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A trio of state championships!

First for boys' swim team since 1997



Photo by Jayne Hanley

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' swim team captured Cape Elizabeth's seventh state championship, and its first in 18 years, on Feb. 14 at the University of Maine at Orono. Gathering with the Class B state trophy are, from left, front, coach Dave Croft, Harry Homans, Alex Mukai, Reese McFarlane, Griffin Thoreck; middle row, head coach Ben Raymond, Elliot McGinn, RJ Sarka, James Planinsek; rear, Connor Thoreck, Kyle Long, Sam Loring, Owen Thoreck, Tommy Brett, Stephen Bennett and Wyatt Page.

Second in a row for girls' Alpine

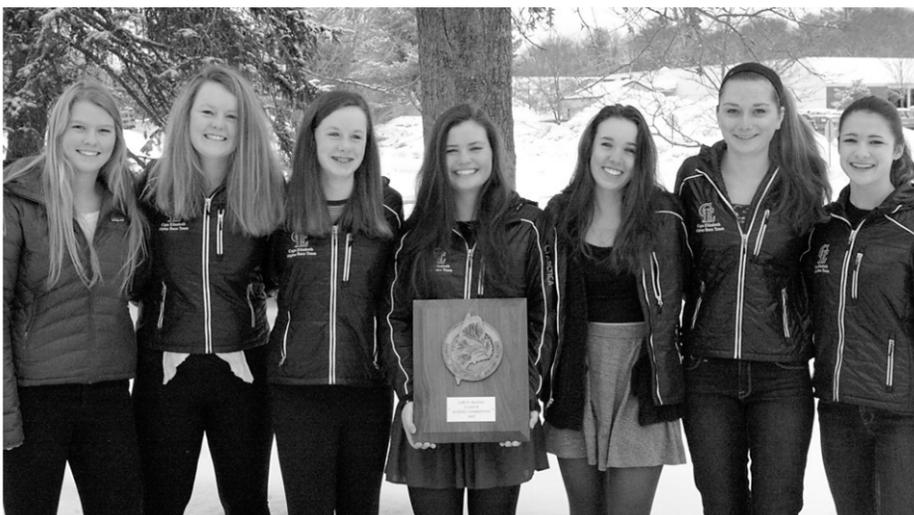


Photo by Allison Landes

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's girls' Alpine ski team display their second straight state championship trophy at CEHS on Feb. 25, eight days after winning the Class B title in Presque Isle. Team members are, from left, Liv Clifford, Kinnon McGrath, Sarah Keniston, Emma Landes, Carolyn Paclat, Emma Dvorozniak and Haley Fawcett. Landes and Dvorozniak were named to the Maine High School State Team.

First for boys' basketball since 1988



Photo by Joanne Lee

Cape Elizabeth High School senior basketball player Eddie Galvin, left, and Cape Elizabeth's boys' basketball coaches and fans erupt on Feb. 28 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland seconds after senior Ethan Murphy made a last-second basket that put Cape Elizabeth ahead of Medomak Valley High School 42-40 to win Cape's first Class B boys' basketball state championship since 1988. At right, team manager Casey Morang and assistant coach Andrew Wood surround head coach Jim Ray, who hugs his son Tommy Ray, an assistant coach. In addition to being coaches, both Rays are Cape basketball alums.



Photo by Pauline Doane

Cape Elizabeth High School's boys' basketball team rejoices in winning Cape's first state championship in 27 years. Team members are, from left, front, statistician Roman Medina, players Vince Tarpo, Marcus Donnelly, J Bottomley, Grady McCormick, Finn Bowe, Nate Ingalls, Ryan Harvey; rear, head coach Jim Ray, manager Casey Morang, assistant coach Tommy Ray, players Justin Guerette, Jack O'Rourke, Ethan Murphy, Eddie Galvin, Quinn Hewitt, Bryce Hewitt, Matt Graham, Joe Inhorn and assistant coach Andrew Wood. To read about the CEHS girls' basketball team, which finished the program's strongest season in years, see page 16.

Municipal budget proposal: \$9.8 million

By Elizabeth Brogan

Town Manager Michael McGovern has recommended a \$9.8 million municipal budget for fiscal year 2016 which would add 28 cents, or 1.7 percent, to the current tax rate. Expenditures for town services, which do not include school spending, are up \$585,000, or 6.3 percent, in the proposed budget.

