breakfasts, one dinner in coming weeks

The Cape Elizabeth Lions will host three more pancake breakfasts and another spaghetti dinner this year at the clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Pancake breakfasts, to be held from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sundays, March 9, April 13 and May 11, include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Breakfast proceeds benefit Lions' charities.

The Lions will host a spaghetti dinner

from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. The menu will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and soft drinks. People can bring their own wine or beer.

The cost is \$10, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit maintenance of the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, the Lions' clubhouse.

The Cape Lions always welcome new members. Call Paul Gentilini at 470-7353 for information about membership.

'Into the Woods' at Lyric through March 1

"Into the Woods" will run through Saturday, March 1, at the Lyric Music Theater.

A childless baker and his wife endeavor to lift their family curse by journeying into the woods, where they encounter Rapunzel and her witchy mother, Cinderella, Jack of Beanstalk fame, Little Red Riding Hood, and other classic fairy tale characters, who all must learn the responsibility that comes

with getting what one wants.

Showtimes are planned at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday. Tickets are \$17.99-\$21.99.

Go to www.lyricmusictheater.org, email ticketslyric@gmail.com, or call 799-1421 to make reservations.

The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St. in South Portland.

Parents of 2014-2015 Pond Cove kindergartners asked to get in touch with school immediately

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15 should contact Pond Cove School immediately to register children in kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the Pond Cove office if they are planning to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove

for the 2014-2015 school year. Early registration helps school officials project enrollment for the coming 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.

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Antiques expert to do assessments on March 1

An antiques expert will offer information about the age, use and marketability of items people bring to the meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society on Saturday, March 1.

At the event, set for at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mike Gallant of Hometown Antiques will not give actual appraisals but will do assessments of items belonging to GPCMGS

members. Membership dues are \$5, and new members are welcome to join at the meeting.

The church is located at 29 Ocean House Road in Cape Elizabeth. The group meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of every month at the church, and refreshments are always served a half hour before the meeting starts.

Admission is free. Go to www.gpcmgs.org for more information.

AARP driving class for seniors on March 1

An "AARP Smart Driver Class" for senior citizens will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department's training room at 2 Jordan Way.

People who complete the class will be eligible for a reduction in car insurance rates.

People who aren't AARP members pay \$20, and AARP members, who must show membership cards, pay \$15. The class will be limited to 20.

Contact South Portland Officer Robert Libby at 799-5511, extension 7422, to register.

Refreshments will be served. The class is sponsored by TRIAD, made up of Cape and South Portland senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to address problems faced by older citizens.

To be eligible for the insurance reduction, seniors must take the class every three years.

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Freeport painter's landscapes on view in March at library



"Heading North," an oil painting by Freeport artist Diana Johnson, is one of her pieces on display through March at TML.

New paintings by Diana Johnson are on view through the month of March at the Thomas Memorial Library Gallery.

A resident of Freeport, Johnson is inspired by her surroundings.

She says she looks for places that elicit both a sense of rest and rejuvenation while paying attention to the fluid effects of radi-

ant energy on land, water and air.

The more a painting seems to emit energy, as if from the paper or canvas itself, the happier Johnson is with the results.

She says she tries to suggest, with pigment, the essential vitality and liveliness that is inherent in tranquil, peaceful places.

Caswell's 'Boomwhackers' is coming back to TML on March 6



Jud Caswell leads children and caregivers in musical games using instruments called Boomwhackers. His monthly Musical Story Hour for ages 3 and up will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6.

Library seeks feedback about digital services

The library is deciding whether to renew its contract for several of its digital services and would love to hear your opinions.

The services up for renewal are OneClick Digital, which provides free access to downloadable audiobooks, and Transparent Language, which offers library users unlimited access to more than 80 online language courses.

To offer feedback, speak to library staff, fill out the library's online contact form, or email Library Director Jay Scherma at jscherma.thomas.lib.me.us.

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Once Upon A Time
This week, we'll read a variety of fairy tales, both new and old.

Week of March 2-8
Down to the Sea
We'll read stories about ships, sailing, and the sea!

Week of March 8-15
Tweet! Tweet!

Birds are beginning to return to Maine in anticipation of spring. We'll read stories and sing songs all about birds!

