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School budget proposal includes 3 percent increase, all-day kindergarten

By Wendy Keeler

As they do every year at this time, Cape Elizabeth School Board members are going line by line through Superintendent Meredith Nadeau's proposed budget for the next school year, a \$23,203,924 plan that would increase spending by \$675,846, or 3 percent.

Under the plan, the owner of a house valued at \$314,000 would pay an extra \$113 in property taxes for education, or an increase of 36 cents for every thousand dollars of valuation.

The superintendent's proposal assumes the school district will receive the \$2,620,194 in funding that the Cape schools got this year from the state. Other unknown variables that could "significantly impact" the plan include state revenues, insurance increases and the outcome of contract negotiations with the school employees' union, the Cape Elizabeth Education Association, Nadeau said in her overview of the budget plan.

Under the proposal, salaries and benefits, which account for 80 percent of school spending, are budgeted at \$18.5 million, a 2.7 percent increase.

"We believe this budget supports our commitment to providing students with access to quality programs, maintaining a high-caliber staff, and preserving the district's reputation for excellence," Nadeau states in her budget introduction.

Full-time kindergarten for all

Unlike any Cape Elizabeth school budget plan before it, the 2014-2015 proposal

—see SCHOOL BUDGET, page 14

Still of winter



Photo by Sarah Beard Buckley

... and the promise of spring



Photo by Martha Agan

Top photo: An icy clump of pitch pine; Bottom photo: Cottony buds of pussy willows herald more pretty things to come.

Municipal budget proposal would up tax rate 1 percent

By Patricia McCarthy

In 29 years as Cape Elizabeth's town manager, Mike McGovern certainly has learned to expect the unexpected, and that's what he got when preparing the municipal budget for fiscal year 2015.

He said March 1 that he was feeling quite pleased to be able to give the Town Council a draft that included no tax rate increase. That is, until he got some late-breaking news about the town's retirement plan.

"My original stated goal was to present a budget with a tax rate less than the rate of inflation, and a stretch goal that I thought we had reached was having no tax increase," he said. "But we got a late surprise that, inexplicably, four people who had worked here were added to our legacy plan."

McGovern said he is trying to determine what led to the addition, which will cost the town about \$80,000.

So the proposal councilors will start discussing on March 17 contains \$9.285 million in general fund municipal spending, \$1.1 million for the Cumberland County assessment, and \$199,200 for the local share of the Homestead Exemption — totaling \$10.6 million in general fund spending, excluding the school and Community Services budgets.

The proposed amount for town expenses is up by \$253,601 or 2.8 percent over FY 2014.

The proposed tax rate for municipal services alone is up 1 percent or 4 cents per \$1,000 valuation. For a home valued at \$300,000, this amounts to \$1 a month. The tax rate for just municipal services would be \$3.58 per \$1,000 valuation. With

—see TOWN BUDGET, page 14

Debate over how to define shoreland-protection zone continues March 18

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold its third public hearing on a proposed new method for marking the high-water line along Cape Elizabeth's coast at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Town Hall.

The line determines the edge of the shoreland-protection zone. Only limited construction is allowed within 250 feet of the line, and it is prohibited within 75 feet.

Currently, the town's zoning ordinance

defines the line as the top of a bank, beach or hill "which is the apparent extreme limit of the effect of the tide."

Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal has suggested the town instead use a more objective, consistent standard, such as the state Department of Environmental Protection's benchmark, "highest annual tide."

In the year since McDougal made his recommendation, the Planning Board has held several workshops, including one with

scientist Peter Slovinsky of the Maine Geological Survey. Slovinsky's presentations on the effects of rising sea levels and associated storm surges convinced the board that the elevation of the "highest astronomical tide" measured over a 19-year period, plus 3 additional feet, should be used to mark the high-water line. Highest astronomical tides occur when the moon and sun are closest to the earth, and are recalculated every 20 to 25 years.

The board's first hearing in July proposed using the highest annual tide, the state's definition which changes every year, but residents argued that it fell short of Cape Elizabeth's standard for environmental protection.

A second hearing in January presented the astronomical tide plus 3 feet as the measure, but residents further argued it would conflict

—see LINE, page 4

State champs!

Members of the Cape Elizabeth High School girls Alpine ski team made school sports history March 1 by winning Cape's first Class B state championship at Mount Abram in Greenwood. Sara Paclat, second from right, the team's only senior, holds the trophy with her teammates, from left, Sophie Hewitt, Abby McInerney, Emma Dvorozniak, Emma Landes, Caroline Paclat, Kinnon McGrath, Haley Fawcett and Vicky Szalontai. In giant slalom, Cape had six of the top nine racers.

Dvorozniak and Hewitt were named to the Maine Alpine team.

Photo by Allison Landes



Town's second annual literacy festival begins March 12

Cape's three public schools, Thomas Memorial Library, and other local organizations will offer literacy-themed events and activities from March 12 to April 12 focused on the theme "Telling Our Stories."

An "AuthorFest," a popular event in last year's festival, returns again from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and will include more than 30 authors and illustrators from across New England.

Details about festival activities for students will be distributed to parents through the schools. Details about library events for adults and children can be found on the library's website. See page 6 for more details.



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CEMS students perform in state Honors Festival

Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade band and chorus students represented Cape in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival March 1 at Westbrook Middle School. Top photo, from left are chorus students Caroline Murphy, Myra Diehl, Anna Stevens, Julia Pilk, Tess Dolan, Sarah Knupp, Olivia Reale-Haten and Ellie Krigman. Bottom photo from left, back row, are band members Camden Accuosti, Sam Preble, Noah Olsen, Harry Baker, Grace Roberts, Jessie Robicheaw, Katie Bozek, Julie Derzawiec; front row: Kate Friberg, Sophie Miller, Evan Medunitza, Ryan Oberholtzer Maddie Culkin and Fiona Simpson.



Photos by Nancy Murray

Assessor explains how to qualify for exemptions

Have you filed for a Homestead Exemption? The Homestead Exemption grants up to a \$10,000 exemption from the assessed value of primary residences. This benefit resulted in a tax reduction of \$162.80 to each qualified taxpayer for the most recent tax bill. To qualify for the exemption, applicants must:

1. Be a legal Maine resident on April 1.
2. Have owned and occupied a homestead in Maine for a minimum of 12 months prior to April 1. (The property must be held in the name of the applicant(s). Properties held in corporate ownership do not qualify.
3. The homestead must be the applicant's permanent place of residence.

Another exemption that property owners may qualify for is the Veteran's Exemption. Certain veterans of the armed forces are entitled to receive an exemption to a portion of their property taxes. To qualify, a veteran must

be 62 and have and served during a federally recognized war period. Fully disabled veterans may qualify regardless of age and term of service. Please contact the Assessing Department if you believe you may qualify.

