Survey helps educators identify strengths, areas that need improvement in schools
By Wendy Kooler
Cape Elizabeth schools get A’s for student-teacher relationships, parental involvement, and communications, but Cape students want more course options, parents want their children to be more challenged, and staff members want more helpful feedback, more time during the school day to collaborate with fellow staff members, and they want to become more involved in decision making.

Those are among the conclusions that Cape Elizabeth school officials have drawn based on results of an online survey that more than 1,660 students, staff members and parents took in the fall.

Nine-hundred ninety-three students in grades 5-12, 512 parents and 159 staff members took the National Center for School Leadership survey, designed to measure engagement and satisfaction among students and parents, and gauge how they perceive school climate and culture. Students, parents and staff took separate surveys.

Cape Elizabeth school officials will use the results for efforts to achieve the district’s five-year strategic plan and the school vision as set forth in the two-year-old “Cape schools open minds and open doors” vision, mission and values statement.

“For us, we needed to establish some baseline data,” Superintendent Meredith Nadeau told School Board members at the board’s April 8 business meeting.

Overall, the “survey results compare very favorably to national data,” School Board Chair John Christie said.

Nadeau, who gave a slide presentation —see SURVEY, page 18

Spring reflected

Memorial Day parade, ceremony May 26
By Elizabeth Brogan
Cape Elizabeth will observe Memorial Day with a traditional parade, ceremony, and laying of a wreath on Monday, May 26.

“This year, all Vietnam-era veterans will be honored as Grand Marshals, as a group,” said event-organizer, Jim Huebener. “If you are a Vietnam-era veteran, we would be honored with your participation in the parade.”

“More than 58,000 men and women Vietnam veterans have their names inscribed on ‘The Wall’ in Washington DC, said Huebener. “They chose to serve their country when called, rather than the many alternatives that were available. They asked for nothing in return, except for the respect of their countrymen.”

The ceremony will also include “Taps” and “Echo” performed by the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Band, bagpipe music by Doug and Peter Campbell, singing by Katie Overbozter and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Memorial Day events have shown that Cape citizens respect and honor our veterans, and this year is no different. We are very grateful for the sacrifices made by our veterans, and we are proud to have them recognized and honored.

Any group interested in marching should contact Huebener as soon as possible.

Renovations at police station, move of Historical Society approved by council
By Elizabeth Brogan
The Town Council, at its April 14 meeting, approved renovations and funding for the town’s Public Safety Building at 325 Ocean House Road. The project will use existing space in the building to better serve the Police Department’s current needs.

Noting the town’s move to regional dispatching and participation in a regional crime lab, Town Manager Michael McGovern explained that space in the building has been “freed up” since it was designed more than 15 years ago.

“What we’d like to do is segregate some space at the police station that’s secure from the other space,” McGovern said. “If we have people coming in with domestic issues or whatever, there’s a clean separation of where you keep people that are involved in these issues and the other parts of the police station.”

The former dispatch area and two other small rooms behind it will provide the new space. It will also provide at least a temporary home for the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, currently located in the basement of the Thomas Memorial Library, which is expected to undergo its own renovation through 2015.

The project, described by McGovern as a “minimal renovation and fit out,” is estimated to cost $31,000, but an additional $5,500 was also approved to cover the cost of moving the Historical Preservation Society records. The money will come from the town’s unallocated funds.

Counilor Molly MacAulean, who also serves on the Library Building Committee, called the plan for the Historical Preservation Society “a reasonable and pretty pragmatic approach,” involving a “limited amount of money,” while providing a good space for the society’s needs.

Hearings on new restaurant, plus two private-road applications
Two more hearings will also be held on applications related to the Jordan Farm on Wells Road.

The first is an application from Jason Williams to expand “The Well,” a limited-use restaurant on the property, to a 44-seat seasonal eatery and to share the parking area used by the adjacent farm stand.

A hearing will also be held on an unrelated application from Philip Jordan and Chelsea Hewes to change the length and slope of a proposed road in the Jordan subdivision, a three-lot subdivision at the end of Deer Run Road. At the board’s meeting April 15, architect Bob Metcalf said his clients are looking to shorten the road and to eliminate a public water line. The subdivision would rely on well water.

The fourth hearing scheduled for May 22 is on an application from Nick Tammaro and his father, Jim, to extend a previously approved private road, Harvest Lane, to provide access and frontage for a second lot. Harvest Lane is located at the end of Dawe Road.

—see PLANNING, page 18

Early morning fog easily draws one into reflecting on the simple beauty of nature in Cape Elizabeth on May 2 at Fort Williams Park.

—see SURVEY, page 18
Town Center proposal concerns citizens

To the Town Council: We are concerned about the Town Center Planning Committee’s proposal scheduled for review at your June 9 meeting. Specifically, we do not support changing wetland ordinances in the Town Center district and do not believe that business development justifies altering our much-cherished wetland regulations.

As for the proposed office park south of Town Hall, we question who determined a “village green” (which will require remaining hundreds of trees and destroying a ver- nal pond) constitutes “substantial public benefit.”

We question setting the precedent of a property owner giving land to the town in exchange for staff and elected officials changing existing laws—in this particular case, damaging wetland regulations in the entire Town Center zone.

The process makes us uncomfortable for several reasons:

• The initial committee charge to “create a more vibrant business district” is not supported by the town’s contracted public opinion surveys (2005 and 2012) that show

green, or work to improve land currently on the same side of the road as the library and schools into a town green or park-like gathering spot, perhaps in concert with plans to rehabilitate the Thomas Memorial Library?

I do not agree with the supposition that Cape Elizabeth residents would want a town green created at the cost of de-stroying wetlands and significantly increas- ing building/pavement area, while existing properties remain vacant or undervalued. Polls of residents consistently score the desire to preserve and protect wetlands and open green spaces as among our highest priorities and common core values, with development a relatively low priority.