For program details:
ThomasMemorialLibrary.org

Library invites adults, teens to try new board game on March 8

The library has recently begun circulating interesting new board games. In March, the library will offer the first of a series of programs introducing the games and inviting participants to play.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, adults and teens are invited to learn about the award-winning strategy game *The Settlers of Catan*. The game is set in the mythical world of Catan. Players roll dice to determine which resources are generated each round; they

then must strategically trade those resources with other players to get what they need to build their settlements, cities, and roads.

Because there are multiple ways to gain victory points, and the board itself changes each time the game is played, every game session is unique with unexpected outcomes.

Each round of *The Settlers of Catan* is intended to keep three or four players ages 10 and above engaged for up to 90 minutes.

Library staffer Adrian Alexander will explain the rules and methodology of the game, and then invite participants to stay and play, or observe others playing the game.

The Settlers of Catan is one of five new board games that make up the starter collection of games that can be borrowed from the library.

The library plans to offer free gaming events to introduce each of the other games in the coming months.

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Second Makers Celebration on March 18



Photo by Kayla Horne

Cape Elizabeth High School chemistry teacher Doug Worthley conducts a chemistry experiment this fall in the Pond Cove/Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeteria during the inaugural "Maker Celebration," where students, community members and business people presented projects and gave hands-on demonstrations related to science, technology, engineering and math. A second Maker Celebration is planned from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the cafeteria. Exhibits this fall included opportunities to drive a VEX robot, operate a hydraulically-driven excavator staffed by Skip Murray of LP Murray & Sons and view a cutaway model of an internal combustion engine.



Celebrating Saturday

Pond Cove School fourth-grader Julia Olsen demonstrates her love for the weekend by singing and drumming "Everybody Loves a Saturday Night," a Nigerian folk song, with fellow fourth-graders during the school's Feb. 10 third- and fourth-grade concert. Students performed a selection that included show tunes written by George and Ira Gershwin and Argentinian traditional songs, Canadian folk songs, and American ballads.

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Award-winning jazz band, trumpet player to play at March 27 Senior to Senior concert

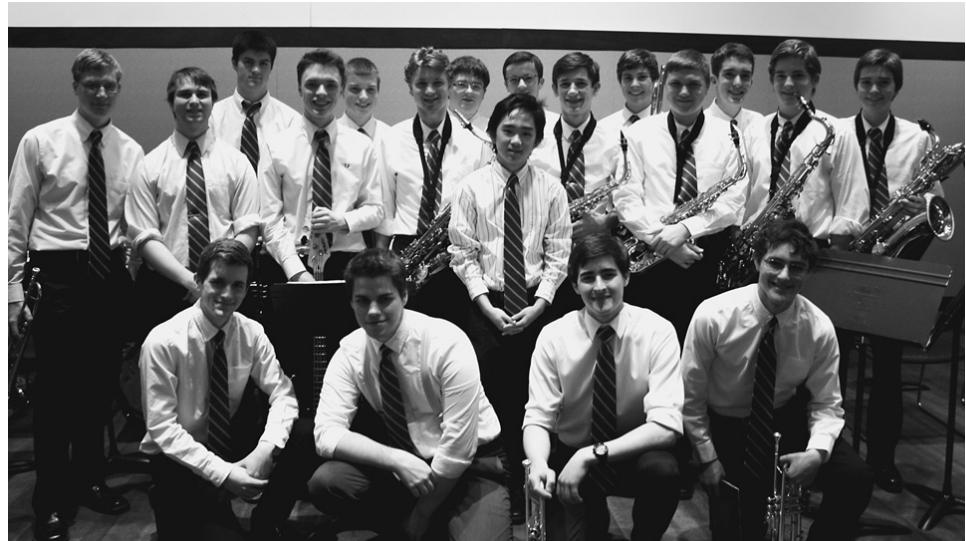


Photo by Claudia Shedd

Award-winning trumpeter, Matt Oberholtzer, front, second from right, and fellow members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Concert Jazz Ensemble, which came in third on Feb. 8 at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Boston, will play on March 27 at CEHS.

By Wendy Keeler

Award-winning Cape Elizabeth High School jazz musicians will perform music from the Golden Age of jazz for senior citizens on Thursday, March 27, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

"Thanks for the Memories – a Senior-to-Senior Musical Celebration" is set for 3:30-5 p.m. and will feature the Cape Elizabeth High School Jazz Ensemble, which earned third place on Feb. 8 at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. There CEHS trumpet player Matt Oberholtzer received the "Judge's Choice Award" for outstanding musicianship during the ensemble's performance.

