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Town manager gives Town Council preview of next municipal budget

By Bob Dodd

While it's still early in the process, Cape residents can plan on a proposed municipal budget increase of about 6.3 percent for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which begins July 1.

About half of the projected increase – 3.2 percent – is due to the library bond cost.

Combined with other expected revenue increases of about \$100,000, the impact on the property tax would be about 40 cents per thousand of home valuation. For a home valued at \$300,000, the municipal portion of the budget would increase the property tax by about \$120.

The overall property tax increase is not part of this projection. The school budget is separate from the municipal budget and

has the greatest impact on the town's property tax.

Community Services and county budgets also are included in the overall property tax rate.

Town Manager Mike McGovern presented the projections to the Town Council at the council's meeting on Jan. 12. The early projections came at the council's request.

The current municipal budget is about \$9.2 million. McGovern projected this to increase to about \$9.8 million in the next fiscal year.

About \$300,000 of the increase is projected to come from the Thomas Memorial Library bond costs approved by the town's voters in November.

—see BUDGET, page 14

CELT now considering public's response to dog-leash rule for Robinson Woods

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is taking the month of February to review community feedback on its new leash rule for dogs in Robinson Woods. The rule, which went into effect Dec. 1, requires dogs to be leashed in the woods after 9 a.m. and was issued after multiple complaints of biting, chasing, and intimidating dogs off leash in the woods. Accumulating dog waste was also a problem. According to a press release issued in November, a unanimous vote of the CELT Board of Directors to impose the new rule followed meetings with concerned residents and police in September and October.

The rule prompted a swift and passionate response from dog walkers who, in a paid advertisement-letter which ran in this newspaper between Dec. 24 and Jan. 20, said they

felt "ignored" after having "supported CELT financially" for years. "The overwhelming majority of dog owners who use this property are not just responsible, but good stewards ..." the letter said. Sixty people signed the letter, and a Robinson Woods Dog Walkers Facebook group was formed.

Other users of the property, some with dogs, applauded the new rule.

CELT Executive Director Chris Franklin estimated that compliance with the new leash rule has been "probably less than 50 percent."

Community meetings

To hear and consider all views, CELT scheduled two community discussion meetings at the Community Center on Jan. 21

—see CELT, page 14

Public hearing set for Feb. 23 on proposed Hidden Court subdivision changes

By Wendy Derzawiec

The owners of one of Cape Elizabeth's premier estates is looking to change some of the property's boundary lines, further insuring visual access to the Atlantic Ocean from a neighboring lot.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing Feb. 23 on a proposal to convey approximately 3 acres of the Hidden Court "stone house" lot, a 42-acre parcel that stretches between Ocean House Road and Zeb Cove, to a neighboring 10-acre parcel to the south. Both lots are part of the four-lot Hidden Court subdivision.

Nathalie and Alexander Petersen, who own both lots, are looking to sell the larger, stone-house property while keeping the smaller, "garden house" lot as their residence, landscape architect Stephen Mohr said at the board's meeting Jan. 20. The conveyance would shift the boundary of a tree-bordered swath of land that provides a visual corridor to Zeb Cove for the garden-house lot.

"As we looked at this, that was really the

big move that the Petersens wanted to do in order to have the garden lot be the right kind of place for their home," said Mohr, representing the Petersen's limited liability company, Hidden Court LLC.

The Hidden Court subdivision dates back to 1989, when the Planning Board approved the four lots. At the time, there was a great deal of concern and effort put into locating the lots with respect to natural features, said Frank Strout, owner of another neighboring property and a descendent of the Robinson family that originally owned the parcel.

The stone house that gives the larger lot its nickname was built by his uncle, Strout said. The 1920s structure is modeled after a 14th-century English manor house, "Ightham Mote," according to an inventory of historic buildings conducted by the town in 1999.

Numerous restrictions and covenants bind the lots within the subdivision, said Mohr. One of those covenants protects the view of Zeb Cove for the garden lot, but Mohr said

—see PLANNING, page 14

Happy Valentine's Day



Photo by Joanne Lee

Above, Wayne Brookings gets a kiss from Beverly Brookings, his bride of 56 years, on Jan. 23. The Brookings, Cape residents, both grew up in Cape Elizabeth and were Cape Elizabeth High School sweethearts. Photographer Joanne Lee met with the couple to photograph and chat with them in their home, which once belonged to Wayne's grandmother. When asked the secret to a long and happy marriage, Beverly advised "Don't always give in," while Wayne cited "perseverance," prompting laughter from both. "By not giving in, you need to talk about things," Beverly explained. The couple have two children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Photo by Jack Kennealy

Above, a young couple, photographed on Jan. 23, enjoy the view at Kettle Cove.

See page 8 for more photographs shared in celebration of Valentine's Day!

It is not too late to license your dog for 2015

It is not too late to license dogs for 2015. Dog licenses for 2014 expired on Dec. 31 and the grace period during which late fees would be waived ended Jan. 31. Dogs should still be licensed, but will be assessed a \$25 late fee per dog, if the dog is six months and has been owned by the resident for six months or more.

Registration fees are \$11 for an intact male or female dog and \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog. Online registrations are an additional \$1.

When registering a dog, bring a current Maine rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering if applicable.

Maine law requires all dogs to be licensed. Up to 90 percent of registration fees go directly to the State of Maine Animal Welfare Program to support investigations of cruelty to animals. Call 799-0881 with questions.

Photo by Martha Agan

Jay Madden walking with Monte.



Letters continued

Residents should have 'opportunity to share their opinions' before changes are made at park

We recently discovered that the swing sets by the beach at Fort Williams Park were being moved 60 feet north to within 30 feet of the porta-potties. This action was taken by the Fort Williams Advisory Committee as part of a master plan, developed in 2011. Our concern is that such a significant decision was made without Cape Elizabeth residents being apprised beforehand or given the opportunity to share their opinions.

Relocating the swings affects the family-oriented character of the park that we, and many of our friends, have valued over the years. It conflicts with our vision of the nature of Fort Williams' presence in our community. It also raises a concern about other decisions that are being made without the community's knowledge, such as tree removals, bleacher renovations, and children's

garden plans, among others.