Tricia Wasserman

A cautious approach urged for Town Center

I’m writing to advocate for a more cautious approach to Town Center planning.

I am adamantly in my opposition to any lessening of wetland restrictions in Cape Elizabeth, including that which has been proposed in order to enable development of an office/apartment complex next to Town Hall and the CELT office.

The costs seem to outweigh benefits in the current proposal to replace wetlands and forested green space between Town Hall and the CELT office with more building and blacktop for parking in the center of town.

Might it be more beneficial to determine how we could convert existing blacktopped areas in the center of town into a common or

great, creative, and fun event for the students at Pond Cove.

I would also like to express gratitude to two people who donated gently-used instru- ments for students in our community. Many thanks to Barbara Allen who donated a lovely trombone and Kathleen Curry-Sparks for donating a violin. These instruments are sure to find a great home with a budding musician very soon!

Cherie Gustafson

Arts Day impressive; gratitude offered

I had the honor of helping to coordinate Arts Day at Pond Cove on May 2, and was incredibly impressed by the number of vol- unteers and the breadth of talent in our community.

The artist volunteers were wonderfully generous and the students were clearly in- spired. I would like to thank Kathleen Curry-Sparks for once again volunteering her time to head up this event, providing great lead- ership to Erin Piper and to me pull off a

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Ted Jordan
B2B event charitable race bibs available

Runners still looking for a spot at the start line of the sold-out TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race on Aug. 2 can secure a bib from Rippleffect, the race’s 2014 race beneficiary, in exchange for fundraising efforts.

As of April 21, fewer than 140 bibs were still available from Rippleffect and 11 prior race beneficiaries. The charity organizations are allotted highly-coveted race entries by the TD Beach to Beacon and the TD Charitable Foundation each year in order to be utilized in fundraising efforts.

Rippleffect is a Portland-based nonprofit youth and community development organization leading outdoor adventure programs on Cow Island, in area schools and in the mountains of western Maine. To obtain a Rippleffect bib, set up a fundraising page, or to donate to Rippleffect runners, go to www.rippleffect.net or contact Rippleffect at 207-791-7870 or info@rippleffect.net.

“Fortuners who may have missed registration are just now deciding to take part in our race, and this is a great opportunity to receive a bib and also help out Rippleffect or one of the other former race charities,” said Michael Stone, race president.

“We can’t think of a more fulfilling way to get into the race, and we thank everyone who has decided or will decide to make fundraising part of their TD Beach to Beacon experience. It is greatly appreciated.”

The charity bib program is also available for clubs or civic groups.

The Beach to Beacon filled 4,000 slots online in a record-setting 4:32 minutes last month, and the lottery that followed filled the remaining 1,900 spots. This year marks the 17th year for the popular international road race founded by Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson.

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The race also will allow registered runner transfers beginning May 1 through June 30. The race will charge a $5 transfer fee.

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In addition to the TD Charitable Foundation, other major corporate partners include Hannaford, Nike, Poland Spring, Fairchild Semiconductor, IDEXX, Northeast Delta Dental, MaineHealth, Dead River, Olympia Sports and WCSH6.

For more information, visit www.beach2beacon.org, call the race hotline at (888) 480-6940 or find the race on Facebook and Twitter.

Rippleffect provides Maine youth with opportunities to emerge as leaders among their peers through adventure. Using kayaks, a ropes course, island exploration and more, Rippleffect served over 2,500 Maine children in 2013. Community generosity makes it possible for young people of all backgrounds to access these outdoor adventure and experiential education programs.

The TD Charitable Foundation will provide a cash donation of $30,000 to Rippleffect. TD Bank has now donated $510,000 to Maine charities over the 17-year history of the race, while many past beneficiaries continue to raise significant funds each year through the race’s charity bib program.

In addition to Rippleffect, bibs are available from the following past beneficiaries of the TD Beach to Beacon: The Opportunity Alliance, Day One, Junior Achievement of Maine, Maine Adaptive, Susan L. Curtis Foundation, STRIVE, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Portland and Auburn/Lewiston, Riding to the Top Therapeutic Center, Kids First Center, Camp Sunshine and Greater Portland Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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Officer Diffin named ‘Hero with Heart’

Cape Elizabeth Police Officer Rory Diffin was presented the Volunteer Choice Award at the Trauma Intervention Program of Greater Portland’s annual “Heroes with Heart” event April 9.

Diffin received the award for his kindness and caring while responding to a pet drowning, said Police Chief Neil Williams.

Diffin also received a congratulatory letter from U.S. Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-Maine).

—from the town website

All in a day’s work

A red squirrel scurries up a Cape Elizabeth pine tree in early May. Red squirrels tear apart pinecones to get to and eat the seeds within. Often, you’ll see a pile of pine cone pieces along the edge of the base of a tree, as squirrels drop their crumbs below.

Photo by Martha Agan

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Library Planning Committee updates public as November referendum nears

By Martha Palmer, on behalf of the Library Planning Committee

In November 2013, the Library Planning Committee recommended that a building committee be formed to address the needs for the library for the next 25 years.

Four major concerns of the Planning Committee were identified: that the building should be “green,” that the design should be sensitive to the history of the town, that the project should preserve the character of the Town Center, and that the new building should be able to accommodate future trends in technology and library programming.

The Library Planning Committee recommended to the Town Council that the Pond Cove Annex (the part of the library currently housing the adult collection upstairs and the young adult and Maine room on the lower level) be renovated for reuse, since its presence has been an integral part of the Town Center of Cape Elizabeth for close to 100 years. Architect Dick Reed told the Planning Committee and the council that “the greenest building is an existing building,” which won’t need to be demolished, taken to a landfill, and replaced with all new materials.

Renovations will also include energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, new windows and new and better insulation.

To address much operational inefficiency, the committee also recommended that the remaining sections of the current library be replaced by a new addition to be built adjacent to the Annex building. This new construction will allow for better functionality of library programming and will of course be designed with the environment in mind.