Applications for both programs are available in the Assessing Department at Town Hall and online at www.capeelizabeth.com. If you believe you are qualified to receive either exemption, but haven't previously filed an application, then I encourage you to apply. People who have filed for the home you currently occupy do not need to reapply. If you moved within Cape Elizabeth during the past year, you need to apply for your new residence.

Completed application must be received on or before April 1 to qualify for the upcoming year. For questions about these exemptions, please call 799-1619.

Matthew E. Sturgis, CMA, assessor

Proud resident congratulates speech/debate teams

My sincere congratulations to all involved during Cape's fantastic speech/debate season! I am an 18-year resident of Cape Elizabeth and can summarize my feelings about the team in four words: I am extremely proud!

Cape schools are known for excellence and yet speech and debate (also called "forensics") have rarely elicited the same media attention as other school activities. So imagine my joy reading about a team with young adults who will, inevitably, make a profound mark on society.

I know the value of having a forensics background. I competed in it, coached it, and have encountered hundreds who have speech and debate expertise. Few people realize that experiences in forensics are common. For example, people as diverse as Bruce Springsteen, Margaret Thatcher, Lee Iacocca, Oprah Winfrey, and Dr. Henry

Heimlich (of Heimlich Maneuver fame) all competed in speech or debate.

I'm confident that Cape's team members, too, will emerge as leaders who will make a difference in a culture where discourse and dialogue have been replaced with dissent and disgust.

These young people have cultivated skills in persuasion and extemporaneous speaking, for instance, and these are precisely the competencies that distinguish a democracy from a dictatorship or oligarchy. These portable skills are also instrumental in job success.

So let's salute this extraordinary team in our community ... our state Champions! Their efforts usually go unnoticed. But these are precisely the efforts that make me (and many others) more willing to pay the taxes we do for our great schools!

Rich West, Ph.D.

Resident urges action to prevent bigger class size

Dear Cape Elizabeth families, grandparents, and members of the community,

On March 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the School Board will be reviewing the 2014-15 budget at the high school library. Among other things, the School Board will be looking at staffing issues in detail.

The current budget proposal would create class sizes above the district guidelines for

optimum size. All School Board meetings are public and include an opportunity for public comment.

I strongly encourage you to attend the meeting or send your opinion about the allocation of taxpayer resources to the superintendent and/or the School Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Libby

Lennon urges residents to support farm family's barn raising

I read your front page article (Feb. 12 *Courier*) about the Jordan family's plans for a community barn raising with delight. Good for them! This family's roots go back hundreds of years, with an impressive record of generosity and public service to Cape Elizabeth. I applaud the younger generation's desire to modernize and keep their family farm and historic tradition, flourishing.

I encourage everyone in Cape to help make this a success. Stop by today and write a check; the money will go to preserving our beautiful open land, working farms and heritage. It will show we are serious when we say "Let's preserve our farmland." And best of all, your investment will be returned to you tenfold when you enjoy fresh, local, delicious produce from June through October with the money you invest now.

I have been buying our vegetables from Alewife's for 15 years, enjoying a wide variety of amazing produce, picked that morning and on my table by dinner. I can't imagine summer without a daily stop at Alewife's. I know I will be there with a hammer in hand on the day building begins, and I've already stopped by with my checkbook. I urge everyone to join this win-win project.

Sara Lennon

Councilor seeks help for fellow farmers

On March 25, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hear from town residents and farmers Mary Ellen and Austin Chadd, owners of Green Spark Organic Farm, for the denial of a building permit to construct a greenhouse on their property to grow fresh organic vegetables.

Please come show your support for the agricultural viability of Cape Elizabeth.

Caitlin Jordan

Kitchen manager at CEHS appreciates student's hard work

We at the Cape Elizabeth High School Cafe would like to recognize the efforts of a senior student, Jordan Greer, for her hard work to bring back the "Chef of the Month."

Jordan has been assisted by Brandy LaPoint as an adviser. Jordan has made numerous contacts throughout the community, setting up the dates for area chefs to come visit our school. We applaud her and feel she should be recognized!!

Pamela Gerrish, CEHS kitchen manager

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Cape legislators: Let's find better way to tackle growing drug-abuse problem

By state Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig and state Sen. Rebecca Millett

Commentary

We've heard a lot about Maine's growing drug problem. The state has seen the number of heroin-related deaths quadruple between 2011 and 2012.

Now, the Maine Attorney General's Office reports that of all criminal cases filed over the past year, those involving the trafficking of heroin rose from roughly 8 percent in 2012 to over 20 percent in 2013. That same year, over 1,700 drug trafficking-related charges were filed.

This problem doesn't just affect drug abusers. New child-protection cases reached a near-record number in 2013 at 938.

These numbers have reinvigorated the debate on how to address this serious issue in Maine.

Gov. Paul LePage, in his State of the State address, spoke to the issue and how he plans to tackle it. Unfortunately, his approach took the backwards approach of punishment over treatment and prevention.

In the speech, and throughout his tenure, the governor has expressed the belief that a higher rate of arrests and incarcerations is the solution to Maine's drug problem.

He has called for an additional 14 Maine drug enforcement agent positions across the state and for more prosecutors and judges to handle the inevitable increase in drug cases that would result from this drug policy.

LePage spoke of a greater need for compassion as we tackle Maine's biggest problems; yet his actions reflect just the opposite.

While law enforcement plays a key part, treatment is what is most needed to reduce drug abuse in the future. Maine has lost ground in the fight against drug abuse, and it can't regain that ground through punishment alone.

An iron-fist approach may be effective in getting drug abusers off the streets temporarily, but it does little to prevent substance abuse in the long run and, in fact, may make

the problem more difficult to address.

Plus, this approach is very costly. Drug abuse costs Maine an estimated \$1.4 billion in medical, criminal, and incarceration costs, while treatment and prevention have been proven to have a tremendous return on investment. In fact, every \$1 spent on drug-abuse treatment saves \$4 in medical costs and \$7 in law-enforcement and incarceration costs.

The United States has spent the last 40 years addressing drug abuse in large part through force. As a result, our nation has the highest rate of incarceration in the world, along with the largest prison population in the world. Yet, America's struggle with drug abuse has not improved and has, in many ways, worsened.

Punitive measures only tackle a problem once it's present, but a prison record doesn't fix an addiction.

Treatment and preventative measures are what keep our state ahead of the curve by reducing the rate of drug abuse and helping victims of addiction make positive changes in their lives.

Let's learn from our past strategy and develop a modern comprehensive approach that adopts both punitive and preventative measures. Maine is in a unique position to lead the rest of the nation on the right approach to tackling drug misuse.

Rep. Kim Monaghan-Derrig is serving her second term in the Maine House, representing District 121. She is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future.

Sen. Rebecca Millett is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing District 29. She is the Senate chair for the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and also sits on the Taxation Committee.