The increase in the tax rate for these non-school municipal services is 7.8 percent,

much of which is related to the \$4 million Thomas Memorial Library bond approved by voters on Nov. 4. Library debt service in the budget amounts to \$200,000 for principal and \$90,000 for interest. In a letter detailing the budget, sent to councilors on Feb. 21, McGovern said that, without the library project, the increase would be 2.8 percent.

Other budget items making up the in-

—see MUNICIPAL BUDGET, page 18

School budget proposal: \$23.8 million

By Wendy Keeler

As they do every year in late winter, Cape Elizabeth School Board members are going line by line through Superintendent Meredith Nadeau's proposed budget for the next school year. The \$23,840,487 plan would increase spending by \$600,313 or 2.58 percent.

The budget proposal, which Nadeau presented to the School Board on Feb. 25, calls for a 12-cent increase in the tax rate, which

would raise the current \$16.80 tax rate for town, county, school and Community Services by .7 percent. For school services only, the proposed tax rate increase is 1 percent.

The School Board is reviewing the school budget in workshop meetings this month. Dates and times of the workshops, which are open to public participation, are posted on the school website, cape.k12.me.us, under

—see SCHOOL BUDGET, page 18

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Former school board member questions decision re superintendent

I was surprised and confused by the School Board's recent decision to extend the superintendent's contract, beyond the remaining 2.5 years. The board's action seemed based on a desire to maintain consistency while implementing the district's new Strategic Plan. Following so quickly after the superintendent's candidacy for a job in Massachusetts, I wonder if the decision wasn't overly rushed and reactionary?

It is widely known that a survey administered to staff this winter revealed a morale issue related to district level leadership. School board members failed to acknowledge this

during the contract extension discussion. Only Barbara Powers referenced the importance of linking performance evaluation, goal-setting and contract renewal, but no other member validated this observation.

As a former School Board member, I recognize the confidential and sensitive nature of personnel evaluations. But absent any acknowledgement that such a process has been undertaken, the rationale behind the contract extension seems too subjective.

The board's decision commits the taxpayers of Cape Elizabeth to a longer contract than found in most Maine school districts

and an additional liability of about \$150,000. I hope that the elected members of the school board conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the superintendent, ask questions, and incorporate the viewpoints of constituents and all stakeholders in the Cape Elizabeth school community.

Meredith Nadeau may be well worth the additional investment made by her board, but it would be in everyone's best interest to know that conclusion was reached after considering all the facts.

Trish Brigham

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee seeks input as final report is prepared for Town Council

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission is preparing its final report to the Town Council. Our primary charge when seated last April was to study the care needs of those in our community age 60 and over, with a summary of our findings due within a year.

As those remaining days wind down, we would like to give our fellow residents an opportunity to reach out to us again with any final thoughts about our subject matter. Any suggestions related to our work can be submitted to our appointed town liaison official, Matt Sturgis, at *matthew.sturgis@capeelizabeth.org*.

On behalf of my fellow SCAC members, it has been a privilege to conduct our work. We are thankful for the leadership our Town Council exemplified that embraced this cause and, further, fully recognized the im-

portance of this study.

On a personal note, it has been an honor to serve as chair with such a passionate, talented and thoughtful membership. Bruce Nelson, Pat Bredenberg, Elizabeth Baillie, June O'Neill, William Marshall, Barbara Page and Matt Sturgis, thank you for your service, time, energy and all that you have taught me.

Aging is our future. We seek to build an "age-friendly" community, a community that respects our individualism at the same time it provides support and services that are both vital and appealing to our fellow residents. While a complex and inconstant task, these efforts must be continually made to make Cape Elizabeth a home for all of us. Our seniors deserve no less.

Brett C. Seekins

Frequent restaurant diner believes wait staff 'deserve to be honored for a job well done'

I am writing relative to a hardworking group of people in our society today.

My wife and I enjoy dining out frequently, and we notice the hardworking waiters and waitresses who serve the public in our local restaurants.

We watch them as they try to be pleasant, courteous and efficient as they work. We see them try to give service as they serve food, clear tables, carry heavy trays and deal with unhappy customers. They work hard for the minimum wage (which is lower than the

state minimum). We also feel there are many people who do not leave the proper gratuity (at least 15 percent) that is expected today.

We know there are days and weeks set aside to honor nurses, teachers, secretaries and other service people. This is a fine thing to do. They deserve it.

We also think of those faithful wait people who deserve to be honored for a job well done.

Frank G. Ham

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Seth M. White, 102, awarded Boston Post Cane as Cape's oldest resident



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

Seth M. White holds the Boston Post Cane awarded to him on Feb. 26.