Proposed plans, posted on the library bulletin boards, call for an exterior of the Pond Cove Annex that will look much the same (with a few exciting changes planned at both the new and original entrances), but an interior that will be very different.

Both new and renovated spaces will be open and flexible to accommodate future technologies and programming options and to allow library staff and patrons easy and efficient access throughout the building.

A bright and airy new main entrance to the library will feature a new circulation desk and provide easy access to both floors. Upstairs, visitors will be able to easily access the adult reading area and stacks, a poetry and quiet reading room, a media/technology area, and the young adult area. Library staff will also be housed on this level.

At the lower level, a gallery space will open into the children’s and family areas in one direction, and community-accessible meeting rooms in the other direction.

The project cost, as recommended by the Library Planning Committee and accepted by the Town Council, will be $4 million. A referendum for bond financing of this renovation is set for November.

Questions? Please contact the Library Building Committee at lbcpublic@thomas.lib.me.us. We’d love to hear from you!

TML sets May 18 reception for Annex students

The Library Building Committee invites all those who attended school at the Pond Cove Annex to a reception at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the Annex section of the Thomas Memorial Library.

The Annex is the part of the library currently housing the adult collection upstairs and the young adult and Maine room on the lower level.

Paper-shredding event set for June 7

The Recycling Committee will host a paper-shredding event at the Recycling Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. The shredding will be done by Without a Trace Mobile Shredding, Inc., of Scarborough. The event is limited to Cape Elizabeth residents, and there is a limit of four boxes per vehicle.

Members of the Recycling Committee will be on site to provide promotional items and answer any questions about the town’s recycling program.

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Scott Dyer Road to close for Cape Challenge 5K from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 1

Scott Dyer Road will be closed from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, during the Cape Challenge, a 5-kilometer road race organized by the parents’ associations at Cape Elizabeth’s three public schools. The 5K will start at 9:30 a.m. at Cape Elizabeth High School. Runners will take a left from the high school onto Route 77, go left on Scott Dyer Road, and then run to and around Brentwood Road. Runners will continue back to Scott Dyer, go across Spurwink Avenue to the Winnwright Drive loop, and then head to Starboard Drive before running back up Scott Dyer Road to Cape Elizabeth Middle School, where the race will end.

Even on roads that won’t be closed during the race, travel will be slower. Contact Cape Challenge Co-chair Sheri Bragg at sheribraggme@yahoo.com or 730-0975 for more information.

Are we there yet? Ostrich fern, emerging May 2 in a moist, shady woodland area along a greenbelt trail in Cape Elizabeth. The fronds of this fern display feathery plumes resembling those of an ostrich. Photo by Martha Agan
Taste of the Nation Maine is June 29 at fort

Leading chefs from some of Maine’s best restaurants will come together to fight childhood hunger at Share Our Strength’s 9th Annual Taste of the Nation Maine on Sunday, June 29 at Fort Williams Park.

This year’s Taste of the Nation Maine will include an impressive roster of culinary talent, led by an all-star committee of nationally respected chefs, including James Beard Award-winner Sam Hayward of Fore Street; Food & Wine Best New Chef winner Steve Cory of five-five-five and Petite Jacqueline; Back Bay Grill’s Larry Matthews; Lee Skawinski of Vignola and Cinque Terre; and chefs from other outstanding restaurants and food businesses, including many local favorites.

The food will be paired with fine wines, local beers and signature cocktails created from top-shelf spirits by Maine’s best mixologists. Funds raised will go to Opportunity Alliance, Good Shepherd Food Bank, Cultivating Community and Preble Street Teen Center – organizations that work to end childhood hunger in Maine – and to Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry Campaign.

Share Our Strength is a national organization working to make sure no child in America grows up hungry. In Maine, one in four children suffers food insecurity.

General Admission tickets are $125 each. VIP tickets, which include a pre-event reception, are $200 each. Tickets may be purchased at nokidhungry.org/maine.

Cape Family Fun Day June 14, rain or shine; participants still welcome to register

Family Fun Day is set for June 14, rain or shine. “This year’s festival promises to be the best ever, with more fun and games for the young folks, and great food and music for all,” says Family Fun Day Committee member, Karen Pride. “You spoke and we listened! This year we’ll have the “4-Jumper Bungee Jump” – more jumping and less waiting in line! There will also be an awesome inflatable obstacle course/slide, and the addition of a petting zoo!”

The always popular dog show will take place at 11:30 a.m. The Family Fun Day Committee has some additional ideas for games and food vending and would welcome any nonprofit school group, Cape house of worship or other local charitable organizations to contact its members to take advantage of this opportunity. Interested groups should contact Ted Smith at 799-8515 or tsmit02@gmail.com. r.com or Frank Butterworth at 767-5751 or fbutterw@gmail.com. The committee is still accepting registrations for free artist and craftsman booths. To reserve a booth, contact Karen Pride at 232-2579 or kpride@maine.rr.com. To join the Family Fun Day Parade, contact Frank Butterworth. Owners of vintage and antique cars are always welcome to come in the Family Fun Day Parade. Parade prizes are awarded at the opening ceremony at Fort Williams Park.

Strawberry ‘Fest & Feast’ set for June 27 and 28

The Cape Farm Alliance’s sixth annual Strawberry Festival, a “Fest & Feast,” will take place on June 27 and June 28.

Tickets for the June 27 Roast Pig/Lobster Bake will go on sale June 1 at Jordan’s Furniture. For more information @ smartinpillsbury@gmail.com. More details will follow.

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COMPLAINTS

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

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4-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about an abandoned bike. A brief investigation showed the complaint to be unfounded.

4-9 An officer met with a resident of the Brentwood Road area for a well-being check.

4-10 An officer responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area who reported that someone fraudulently filed an income-tax return using the resident’s personal information.

4-11 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Money appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

4-12 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area who reported that someone fraudulently filed an income-tax return using the resident’s personal information.