Millett announces bid for re-election at caucus

State Sen. Rebecca Millett chose the local Deomocratic caucus on March 2 to announce her bid for re-election for District 29 (formerly District 7), which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and part of Scarborough.

"It has been an honor to serve my community," said Millett, "and it would be a privilege to continue my work for the people of this district."

Representatives for U.S. Senate candidate Shenna Bellows and Maine gubernato-

rial candidate U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud, as well as state Reps. Kim Monaghan-Derrig and Scott Hamann attended the caucus.

Among other business, delegates were elected to the state Democratic Convention, to be held May 30-31 in Bangor, and to the county committee, and some newcomers to town were registered to vote.

Democratic leaders announced plans to open a small Democratic headquarters in town six weeks before the election and encouraged Democrats to contribute.

GOP leaders encourage local, state participation

Cape Elizabeth Republicans met March 1 for their biannual caucus. Delegates to the state convention were chosen, and signatures were collected for candidates for the upcoming state House and Senate races, governor's race, and U.S. Senate race this November.

A representative of Sen. Susan Collins' (R-Maine) office, and Cumberland County District Attorney Stephanie Anderson were on hand for the event.

While some towns chose to caucus on their own, as Cape Elizabeth did, many others held their caucuses at the Cumberland County Republican Convention, held on Feb. 22 in Westbrook.

"It was a great event, with many well-known keynote speakers," said Julie McDonald, who chairs the Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee. "All registered Cape Elizabeth Republicans are welcome to attend these events, and we encourage

them to get involved at the county and local levels," McDonald said.

The Maine Republican Party will hold its convention April 25-26 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Cape Elizabeth Republicans meet the fourth Tuesday of every month on the second floor of the Community Services building at 7 p.m.

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Line

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with how the shoreland zone is depicted on the town's zoning map.

Most speakers said they favored keeping the "top of a bank" as a marker.

The proposal up for hearing in March retains the astronomical tide measure, but differs from the earlier proposal by stating that the high-water line needs to be verified in the field before shoreland-zone restrictions are enforced.

"We've added this additional language that basically says that the physical characteristics that are on the ground are what determine the boundary of the shoreland district," said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara at the board's meeting Feb. 24. Wetland boundary definitions have similar language elsewhere in the ordinance, she said.

If approved, the town would use 14.6 feet as the elevation for the high-water line. The figure is based on a highest astronomical tide of 11.6 feet recorded at Portland Head Light for the period between 1983-2001, plus an extra 3 feet.

Board Chairwoman Victoria Volent said she was comfortable adding 3 extra feet to the tide measure, citing scientific data on storm surge and rising sea levels. "Within 100 years, scientists believe (highest astronomical tide) will be 13.6 feet," she said. "So when we look at our definition of 14.6 feet, we're very close to where the tide will be," she said.

The Planning Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Council, which will likely refer it to committee before another required public hearing and adoption.

Mitchell Highlands lot split also up for hearing March 18

In other matters, the board also set a hearing for March 18 on a request from Eric Hulse to split a lot he owns at 27 Killdeer Road in the Mitchell Highlands subdivision. The resulting second lot, roughly half the size of the existing one-acre parcel, would have frontage on Astor Lane in the neighboring Cottage Brook subdivision.

Mitchell Highlands was approved in the 1960s. Cottage Brook, the neighboring subdivision, originally was called Spurwink Woods and approved in 2008.

Astor Lane has yet to be constructed or accepted by the town as a public way, so the board plans to stipulate that no building permit be issued until the road is accepted.

Education Foundation underwrites visit by renowned storyteller Len Cabral

By Rosemary Ginn, Pond Cove School reading teacher

Internationally acclaimed storyteller Len Cabral is coming to Cape Elizabeth for an eight-day residency.

He'll spend four days at Pond Cove Elementary School from March 17-20 and will be at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School from March 24-27.

Cabral will give performances and work with groups of students to teach them that stories are not merely entertainment; they're an opportunity to share life lessons, to make history come to life, and to convey information orally and through writing.

He'll also share tips with teachers on how to use storytelling as an effective teaching tool.

Cabral has been enchanting audiences with his storytelling performances at schools, libraries, museums and festivals since 1976. A great-grandson of a Cape Verdean whaler whose grandparents immigrated to America from the islands off the coast of West Africa, Len's strong Cape Verdean ancestry comes alive in his exuberant retelling of African, Cape Ver-



Len Cabral

dean, and Caribbean folktales, as well as original stories and tales from around the world.

The recipient of the National Storytelling Network 2001 Circle of Excellence Oracle Award, Cabral has performed at storytelling festivals and given storytelling workshops throughout the United States as well as in Austria, Belgium, Canada, Holland, Ireland, Thailand and Singapore. He lives in Rhode Island.

This residency is funded through a grant from the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.

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Police deal with school-bus passer, burglaries, more

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 2-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for a well-being check.
- 2-11 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about a vehicle that passed a stopped school bus.
- 2-11 An officer met a resident in the Shore Road area about a motor-vehicle burglary. Missing were a pair of prescription sunglasses, a GPS, CDs and loose change.
- 2-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-12 An officer met with a resident of Shore Road regarding a motor-vehicle burglary. Nothing seemed to be missing.
- 2-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about threatening text messages.
- 2-14 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about attempted fraud activity. Attempts were made to transfer funds from her bank account.
- 2-18 An officer met with a resident of Shore Road regarding unauthorized charges on her credit card.
- 2-18 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 2-20 A lost bank card was turned in to the police department. The card was found in the Brentwood area.
- 2-20 An officer responded to the Spurwink Avenue area for the report of a domestic argument. No crime was committed, but

- 2-22 one party departed from the residence.
- 2-22 An officer responded to a motor-vehicle burglary in the Shore Road area. Two vehicles were involved, but nothing was reported missing.
- 2-23 An officer responded to a disturbance in the Mitchell Road area. Two roommates had a disagreement. No changes were filed.

ARRESTS

- 2-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, outstanding warrant, Longfellow Drive
- 2-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, refusing to submit to arrest, failure to give correct name and date of birth, Longfellow Drive

SUMMONSES

- 2-11 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$133
- 2-12 South Portland resident, speeding (39/30 zone), \$119
- 2-14 Raymond resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 2-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, refusing to submit to arrest, failure to give correct name and date of birth
- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (78/50 zone), Ocean House Road, \$263
- 2-19 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-21 Pery resident, failure to produce insurance, Broad Cove Road, \$171
- 2-22 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 2-22 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Wells Road, \$133
- 2-22 Phoenix, Ariz., resident, speeding (53/35

- zone), Route 77, \$185
- 2-23 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Old Ocean House Road, \$171
- 2-23 Auburn resident, possession of marijuana, sale and use of drug paraphernalia, Route 77

FIRE CALLS

- 2-11 Delano Park, fire alarm
- 2-11 Scott Dyer Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-11 Shore Road, fire alarm
- 2-18 Rockwall Lane, overheated motor
- 2-20 Oakview Drive, carbon monoxide investigation

RESCUE CALLS

There were 30 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were three patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Drug Take-Back Day is April 26

On Saturday, April 26 – National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day – Cape Elizabeth residents can bring in their unused and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to the Cape police department for disposal.