By Elizabeth Brogan

Seth M. White was awarded the Boston Post Cane by the town of Cape Elizabeth in a ceremony held at Village Crossings on Feb. 26, which was also White's 102nd birthday. The gold-topped cane is awarded to Cape Elizabeth's oldest resident, to keep during his or her life.

Town councilor Chair Kathy Ray made the presentation in front of a standing-room-only crowd that included four generations of extended White family members, including a five-month-old great-granddaughter.

"Oh, for heaven's sake," the pleased centenarian said when presented the cane. "Gee, that's great," he said upon closer examination of the cane's gold engraved gold top.

White was born in Snowville, N.H. in

1913, and moved to Cape Elizabeth in the early 1940s where his son, David, graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 1957, according to a brief biography provided by stepson-in-law Charles Lane. In his early Cape years, he lived at 2 Cottage Lane, a triple-decker across the street from the Cape Cottage Post Office. He moved to Woodland Road after marrying his current wife, Barbara Snowman Chase. The couple moved to Village Crossings in 2009.

According to his biography, much of White's career was spent working for the Maine Publicity Bureau, first as a field representative and eventually as Executive Director and ultimately on the Board of Direc-

—see BOSTON POST CANE, page 18

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Congratulations to Coach Ray and his champs!

Congratulations to Coach Ray and his 2015 Class B state basketball champs. What an incredible journey for Coach Ray and his Band of Capers. Ray's classy hoopsters reinforced the adage that "it's not over 'til it's over," with courage, poise, determination and court savvy!

It was quite apparent that the champion Capers had the 7 points/52 second discipline down to perfection. My only suggestion for Coach Ray would be to consider adjusting his 7 point/52 second discipline

to 7 points/1 minute to accommodate for an 8 second margin for error!

John Elwell



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Public hearing set for March 23 on proposed ordinance amendments

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board is proposing changes to town regulations that will further encourage preservation of open space, of agricultural land, and the development of affordable housing.

The board will hold a public hearing on proposed updates to the subdivision and zoning ordinances on Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Draft updates will be available on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

The updates are the last in a series of recommendations of the 2007 comprehensive plan. They incorporate recommendations of the Future Open Space Preservation Committee, a citizen committee formed in 2011.

"I just wanted to highlight that these recommendations, first and foremost, preserve and enhance the clustering provisions that allow new development to occur, while at the same time preserving large chunks, and by large I mean at least 40 percent of the gross area of a development parcel," Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said at the Feb. 23 meeting of the Planning Board.

A new piece, O'Meara said, is proposed standards for multiplex housing, such as apartments or condominiums.

Multiplexes are allowed in all three Cape Elizabeth residential zones, but this proposal for the first time sets standards for the

appearance of multiplex buildings, O'Meara said. She cited Eastman Meadows, a 46-unit condominium approved in 2009, as an example. "There was no requirement on what those buildings had to look like," she said. "Now you have a (proposed) requirement that talks about massing, that talks about the roofline, that talks about entrances and windows, and that talks about exterior materials," she said.

In the proposal, the minimum lot size for multiplex buildings is reduced from 10 acres to 5 acres in the Residence A Zone and from 5 acres to 3 acres in the Residence C Zone. The proposed density for multiplexes in each residential zone is the same as for single-family dwellings, but a one-bedroom apartment would count as only half a unit, encouraging development of smaller dwelling options.

"I see it as a way to encourage other housing choices," said board member Victoria Volent. "I'm thinking, for example, of our seniors or our students, people who have lived in this community a long time and want to remain in this community but have different housing choices. A three-bedroom may not be affordable for them," she said.

Under the proposal, all multiplex development would need to keep at least 45 percent of the overall lot as open space, but for

those that preserve more, "density bonuses" would allow more units, a larger building footprint or a higher building height. Bonuses would also be available to multiplex developments that preserve more agricultural land, offer more affordable housing than required, or that connect to a public sewer that is a long distance away.

Overall, the proposals promote sewer connections for new development and include an updated sewer-service area map and a map delineating agricultural land eligible for preservation through transfers of development rights.

The proposed amendments may be "tweaked" before the March 23 hearing, but the board is hoping to take public comment and to have a recommendation ready for the Town Council by the end of the month.

Hidden Court lot lines approved

In other matters, the Planning Board on Feb. 23 approved an application from Nathalie and Alexander Petersen, owners of lots on the Hidden Court estate off Ocean House Road, to move two lot lines within the subdivision. The move transfers approximately 3 acres of a 42-acre parcel to a neighboring 10-acre parcel, preserving a visual corridor to Zeb Cove.