4-13 An officer met with a resident of the Brentwood Road area about an unauthorized charge on her credit card.

4-14 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area who reported that someone fraudulently filed an income-tax return using the resident’s personal information.

4-15 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about a domestic disturbance.

4-16 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about six bikes that had been abandoned on Cottage Lane. The bikes were brought to the police department for safekeeping.

4-17 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.

4-18 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area for a fraudulent tax return filed in the victim’s name.

4-19 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about a hawk that had flown into a window and died. The officer brought the bird to the police station and contacted the Maine Warden Service about disposing of it properly.

4-20 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area because of a fraudulent tax return filed in the resident’s name.

4-21 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about an unauthorized charge on her credit card.

4-22 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.

4-23 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about an unauthorized charge on her credit card.

ARRESTS

4-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, outstanding warrant. McAuley Avenue.

4-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, violating conditions of release. Cheverus Road.

4-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Brentwood Road.

4-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road.

4-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Woodland Road.

4-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Brentwood Road.

4-18 Saco resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road.

4-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Bowery Beach Road.

ACCIDENTS

4-9 Jay Scherma, Ulla Messerschmidt, accident on Route 1.

4-10 Troy Dorr, Jeffrey Gillenwater, accident on Shore Road.

4-11 Barbara Holdenberg, Barbara Page, accident at Fort Williams.

4-12 Damien Allain, accident on Eastham Road.

SUMMONSES

4-8 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, failure to give correct name, address, date of birth, Ocean House Road, $310.

4-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (45/25 zone). Scott Dyer Road, $215.

4-9 Camden resident, failure to produce registration, Shore Road, $137.

4-10 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, failure to change address on license, $171.

4-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, $70.

4-12 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Cottage Road, $70.

4-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, $133.

4-14 Presque Isle resident, aggravated criminal mischief. Woodland Road.

4-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, violation of conditions of release. Cheverus Road.

4-16 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road.

4-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (60/45 zone). Route 77, $185.

4-18 Mount Vernon resident, operating without a license. Sawyer Road, $137.

4-19 Voorheesville, N.Y., resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, $70.

4-20 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road.

4-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (48/30 zone). Sawyer Road.

4-22 Saco resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road.

4-23 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, $171.

4-24 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, $171.

4-25 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension, Fort Williams.

4-26 Portland resident, failure to stop at stop sign, Spurwink Avenue, $131.

4-27 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77, $133.

4-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after the influence of alcohol, Route 77.

4-29 Scarborough resident, speeding (59/30 zone). Sawyer Road, $139.

4-30 Failure to stop for stop sign, Shore Road, $131.

4-31 Uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, $133.

FIRE CALLS

4-10 Odyssey Lane, grass/bush fire.

4-11 Granite Ridge Road, alarm investigation.

4-12 Cranbrook Drive, fire alarm.

4-13 Two Lights area, brush fire.

4-14 Shore Road, motor vehicle accident.

4-15 South Portland, mutual aid.

4-16 Bowery Beach Road, unattended burned trash.

4-17 Bowery Beach Road, fire investigation.

4-18 South Portland, fire alarm.

4-19 South Portland, fire alarm.

4-20 South Portland, brush fire.

4-21 Waban Road, brush fire.

4-22 Meadowvale Road, brush fire.

4-23 Eastman Road, car accident.

4-24 Scarborough, mutual aid.

4-25 South Portland, mutual aid.

4-26 South Portland, mutual aid.

RESCUE CALLS

There were 39 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were eight patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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The Courier heads northwest to Iceland ...

South Portland resident, Cape Elizabeth native, Emily Scott, shows her native pride on April 24 at Snaefellsjökull National Park on the western coast of Iceland, where she vacationed with her husband, Eric Piskura. Scott, who lives in the Willard Beach neighborhood, grew up in Delano Park, where her mother, Catherine Scott, still lives. “Iceland is an absolutely visually fascinating country, and I recommend it to everyone,” Scott wrote in an email to The Cape Courier.

Cape Elizabeth resident Bob Scheffler, front, far right, displays the Courier in the El Viejo Wetlands in northwestern Costa Rica on a recent trip with his wife Carol, second row, third from right, and their children and grandchildren, who live in California, Oregon and Washington state.

... and then to warmer temps in Costa Rica

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Noelle Webster, a sophomore at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, will spend June 9 to August 15 working as an intern at Victoria’s Secret in New York City. Noelle Webster, a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate majoring in textiles at RISD, will work in the apparel design sector of the company’s Pink division, targeted to 15- to 22-year-olds. She will help design the division’s next line, from initial sketches to developing an entire collection for production. The clothing, which will feature vibrant colors, will be designed for comfort. Noelle is one of two college students selected for the internship from a pool of 600. Her parents are Beth and Russ Webster.

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Two Maine writers – the current Portland Poet Laureate, a former Maine State Poet Laureate who is now a fiction writer, and a memoir author – will read from their own works on May 24 at Buzz.

The event, which will be free and open to the public, is part of a monthly series sponsored by the Local Writers at The Local Buzz group. At the events, Maine writers read from original fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Two Cape Elizabeth residents – Marcia F. Brown, the Portland Poet Laureate who will read from her new poetry collection, and Penelope Schwartz Robinson, an essayist who writes features for Maine Magazine and Maine Home + Design, will co-host the readings.

At the May 24 event, Baron Wormser, poet laureate for the state of Maine from 2000 to 2006, will read from his new novel, “Teach Us That Peace.” The author of 13 books of poetry, Wormser was recommended by the American Booksellers Association as a 2014 “Indie Introduce” book and by IndieBound as a 2014 “Indie Next” title.