“It’s an opportunity to clean their medicine cabinets and dispose of the unwanted medications in a safe and environmentally friendly manner,” says Officer David Galvan.

Items can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Galvan at 767-3323, ext. 208, for more information.

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Key West



Nathaniel and Kathrynne Clay enjoy reading *The Cape Courier* at the southernmost point of the continental United States in Key West, Fla., during a three-week, 15-state East Coast road trip with their parents, David and Robyn.

Courier goes traveling again

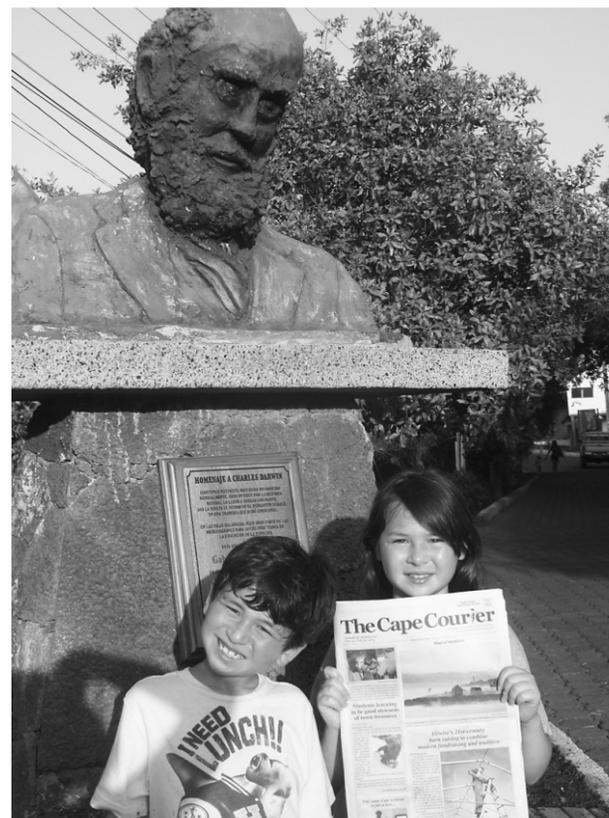


Tanzania

Cape Elizabeth resident Peg Aiken reads *The Cape Courier* while sitting with two Masai Warriors while traveling from Ngorongoro Crater, the largest inactive and unfilled volcanic crater in the world, to the Serengeti in Tanzania during a recent trip.

Galapagos Islands

Under the watchful gaze of Charles Darwin, Cape Elizabeth residents Charlie and Esme Song display the *Courier* at the Charles Darwin Center on the Galapagos Island of Santa Cruz. Esme is a Pond Cove School fourth-grader, and Charlie attends second grade at Pond Cove.



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Cape Elizabeth resident **Nolan Chase** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., where he is a second-year student majoring in chemical engineering at the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Nathan Botelho, the son of Valerie and Paulo Botelho, has been named to the first-semester dean's list at Northeastern University in Boston. A member of the Cape Elizabeth High School class of 2012, Nathan is a sophomore at Northeastern.

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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was 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.

March 12, 1864 – Our cavalry has bade another dashing raid on Richmond. They didn't quite capture the city, but at least succeeded in giving the rebels another big scare. [Portland Transcript]

The "Great Expectations" from Sherman's expedition have not yet been realized. He has captured neither Selma nor Mobile, and it is not clear that he ever had any intention of attacking either city. It is said he has destroyed forty-six miles of the Mobile and Ohio railroad. [Portland Transcript]

The ill-fated steamship *Bohemian* is a complete wreck. The heavy storm of Monday knocked her masts out, broke up her deck and split her asunder. Her valuable cargo was scattered along shore. ... a large number of men [were seen] picking up boxes, bales, silks, neck-ties, stockings and all sorts of goods. Those who pick up the scattered cargo should be content with the salvage, which will repay them handsomely for their trouble. [Portland Transcript]

March 19, 1864 – Five ships and two steamers are now in our harbor preparing for the transportation of the 2d Maine Cavalry. Each ship will carry 110 men and a like number of horses, while the steamers will carry 146 and 200 respectively. Each transport receives on board, subsistence, water and forage for thirty days. Five gallons of water are allowed per day to each horse and one gallon to a man. [Portland Transcript]

The sale at auction, of the damaged goods of the *Bohemian* commenced on Wednes-

day. They are a sight to behold. [Portland Transcript]

Thirty-seven dead bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the *Bohemian*. [Portland Transcript]

Gen. Neal Dow has been exchanged for the rebel Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee [a relative of Robert E. Lee], and arrived at Fortress Monroe on Tuesday evening. He will be heartily welcomed home. [Portland Transcript]

Two-hundred thousand more: The president has called for an additional draft of 200,000 men. The bounties will be continued to the 1st of April and drafting will commence as soon after as practicable. [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:

*US Steamer Carondelet
At anchor at Alexandria Red River
March 20, 1864*

Dear Wife,

This place is in full possession of our forces and the Stars and Stripes wave in triumph over this Rebel hot bed to the great joy and satisfaction of the Negroes. I expect they will all become blind by looking at it so much.

We have captured quite an amount of Cotton that belonged to the Confederate Government and has the Government mark on it all of which will be a prize to the Expedition. Uncle Sam gets one half. The other half will be divided among the 20 gunboats.

How much I shall get for my share is uncertain as I don't know what quantity there is of it. But I will be pretty sure to get two or three hundreds at least. When I learn the amount of the prize money coming to me I will inform you the first opportunity. We are waiting here for the river to rise so that we can get up to Shreveport. It is rising slowly now. There is quite a fleet of Steamers at that place which we intend to capture unless the Rebels destroy them before we get there.

Scott Jordan

First woman to run Tour de France to speak on March 24

Portland native, Zoë Romano, the first person to run the 2,000 miles of the Tour de France route, which she did last year, averaging 30 miles a day, will speak at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 24, at the Cape Elizabeth High School library. All community members are invited to the event, which is sponsored by the High School Parents Association.

During Romano's run, which raised nearly \$200,000 for the World Pediatric Project, an organization that provides access to medical care for children in Central America and the Caribbean, she encountered wild animals, rock slides, and four weeks of rain and overcame injury, illness, and sun poisoning. In 2010, when she was 23, she became the first female to complete a transcontinental run unsupported.