We have tremendous respect and appreciation for the FWAC and those who volunteer their time to serve our community. However, putting notice in *The Cape Courier* about pending decisions to solicit community feedback seems a simple solution. It doesn't seem reasonable to expect residents to constantly survey the website to discover what has been decided. A more transparent and collaborative decision-making process would also offer the FWAC valuable feedback and community support.

We request that action on this decision and any others that have not been disclosed to the community be postponed until a fair hearing of the opinions of all interested parties is conducted.

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NEW OWNER	PREVIOUS OWNER	LOCATION	SALE PRICE	TYPE / USE
ELLEN MCCARTHY	CARTUS FINANCIAL CORP	2 BALSAM ROAD	\$836,400	SINGLE FAMILY
GERRI CHIZECK	MICHAEL BOWDLER	18 KILLDEER ROAD	\$267,000	SINGLE FAMILY
NEW GEN ESTATES LLC	SURESH GALI	5 DERMOT DRIVE	\$0	SINGLE FAMILY
SCOTT MAZUZAN	SONIA DONOVAN	270 FOWLER ROAD	\$240,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ERIK JOHANSSON	FREDERICK PRINCE	2 ROCKY HILL ROAD	\$499,000	SINGLE FAMILY
STEVEN KELLEY	CHARLOTTE TANSON	6 CRANBROOK DRIVE	\$375,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JOSHUA BENTHLEN	JEANNE ODOM	9 ROCKY HILL ROAD	\$515,000	SINGLE FAMILY
560 SHORE ROAD LLC	COBALT PROPERTIES LLC	560 SHORE ROAD	\$330,000	REPAIR GARAGE
CONRAD CHANZIT	PETER CLIFFORD	36 LAWSON ROAD	\$1,096,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ANDREW WU	RUSS DOUCETTE CUSTOM BUILDER	22 TIGER LILY LANE	\$200,000	VACANT LAND
BRENT MILLER	GARY ROSENFELD	2 PINE RIDGE ROAD	\$540,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CARTUS FINANCIAL CORP	PAUL DELVA	2 BALSAM ROAD	\$836,400	SINGLE FAMILY
REGAN ST. PIERRE	BRUCE BLAISDELL	10 TALL PINE ROAD	\$342,500	SINGLE FAMILY
STEPHEN SPENCER	NORMAN HARMON III	16 HILLCREST DRIVE	\$555,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHRISTOPHER MOSUNIC	WILLIAM FOX	16 WHALE BACK WAY	\$845,750	SINGLE FAMILY
RAHFA ZERIKLY	JUDITH WHITE	3 STARBOARD DRIVE	\$180,000	CONDOMINIUM
DENNIS RODGERS	PETER MADIGAN	7 OVERLOOK LANE	\$1,000,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHRISTOPHER SPROWL	ANGELO CIOCCA	25 OLDE COLONY LANE	\$620,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MICHAEL MCCABLE	DONALD HEAD	12 HERON POINT	\$938,700	SINGLE FAMILY
4 SALT SPRAY LANE LLC	MICHAEL MEFTAH	4 SALT SPRAY LANE	\$1,050,000	WATERFRONT
LEIGH BAGLEY	JUAN PEREZ-FEBLES	57 WELLS ROAD	\$445,000	SINGLE FAMILY
RONALD EUBANKS JR.	FRANK GRUBER	250 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$281,500	SINGLE FAMILY

Cape's greenbelt trails are open for winter use

By Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

The town's 24-plus miles of greenbelt trails are open for winter trail users, and offer a very different experience from the summer months. What does not change, however, is the need for trail users to exercise common sense and observe the rules in place to preserve the trails. Some key points to remember:

Look at the map. Stay on public trails and off private property. A greenbelt trails map is available at no charge in the Assessing/Codes/Planning office on the second floor of Town Hall. Maps are also available online at www.capeelizabeth.com.

When you trespass on private property, you erode public support for the public greenbelt trails. Town greenbelt trails are marked with the green G signs.

Look at the user chart. Not all trails are open for all users or all the time. The town has adopted a user chart, which can be found on the town website under the Management of Greenbelt and Open Plan. Most users can use all trails. Some trail use has been limited due to the physical limitations of the trail and

the proximity of the trail to private property.

Not all trails allow snowmobiles. Snowmobiles are allowed on some greenbelt trails, most notably at Gull Crest and the Town Farm. Snowmobiles are not allowed on the town access trails to Great Pond. The trail extending from Fenway Road to the pond

access trail explicitly prohibits motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles. This is a restriction by the property owner that the town is obligated to respect. The town hopes to prepare a special greenbelt trail/snowmobile map to guide snowmobilers.

ATV use prohibited by ordinance. The use of ATVs is prohibited on town-owned

land by ordinance (Traffic Regulations, Sec. 13-3-8, Open Space Management, Sec. 18-5-4 (g)). Use of ATVs and other four-wheel motorized vehicles on town trails damages the trail surface. In addition, greenbelt trail boardwalks and bridges are built for pedestrian use and are subject to damage when used by motorized vehicles.

Greenbelt trails are multiuse trails. Please show courtesy to your fellow trail users and enjoy the greenbelt system.



Classifieds in *The Cape Courier* work! See page 15 for details.

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

February brings Full Snow Moon and conjunction of Mars and Venus



Photo by Erika Carlson Rhile

Baby great horned owl

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

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day! Our woodchucks pay no attention, curled up in their burrows below the frost line. They'll start looking for mates in a month or so. Feb. 2 happens to be halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so whether or not Punxatawney Phil sees his shadow, it's six more weeks until March 20!

Feb. 3: Full Snow Moon This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by

some tribes as the Full Hunger Moon.

Feb. 6: Jupiter will be at its closest to Earth; using just binoculars you should be able to see four of its moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

Feb. 22: Conjunction of Mars and Venus. These two bright planets will be within half a degree of each other. Look west after sunset.

Baby, it's cold outside: Bear cubs are born in early February. Coyote breeding season peaks in late February; you may see drops of blood from females in estrus. Great horned owls are Maine's earliest nesting bird. Pairs form from mid-January to March. Listen for the males' frequent hooting, trying to attract a mate.

Backyard predator



This red-tailed hawk was photographed by Martha Agan in her backyard on Jan. 15. Red-tailed hawks eat mice, squirrels, rabbits and birds. Agan suggests birdfeeders be placed about ten feet from evergreens, to allow small birds an escape route if necessary.