Laureate who is now a fiction writer, and a Poet Laureate, a former Maine State Poet teaches in the master of fine arts program at the Arts, Bread Loaf, and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. He has received numerous awards and recognition, including placing first in the 2009 Word Worth Essay and Fiction Contest, and winning the Starving Writer Literary contest twice. She was one of seven finalists for the 2011 Annie Dillard Creative Nonfiction Award and a Maine Literary Award repeat finalist. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from the Stonecoast Low-Residency program at the University of Southern Maine. Her debut memoir, “Pigs Can’t Swim,” published by Da Capo Press, was recommended by the American Booksellers Association as a 2014 "Indie Introduce" book and by IndieBound as a 2014 "Indie Next" title.

Brown, who was named Portland Poet Laureate last June, will read from her new poetry collection, “When We Invented Water,” which Moon Pie Press published this year. She is the author of three additional poetry collections: “What on Earth,” published in 2010 by Moon Pie Press; “Home to Roost,” which Moon Pie Press published this year; and “When We Invented Water,” published in 2006 by Sheltering Pines Press. She is also editor of the 2013 anthology, “Fort City Poems, Contemporary Poets Celebrate Portland, Maine,” published by Maine Poetry Central as a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization.

The Local Buzz is located at 327 Ocean House Road. Go to www.localbuzzcafe.com for more information.
Garden Club plans May 31 plant and pie sale

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold its annual plant and pie sale at IGA in Pond Cove Shopping Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31. The sale will include plants from club members’ gardens and pies from their ovens.

Land Trust walks planned on May 18, June 7

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust has two walks planned in coming weeks—one to view migratory birds and the other to show-case land-cover types in town. Amateur bird enthusiast and Cape Elizabeth resident Rafael Adams will lead a migratory bird walk from 6:30 to 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 18.

The group will meet at the greenbelt path on Starboard Drive and head to a birding patch in the woods behind the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station. “This is peak warbler migration time, and with our early start we ensure our best chance of spotting a large variety of birds,” Adams said.

Walkers should dress appropriately with footwear for possible wet walking. The fee is $6 per person.

Celt Executive Director Chris Franklin said, “It should be a fun way to visit and prepare for spring planting.” CEGC President Betty Montpelier said.

The club welcomes new members. Contact Montpelier at 799-0229 for information about joining.

Dinner, auction to raise money for Alewive’s

The Inn by the Sea’s Sea Glass restaurant will serve a five-course dinner by Sea Glass Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a four-course dinner starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, National Trails Day.

The aim of the walk, most of which will be on trails, will be to offer an overview of diverse ecosystems in Cape Elizabeth. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at Portland Head Light in the dirt parking lot close to the lighthouse. After a three-and-a-half-hour walk, the group will be served a picnic lunch at Kettle Cove before walkers are shuttled back to Fort Williams around 1:30 p.m. A $10 fee will include lunch, snacks and drinks.

Register for both walks through Cape Elizabeth Community Services, 343 Ocean House Road. Call 767-6054 or visit www.alewivesbrookfarm.com to learn more information about the event. Go to capelandtrust.org for more information.

‘Best Little Whorehouse in Texas’ opens May 16

The show stars Rebecca Rinaldi as Miss Mona, Mark Barrosso as Sheriff Ed Earl, and singing and dancing by veteran Portland Players, with some new faces, too. Michael Donovan directs, and David Delano provides musical direction.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for seniors and $15 for students with identification. Call 799-7337 for tickets, or buy them online at www.portlandplayers.org.

May 21 walk to benefit homeless veterans

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club is partnering with the VA Maine Healthcare Systems’ Portland clinic in sponsoring a two-kilometer “V2K” walk on Wednesday, May 21.

The walk, which will begin at 11 a.m. at 144 Fore Street in Portland, has a goal of raising awareness about and will benefit Maine’s homeless veterans.

Organizers are accepting donations of new household items and gift cards for homeless veterans moving into housing. Contact Carol Kulesza or Krystyna Jania at 771-3502 for more information.
Burke to discuss Ted Turner bio on May 29

Cape Elizabeth resident Bill Burke will present a talk titled, “Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure” at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.


Chairman of the Portland Sea Dogs and the U.S. Biathlon Association, Burke is also a trustee of Maine Medical Center.

He served as president and CEO of Portland-based Resort Sports Network. As president and CEO of The Weather Channel and Turner Broadcasting, he developed interactive television products.

Burke directed Ted Turner’s flagship entertainment service as president of TBS Classic Movies.

College Planning Series continues May 20

Certified college planner Gary Canter, aka “The College Guy,” will present the final session of a three-part free college planning series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. Previous sessions were offered on May 6 and May 13. Registration is not necessary. This final session is called “Paying the Bill.” This talk is for parents of current high school students, but students are welcome to attend as well.

Riddle oil paintings on exhibit in June

A new art exhibit titled “Images, Real and Imagined,” featuring oil paintings by Jack Riddle of South Portland, will be on display at the Thomas Memorial Gallery beginning June 2 and continuing through the month.

The exhibit is intended to show how the artist is inspired by certain elements in scenes and events to create his own vision of reality.

“I will move a tree or add a color or add an element from another setting to present what to me is the perfect expression of what I see,” says Riddle. “I do this with landscapes, still lifes, figures, portraits — virtually anything that attracts me.”

Much of Riddle’s work involves local settings, but he also paints settings that inspired him during travels in this country and abroad.

Riddle also has a series of what he calls “fictional portraits,” primarily of characters in opera. He is a co-founder of PORTopera but also based on the work of artists such as Sorolla, Sargent, Monet and others. “My style is more impressionist than realist, and I love to push color and texture in brushwork,” he says.

Riddle is largely self-taught, but he has taken courses at the University of Southern Maine and Maine College of Art and studies independently. He also has found enrichment from long associations with other artists in Maine and elsewhere.

He plans to show mostly newer work in various sizes and formats.

STORY TIME THEMES

* Week of May 11-17 * Things That Go! * It’s time for stories about bikes, planes, trains, and other things that go! * Week of May 18-24 * How Does Your Garden Grow? * It’s time to think about planting vegetables and flowers! * Week of May 25-31 * Monkeys! * There are lots of great stories about monkeys. * Around the Pond * Spring is a great time to visit a pond. We’ll read stories about frogs, turtles, ducks, snails and other pond creatures.