In their approval, board members also imposed measures required in the original

1989 subdivision approval but never completed. All are meant to ensure access for public safety: improvements to the loop driveway access to Ocean House Road, keeping two historic gates within the subdivision open at all times, and keeping roads clear as stipulated in a standard road-maintenance agreement.

Name change approved; buffers restored

The Planning Board on Feb. 23 also approved a request from Kristine Murray to change the name of Brothers Way, a private road off Fowler Road, to Legacy Way and to create a second buildable lot with access to it.

Brothers Way was approved by the Planning Board in 2004 as a private road, said Murray's representative, landscape architect John Mitchell. Steve Murray, the owner at the time, started construction by grading and installing a gravel base. Mitchell said his client intends to complete road construction by the end of the year.

The board Feb. 23 also approved an application from Srinivasa and Sumana Srun-gavarapu to restore vegetation and fencing that had been mistakenly removed from their lot at 10 Blueberry Road. The buffering is required in the Blueberry Ridge subdivision.

Why do we have these amendments?

"These amendments implement the comprehensive plan," says Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. "The comprehensive plan was adopted unanimously by the Town Council after an extensive public process.

It has been deemed consistent with state goals, and a comprehensive plan is needed as the legal basis for the town's land use regulations."

According to O'Meara, the amendments

also respond to the town's "shifting demographics, where a growing number of older residents may be transitioning out of single family homes," and "broadens the type of housing available to all residents."

Finally, says O'Meara, the amendments promote town goals to "promote open space, agricultural lands and sensitive environmental areas."

—Elizabeth Brogan

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Illegal parking in handicap-designated spots in town bring hefty fines

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 2-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-3 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a small amount of money missing from the residence.
- 2-3 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a possible criminal threatening complaint.
- 2-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about damage done to a mailbox, possibly done by a plow.
- 2-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a possibly stolen watch.
- 2-9 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights Road area about a domestic matter.
- 2-9 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about the theft of a personal check and an attempt to cash it.
- 2-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-12 An officer met with a resident about a phone harassment complaint.
- 2-12 An officer met with a resident about a landlord/tenant dispute.
- 2-12 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for an intoxicated person refusing to leave the residence.
- 2-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach Road area for a landlord/tenant dispute.
- 2-14 An officer met with a representative

- from Public Works about an abandoned snowmobile at Gull Crest that needed to be removed. The owner was identified and contacted.
- 2-15 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area about a well-being check.
- 2-16 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about an attempted burglary.
- 2-17 An officer met with a resident about possible criminal activity involving a juvenile.
- 2-18 An officer met with a local merchant about a bad check complaint.
- 2-19 An officer met with a property caretaker about a complaint of trespassing snowmobilers.
- 2-20 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area about a trespass complaint.

ARRESTS

- 2-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal speed, Route 77
- 2-14 Rockland ME resident, domestic assault, Ocean House Road
- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Jewett Road

SUMMONSES

- 2-3 Falmouth resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$70
- 2-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 2-5 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, \$171
- 2-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal speed, Route 77
- 2-11 New Gloucester resident, theft, Oakhurst Road
- 2-13 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-13 South Portland resident, possession of

- marijuana, Route 77
- 2-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap spot, CEMS, \$165
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- 2-13 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$70
- 2-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (55/40 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 2-13 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Cottage Farms Road, \$133
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- 2-14 Rockland resident, domestic assault, Ocean House Road
- 2-17 Topsham resident, speeding (44/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$119
- 2-18 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 2-20 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road, \$310
- 2-20 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Wentworth Road, \$70
- 2-20 Danbury, Conn. resident, speeding (60/45 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 2-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (74/45 zone), Route 77, \$263

ACCIDENTS

- 2-5 Jennifer LaFrance, accident on Ocean House Road
- 2-5 Dustin Small, Sarah O'Connor, accident on Mitchell Road
- 2-5 William Jordan, accident on Charles E. Jordan Road

- 2-12 Daniel Libby, James Harvey, accident on Hunts Point Road
- 2-17 Richard Bryant, Susan Vance, accident on Spurwink Avenue

FIRE CALLS

- 2-5 Ocean House Road, fuel leak
- 2-6 Spurwink Avenue, furnace problem
- 2-6 Hamlin Street, furnace problem
- 2-7 Purpoodock Drive, fuel leak
- 2-7 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-8 Grover Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-8 Manor Way, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-9 Hannaford Cove Road, car accident
- 2-11 Ocean House Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-11 Hampton Road, appliance fire
- 2-13 Two Lights Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-18 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm
- 2-19 Aster Lane, fire alarm
- 2-19 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-19 Beach Bluff Terrace, electrical problem
- 2-20 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 2-20 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-21 Woodland Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-23 Cape Woods Drive, investigation
- 2-23 Fowler Road, fuel spill