CAPE ELIZABETH REAL ESTATE MARKET 2014: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

	2013	2014	% CHANGE
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES:			
Number Sold:	128	150	+17.2%
Average/Median Sale Price:	\$591,266/\$435,000	\$513,421/\$420,000	- 13.2/ - 3.4%
Average/Median Days on Market:	63/24	62/31	- 1.6/+29.2%
CONDOS:			
Number Sold:	29	30	+ 3.4%
Average/Median Sale Price:	\$261,374/215,000	\$290,951/216,500	+11.3/+0.7%
Average/Median Days on Market:	87/44	75/23	- 13.8/-47.7%

For a more in-depth analysis of this information, please contact me.

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Telephone scammers claim to be from IRS

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-9 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about scam calls received from a person claiming to be from the IRS, threatening to sue the resident.
- 1-15 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 1-17 An officer met with a resident at the police station about the theft of a cell-phone.
- 1-18 An officer responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area for report of a vehicle leaving the roadway, striking a stone wall and fire hydrant, and leaving the scene.

ARRESTS

- 1-10 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Kettle Cove Road
- 1-15 Falmouth resident, violating conditions of release, Old Ocean House Road
- 1-17 Westbrook resident, operating without a license, possession of scheduled drugs, Shore Road
- 1-18 Cornish resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road

SUMMONSES

- 1-6 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Mitchell Road, \$171
- 1-8 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 1-7 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 1-9 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 1-10 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 1-10 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, operating with expired license over 90 days, Kettle Cove
- 1-13 Greene resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$133
- 1-13 Portland resident, failure to change address on license, Route 77, \$137
- 1-15 Falmouth resident, violation of

conditions of release, Old Ocean House Road

- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (40/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$137
- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 1-18 Cornish resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 1-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, towing unregistered trailer, Route 77, \$193
- 1-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating with expired license, Route 77, \$137

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 1-10 South Portland resident, possession of drug paraphernalia
- 1-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, imprudent speed, Old Ocean House Road, \$119

ACCIDENTS

- 1-8 Daniel Spaulding, Malcolm Smith, accident on the high school access road.
- 1-15 Katrina Millett, Gail Pallavi, accident on Ocean House Road
- 1-15 Richard Munson, Michael Marcel, accident on Little John Road
- 1-15 Ashley Bomba, accident on Old Ocean House Road
- 1-19 Nick Garcia, Malcolm Weatherbie, accident on Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

- 1-7 Ocean House Road, investigation
- 1-7 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 1-8 Longfellow Drive, fire alarm
- 1-9 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 1-9 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 1-10 Eastman Road, fire alarm
- 1-10 Eastfield Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-13 South Street, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-15 Philip Road, water problem
- 1-16 Cooper Drive, fire alarm
- 1-17 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 1-19 Cedar Ledge Road, investigation

RESCUE CALLS

There were 20 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two runs to Mercy Hospital. There were three patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

Police chief says no criminal charges will result from Recycling Center accident

No criminal charges will be filed against Christine Sharp-Lopez, the driver of the vehicle that struck and killed Herbert Dennison at the Recycling Center on Nov. 24, said Cape Elizabeth Police Chief Neil Williams.

According to Williams, it has been determined that alcohol was not a factor in the

accident. A vehicle autopsy found no defects that might account for the accident.

"The department's investigation is closed," said Williams. "This was a tragic accident that will be with us all for a long time."

-Elizabeth Brogan

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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.

Feb. 4, 1865 – Gen. Chamberlain is now at home in Brunswick, suffering much from his wound. [Portland Transcript]

Rebel commissioners in Washington! On Sunday last, Alex. H. Stephens, R.M.T. Hunter, and Mr. Campbell, reached General Grant's headquarters and requested permission to go to Washington, on parole of honor, as citizens representing the Southern people, to confer with President Lincoln on the subject of peace. Permission was granted, and they were expected in Washington on Wednesday or Thursday of the present week. [Portland Transcript]

Triumph of freedom! The resolutions providing for an amendment to the Constitution so as to abolish slavery forever in the United States, passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday, by a vote of 119 to 56, three more than the requisite

two-thirds majority, a number of Democrats voting for it. The amendment will now go to the Legislatures of the several States, and nearly all of them will undoubtedly adopt it. [Portland Transcript]

Camp Berry is now lighted at night with Kerosene lamps, so the bounty jumper can't sneak off without detection. [Portland Transcript]

Feb. 11, 1865 – The First Maine Cavalry has participated in over 40 battles and skirmishes during the campaign of 1864, 14 of which it is authorized to bear on its standard. It has lost, in the same time, seven officers killed, 13 wounded, and four missing in action. Sixty nine were killed, 202 wounded and 126 missing in action. One hundred and two men have died from disease, 41 of whom were in Southern prisons. It is authorized to bear 30 battles on its colors, seven more than any other cavalry regiment in the Army of the Potomac is authorized to bear. Very truly yours, J.P. Cilley, Lieut. Col. Comdg. Regt. [Portland Transcript]

Gen. Sherman is prosecuting his march into South Carolina, and it is reported that his soldiers are burning everything before them. His movements are kept quite close, and no one but himself knows where he will strike.

The rebel peace commissioners ... were taken in a steamer to Fortress Mon-

roe, where on Friday they were joined by President Lincoln, Secretary Seward having preceded him. The two steamers were lashed together, and a conference of several hours duration ensued.

The result of the Conference is state to be this: The rebel ultimatum was a recognition of the independence of the South as a preliminary condition to any negotiations whatever concerning peace. President Lincoln on the other had informed them that the war could only be stopped on condition that the authority of the United States should be recognized." [Portland Transcript]

Singular Coincidence – Maine and Missouri, which came into the Union together, one a free and the other a slave State, ratified the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery on the same day, the 7th inst. [Portland Transcript]

The City Council has named the square at the head of High Street, "Congress Square." [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: From 1847 to 1853, Cape Elizabeth resident Scott D. Jordan, a mariner, plied 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. Jordan wrote the following at the start of 1864:

U.S. Steamer Carondelet

Jan. 30, 1865

At Eastport, Miss..

Dear Judith,

Our Capt. has just received orders to report to the U.S. Steamer Benton, as a Commander, now at Natchez, Miss. And I must say I am almost sick at the thought of losing him, for I have not met so perfect a gentleman.