Socrates Café meets philosophically June 3

The library’s lively philosophy discussion group meets again from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, in the adult library reading area. No prior reading or specialized knowledge is required. The topic for discussion will be determined by participants at the start of the session.

If tackling intriguing philosophical questions sounds like fun, come join the discussion — all are welcome!

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'Agewell' programs to be topic of May 22 forum

Information about "Agewell," a Maine Agency on Aging program of classes designed to promote healthy aging for senior citizens, will be the topic of a free Triad forum planned from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Training Room at 2 Jordan Way. Elizabeth Weaver of SMAA, a Scarborough-based organization that provides older adults and their families with information, guidance, education and programs related to seniors' social, financial and home care needs, will talk about three programs in the Agewell series: "Living Well for Better Health," "A Matter of Balance," and Agewell's chronic pain self-management program. Agewell workshops and classes are hosted at physicians' offices, residential facilities, educational facilities, and by other organizations. Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend the talk. Triad 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 Police Officer David Galvan at 767-3323, ext. 208, for more information.

June 13 meeting topic: suggestions for trips, activities for residents 55 years or older

Cape Elizabeth residents who are 55 or older will have a chance to make suggestions about future Cape Elizabeth Community Services’ trips and activities for adults. Jen DeRice, who coordinates adult programs for Community Services, invites Cape Elizabeth senior citizens to attend a 1 to 2 p.m. meeting on Friday, June 13, in the Community Room at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. “Where do you want to go and what do you want to do? I want to hear from you and talk to you about your ideas for the upcoming year,” DeRice said. “Together we can make a plan for day trips, theater trips, lunches, special events, and extended travel. Everyone is invited to attend.” Contact DeRice at 799-2868 or jderice@capeelizabethschools.org for information.

Older residents invited to May 30 ‘Senior Prom’ at Village Crossings; King, Queen to be crowned

Cape Elizabeth senior citizens are invited to attend the annual “Senior Prom” on Friday, May 30, at Village Crossings, 78 Scott Dyer Road. The event, which will have a Mardi Gras theme, will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the dining room. Cape Elizabeth High School jazz musicians will perform at the event, which also will include desserts and refreshments, and the crowning of a Prom King and Queen. Last year’s Senior Prom drew a crowd of 40 people. Senior to Senior, a group of CEHS seniors who perform community service for Cape senior citizens, are organizing the event. For more information, contact Eileen Phelan, 207.450.0022, ephelan@LegacySIR.com or Jessica Perkins, 207.749.5522, jperkins@LegacySIR.com or visit www.capecourier.com.

Cape students hit high notes for Cape seniors

Photos by Becky Fernald

At top, musicians in Cape Elizabeth High School’s Concert Jazz Ensemble perform songs from the Golden Age of Jazz this spring for senior citizens in the CEHS cafeteria. Senior to Senior, a group of CEHS seniors who perform community service for Cape Elizabeth senior citizens, organized the event with Cape Elizabeth Community Services. At left, Tom Kohan, far right, the CEHS faculty member who is advisor to the Senior to Senior program, shares a light moment with Sally Hadley.

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Young Cape poets devote day to craft

Cape Elizabeth High School poets honed their craft and received guidance from Deer Isle and Chicago poet Deborah Cummins during the annual Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium on May 1.

That day, 13 students worked with Cummins, the author of two collections of poetry, including “Counting the Waves,” published in 2006, and an essay collection, “Here and Away: Discovering Home on an Island in Maine,” published in 2012. Cummins’ poetry has been featured on Garrison Keillor’s “The Writer’s Almanac” and in numerous journals and publications. She has received literary awards from the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, and received the James Michener and Donald Barthelme fellowships, the Headwaters Literary Prize and the Washington Prize in Fiction.

At lunch, students Sierra Aceto, Maddie Connolly, Natalie Gale, Jana Freedman, Zoe Johnson, Kate Hansen, Nat Jordan, Robert Mackay, Seth Queeney, Emma Shedd, Colin Smith, Ben Stanley and Jane Vaughan visited the Portland Museum of Art to gain inspiration. That night, the group, which also included CEHS English teacher and symposium organizer Lisa Melanson read their new poems at Thomas Memorial Library.

Held annually since 1998, the symposium is funded by the Zimpritch family, whose son Gabe passed away in 1995, when he was a CEHS junior. His passion for writing poetry prompted family and friends to establish the Gabriel A. Zimpritch Library Fund, which supports the symposium and library’s poetry collection.

Photos by Deborah Cummins

Poet Deborah Cummins, fifth from right, worked with Cape Elizabeth High School students, from left, Nat Jordan, Natalie Gale, Jana Freedman, Zoe Johnson, Emma Shedd, Robert Mackay, Maddyn Connolly, Seth Queeney, Ben Stanley, Colin Smith, Kate Hansen and Jane Vaughan, pictured with, far right, CEHS teacher Lisa Melanson, at a May 1 poetry symposium.

Cape Elizabeth yoga instructor Deb Duryee leads Pond Cove School first-graders into an “I am a Pond Cove warrior!” yoga pose on May 2 during the school’s annual Arts Day. That day, 28 artists representing a broad range of the arts — photography, graphic design, textiles, dance, painting, architecture, theater, music, martial arts and sculpture among them — worked with students in 45-minute workshops. Later all students got to watch a performance by the Scarborough-based Gym Dandies, a troupe of middle and high school-aged circus performers. At bottom, fourth-graders Jack Gorman, Maggie Cochran and Maddie Thornton add sticky layers to a papier-mâché beaver they created with artist Nantz Comyns.
Four Cape Elizabeth High School students recently won awards in a Cape Elizabeth Land Trust contest that invited students to respond, through writing or art, to a prompt about enjoying places in nature.