RESCUE CALLS

There were 31 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 5 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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Norway maples to be removed from park

By James McCain, Arboretum Director

As part of the town's commitment to preserving the natural beauty, ecological health, and sustainability of Fort Williams Park, several Norway maple trees will be removed this winter in the terraced woodland areas above the pond, where there is a rich diversity of plants in jeopardy of being overwhelmed by this invasive tree species.

Norway maples are among the most invasive tree species in the Northeast, inhibiting the growth and regeneration of indigenous flora and reducing biodiversity in our woodlands and forests, to the detriment of wildlife. The trees targeted for removal are not only harming the ecology and botanical interest of the park, but they also pose a threat to publicly-owned conservation lands to the west, across Shore Road.

As part of the Fort Williams Park Foundation's approved plans for a children's garden in the same area of the park, the felled trees will be repurposed onsite as log retaining edges, tree-cookie stepping "stones," and a stumpery for climbing.

The Norway maples will be replaced with several indigenous tree species, including sugar maple, American beech, white oak, sassafras, Atlantic white cedar and American hornbeam, along with dozens of native species of shrubs, perennials and ferns.

Authorized by the tree warden, Public Works and the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, the work is in line with vegetation management recommendations included in the Fort Williams Park Master Plan Update, 2011, which is available on the town's website. Much of the ecological content of the master plan was informed by the 2004 Forestry and Arboriculture Assessment and Maintenance Program, a report completed by OEST Associates for the town of Cape Elizabeth. This report identified invasive plants as a critical concern in the park, concluding that the "sustained provision and preservation of the Fort Williams Park vegetation is essential for the park's long-term use and enjoyment."

For information about the ecological impact of Norway maples, go online to Columbia University's project home page for the Introduced Species Summary Project. To find the website, search "Introduced Species Summary Project." Once on the site, scroll down to the plants section and click on the first entry—*Acer platanoides*, Norway maple.

For information on the potential harm from invasive plants in general, as well as techniques for their control, refer to the online Invasive Plant Resource Library in the education section of the Fort Williams Park Foundation website at fortwilliams.org.

Great Pond boat storage lottery to close March 13

Once again, the town is taking applications from residents for seasonal boat storage at Great Pond.

The Conservation Commission will be assigning boat storage slots using a lottery system. Any Cape Elizabeth resident who would like to store a boat at Great Pond should submit an application by March 13 to the Office Manager, Assessing, Codes and Planning Office in Town Hall. Those who received a permit for the 2014 season but did not store a boat will only be eligible if supply exceeds demands. Only one application per household may be submitted.

The lottery will be held on March 16, at 9 a.m., in the ACP Conference Room, Town Hall where 31 applications will be drawn. The lucky winners will be notified and will have until March 23 to pay for their 2015 Boat Storage Permit (\$20). Any permits remaining after that date will be distributed in a second lottery drawing from the original application pool. Permit holders are expected to begin storing a boat by July 4.

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

Bottle shed has new single-sorting system

By Elizabeth Brogan

A new no-sort bottle-shed system went into effect at the Recycling Center on Feb. 2. Now, returnable bottles and cans (but not bags, boxes or other recyclable but nonreturnable items such as milk containers) may simply be placed in 55-gallon barrels located in the shed, without any sorting.

The Town Council approved the new system in December, relieving the various volunteer organizations which benefit from the returnable donations from having to man the shed. Now the town has contracted with Boots Bounty to take away the contents of the barrels once a week, with organizations benefiting Cape youth eligible for a share of the donations.

As good as this may sound, not all residents have caught up with the change.

"Our new model requires that bags or boxes of unsorted containers be simply emptied into the barrels inside the building" says Public Works Director Bob Malley. "People are leaving the bags on the floor for us to dump out, or they are just placing full bags inside the barrels, which is unacceptable ... I know we have had a sorting program for many years now, so I am trying to take that into consideration, but the staff, including me, has had to spend valuable time emptying bags and boxes."

Receptacles for unwanted bags or boxes have been placed in the shed. Plastic milk jugs or other nonreturnable recyclables should go in the "silver bullet" recycling containers which are located at the Recycling Center and behind Town Hall.