At CEHS, Romano will share her story and encourage others to challenge personal limitations and lead an adventurous lifestyle.

Go to www.capehs.org/events for more information, or contact High School Parents Association Co-president Anne Gale at agale@snowhaven.com or 329-4141.

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CAPE CALENDAR | By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, March 12
School Board Negotiations Committee, 4-6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, March 13
Library Building Committee, 5-7 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Monday, March 17
Town Council Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 18
School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, March 19
Town Council Finance Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, March 20
Library Building Committee, 4-6 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

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

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works

Saturday, March 22
Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Tuesday, March 25
School Board Workshop, Finance Committee and (tentative) Superintendent's Budget Adoption, 6:30-8 p.m., High School library

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., High School library

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.

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Town Council Replay
 March 12 & 13 - 2 & 8 p.m.
 March 15 - 9 a.m.

School Board replay
 March 14 & 15 - 2 & 8 p.m.
 March 16 - 9 a.m.

Words of Peace
 March 15, 15, 22 & 23 - 1 & 7 p.m.

Planning Board (Live)
 March 18 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay
 March 19 & 20 - 2 & 8 p.m.
 March 22 - 9 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)
 March 25 - 7 p.m.

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 March 26 & 27 - 2 & 8 p.m.

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Noel Coward's 'Private Lives' to open March 21

"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. Show times 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.



Photo by Linwood Leland

Rebecca Cole and Jaimie Schwartz star in "Private Lives," opening March 21 at the Portland Players.

Chorus, bands to perform on Thursday, March 13

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.

Lions plan breakfasts, dinner in coming weeks

The Cape Elizabeth Lions will host a spaghetti dinner and two pancake breakfasts in coming weeks at the clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

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

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

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

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

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Zoning Board of Appeals Unexpired term until 12/31/2015

Applicants may apply at www.capeelizabeth.com. Board descriptions are available on the town's website. Questions should be directed to **Debra Lane**, Assistant Town Manager at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Applications must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Monday, March 24, 2014.

Dietitian to speak at March 27 forum

A dietitian will offer tips on how to eat a healthy diet on a budget at a forum planned from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Training Room at 2 Jordan Way.

Registered dietitian Anne LaPierre, who has worked at Hannaford for nearly nine years, will provide shopping tips, recipe ideas and samples.

Light refreshments will be served. The free forum, open to all community members, is sponsored by TRIAD, which is made up of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to address problems faced by older citizens.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Police Officer David Galvan at 767-3323, ext. 208, for more information.

Owl walk on March 26

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust members plan a nighttime owl walk from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26.

The group will start out at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road, and then carpool to several sites in town.

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

Space is limited for the walk, and participants must be 12 years or older. The fee is \$6 per person. Register at least 48 hours in advance through Cape Elizabeth Community Services by going to www.capecommunityservices.org and clicking on "online registration."

Call CELT at 767-6054 or Community Services for more information.

Dinner, auction on March 28 to benefit victims

A benefit dinner and silent auction to help people who will have lost their jobs following November's boiler explosion at Lincoln Paper and Tissue LLC in Lincoln is planned Friday, March 28, at St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church, 8 Two Lights Road. The auction will be at 6 p.m., the dinner at 7 p.m.

An estimated 200 workers are expected to be laid off as a result of the Nov. 2 explosion.

The auction will feature gift certificates

Concert for senior citizens set for March 27

Cape Elizabeth High School jazz musicians will perform music from the Golden Age of jazz for Cape Elizabeth 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 high school's 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 senior trumpet player Matt Oberholtzer received the "Judge's Choice

Award" for outstanding musicianship during the ensemble's performance.

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.

International Affairs Challenge on April 6

Cape Elizabeth High School's World Affairs Council will hold its seventh annual "International Affairs Challenge" at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, in the CEHS cafeteria.

At the event, tables of eight will participate in a trivia-style competition focused on a variety of topics, including current events, geography, regional conflicts and history.

Prizes will go to the top-performing teams. Refreshments will be provided.

The event will benefit WAC, which

seeks to promote awareness of global issues among CEHS students and Cape Elizabeth community members, and organizations with which WAC partners.

Tables of eight can be bought for \$100, and individual seats are available for \$15.

Contact Melissa Oliver moliver@capeelizabethschools.org to buy tickets. Contact Andrew Hollyday at andrew.hollyday@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Magician to perform March 21 at high school

Maine Magician Norman Ng, who does performances all over the country, will present a show at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

Ng, who most frequently performs for college students on university campuses, is not a traditional magician and uses no hats, bunnies or magic wands.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, can be bought during school hours at a ticket box located in the main office. They may

also be purchased at the high school's main entrance from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17.

The CEHS freshman class is organizing the event, which will help the class of 2017 fund activities such as the junior prom and graduation.

Contact Paul Wellman at pwellman@capeelizabethschools.org for more information about the event.

Go to www.normanmagic.com for information about Ng.

'Dead Man Walking' to run March 18, 19



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Robert Mackay and Ysanne Bethel will star in the one-act play, "Dead Man Walking."

Cape Elizabeth High School junior Robert MacKay and senior Ysanne Bethel star in "Dead Man Walking," a one-act play that will be performed Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 19, in the CEHS auditorium.

"This powerful drama contains mature themes about capital punishment and the power of restorative love," CEHS Theater Director Richard Mullen said.

Each year, the CEHS Theater Department, along with high school theater programs across Maine, produces a show for the state's annual One Act Play Festival, an opportunity for schools to showcase theater work of the highest level. After the Cape performances, the show will move on to the annual Regional One Act Festival, which this year will feature performances by more than 80 schools.

Both CEHS performances are set for 7 p.m. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

Contact Mullen at rmullen@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

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STORY TIME THEMES

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

Authors Ford, Nickerson to share law enforcement tales – from humorous to harrowing

The library is pleased to present a special event featuring Maine authors John Ford and Mark Nickerson at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

Ford, a retired Maine game warden, is the author of two books, "Suddenly, the Cider Didn't Taste So Good: Adventures of a Game Warden in Maine" (Islandport Press, 2012;) and "This Cider Still Tastes Funny!: Further Adventures of a Maine Game Warden" (Islandport Press, 2013.)

Nickerson is the author of "Blue Lights in the Night: Real Life Stories of a Maine State Trooper," (North Country Press, 2013.)

Ford, a storyteller, comes from a long line of Maine game wardens. He was sworn into the service shortly after finishing a four-year stint in the Air Force. He spent all of his 20-year warden career in Waldo County in central Maine.

Upon his retirement in 1990, he was elected as county sheriff and re-elected in 1994. He has written a local newspaper column and is a regular contributor to the *Northwoods Sporting Journal*.



Authors John Ford, left, retired game warden, and Mark Nickerson, retired state trooper, will regale audiences with true tales from their many years on the job at a free library event on Tuesday, March 25.