Students Madeleine Bowe, Anna Friberg, Thomas Rioux and Isabelle Yim received $100 prizes at an April 15 lunchtime ceremony for their responses to the prompt: “Natural places to enjoy alone. Places to enjoy with friends and family. Places that give us a break from screens and sharing screens.”

Students could respond in a variety of formats, and the winning entries included two photographs, a painting, and an essay.

Anna Friberg’s photograph, “Humans and Nature Go Hand in Hand,” which she enhanced with computer software, creates a realistic illusion of a leaf-tattooed human arm reaching out to a plant that also seems to be reaching out to the arm.

Thomas Rioux’s untitled photograph shows a burst of sun through winter trees. In the background, blending with gray snow and gray road is a sign warning people not to jump from the bridge.

Isabelle Yim’s untitled painting features a girl startled by intruders.

Viewers of Yim’s painting “seem to awaken a girl from a dream of textured marsh grass and half circles of overlapping nature,” said Bill Maxwell, a member of CELT’s education committee, who presented the winners with certificates and prizes.

Bowe’s “Nature’s Palace” celebrates a CELT trail. “The stream was my haven – free of judgment, responsibility, and inhibitions,” she wrote in her essay. “The contestants created out of their own experiences,” Maxwell said. “The honesty of that comes through in these entries.”

Maxwell credited CEHS science teacher Susan Rose, who served as advisor for the CEHS Environmental Club, with the success of the contest. “Sue is the person most responsible for making this happen,” he said. “It’s clear she truly cares about the students and has a deep respect for the environment.”

The winning entries are on display at the high school.

CELT plans a similar contest for CEHS students next year, “but it won’t be exactly the same as this year,” Maxwell said.

Nick Shedd named Presidential Scholar semifinalist

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Nicholas Shedd is one of six Maine students and four Maine boys named semifinalists in the 2014 Presidential Scholars Program.

This winter, Shedd, CEHS students Matthew Reale-Hatem and Kevin Hare, and Cape Elizabeth resident John Kenneally, a student at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., were named candidates in the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

Every June, one boy and one girl in every state is chosen to be a Presidential Scholar, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

The names of the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be announced later this month.

Candidates are initially selected for exceptional performance on the College Board SAT or the ACT assessment. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of scholars on the basis of students’ accomplishments in areas that include academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community.

Shedd plans to attend Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C., in the fall.
SCHOOLS/SPORTS

Third CEEF golf tournament set for June 19

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation will host the third annual golf tournament, Play for Education, at Prout’s Neck Country Club on Thursday, June 19.

Last year’s tournament raised more than $12,000 for nonprofit CEEF, which seeks to fund innovative school programs that fall outside the school budget.

Go to www.ceef.us or contact Chris Whitney at 650-0374 or christopher.whitney@transamerica.com to register a foursome for the tournament or for information about sponsorship.

The event also will include an auction.

Football registration deadline: Saturday, May 31

The last day of May is the deadline for registering for Cape Elizabeth High School, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, and youth football programs. Starting Sunday, June 1, late fees will be charged and roster spots won’t be guaranteed.

Cape Elizabeth students in seventh and eighth grades play on the middle school team, and students in grades 4-7 play youth football. Go to www.football.capeelizabeth-schools.org and click on “important documents” to download a registration form for the high school program. Go to www.capefootball.org to download a registration form for youth and middle school programs.

Send forms to: Cape Elizabeth Football Boosters, Box 6282, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107. Call Kelly Phinney at 799-2688 or kphinney@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Cape Elizabeth High School’s speech team and coaches, Richard Mullen, far left, and Lisa Melanson, far right, pictured in front of the Maine State House in Augusta, recently received recognition from Sen. Rebecca Millett, D-Cape Elizabeth, for the team’s fifth straight state championship. After Millett’s presentation in the Senate chambers, Sen. Roger Katz, R-Augusta, who had Mullen as a teacher when Mullen taught in a school outside Augusta, “stood up to say that Dick had been his sixth grade teacher 40 years earlier and that he was the best teacher he’d ever had,” Melanson said, adding, “It was really cool.”

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Cape Challenge 5K, 1-Mile Dash, Fun Run on June 1 to benefit all three Cape schools

Some spectators at last year’s Cape Challenge 5K helped cool off father and daughter runners, Paul and Addy McGrath, with a spray of water.

The Cape Challenge 5K, a fundraiser for all three Cape Elizabeth public schools, is set for Sunday, June 1.

The event will include a Fun Run for children 8 and under starting at 8:30 a.m., a 1-Mile Dash for children 12 and under starting at 9 a.m., and the 5K, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. All three events will start and finish at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Awards

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

Registration

Registration for the 5K is $12 in advance and $20 the day of the race. Registration for the 1-Mile Dash is $8 in advance and $12 the day of the race. No registration is required for the Fun Run.

Go to www.nininarace.com/capechallenge to register. Race packets will be available for pickup on race day starting at 8 a.m. or from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, in the Pond Cove School/CEMS cafeteria.

Proceeds from the event will help fund programs at the three Cape schools. The race is sponsored by Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture.

The Mainely Burgers food truck will be at the event serving food for a fee.

Contact Hope Straw at hope@thestraws.com about volunteering at the race.

St. Alban’s plans five-day Vacation Bible School

St. Alban’s Episcopal Church will host a summer Vacation Bible School for children who are 4 years old through those entering fifth grade. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, July 14, to Friday, July 18, at the church, 885 Shore Road.

Daily activities at the camp, which this year has the theme “Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides,” will include music, teamwork-building games, crafts and play.

“Plus, we’ll learn to look for evidence of God all around us with ‘God sightings,’ a unique exploration on how we can see God in the ordinary. Each day concludes with ‘celebration’ – a time of songs and fun that reviews the morning’s activities,” said Deb-
Planning

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The Tammaros are asking the board to waive private-road construction standards for curbing and width to preserve the character of the road. The road is presently 18-feet wide and it serves one lot. While board members were willing to schedule a hearing for Nick Tammaro’s private-road application, at their April 15 meeting they were less willing to move forward on a separate plan he submitted for property at 539-541 Ocean House Road. Tammaro and co-applicant Jennifer Fenney were looking to convert an existing structure at the Cape Co-op into a 26-seat restaurant to be called The Summer Oven.