Swap shop is a 'gem' but also a lot of work

Not every town has a swap shop. "The way in which our town manages its waste stream is both unique to a small town and a labor of love," says newly-appointed Recycling Committee member Tracy Floyd. "Swap shops are a lot of work, and it takes a town with commitment to maintain such a gem in the face of budget cuts, insurance liabilities, safety issues and [other] obstacles ... No resident should take it for granted."

A popular destination at the Recycling Center, the swap shop also "enables Cape to keep an incredible amount of waste out of the waste stream," says Floyd. But it seems some of those who enjoy the privilege of a swap shop also fail to adhere to the posted guidelines, leaving unacceptable items to be dealt with by the town.

The following items are not accepted at the swap shop:

- *Computer monitors
- *Televisions
- *Any large appliance such as a stove or

refrigerator

*Clothing (which may be bagged and placed in bins to the right of the swap shop)

*Any items with broken or sharp edges

*Old mattresses or bedding

*Any perishable items including food

*Items obviously broken

If uncertain about leaving an item, a swap shop volunteer or any public works employee will provide guidance.

"The swap shop is managed by several extremely dedicated volunteers," says Floyd, who would like to see those volunteers acknowledged by users of the shop. "The swap shop, [as a public works employee] of a neighboring town recently said, is a 'gem' to be valued. It plays an important role in keeping many tons of waste out of the waste stream. To many of us, the swap shop is a privilege to share and to be respected by all who use it."

The Recycling Committee welcomes ideas from the public.

Seat on Planning Board; apply by March 18

The Town Council Appointments Committee has announced an opening on the Planning Board for an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2015. Interested citizens may apply online. An application can also be obtained at Town Hall or by contacting Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane at 799-7665. The application deadline is Wednesday March 18.

The Planning Board is a quasi-judicial, seven member board with members serving staggered three-year terms.

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in the Town Council Chamber at Town Hall. Board workshop meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the William H. Jordan conference room in Town Hall. Site walks for proposed developments are scheduled as needed on Saturday mornings or weekday evenings in the summer.

Responsibilities include review of proposed development, such as residential subdivision, commercial structures, changes of use, and wetland alterations, in accordance with local regulations. The board also provides comments on proposed ordinance amendments.

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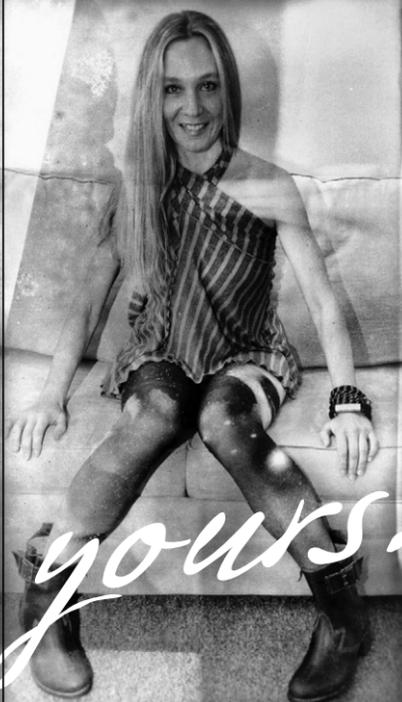


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CELT earns mark of distinction

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust has been awarded national land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, joining an elite group of only 301 land trusts in the nation and 19 in Maine to receive the mark of distinction.

“This award represents not only our commitment to preserving our most treasured natural areas, but also to our ability to do so in a disciplined and responsible manner,” CELT board president Anne Carney told staff and board members at a Feb. 23 meeting.

Thousands of hours and 55 pounds

“The accreditation process is very rigorous—there’s a reason only 301 out of 1,723 land trusts in the US are accredited!” Carney said in a Feb. 28 email to The Cape Courier. “We began the process four years ago when CELT applied for the Maine Excellence Program, offered by the Maine Land Trust Network, Coastal Maine Heritage Trust and the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation ... We received funding, great advice, and attended quarterly meetings at which Maine land trusts ... gave each other tips and advice.”

Carney said it usually takes a land trust three to four years to prepare an application for the accreditation, the focus of which “is to bring a land trust into full compliance with the highest national standards—the Land Trust Standards and Practices.”

To obtain accreditation, a land trust has to not only show that all its policies meet the national standards and practices, but also have a track record of complying with the policies for two years. “CELT created this enormous spreadsheet that became our road map to accreditation,” Carney said.

“Easily thousands of hours” in pursuit of accreditation were spent by CELT staff,

board members and advisory board members, as well as two high school students, said Carney. “In the end, our application, which had to be on paper and in triplicate, weighed 55 pounds!”