Nickerson, born and raised in a state police family from Vassalboro, got to know many of the original 1925 Maine troopers as they congregated at the Nickerson home once a month for a friendly game of cards.

Awed by their presence and the stories they told, he wanted to be like them. He became a Maine State Trooper in 1977, first

assigned to the Moosehead Lake region while living in Greenville Junction.

Transferring in 1982 to Unity, Nickerson spent the remainder of his career patrolling the roads of Waldo and Kennebec counties.

He became proficient in identifying and apprehending drunk drivers and creating many a memory in dealing with them.

After 28 years, Mark retired and went on to write a column in local papers titled "Real Life Stories of the Maine State Police," in which he relived most of his harrowing and humorous times of being a trooper.

John and Mark have been doing presentations together at libraries and other venues in the state and are, reportedly, "a real hoot!" A book signing will follow this free presentation.

Books by both John and Mark are also available for borrowing from the library's collection.

More information about the authors and their books can be found on the library's website.

Landscape paintings by Freeport artist on display this month

Paintings by Freeport artist Diana Johnson are on view through March at the Thomas Memorial Library Gallery.

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

Special programs replace story times March 17-29; schedule resumes in April

The library's winter story-time session ends March 15, but Rick and Rachel will offer some special programs during a two-week break between sessions.

In addition to the regular World Music with Rob Duquette, which takes place this month on March 20, the library will host two Pirate Parties, a Parent-Child Storybook Workshop, a Dance Party, and a Reader Dog Celebration.

Parents with children ages 3-5 are invited to register for one of two Pirate Parties: at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, and at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 26. Children are invited to come in costume for pirate stories, games, and crafts.

Parents and children of all ages also are invited to attend a Dance Party from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Friday, March 28.

The party will feature traditional dances, like the Hokey Pokey, as well as free dancing to pop music. Children and parents will be invited to play rhythm instruments along with recorded music. No registration is re-

quired. As part of this year's communitywide literacy festival, the library will offer a Parent-Child Storybook Workshop for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Children will select photos of familiar objects, animals, and other subjects to glue onto the pages of their own storybook; they'll make up a story to go along with the pictures, which parents or caregivers will write for them.

The workshop will take place from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 19. Registration is required.

Also as part of the literacy festival, the library will host a celebration for Winston and Maddie, the library's two therapy reader dogs.

Families are invited to meet the two dogs and their handlers and learn about the "Read to a Dog" program.

The celebration, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, will include refreshments and giveaways. No registration is required.

For programs requiring registration, families can register in person, over the phone, or online at the library's website.

The regular Story Time schedule will resume in April.

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Cape Elizabeth High School students, left to right, Alex Mukai, Danny Brett, Henry Gent and Luke Gilman recently earned honors at the Johns Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference in Baltimore.

Cape delegates earn Model UN honors

Four Cape Elizabeth High School students recently played the part of representing their countries so adroitly that they earned honors at last month's Johns Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference in Baltimore.

Sophomore Alex Mukai and junior Luke Gilman won outstanding delegate awards, Mukai for representing Morocco in the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and Gilman for playing the part of Latvian Justice Anita Ušacka, as the International Criminal Court deliberated over whether or not Kim Jong-Un should be found guilty for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Seniors Henry Gent and Danny Brett received honorable mentions. Gent represented Cuba in the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and Brett played the role of a 12th-century member of the Fujiwara clan in Japan.

The 19 Cape students who participated at the conference distinguished themselves, said their advisor, CEHS social studies teacher Melissa Oliver. "[They] performed with diligence, diplomacy, humility and with exceptional grace and class," she said.

To prepare for Model UN conferences, students research the background, history and current economic, social, and political climate of each country they are representing. Then they research and write papers about the country's positions on major issues.

'Anything Goes' at CEMS to run April 3-6



The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Drama Club will present its spring musical, "Anything Goes," April 3-6. Set aboard a cruise liner from New York to London, the show turns back time to the 1930s. The age-old tale of boy meets girl and the complications that ensue features Cole Porter tunes. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids/students and are available in advance at the CEMS office or at the door.

Event to feature what's 'new in science, technology'

Cape Elizabeth students and community members will present projects and hands-on demonstrations related to science, technology, engineering and math at a "Maker Celebration" set for 6:30 p.m. March 18, in the Pond Cove/Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeteria.

This fall, at the first-ever Maker Celebration, 150 people turned out to check out projects presented by students, community members and business people. People who attended were able to drive a VEX robot, operate a hydraulically driven excavator staffed by Skip Murray of LP Murray and Sons, view a cutaway model of an internal combustion engine, and more.

Although the March 18 event is targeted to students in kindergarten through sixth grade who want

to display projects, "all are welcome" to present projects, said organizer Evan Thayer, a Cape Elizabeth High School science teacher and the founder of Cape Elizabeth's robotics programs.

"The philosophy of these Maker Celebrations is there is always something new in science and technology, so while we will have some repeat stations - crayon melting and pouring into molds, cutaway of internal combustion engines - there will also be new exhibits."

Thayer is interested in hearing from community members who are interested in contributing to future Maker Celebration events. Contact him at ethayer@capeelizabetschools.org for more information.

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Two students' art now on display

Artwork by two Cape Elizabeth students is on exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art through April 6. The museum is located at 7 Congress Square.

Pieces by Pond Cove School fourth-grader Jeanette Kelly and Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader Annabel Powers are among 100 works of art by students throughout the state.

To celebrate National Youth Art Month, the PMA collaborates with the Maine Art Education Association to create a show of artwork



Annabel Powers' digital image, "Frog," is currently on display at the Portland Museum of Art.

created by Maine students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Addiction specialist to speak about marijuana

Addiction medicine specialist Mark Publicker of Mercy Hospital Recovery Center in Westbrook, Maine's largest drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, will speak about marijuana at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. All community members are invited to attend the free lecture, which was postponed from last month because of a snow day.

Publicker, a physician who is president of the Northern New England Society of Addiction Medicine and an associate clinical professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, spoke five years ago at CEHS about the ef-

fects of marijuana on the adolescent brain and body.

"Use in adolescence is one of the strongest predictors of lifetime development of drug dependence. The earlier the exposure, the greater the risk," Publicker said.

Sponsors of the event are Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education, a community-action group that promotes the wellness of Cape Elizabeth youth, the High School Parents Association, the Middle School Parents Association, and the Opportunity Alliance, a Maine organization that works to build stronger communities.

Contact HOPE Co-chair Julie Ewald at julie.ewald@myfairpoint.net for more information.

Dickey reaches 1,000, makes conference team

University of Farmington basketball player Andrew Dickey had a great February. The 6-foot-2-inch senior, a 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, scored his 1,000th career point during a Feb. 25 game against Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. He is the 25th player in the UMF basketball program history to surpass 1,000 career points.