Jan. 31. Our Capt. will leave here tomorrow. He handed me a letter which proved to be a highly commendatory certificate, and for which I feel greatly obliged. It was voluntary on his part, and for that, I appreciate it all the more.

Feb. 2 Lieut. John Rodgers, came on board this ship this morning and assumed command, he is a perfect image of Colonel

Goddard, and about the same age. Thus far, We are all favorably impressed in regard to him.

U.S. Steamer Carondelet

Feb. 11, 1865

At Eastport Miss.

Dear Judith,

Capt. Rogers, suits us well, finding fault with no one this far. Some of our Officers go on shore hunting every day. Mr. Kantz and I went day before yesterday. We shot 22 Grey, and 5 Fox squirrels, which was as much as we wanted to bring to the ship for they were like the Irishman's pig, increasing in weight every rod we carried them until they weighed something less than a ton. We have been living on squirrels for three weeks constantly, and expect to continue to live on them all the while we remain here. They are much finer eating than chickens or turkeys.

I spoke about a Bill, which was before the House at Washington in my last letter. I have since learned that the bill passed both Houses, and is now law. The difference it makes in my pay is just \$110 per year. Also three months extra pay when the war is over, if honorably discharged. It is generally believed it will be made six months, instead of three, which is quite an item.

One year and ten months ago today I joined this Old Ship, in the Yazoo River, quite a long time yet how short it appears. And how remarkably contented I have been. There is no way in which I can realize the length of time, except by looking back over it and calling to mind the various scenes I have passed through, and the many different places(s) I have visited. And in thinking of the many letters I have received from you and the children. And all I have myself written, the number of which I would really like to know. I think, however it must be one hundred. Just think what a valuable Legacy to fall to our children. And if I continue to be lucky, I shall have quite a respectable bundle of your letters to add to it, by the time the war is over. I am very careful of them, and prize them, more than gold.

Your Affectionate Husband,

Scott D. Jordan

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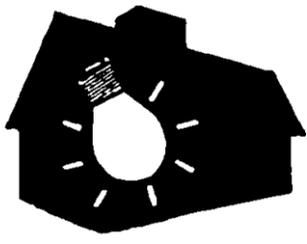
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Probate court records topic of Feb. 7 meeting

Jeffrey A. Kimball, the deputy register of probate for the Cumberland County Probate Court, will discuss probate court records at the Saturday, Feb. 7, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 29 Ocean House Road.

Kimball has 10 years of experience with the Cumberland County Probate Court and has worked for the Registry of Deeds and the District Attorney's office for Cumberland. He will talk about probate court records available online, records available with a trip to the registry, how to get older items online, the filing of cases online, and how to use the Internet to look at different probate courts in Maine.

The meetings, held the first Saturday of each month, are free and open to the public. Membership, open to anyone interested in genealogical research, is \$5 a year.

Go to their website at www.gpcmsg.org for more information.

Sesquicentennial

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*U.S. Steamer Carondelet
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Dear Judith,*

*...The trees have commenced leaving out, and the Robins & Mocking birds are very plenty, which together with the numerous other kinds of bird, and the frogs, fairly make the woods ring with their songs. So you see there is a vast difference between the climate of this place and that of Maine. This is considered the most healthy state in the country and I have no doubt but that is the case. I like the appearance of everything about here well, though the war has made sad havoc in many places, and left its devastating marks so heavily, that it will be years after the war is over before it fully recovers from them. The people are scattered almost to the four winds, and many as fine farms, as there are in the whole country have been entirely neglected since the war first commenced. Many of the inhabitants that have remained, are almost destitute....
Your Affectionate Husband*

Scott D. Jordan

P.S. I sent you \$10 Jan. 18, and \$10, Feb 3. Have you received it? I will send \$10, in this one and until I hear of you getting it will not send any more...

Cape Elizabeth resident Sean Sinclair has been named a principal in the operations department at the Portland office of Baker Newman Noyes, an accounting and consulting firm.

Sinclair's appointment marks a new role for the firm.

Sinclair specializes in strategic leadership, project management, process improvement, risk and financial controls assessment and business process re-engineering. He joined the firm in 2010 as the first chief operating officer.

He graduated cum laude from Boston College and holds a master's degree in organizational management from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is board member and secretary for the Portland Chamber Music Festival and a board member and vice chairman for Girls on the Run – Maine.

Cameron Wilson, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester president's list at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., where he is majoring in economics and finance and is a member of the varsity men's lacrosse team.

Harvey Melnick, the head behavioral coach at **Aucocisco Coaching** in Cape Elizabeth, recently published an article in the Gestalt Review, a professional, peer-reviewed journal of the Gestalt International Study Center in South Wellfleet, Mass.

Titled "Gestalt Parent Coaching: a New Model for Intervening in Family Systems," the article outlines his coaching approach to working with families. GPC encourages parents to embrace how important they are in the lives of their children and to acquire skills and ways of parenting that are effective in achieving positive changes in the family.

Abigail Hunter was named to the fall-semester dean's list at American International College in Springfield, Mass. A 2013 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, she is majoring in occupational science.

Nathan Botelho, the son of **Valerie and Paulo Botelho**, has been appointed as a service learning teacher's assistant at Northeastern University in Boston. In the position, he will help students in his communication studies class connect with area nonprofits. A member of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2012, he is a junior.

Like mother, like daughter



Cape Elizabeth resident Lou Agan didn't let a snow storm stop her from celebrating her 90th birthday Jan. 24 in the water at a "splash party" at the Donald L. Richards Pool. "When I asked my mother if she would like to have a splash party for her 90th, she said, "Why not? You only go this way once!" her daughter, Cape Elizabeth resident Martha Agan, said, adding that her mother has always loved to swim.



Martha Agan, second from left, and the daughter of Lou Agan, at top, takes a frigid dip with other brave community members on New Year's Day during the Cape Elizabeth Water Extrication Team's annual fundraiser for Project Graduation. "(My mother) made sure her children would swim, and our lessons began in the coldest water to be found in Cape Elizabeth, at Casino Beach," Martha Agan said. "Once we mastered that we ventured to Scarborough Beach and learned to body surf. Pools weren't to be found in our childhood, the 1950-1960s."

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A page full of sweet images for Valentine's Day!