Earning honors at the festival, which draws high school jazz musicians from

across the country, is no small accomplishment, CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said.

"The only two schools in the division that scored higher than our own jazz ensemble were two private or charter arts and music schools," he said.

CEHS seniors will serve coffee, tea, punch and light snacks at the event, which is being organized by Cape Elizabeth Community Services and Senior to Senior, a community service organization of CEHS seniors who perform services for Cape Elizabeth senior citizens.

The cost is \$3.50 per person, payable by cash or check the day of the event. People who plan to attend must register by Friday, March 21, by calling Jen DeRice at 799-2868.

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'Best event of the year' to happen on March 19

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parents Association will hold its annual Basketball Bonanza fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, in the school gym.

At the event, the eighth-grade girls' basketball team will take on a team of women faculty members, and players on the eighth-grade boys' team will take on CEMS male faculty players.

"This is by far the best event of the year and has always been my favorite," MSPA member, organizer Karen Hare, said. "The energy in the gym is incredible."

Admission will be \$2 per person, with a \$10 maximum per family. Kids younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Hare at khare@maine.rr.com for more information.

Baseball dance, auction planned for March

The Cape Elizabeth High School Baseball Boosters will hold their sixth annual Spring Dance and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 22, in the social room at St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish.

The event will run from 8 to 11:59 p.m. and will include a silent auction, food, a cash bar, and music by DJ Aaron Filieo, the head CEHS football coach and a Cape Elizabeth Middle School teacher.

Proceeds raised by the event help support assistant coaches' salaries, equipment,

field repairs, and other costs not covered by school funding.

Advance tickets are \$15 per person and \$30 per couple. At the door, a single ticket will cost \$20, and couples will pay \$35.

Contact Paul Godfrey at pgodfrey@hntb.com; Donna Peterson at 229-5949 or dpeterson@petersondesigngroup.us; Jane Bozek at boowaz3@maine.rr.com; or any baseball booster to buy a ticket.

The church is located at 8 Two Lights Road.

CEHS National Honor Society holding drive

Cape Elizabeth High School's National Honor Society is holding a drive to collect hygiene products for Maine children suffer-

ing from terminal illness. People can drop off travel-sized shampoos, toothpaste, soap, and toothbrushes at the school.

The group is also collecting donations to help sponsor the wish of one child in Maine who has a terminal illness. The drive and fundraising will continue through February.

Contact Lauren Tarantino at ltarantino@capeelizabeth.schools.org for more information.

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Eleven Cape Elizabeth High School writers win Scholastic Writing Awards; six win Gold Keys



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Cape Elizabeth High School students, left to right, Jana Freedman, Natalie Gale, Eva Miele, Lily Jordan, Kate Hansen and Ben Stanley are Scholastic Writing Award Gold Key winners.

Eleven Cape Elizabeth High School writers recently earned honors for their work in the Maine regional Scholastic Writing Awards program. Six will move on to the national level in the competition, the longest-running recognition program in the U.S. for young writers.

An untitled science fiction/fantasy piece by sophomore Kate Hansen received not only a Gold Key award, honoring the competition's "most accomplished" works, but it was also named one of five regional American Voices nominees. The designation is given to "best in region," said Jennifer Camire of the University of Southern Maine, cohost of the 2014 regional competition with the Southern Maine Writing Project. Hansen received a second Gold Key for a poem, "The Piano."

Junior Lily Jordan also received two Gold Keys – one for a personal essay/memoir, "Breaking the Ice," and the other, in the per-

suasive writing category, for "Another Victim Of The Green-eyed Monster: Iago As Homosexual."

Junior Ben Stanley received a Gold Key for a personal essay/memoir, "Ben and Baseball." Also earning Gold Key honors were sophomore Eva Miele's personal essay/memoir, "No Direction"; sophomore Jana Freedman's poem, "I Sit And Untangle My Hair," and freshman Natalie Gale's personal essay/memoir, "Trip To Paradise."

Works by Hansen, Jordan, Gale and Miele also won the competition's second highest honor, a Silver Key, along with pieces by junior Hannah Preble, sophomore Caitlin O'Sullivan and freshman Maggie Gleason.

Submissions by Stanley and freshmen Nathaniel Jordan and Amelia Melanson received honorable mentions.