The same week, Dickey was named to the

All North Atlantic Conference first team. Last year, he made the NAC second team.

At the end of January, Dickey was named the Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writers Association Player of the Week and also was North Atlantic Conference Player of the Week.

A team co-captain, he is majoring in community health.

Jim Ray, woodworking students to win award for building bunk beds for tuition-free camp

Cape Elizabeth High School woodworking students and their teacher, Jim Ray, will receive the Camp Susan Curtis Spirit Award later this month in recognition of their work building 60 bunk beds for children at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham. The tuition-free camp serves about 500 economically disadvantaged boys and girls in Maine every year.

The new wooden beds replace the metal beds the camp opened with in the 1970s when then Gov. Ken Curtis and his wife, Polly, founded Camp Susan Curtis in memo-

ry of their daughter Susan.

Last summer campers slept in beds that arrived in the first installment of CEHS students' beds for the camp.

"More than one camper last summer said, 'This is the nicest bed I've ever slept in,' after the first installment was completed," Lori J. Southworth, the camp's director of grants and special events, wrote in a press release.

CEHS students are currently working on the second installment, which should be ready for campers this summer.

Basketball Bonanza fundraiser 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.

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

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

Information meeting about football on April 3

Cape Elizabeth football boosters will hold a meeting for families interested in learning more about town football programs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeteria.

Cape Elizabeth High School head coach Aaron Filieo, CEMS head coach Peter Weare, and Phil Laughlin, the head coach of the youth league, will give short presentations about their programs. Then the three coaches, parent representatives, and Lisa Favreau, the school district's athletic trainer, will answer questions.

Parents can register children in grades 4-12 for fall 2014 football programs from 6

to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, in the CEHS cafeteria.

After the June 1 registration deadline, roster spots won't be guaranteed, and late fees will be charged. Go to www.football.capeelizabethschools.org for information about the high school program, and to www.capefootball.org for youth and middle school programs. Students in seventh and eighth grades play on the middle school team, and students in grades 4-7 play youth football.

Registration forms can be downloaded off both sites. Contact Kelly Phinney at 799-2868 or kphinney@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Baseball dance, silent auction set for March 22

The Cape Elizabeth High School Baseball Boosters will hold their annual Spring Dance and Silent Auction Saturday, March 22, in the social room at St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish, 8 Two Lights Road.

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 sup-

port 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.



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Basketball team gets sportsmanship award St. Bartholomew plans traditional Irish dinner

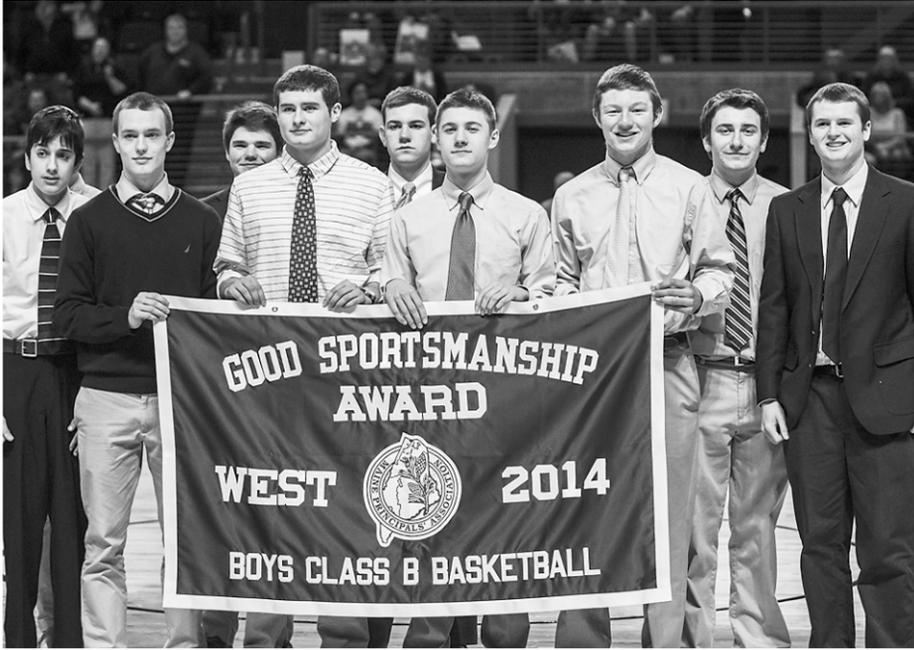


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Cape Elizabeth High School boys' varsity basketball players, left to right, front, Ethan Murphy, Justin Guerette, Jack O'Rourke, Eddie Galvin, David Allen; rear, Roman Medina, Luke Gilman, Jack Hall and Joe Inhorn display the sportsmanship banner they won on March 2.

The Cape Elizabeth High School's boys' basketball team, which finished the season with an 11-7 record, earned the 2014 Western Maine Class B "Good Sportsmanship Award" on March 2 at the Cumberland

County Civic Center in Portland. Coach Jim Ray praised his players. "One of the things I am most proud of is how our team, year in and year out, represents our school and community," he said.

CEMS Nordic teams enjoy successful seasons



Photo by Joanne Black

Cape Elizabeth Middle School's Nordic ski teams ended their seasons on a high note. At the state championship held the last week of February at Shawnee Peak in Bridgton, the boys' team came in second place, and the girls came in fourth. "We had a very new team as we graduated 18 skiers to high school so we were surprised by the success," said Laura McGrath, one of the coaches.

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church 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.

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county tax added in, the tax rate increases to a rounded 5 cents per \$1,000 or 1.3 percent.

The total tax rate, including schools and Community Services in FY 2014 was \$16.28.

The proposed increase in spending includes \$100,000 more for capital funding. McGovern explains that a 10-year capital improvement plan calls for an additional \$100,000 to be allocated annually to meet needs. Plus, \$379,000 not used in FY 2014 will roll over.

This would fund projects including paving and drainage improvements for roads; a new dump/plow truck and a new transfer trailer for the Public Works Department; tax office upgrades, a roof replacement and a card-access system for Town Hall; a new vehicle for the town's fire chief, a new police cruiser and more.

McGovern's proposal includes 2 percent pay raises for all employees, which would amount to \$90,484 in additional costs. The plan also reflects increases for Public Works and police employees who receive step increases in their contracts.

And it includes \$41,743 to restore part-time positions in both the tax office and assessing, codes and planning office to full time. McGovern said the positions had been cut back but that full-time coverage is needed as the economy rebounds and more building permits are being sought and

Upcoming budget review dates

Monday, March 17

Finance Committee review

Wednesday, March 19

Finance Committee Review

Monday, April 14:

Town Council meeting with opportunity for public comment

more work in general is funneling through Town Hall.

Other personnel increases include asking that election workers' pay be raised from \$8.50 an hour to \$10 an hour, "which should help with recruitment and retention," he said.