In honor of Valentine's Day, we invited our talented group of photographers to take pictures on a theme of "heart" or romance. In addition to the front-page photos of Beverly and Wayne Brookings taken by Joanne Lee and the young couple at Kettle Cove taken by Jack Kennealy, we have, clockwise from top left, friendly goats at the Funny Farm, photographed by Martha Agan; a heart-shaped ice floe on Spurwink Marsh, photographed by Karen Kurkjian; a Mitchell Road tree with a heart-shaped hollow (for love letters perhaps?) photographed by Katherine Urbanek; a bench at Two Lights State Park, which reads: "In memory of Bob Knight who believed, 'To love and be loved is to feel the sun on both sides.'" photographed by Martha Agan; and another photo of the Brookings taken by Joanne Lee. All of The Cape Courier photographers, many of whom are distinguished professionals, provide images to the newspaper as volunteers. Thank you, and Happy Valentine's Day!
-Elizabeth Brogan



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Raina Sparks wins CEMS spelling bee

Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader Raina Sparks, right, won the Cape Elizabeth Middle School spelling bee on Jan. 8. Sixth-grader Lila Gaudrault, left, the 2014 CEMS bee winner, was runner-up. "Both girls are very excited and eager to compete at the countywide spelling bee being held at the Falmouth Middle School on Feb. 11," said Amanda Kozaka, the library and instructional technology specialist at the CEMS Library and Learning Commons, where the bee took place.



Scholarship goes to Cape student

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland Bishop Robert Deeley presents Cape Elizabeth resident Libby O'Brien, a senior at Cheverus High School in Portland, with the Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarships are given annually to outstanding Catholic high school students to use for college tuition. O'Brien has been class president since junior year and is the treasurer and vice-president of the school's Model United Nations club. She volunteers at Thomas Memorial Library and works as a counselor at Camp Susan Curtis, a summer camp for Maine children in need. She hopes to major in biology and become a botanist.



It's time to register new students at Pond Cove

Pond Cove School is now taking registrations for students who will start attending the school in the 2015-16 school year.

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years of age before Oct. 15, 2016, should contact the school as soon as possible to register their children for kindergarten. Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the school right away if they plan to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove next year.

A copy of a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency, such as a utility bill, are required at registration.

Call 799-7339 for more information.

Honor roll

Cape Elizabeth student Sarah Morin was named to the honor roll for the first semester at Catherine McAuley High School, where she is a junior.

More school news on page 16

Make crafts, eat pizza on Feb. 11 at Craft Night

The Pond Cove Parents Association's annual Craft Night is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the school cafeteria.

At the event, geared to younger children and their families, kids make crafts, do art

projects, and create Valentine's Day gifts. Pizza will be for sale.

Admission will be \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Contact Anne Leonardi at aleonardi.pcpa@gmail.com for more information.



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Temporary space at library offers new service model on two floors

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

If you've visited the library since it reopened on January 15, you've noticed that there are not only new locations for some of the library's collections, but also changes to how library business is conducted.

The library now has two service desks, one on each floor of the building. Children's and young adult materials are located upstairs, and all checkouts, returns, and questions related to children's and young adult materials are handled at the children's services desk. Also handled at this desk are all hold pickups (for adult materials as well as children's and young adult materials).

Children's story times are now being held in an open area created in the picture book section of the children's library. Below the children's library, in what was once the library's Community Room, you will find the portion of the adult collection that was not put in storage during the period of construction (About 57 percent of the library's adult collection, and 30 percent of the library's children's and young adult collections have been put in storage until the new library is completed.) All adult checkouts and returns (except for holds) and questions related to adult materials, are handled at the adult services desk downstairs.

This new service model is a step closer to the way services will be handled in the new library, so this temporary arrangement will provide a good adjustment period for staff as well as library users. As always, library staff members are on hand to help library users locate resources in the library and through interlibrary loan.

Please check the library website for the most up-to-date information regarding library programming.



Above, Kiah Gardner awaits customers at the children's services desk upstairs on Jan. 26. Below, Brittany Kashar mans the adult services desk downstairs at the library on Jan. 26.



Photos by Elizabeth Brogan

New schedule of children's programming has begun this month on a trial basis

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

The library's children's staff is trying out a new schedule of children's programs, which may be adjusted in March after the staff has a chance to see how the programs work in the new, temporary program space.

Children's programs used to take place in the library's Community Room. While the new library is under construction, the adult library has been relocated to the Community Room, and a smaller program space has been created in the picture book area of the library.

This smaller, nondedicated, space may present challenges for running effective programs. The schedule for February is intended to be a trial to see what works and what needs to be adjusted.

During the month of December, while library staff was preparing for renovations to begin, the library replaced regular story times with "Stay & Play" programs; families were invited to drop in and let their children play with a variety of toys set out for this purpose. Because of the popularity of those programs, the library will be following its morning slate of story times with a few hours of "Stay & Play" in which a variety of additional toys will be set out for children and families. Story times will be shorter, 20 to 30 minutes, and more of them will be offered in the hope of spreading out attendance.

The schedule for February will be:

Baby Time, for birth to 18 months

Wednesdays at 11 with Rachel
Fridays at 9:30 with Rachel

Toddler Time, for 18 months to 3 years

Mondays at 9:30 with Kiah
Tuesdays at 9:30 with Rachel
Wednesdays at 9:30 with Kiah
Thursdays at 9:30 with Rachel

Preschool Time, for ages 3 to 5

Mondays at 10:30 with Kiah
Tuesdays at 10:30 with Rick
Wednesdays at 10:30 with Kiah
Fridays at 10:30 with Rick

Family Story Time, for all ages

Saturdays at 10:30 with Rachel

Stay & Play, for all ages

Mondays from 11 to 2
Tuesdays from 11 to 2
Wednesdays from 11:30 to 2
Thursdays from 11:30 to 2
Fridays from 11 to 2
Saturdays from 11 to 3

Musical Story Hour returns

Also returning in February is Jud Caswell's Musical Story Hour. The first program will take place from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thurs., Feb. 5, upstairs in the children's library picture book area. This program is best suited for ages 3 to 5, but younger children who are able to listen to longer stories are welcome to attend.