Students' works are blindly judged, first regionally and then nationally in mid-March by panels of judges comprised of renowned authors. Criteria include originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

Former recipients of Scholastic Writing Awards include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates and Lena Dunham.

The writers will be honored at a March 14 ceremony at the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus. A ceremony for national award winners is planned June 6 at Carnegie Hall in New York.

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St. Bartholomew to offer March 4 Mardi Gras, Irish dinner, faith-sharing groups during Lent

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish has a busy schedule planned for Lent.

Mardi Gras

Parishioners from St. Bartholomew, along with members of St. John and Holy Cross parishes in South Portland, will host a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, March 4, at the church, 8 Two Lights Road. All will be welcome.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with children's games and face painting. Members of the churches' youth ministry will lead a 5 p.m. Lenten prayer service, which will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by a pork loin and macaroni and cheese dinner prepared by the parishes' Knights of Columbus.

The event also will include the crowning of a Mardi Gras king and queen who will judge a marching band contest.

Dinner will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$25 for families of four. People can take out dinner or eat at the church. Proceeds from the event will benefit the youth ministry. Call 799-5528 to reserve a space.

St. Patrick's Irish dinner

St. Bartholomew parishioners will host a

traditional Irish boiled dinner in honor of St. Patrick at noon on Sunday, March 16. The menu will include corned beef, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, and dessert, and the event will include a chance for people to win door prizes.

Dinner will be \$10 per person, \$8 for senior citizens 65 years and older, \$5 for children 6-18 years old, and any child 5 and younger will eat for free. Call 799-5528 to buy tickets.

Faith-sharing groups

During Lent, St. Bartholomew will offer eight Bible study programs and groups. Groups will focus on topics ranging from the spirituality of caregiving to basic Biblical literacy and the Gospel of St. John.

One group will reflect on weekly Sunday readings.

Members of another group will support each other in a faith-based diet and exercise program, and another will focus on spiritual aspects of aging.

Go to www.saintbarts.com or contact Kathy Williamson at 799-5528, extension 102, or kathy.williamson@portlanddiocese.org for more information about group topics, times, locations, and materials.

Seminar on 'hospice choice' planned on March 2

A workshop, "Spiritual Issues and the Hospice Choice," the second in a four-part series, "The New Art of Dying," sponsored by St. Alban's Episcopal Church's health ministry, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the church, 885 Shore Road.

Priscilla Platt, an ordained interfaith chaplain who developed the "End-of-Life Choices" program at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, leads the series, which is open to all adults.

The series' final two sessions also will be

held from 2 to 4 p.m.: "The Difficult Subject of 'Hastening' Death" on March 9, and "Advanced Directives" on March 16.

Platt teaches courses for people with chronic illness and chronic pain through Southern Maine Agency on Aging and is a Hospice of Southern Maine volunteer. A cancer survivor, and a member of the Patient and Family Engagement and Experience Leadership Team at Maine Health, she has personal experience dealing with the Maine health care system.

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Cape Methodist plans public supper, service on Ash Wednesday

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church plans three events during the first half of March.

Public supper

The church will host a public supper on Saturday, March 1, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The menu will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pies for dessert. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and families – two adults and children – will pay \$20. Take-out will be available.

Ash Wednesday service

An Ash Wednesday service, "Hunger for God," is set for 6 p.m. on March 5. The special service, which will be held in the church's narthex, will include a light supper of soup and bread. The public is invited to attend and participate.

Women's group

The United Methodist Women of the Cape Elizabeth UMC plan a program, "Prayer and Self Denial," which will include lunch, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, in the church's Sunshine Room. All women are invited to attend the event and the group's monthly gatherings.

Members of the public are invited to all of the events. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org for more information.

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Council

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from 28 members of the public, and with more than a dozen emails and letters to reflect on, the committee presented a draft Shooting Range Ordinance for council consideration.

The proposed regulations focus primarily on safety issues and only somewhat on regulating noise. Ken Cole, special legal counsel for the town, explained why.

Maine law specifically blocks towns from adopting noise ordinances to prohibit authorized shooting ranges, said Cole.

He added that the town's 1941 Disturbing the Peace Ordinance specifically allows the firing of firearms at authorized shooting ranges. The Spurwink Gun and

"I'm happy that I'm not one of these elected councilors. I'm sure it's going to be a difficult process."

—Town Attorney Ken Cole

Rod Club is an authorized firing range and is the town's only one.