A stronger CELT

While making clear that CELT “functioned very well” prior to the accreditation process, Carney is confident that the organization is stronger because of the accreditation work. “Operationally, we realized we needed to reconfigure our staff to implement our updated policies and to meet our long-range planning goals. We also became more efficient. Our financial management and recordkeeping has always been strong but had never been tested by an audit. Because of accreditation, we now have annual audits and are pleased that they go smoothly.”

Carney said that, most importantly, accreditation “strengthened CELT’s ability to meet our legal obligation to conserve our properties ‘forever,’” with updated property monitoring and management practices, electronic files and backups of all CELT property records, and financial reserves. “We have confidence that CELT will be able to acquire and protect Cape’s cherished lands into the future.”

Less than 20 percent of all land trusts nationwide are accredited, while the 301 accredited land trusts account for more than three quarters of the 20,645,165 acres currently owned or protected by a land trust, according to a CELT press release.

LTAC accreditation, which is subject to a five-year renewal process, allows CELT to display a seal which indicates that they meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust, and that their conservation efforts are permanent.

New CELT proposal posted on website

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will post a new proposed public-access plan on its website by March 10, according to a press release issued Feb. 27. The plan, still being fine-tuned and unavailable as this newspaper went to print, follows community feedback at two well-attended discussion forums held by CELT on Jan. 21 and 23. The forums focused on a new leash rule for dog-walkers in Robinson Woods that went into effect Dec. 1, 2014. The rule 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.

“The discussions provided a wealth of

useful information regarding a wide range of concerns, opportunities, and suggested improvements at Robinson Woods I and II,” said the press release. “CELT will consider further public input before finalizing new policies designed to ensure visitor safety, public use and enjoyment, while meeting CELT’s obligation to protect and enhance important habitat areas and sensitive natural resources at the two properties.”

The plan can be found at www.cape-landtrust.org along with directions for providing comments. Interested citizens may also stop by CELT’s office at 330 Ocean House Road for a copy of the plan. Comments are requested by March 20, 2015.

Turkeys turn the tables on Good Table



Photos by Martha Agan

Turkeys find food at The Good Table restaurant, where turkey is a regular menu item.

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Brennan Balfour, a 2007 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Drexel University in Philadelphia. A registered nurse, she is now working as an operating room nurse at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa.

In 2011, Brennan received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and health care studies from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. She earned a nursing degree from Drexel 11 months after enrolling in an accelerated nursing program at Drexel.

Brennan is the daughter of **Raye and Bruce Balfour**.



Brennan Balfour

Cape Elizabeth resident **Graham Wood** recently opened **Ocean House Gallery & Frame** at 299 Ocean House Road.

In addition to showing and selling artwork by Maine artists, Wood does framing with handmade frames, milled from reclaimed or locally sourced lumber.

Wood has been framing for 18 years and previously worked for Jameson Gallery in Portland and co-owned Art House Picture Frames in Portland. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

He and his wife, **Lucy Beirne**, moved to Cape Elizabeth in 2013 with their two young children, **Emmett** and **Eddie**.



Graham Wood

Cape Elizabeth resident **Donna McGrew** recently received the Greater Portland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Alida Camp Memorial Award, given to an individual who exemplifies the phrase, "boundless energy with a willingness to jump in and do whatever is necessary," a press release from the organization states.

"Through the years, many people have volunteered their time and talents to our mission, but few have left their mark like Donna McGrew," said Sue Tidd, the NMSS organization's Maine development director.

McGrew started volunteering for the society years ago after her sister was diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Soon after McGrew started a walk team and joined a cycling team to raise funds to fight the disease, she learned she also has MS.

Last year, she was sworn in as a member of the board of trustees of the Greater New England Chapter.



Donna McGrew, left, accepts an award from Linda Guidod of the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Rodney Voisine** recently received certification by the American Board of Obesity Medicine. His South Portland practice, Anew¹⁰, offers primary and acute care, weight management, employee wellness, and preoperative health improvement programs.

"As a physician and pharmacist, I've always been interested in how food and nutrition affect our bodies," said Voisine, who owns Old Ocean House Farms in Cape Elizabeth.

Voisine is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine. He completed postgraduate medical training in primary care at the University of Rochester in New York, did an anesthesiology residency program at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, and holds board certification in anesthesiology.

While living in Monterey, Calif., he practiced palliative care medicine, serving the needs of cancer patients, with a special focus on pain management and nutritional needs.