Rob Duquette will return for his final monthly World Music program for all ages at 10:30 on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Read-to-a-Dog program continues

Winston and Maddie, the library's two therapy dogs, will continue to meet with young readers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons after school. Winston, a golden retriever, is available on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5 p.m., and Maddie, a black Lab, is available on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:15. The dogs will meet with readers in a quiet corner upstairs in the children's library. Children must be registered in advance to read to the dogs; registration can be done in person, on the phone, or online at the library's website.

SoPo and Scarborough libraries open to all Cape residents during construction period

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

Two public libraries have generously extended their local services to Cape residents during the Thomas Memorial Library's construction period. Throughout 2015, cardholders will be able to use their Thomas Memorial Library card at the Scarborough Public Library and at both branches of the South Portland Public Library without having to pay a nonresident fee.

Although interlibrary loan is still available for materials that Thomas Memorial Li-

brary has put in storage for the year, the open borrowing arrangement with Scarborough and South Portland should make it easier for library users to quickly obtain materials that are unavailable at our library.

South Portland Public Library has two locations, 482 Broadway and 155 Wescott Road in South Portland. Scarborough Public Library is at 48 Gorham Road in Scarborough across from the Oak Hill shopping area.

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Elsmere fundraiser to benefit Project Graduation

A fundraiser benefiting Cape Elizabeth High School's 2015 Project Graduation is planned Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Elsmere BBQ & Wood Grill, 0448 Cottage Road, South Portland.

The night also will include a raffle drawing.

From 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., a portion of all food sales at Elsmere will go to Project Graduation, a post-graduation trip organized by senior parents to give newly graduated seniors a safe night of fun.

Raffle items include gift certificates to

Scratch Bakery, the Good Table restaurant and Dave's Auto Care. Tickets are \$2 apiece, \$10 for six, and \$20 for 16. People do not have to be present that night to win.

Raffle tickets will be for sale at Elsmere on Feb. 11 and can be bought in advance by sending a check made out to "CEHS" to Melissa Kelly, PG2015, One City View Road, Cape Elizabeth, 04107.

Contact Project Graduation co-chairs Melissa Kelly at rkelly842@earthlink.net or Beth Elicker at belicker@meca.edu for more information.

Community Gardens have some plot vacancies

The Cape Elizabeth Community Gardens have vacancies for the coming garden season.

The gardens, which are strictly organic, are located on Spurwink Road – one at Gull Crest Field and the other at Maxwell Farm behind the Ocean House Child Development Center. Currently the locations of the vacant plots are not known.

The two gardens have plots for \$25 to \$35, depending on size, and water, tools and supplies are available. Plot-holders are required

to keep up their own gardens and pitch in on community garden chores.

Go to www.capegardener.org for more information, or contact Roger Bishop at roger@rogerabishop.com or Rachel Stamieszkin at smok77@maine.rr.com.

Anyone interested in being put on the waiting list for plots should contact Nancy Miles at nmiles@maine.rr.com. Please include a name, address, phone number, e-mail address and specify which garden location is preferred.

Ram Island Farm property manager to talk about snowy owls, winter wildlife in Cape

Cape Elizabeth resident John Greene, the property manager of Ram Island Farm in Cape Elizabeth, will lead a presentation about snowy owls and winter wildlife in Cape Elizabeth from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust office at 330 Ocean House Road.

Greene will share personal photos of and stories about snowy owls, bobcats and other

wild animals seen in town. The program has a \$6 fee per person, and space is limited. All participants must register at least 48 hours in advance of the program in order to receive notification about changes or cancellation.

Register through Cape Elizabeth Community Services at www.capecommunity-services.org or by calling 799-2868.

'Calendar Girls' to run through Sunday, Feb. 15

"Calendar Girls" will run through Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Based on the 2003 film of the same name, the play tells the story of a group of women who persuade one another to pose in the nude for a charity calendar. Overcoming their modesty, the friends pose with strategically placed objects. As media interest rises,

the women find themselves exposed in ways they had never expected.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for children and students with identification.

Call 207-799-7337 or go to www.portlandplayers.org to buy tickets.

The next *Courier* deadline is **Friday, Feb. 6**

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By Wendy Derzawiec

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Thursday, February 5

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, February 9

Town Council Meeting and Workshop, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, February 10

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

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

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

Monday, February 16

Presidents Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17

Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning Conference Room, second floor Town Hall

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Feb. 15 - 9 a.m.
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Lions to host breakfast 'How to Succeed' to open on Feb. 20

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The breakfast, which will run from 7:30 to 11 a.m., will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Adults pay \$7, and children 12 and younger pay \$5.

Proceeds raised at the breakfast will benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Elizabeth Lions Club charities.

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

The musical, "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying," will open Friday, Feb. 20, and run through Sunday, March 7, at the Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

The satire lampoons corporate life. Using only a handbook, J. Pierrepont Finch climbs the corporate ladder encountering many stereotypes.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

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Little League registration deadline is Feb. 25

Registration for the 2015 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open at www.cape-ll.com through Wednesday, Feb. 25. CELL provides T-ball, softball and baseball opportunities to Cape children, ages 4-14.

"Please register early to avoid significantly increased late fees," CELL President Todd

Gagne said.

Assessments are planned in mid-March, and team practices during the month of April. Opening ceremonies are planned May 2. The season will run through June.

Go to www.cape-ll.com or email president@cape-ll.com for more information.

It's time to register new students at Pond Cove

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A copy of a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency such as a utility bill are required at registration.

Call 799-7339 for more information.

Correction

The Cape Courier's Jan. 21 issue incorrectly stated that Cape Elizabeth resident Rose Punskey competes in the United States Figure Skating Association's junior freeskate

level. Punskey, a novice, just passed a "Senior Moves in the Field" test, making her a USFSA gold medalist. She has two remaining tests, the junior and senior level freeskate tests.



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Nadeau to remain Cape superintendent; School Board has 'full faith' in her

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Meredith Nadeau is neither leaving her post nor seeking a new one.

That's the word from Cape Elizabeth School Board members to community members concerned about the departure of Nadeau, who took the helm in Cape Elizabeth in 2011 and was one of three candidates last month in the final round for a job as school superintendent in Weston, Mass.

"What I hope people understand is that the School Board has full faith in our superintendent. She wasn't looking for this job. She was recruited," School Board Chair Jo Morrissey said on Jan. 26. "What this means for our district is that her talents as a superintendent are regionally recognized."