The draft includes an additional \$70,000 to cover an expected 22 percent increase on health insurance premiums, starting Jan. 1, and an additional \$14,000 for workers compensation costs.

McGovern's proposal also allocates \$32,914 for land acquisition. He explains that the town's Future Open Space Committee recommended that 1 cent be added to the annual tax rate per year, and the council approved that Penny for Land Acquisition last year. The percent for FY 2015 comes

to \$16,457.

The town manager is proposing \$10,000 be set aside to fund the commemoration of Cape Elizabeth's 250th anniversary of incorporation next year. A recently appointed committee would decide how to best spend that money, McGovern said.

On the plus side

Some good news: Cape Elizabeth will pay \$157,035 to ecomaine for waste removal. The assessment and tip fees typically are the largest single line item in the municipal budget, but McGovern noted that the ecomaine board recently voted to eliminate annual assessment fees.

"A year ago, ecomaine completed the paying of its debt and looked at its finances and realized the cost savings should be passed on," he explained.

In summary

"Since receiving the retirement news, I again looked at every line item to see if reductions were advisable to reach a no-tax increase budget," McGovern said in his budget summary. "There was no account I felt comfortable reducing as I understand how dedicated everyone in our organization is to keeping costs down and to keeping services at a level expected by citizens.

"It is my belief that this budget meets the goals set forth when the budget process began a few months ago, and it also follows various council policies and directives provided this year and in past years."

School budget

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calls for full-time kindergarten for all Cape Elizabeth students next year.

Adding the program, which began as a pilot this year and has received "broad support" from the community, Nadeau said, would cost the district about \$243,00. The plan proposes spending about \$143,000 to hire two new teachers and a "one-time impact" of \$100,000 to cover furniture, equipment, supplies, books, technology for two classrooms, kindergarten wing renovations, and professional development for kindergarten teachers, Nadeau said.

Staffing changes

The budget plan proposes \$26,779 in staff additions to the district, where enrollment is expected to remain stable next year. Under the proposal, Pond Cove would

hire an educational technician to handle a variety of duties, and Cape Elizabeth High School would add a two-tenths time science teacher to accommodate physics classes, which have been averaging more than 26 students. The district also would add a one-tenths time bus driver.

CEHS would hire a half-time social worker, but that position would receive federal funding. Pond Cove would extend foreign language to first grade, but the school would accomplish that by using existing staff. Under the proposal, the middle school would lose two instructional support staff members: a teacher and an ed tech.

The plan proposes spending an extra \$12,178 on athletics next year to replace and repair equipment and cover expected increases in league dues, costs for game officials, and coaching certification fees.

The budget plan allots an additional \$8,000 for coaches' stipends for athletics,

robotics and Special Olympics.

Spending for technology would rise \$8,819, or 3.6 percent, next year. Under the plan, CEHS would get 250 new iPads, with the old ones going to students in younger grades. The district also would invest in new software, and replace hardware in the CEMS computer lab.

The superintendent's proposed budget includes a \$10,000 expenditure for professional work that will help the high school renew its accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Capital spending

A \$120,000 reduction in debt service next year will offset spending for facilities, Nadeau said. Under the superintendent's proposal, \$69,000 would go to a new boiler for the Pond Cove/Middle School complex, and the remaining money toward roof replacement and maintenance.

The budget plan also calls for spending \$35,000 to lease a bus to transport students to and from athletic and extracurricular activities.

School Board budget workshops are planned for Tuesday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 25. The workshops are scheduled to be videotaped and can be viewed on

the district website, www.cape.k12.me.us, by going to the School Board link and then to "budget information."

Community Services

Although the School Board oversees the Cape Elizabeth Community Services' budget, that budget is separate from the school budget.

Spending for Community Services is estimated to increase 5.4 percent, and revenues are anticipated to increase 6.8 percent. Seventy-three percent of overall expenditures are expected to be covered by program revenues.

The budget calls for an \$8,000 increase in local appropriations, a 1.8 percent increase over 2013-2014.

Under next year's budget proposal, Community Services would expand the preschool program it launched this year from one to two classrooms.

Next year, if kindergarten goes full time, half-day kindergartners will no longer attend Community Services' kinder-care program, which will open up spaces for preschoolers.

Information about the school and Community Services budgets is available on the School Board website, which can be found at www.cape.k12.me.us.

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Engaged



Josh Skinner and Megan Culver

Megan Culver, a 2004 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and **Josh Skinner** of Haverhill, Mass., got engaged in July in Seattle, Wash., as they were about to embark on a cruise to Alaska. They met in 2008 through mutual rugby friends and own a home in Methuen, Mass.

Megan played rugby at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. In December, she earned a master's degree in business from Boston College. Josh, who played rugby at and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, has a master's degree in special education from American International College and teaches in Tyngsboro, Mass.

Megan is the oldest daughter of **Holly and Steve Culver** of Two Lights Road, and the sister of 2007 CEHS graduate **Samantha Culver** and 2013 CEHS graduate **Zach Culver**. Josh's mom Kim lives in Haverhill, Mass. Megan and Josh will be married in August in Port Clyde.

Grand Master



Matthew Fishbein

Cape Elizabeth High School sophomore **Matthew Fishbein**, who has won numerous chess championships over the years, recently achieved a new milestone. He is now a chess master – or, officially, a “national master” – a rank which players achieve by reaching a United States Chess Federation rating of 2200.

During the U.S. Amateur Team East tournament in mid-February in Parsippany, N.J., Matt reached the goal, which makes him one of the top 100 scholastic chess players in the U.S., one of the top 25 16-year-olds in the country, and the highest rated player of any age in Maine.

Since the start of 2014, Matthew has played in tournaments in five states, increasing his rating from 2122 to 2205. Before the new year, he took a five-month break from chess.

Meghan Clifford was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Duke University in Durham, N.C. The daughter of **Stephanie and Peter Clifford**, Meghan is a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Karyn Barrett**, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth high school graduate, received faculty honors for the fall semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., where she is a junior.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Sarah Cummings** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. Sarah is a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

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Baby Sadie



Sadie Ellen Norweg

Sadie Ellen Norweg, the daughter of Portland residents **Michael and Erika Norweg**, was born Feb. 3 at the Family Birth Center at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

The second grandchild of Cape Elizabeth residents **Gary and Janice Stockson**, Sadie's mother and her uncle **Josh Stockson** are both Cape Elizabeth High School graduates. Sadie joins big brother **Bennett**.

Karen Proctor has joined **Coastal Rehab** as a physical therapist. A Falmouth resident with 25 years of experience as a PT, Proctor previously worked at Success Physical Therapy in Scarborough from 2005 to 2013. A home therapist since 2001, she received a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from the University of New England in Biddeford in 1989.



Karen Proctor

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