The proposed ordinance, Cole said, seeks to strike a balance between the property rights of the club, gun rights protected under the U.S. Constitution, and the public safety rights of all residents.

The ordinance proposes to establish a Firing Range Committee to recommend the licensing criteria and process for the firing

range and for any future range expansion.

The committee would include two councilors, one club member, a member of the general public, and a certified firearm-safety instructor.

It was clear from the limited public comment allowed at the meeting that residents were sharply divided on the issues surrounding the operation of the firing range.

What the ordinance tries to do is create

cause I won a lot with Shane, and I like winning. With Page, I didn't win so much."

Dog agility may look cute and fun – dogs run through tunnels, jump over hurdles, weave through closely spaced poles and jump through rings – but dog handling and training is not for loafers.

Throughout the year, Ratner competes two to four weekends a month at two- or three-day competitions. Because there are no United States Dog Agility Association

events in Maine, she chose to attend UMass but first took a year off between high school and college to work on agility.

In Amherst, where she lives in an apartment, Ratner typically trains Kelso by making him do core work with an exercise ball three times a week. On the off-days she takes him hiking or lets him run off leash for 45 minutes to an hour.

Because Ratner's apartment this year is smaller, she has no agility equipment at

an impartial process for weighing the competing rights involved, explained Cole.

"I'm not for an instant trying to say that this is an easy process," said Cole. "I'm happy that I'm not one of these elected councilors. I'm sure it's going to be a difficult process."

Fort Williams Park events set

The council also approved the group requests for the following events at Fort Williams Park:

June 8: CEHS Graduation

June 14: Family Fun Day

Aug. 2: TD Beach to Beacon 10K Race

Aug. 31: Labor Day Weekend Art Show (rain date Sept. 1)

Oct. 19: ACS Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk

Westminster

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der collie, taught her how to lose.

"Page was humbling and funny, and sometimes she just wanted to have fun. She would smoke a class and crush everyone, or she would just jump on the judges and lick them in the middle of the competition," Ratner said. "She taught me how to lose, be-

School Board

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learning and teacher engagement in instruction; and aligning the school budget with "strategic plan goals and target resources."

The list of actions proposed to bring about the targets at Cape Elizabeth's three

schools is so long that Nadeau didn't present them at the Feb. 11 meeting.

"Without getting paper the size of the table, I couldn't really put them in a five-year plan to make it readable for tonight," she said.

But some of the actions and initiatives proposed to meet targets include teacher training; the development of a standards-based assessment and reporting; full-day kindergarten for all students; and iPads for all students.

At the meeting, Nadeau presented methods the district will use to measure the schools' progress in meeting the goals.

Among them: by June 2018, 95 percent of Cape students should meet proficiency levels in reading and 90 percent in math; 65 percent of high-school students should pass one advanced-placement exam; the three-year average of CEHS students scoring at least 500 on the SAT prior to graduation should increase to 80 percent in reading, 81 percent in writing and 77 percent in math;

and 70 percent of students with disabilities should annually demonstrate a year or more of growth in reading, and 65 percent of students in math.

At their annual half-day retreat on Feb. 28, School Board members will discuss the list of initiatives and strategies.

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Cape Elizabeth resident **Tyler Mercer** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., where he is majoring in history.

Ian Riddell, a freshman at St. Joseph's College of Maine in Standish, was named to the Great Northeast Athletic Conference's weekly honor roll the first week of February for his performance in a Feb. 1 swim meet at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. There he earned top finishes in the 50-free and 100-free events and swam legs for both of the St. Joseph's runner-up relay teams.

Eight Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of New England in Biddeford: **Samuel Casey, Sara MacDonald, Casey O'Donovan, Owen Pearson, Abby Pierce, Michelle Resnick, Trillium Rintel, and Natalie Underdown**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Rebecca Strout**, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, recently directed "The 39 Steps," a comedy that parodies spy stories, British culture of the 1930s, and live theater, at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. The daughter of **Andy and Kelly Strout**, she is a junior majoring in graphic design.