Board members, however, said they did not believe they had enough information and deemed the application incomplete. Middle School boiler room, Mitchell Heights lot split approved

In other matters, the Planning Board on April 15 approved a plan for a small, 1,050 square-foot building attached to the Cape Safety Building, which could be filled with historical records of interest to the public. “I would hope the Historical Society would have open houses there,” McGovern said. “It’s actually a much better space in my view for the Historical Society.”

The library renovation will go to voters in November. Councilor Caitlin Jordan made clear that the Public Safety Building renovation was a separate matter, “already in the works,” and “not happening just because the library may be renovated after the referendum.”

There is currently no recommendation for the long-term use of the extra space at the Public Safety Building beyond the 2015 housing of the Historical Preservation Society. “Thereafter, all options are open,” said McGovern.

Renevations

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Councilor Jim Walsh said that previous estimates to rent alternate space for the Historical Preservation Society had been much higher, in the range of $70,000 to $130,000 for one year and that earlier estimates for the Public Safety Building renovation had also been significantly higher, at $50,000.

McGovern said that the new temperature-controlled and secure space would be preferable to the current library basement, with easy access to the public and “24/7” access for society volunteers with a card-key system. He described as “beautiful” a large display cabinet, already in place at the Public Safety Building.

Survey

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of survey results at the meeting, outlined school climate areas perceived to have “real strengths” – areas that at least 75 percent of respondents ranked positively; areas with “very positive strengths” – areas ranked 10 percent higher than the national average and “areas for improvement,” which 20 percent or more people ranked as unfavorable; and “local concerns identified.”

Ninety percent of students said they feel safe at school. Eighty-nine percent think their school has an active parents association. Ninety-two percent said their school prepares children to be good citizens; and 95 percent said teachers have positive relationships with most parents, compared to 79 percent nationally.

Among faculty, 86 percent of school staff report that their child’s school does a very good job meeting the needs of all its students; 48 percent that the school does an excellent job dealing with student bullying; 72 percent that the school prepares children to be good citizens; and 48 percent that their child’s school offers students opportunities to explore areas of interest outside core content areas. Fifty-six percent of parents report that the school does a great job of challenging their children to their full potential.

Among faculty, 86 percent of school staff members said they plan to be with the school department “two years from now,” compared to 76 percent nationally. Eighty-four percent said they would recommend their school/district to a family member, compared to 74 percent nationally.

Among students, 86 percent of school work requires them to think in new ways of doing things; and only 30 percent of staff believe they had enough information and other opportunities; and 50 percent that their performance will be evaluated; only 71 percent say they are encouraged to try new ways of doing things; and only 30 percent of staff report that staff have positive opportunities at their school/district are relevant to their work.

Some of the survey findings are addressed by the district’s strategic plan, Christie said. “They reinforce central themes of the work of our five-year strategic plan: citizen education, academic choice and relevancy, personalized learning, school climate, plus teacher feedback and development. The plan is well positioned to harness the district’s many strengths to address opportunities for improvement.”

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Cape Elizabeth resident Andrew Grennon recently was selected for membership in Gamma Sigma Alpha, a national academic Greek honor society, at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. A member of St. Lawrence’s Class of 2015 and a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, he is majoring in economics. To be a member in Gamma Sigma Alpha, a student must be a member of a St. Lawrence fraternity or sorority, be a current junior or senior and have either a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher or have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher during their junior or senior year.

Cape Elizabeth resident Joey Doane was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society at St. Joseph’s College of Maine in Standish in a campus ceremony on May 24.

To qualify, students must complete a minimum of four history classes and have a grade-point average of 3 or higher. Joey, the son of Pauline and Joe Doane, is majoring in elementary education.

An opening reception for Bath painter Martha Baum is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at the inn by the Sea’s Sea Glass restaurant.

During a childhood trip to Penobscot Bay, Baum got her first glimpse of the beauty of the state she has been “hooked” on ever since. Baum, who studied at the Art Students League in Denver, Colo., has a studio in Bath. Her oil paintings will be on view at the inn throughout the summer.

Cape Elizabeth resident Rebecca Strout received two art awards this spring at Colby Sawyer-College in New London, N.H., where she is a member of the Class of 2015 and a graphic design major. At the Gladys Greenbaum Meyers Juried Student Art Exhibition, she won the Charlotte Cobb Stahl Scholarship, given in recognition of the strongest suite of works, and the Joe Hruby Award for “Best in Show in Typography.” She is a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Cape Elizabeth resident Nancy Neely reads the Courier at the gates of Kensington Palace during a recent two-week vacation to England, the fourth in 10 years by Neely and her husband Bob. The couple will visit another island when they next travel. “Our next big trip will be to Ireland,” she said.

Cape Elizabeth resident Suzanne Pilbury Lacognata reads the Courier with Brookline, Mass., resident, Lawrence R. Cohen, president of the Jewish National Fund of New England, in Eilat, Israel, with Saudi Arabia in the background. The two were part of a JNF group that spent three weeks touring Israel. JNF, which has an environmental focus, has developed land for Jewish settlement and creates partnerships in the Mideast to improve quality of life.

Cape Elizabeth resident Julie McDonald has a new column, “The Right View,” which expresses her conservative viewpoint, in the weekly newspaper The Forecaster. A nurse, she is a former Capitol Hill staff member who now chairs the Cape Elizabeth Republican committee. This summer she plans to move to North Yarmouth with her sons.

Cape Elizabeth resident Madeline Kraft was inducted last month into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society recognizing leadership in scholarship, athletics, university publications, cultural life and student affairs, at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She is a 2012 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

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