Ultimately, Nadeau did not get an offer to lead the high-performing district, which has an enrollment of about 2,200 and is located in a suburb 12 miles west of Boston. But she is happy to remain in Cape, the superintendent said on Jan. 27.

"I feel great about (staying on as Cape Elizabeth superintendent). Everything happens for a reason. Weston was of interest for both personal and professional reasons, but Cape Elizabeth is a great community, and there is good work to do in our school system. I am not looking at other superintendent opportunities."

When asked what she will do if another high-performing school district tries to recruit her, Nadeau said, "I think it's a rare occurrence when the personal benefits and professional opportunities align in the way

they did for me here and in Weston."

Nadeau came to Cape Elizabeth three and a half years ago from the Oyster River Cooperative School District in Durham, N.H., where she was director of special education, instruction, and the humanities curriculum. During her time as superintendent, she has accomplished a lot, Morrissey said.

"So far during her tenure she has delivered a mission, vision, and strategic plan ... while serving not only as our superintendent, but as interim Middle School principal for a year and as a business manager for a time," Morrissey said. "Also during this time, Ms. Nadeau oversaw the implementation of full-day kindergarten, a summer learning program, extension of world language instruction to first grade, increases in professional development and common planning time for teachers, and a comprehensive facilities needs assessment and subsequent creation of a 10-year capitol improvement plan."

Nadeau is grateful for the time she spent in Weston.

"Weston is already down the road with some of the things we are still talking about or are just beginning to address here including flexible scheduling, team teaching, project-based learning, Mandarin instruction, and even little things like swimming lessons as a part of physical education, and standing desks as an option in classrooms," she said. "I had the opportunity to visit some great schools and to talk about education and student learning with some great people. I have no regrets about that whatsoever."

Groups to compete in trivia-style competition on March 22 International Affairs Challenge

Cape Elizabeth High School's World Affairs Council will hold its eighth annual "International Affairs Challenge" at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, in the CEHS cafeteria.

Tables of four to 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 three top-performing teams. Light refreshments will be provided.

The event will benefit WAC, which seeks to promote awareness of global issues among CEHS students, Cape Elizabeth commu-

nity members, and organizations with which WAC partners.

Tables of four to eight can be purchased for \$100, and individual seats are available for \$15. The deadline for registering is Friday, March 13. Checks can be made out to "CEHS WAC" and sent to Melissa Oliver, CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Email Madolyn Connolly at madolyn.connolly@capeelizabethschools.org or Melissa Oliver at moliver@capeelizabethschools.org for more information or to get a registration form.

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Record breaker: Cape swimmer continues streak



Fritz and Harry Homans

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth swimmer Harry Homans keeps racking up the records.

Homans, 15, recently broke six records – including the state record in an event in which he had never competed, the 400-meter individual medley – at the three-day CeraVe Invitational in Piscataway, N.J. Since age 10, when he broke his first state record in the 50 butterfly, Homans has broken one New England and 13 state records. The Cape Elizabeth freshman has competed in about 200 meets.

“A swimmer like Harry does not come around very often,” said Southern Maine Aquatics Club owner, Leanne Gravel, who has coached Homans for four years. “His self drive and his excitement about swimming are contagious. He’s just ... turning 15, so he’s really got a full career ahead of him – almost four more years of high school, then college and Olympic trials.”

A swimmer on the Cape Elizabeth High School team, Homans is humble about his achievements.

“I give credit to Leanne because she pushes me to be the best I can be,” said Homans, whose long-term goal is to make the Olympic trials.

Homans has had the benefit of being coached by someone close to home. His father, Fritz Homans, an assistant SMAC coach, swam for the University of North Carolina. He was the first Maine swimmer to qualify for the Olympic Trials, which he did in both 1976 and 1980.

Homans’ sister Hannah, a freshman swimmer at the University of Rhode Island, broke the state record in the 200-yard medley relay while swimming for CEHS.

For three years, the three spent five weeks of their summer in Europe, touring not only landmarks, but also 50-meter Olympic-sized pools. Maine has no 50-meter pools.

During those summers abroad, Homans competed in three meets in Germany, and he won the high point in his age group in one of them.

He has a strong work ethic, his father said.

“He’s very hard working. He sets his own goals and he works toward them. I don’t have much of an impact,” Fritz Homans said.

Cape Methodist plans Feb. 7 public supper, Feb. 15 ‘Jazz Sunday,’ Ash Wednesday service

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its first public supper of the year on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature casseroles, beans, salads and breads, and pie for dessert. Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families, or groups of two adults and children. Take-out also will be available.

On Feb. 15, the final Sunday before Lent, the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host “Jazz Sunday,” with Mardi Gras-style music throughout the 10 a.m. service.

The Dixieland-style music will feature local musicians, including Stephen Bither from The Wicked Good Band. The public is invited to the pre-Lent celebration and special worship service.

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist plans an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org or call 799-8396 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes evenings underway at Church of Nazarene

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene is offering Loaves and Fishes, a weekly opportunity for people to gather and share a simple meal and fellowship. The meals are free, served at the church from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 31. All are invited.

Call the church office at 799-3692 or email pastorjon@capenazarene.org for more information.

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene is located at 499 Ocean House Road.

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Budget

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Projected personnel pay and benefits increases of \$125,000 are based on a 2.5 percent average increase.

While McGovern did not expect the municipal budget to change much by the time

the final proposal is made, he did caution that it was early in the process.

"There probably still may be some surprises," he said.

Town officials are especially keeping an eye on developments with the state tax changes proposed by Gov. Paul LePage.

McGovern said that two areas of the state

budget that could have significant impact on the town's property taxes are revenue sharing and teacher-retirement funding. A larger portion of these tax burdens could be shifted over to municipalities if changes proposed by the governor are adopted by the state legislature.

He added that proposed changes in the Homestead Exemption tax reductions could

also impact property taxes. Based on his early projections, the proposed state-level changes would increase taxes by about \$168 for the town's homeowners under 65 years of age; and decrease taxes by the same amount for homeowners 65 or over.

"We're in for an interesting session in Augusta," said McGovern.

Planning

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the owners would rather see that visual corridor conveyed outright to the smaller lot. "What made sense to us based on the existing natural features out there was to take this area and convey that from the stone-house

lot to garden-house lot, because that's the significant view alley from the garden house down to the water," Mohr told members of the board.