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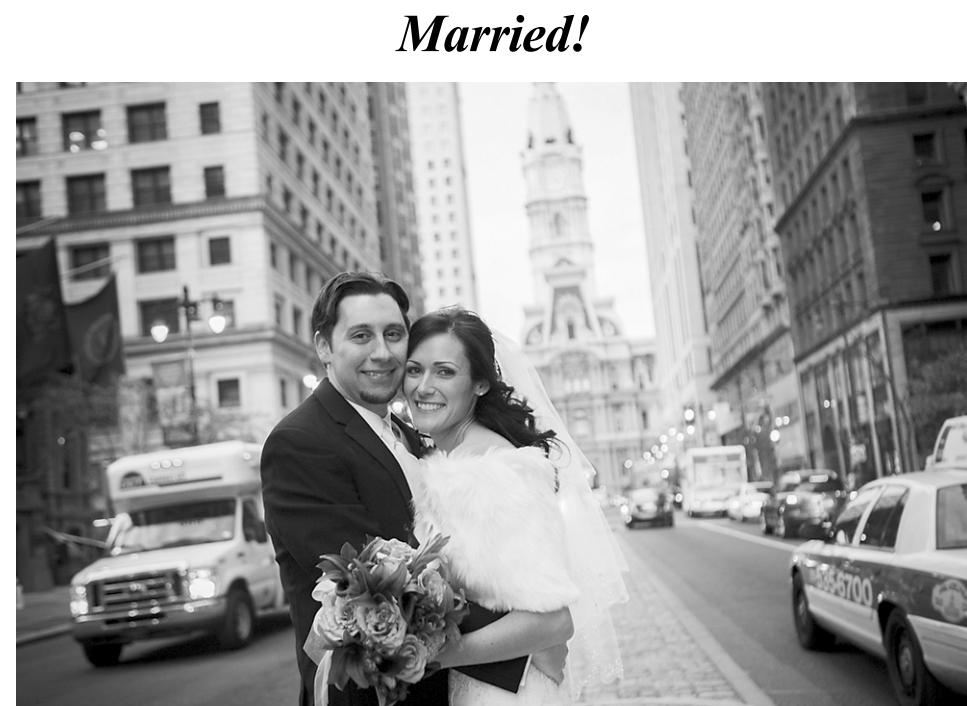
Two 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduates were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington. **Clifton Bauman** is a dietetics, nutrition and food sciences major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Kisa Tabery**, who hasn't declared a major, is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Natalie Grace Underdown, the daughter of **Frank and Ann Underdown**, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of New England in Biddeford, where she is a freshman majoring in pre-pharmacy. Natalie graduated in 2013 from Cape Elizabeth High School.

Jenna Scott, the granddaughter of **Jean Scott** of Cape Elizabeth and Milton Scott of Scarborough and the daughter of Michelle and **Jason Scott** of Saco, placed second in dramatic interpretation at the Jan. 25 Maine State Speech Tournament. Jenna's father Jason is a 1987 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School. Jenna is a junior at Thornton Academy.

Marlo Dell'Aquila, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., where she is a freshman working toward a degree in sports medicine.

Two Cape Elizabeth students recently were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. **Brian Brett** and **Kathryn Cavanaugh** graduated in 2012 from Cape Elizabeth High School.



Jamie and John Hatz were married on Nov. 9 in Philadelphia.

Jamie Derzawiec, daughter of **Ed and Wendy Derzawiec** of Sweet Fern Road, was married to John Hatz, son of John Jr. and Sharon Hatz of Naples, Fla., at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 9.

Celebrating the Mass was the Rev. James Oliver. The bride, a 2003 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, was attended by Cape classmates **Rhiannon Gill Guzelian**, matron of honor, and **Virginia Weill**; co-workers Katherine Linsey of Philadelphia and Sara Scott of Washington, D.C.; and her sister, **Julie Derzawiec** of Cape Elizabeth. The groom's attendants were his col-

leagues Gavin Tully, best man; and Joseph Monani, Christopher Saveri, Joshua Forstater and Michael Wagner.

A reception was held in the grand ballroom of the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in downtown Philadelphia.

The couple are 2007 graduates of Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. They enjoyed a two-week honeymoon to Australia and are now living in the Pennsport neighborhood of South Philadelphia with their dog Sydney.

Jamie is a nurse at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and John is a senior event planner for Sparks in Philadelphia.

Lindsay Stephen, a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn.

Two Cape Elizabeth High School graduates recently were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. **Samuel Naseef** is a senior majoring in robotics engineering and mechanical engineering. **William McCarthy** is a sophomore majoring in physics.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish. **Joseph Doane**, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is the son of **Joe and Pauline Doane**. **William Brooks**, a 2012 CEHS graduate, is the son of **Rich and Kim Brooks**.

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