Strout agreed that the conveyance makes sense, but he and the owner of another abutting property, Tom Dunham of Becky's Cove Road, said they would like assurance that

the building envelope on the garden-house lot stays where it is. Mohr said his clients have no intention of moving the envelope, but they are looking to make the envelope smaller by increasing the setback from the property line.

The Petersens are also looking to establish separate driveways for each of the two

lots.

Curry elected chairman, Jordan vice chairwoman

In other matters, the board on Jan. 20 elected Peter Curry to serve as chairman for 2015 and Carol Anne Jordan as vice chairwoman.

CELT

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and 23. Almost 60 people from Cape Elizabeth and the surrounding area attended each meeting, which were professionally facilitated by Lift360, a Portland-based, nonprofit-oriented consulting firm. Participants broke into small groups, each with a facilitator and CELT board member, and answered questions about how they benefited from access to Robinson Woods; their top concerns about the safety management of the property; and what they would do "in CELT's shoes" to balance access concerns with conservation goals.

Robinson Woods, owned by CELT, is subject to both conservation easements and a public access easement, which can be found on the CELT website.

Views at the meetings covered a wide spectrum. Some, like Kate Litton, favored a

continued leash rule and questioned the idea of "voice control." The mother of a two- and a four-year-old and owner of two dogs, Litton said she had experienced "more than five episodes with aggressive dogs" while with her children in Robinson Woods. Others felt that dogs not under voice command should be banned from the woods, but that responsible dog walkers should not be punished. Some, like Tony Owens, prioritized preservation of "special places" in the woods, already degraded simply "because we've been there."

"It was great to have so many people sharing ideas on how we can manage the property better," said Franklin. "It was also encouraging to have people commenting that they felt the meeting gave them a much deeper understanding of the property and a greater appreciation for how unique it is ... In all, a lot of great, very productive discussion on a complex issue."

Sheila Wellehan, who is coordinator for

the Robinson Woods Dog Walkers group, seemed to agree, calling the meetings "very positive and rewarding."

"One of the most valuable aspects was the opportunity for people with different points of view to get to know one another a bit and to try to see Robinson Woods through a different set of eyes," said Wellehan. "We very much appreciate how clearly CELT has shared its decision-making process with the public, and especially appreciate the fact that they will be holding a public hearing on the policies that emerge from this thorough process ... A somewhat negative situation has truly become an extremely positive one, with excellent communication and lots of ideas percolating to help preserve Robinson Woods and make it an even better experience for everyone."

Looking back and looking ahead

Robinson Woods is comprised of 145 acres of woodland, fields, ponds and vernal

pools, a home to birds, amphibians, mammals and trees as old as 300 years. According to Franklin, it is the most popular and also the most ecologically important of the Land Trust preserves.

The parcel dates back to Dec. 10, 1722, Franklin said in a brief historical summary given at the community meetings, when John Robinson married Sarah Jordan, granddaughter of the late Rev. Robert Jordan, one of the earliest settlers in the area. Sarah was left several hundred acres of land at Pond Cove, more than her brothers, due to the poor soil at Pond Cove. The couple settled on the point overlooking the cove, the same point still occupied by Robinson family members, and Robinson Woods has remained relatively unchanged.

Looking ahead, CELT President, Anne Carney, said that the organization would be "digesting the information we've got," through the month of February, after which a proposal would be developed. "We will run it by people in a couple of different ways," and "seek public comment before any official vote on a change in policy at the end of March." Carney asked that people check the CELT website for more opportunities to provide feedback.

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Glanville has worked for more than 20 years in the hotel industry and spent the past 12 as vice president and general manager of the Essex Resort and Spa in Essex Junction, Vt. A graduate of Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, he served as president and a member of the executive committee of the Vermont Convention Bureau. In 2010 he received the Vermont Department of Tourism's Borden Avery Innkeeper of the Year award. He also held positions with the United Way of Chittenden County and Vermont's Make A Wish Foundation, and currently serves on New England Inns and Resorts Association's board.



Jim Glanville

Glanville's wife **Tess**, a Cape Elizabeth native whose maiden name was **Farrington**, and their two teenage children, will soon join him in Maine.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Providence College in Providence, R.I. **Harrison Clarke**, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is a sophomore, and **Emma O'Rourke**, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is a freshman.

Three Cape Elizabeth students were named to the dean's list at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass.: sophomores **Colleen Howard** and **Chelsey Whynot** and freshman **Zoe Gillies**.

Courier studies in Antarctica



*Tricia Thibodeau, a 2009 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, reads the Courier recently on top of a glacier next to the Palmer Station in Antarctica, a U.S. research base. A graduate student at the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, Md., Tricia is doing research on the effects of climate change on the marine ecosystem as part of an interdisciplinary program. Thirty scientists from across the country annually board the research vessel, *Laurence M. Gould*, for five weeks to study the changing ecosystem along the Antarctic Peninsula. The area has experienced some of the most rapid atmospheric warming in the world since 1950.*

Cape Elizabeth resident **Abigail M. Armstrong**, the daughter of **Julie and Anthony Armstrong**, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. A senior majoring in government and Hispanic studies, she is a 2011 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Shannon Howard**, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at High Point University in High Point, N.C.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. **Georgia Morris**, a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate majoring in early childhood and elementary education, is studying this semester in Ireland. **Jack Thomas**, a 2014 CEHS graduate, is majoring in business.

Kelsey Blumenthal, a 2008 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, is the newest and youngest member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and a member of the first violin section. While earning a master's degree at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Blumenthal was a member of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. She has been a fellow at music festivals in Taos, N.M.; Aspen, Colo.; Sarasota, Fla.; and at the Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox, Mass.

Kelsey's brother, **Andrew Blumenthal**, is a 2014 cum laude graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He is now an attorney at the New York City law firm, Latham and Watkins.

Corey Blumenthal recently graduated from Boston University and is teaching English to schoolchildren in Korea. **Jaime Blumenthal** is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the dental hygiene program at the University of New England in Biddeford Pool. The four are the children of **Holly Ovenden**, Kelsey's first violin teacher, and **Steven Blumenthal**.



Kelsey Blumenthal



Andrew Blumenthal

Nicholas Bozek was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where he is a freshman. He is a member of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 2014.

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