He also previously served as the medical director of perioperative services at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston and as president of Anesthesia Associates of Lewiston-Auburn.

His Cape Elizabeth farm is the state's first commercial grower of the Saskatoon berry, an early bearing fruit and an antioxidant. The farm's fruits and vegetables are sold at the Portland Farmers Market and are served at several area restaurants.



Rodney Voisine

Cape Elizabeth resident **Tara Pinette** was named to the dean's list, with high distinction, at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Tara, who is studying in Paris, recently shared a weekend there with fellow 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School classmate **Emily Ham**, who attends the University of New Hampshire in Durham and is also studying in France this semester.

Three Cape Elizabeth High School graduates were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. **Karyn Barrett**, a senior, is a 2011 CEHS graduate. Freshmen **Deven J.D. Roberts** and **Abigail McInerney** are 2014 CEHS graduates.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Shelby L. Cogan** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. A 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, she is a junior majoring in psychology.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Erin Haber** was named "Broker of the Month" for December for superior sales at the **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate office in Cape Elizabeth. In January, South Portland resident Mary Walker earned the distinction.

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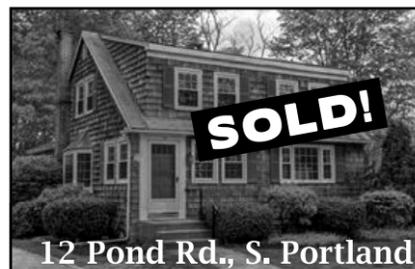
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Snow!



Counterclockwise from top left, Cape Elizabeth resident Janet Villiotte was so amazed by a sight she encountered last month while snowshoeing in Fort Williams Park that she asked someone to take a picture of her: "I came upon this enormous snowbank along the drive as you approach the parking area right at the lighthouse," she wrote in an email to the Courier. "I tried to get a selfie but there was so much snow I couldn't fit it all in. A public works guy was driving by in a front-end loader with a load of snow and took this shot for me." At right, Cape Elizabeth resident Avis Akers gets a great belly ride in the Wells Road backyard of Ed Maccoll, whose tubing run has entertained a group of Cape Elizabeth residents this winter. At top, right, Cape resident Pete Lyons takes his turn. "It's a blast," Maccoll wrote in an email to the Courier. "One guest's video was picked up by The Farmer's Almanac Facebook page and received over 150,000 views."

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, March 11

Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, 2 p.m., Public Works

Thursday, March 12

School Board Negotiations Committee, 2:30-5:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, March 16

School Board Negotiations Committee, 2:30-5:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 17

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission, 11 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

School Board Negotiations Committee, 2:30-5:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

Commons

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

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

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

Thursday, March 5

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

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

School Board Policy Committee, 3-4:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Town Council Appointments Committee, 6 p.m., Technology Conference Room

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

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

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

Organizers of town's 250th celebration seek sponsors for July 25 PSO concert at fort

Members of the Cape Elizabeth's 250th Anniversary Committee and the Fort Williams Park Foundation, who are working together to bring the Portland Symphony Orchestra to the fort for a July 25 concert to celebrate the town's 250th birthday, seek sponsors for the event.

Organizers are looking for "small business owners, community and symphony supporters" to help support the concert, to be titled "A Night at the Light," organizer

Barbara Powers said.

"If you would like to help make this happen, sponsors are still needed, and time is running out."

Go to capeelizabeth.com or fortwilliams.org, or email olivia@livforevents.com for more information.

The Cape Courier's March 25 issue will include a schedule of upcoming 250th-anniversary events, the first of which is planned for Friday, May 1.

International Affairs Challenge on March 22

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

Tables of four to eight will participate in a trivia-style competition focused on topics that will include current events, geography, regional conflicts and history. Prizes will go to the top three teams, and light refreshments will be provided.

The event will benefit WAC, which seeks to promote awareness of global issues among

CEHS students and Cape Elizabeth community members.

Tables of four to eight can be purchased for \$100 and individual seats for \$15. The registration deadline 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 information or for a registration form.

CELT's nighttime owl walk set for March 19

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust volunteers Lisa Gent and Erika Carlson Rhile will lead a nighttime owl walk at several places in town on Thursday, March 19.

The program, which will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will begin with a half-hour session at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road. There the group will view slides and listen to taped owl calls.

After carpooling to sites that include Robinson Woods and the Crescent Beach entrance, the group will use an audiotape of owl calls and walk quietly while trying to locate owls by sounds and sight.

The cost is \$6 per person, and space is limited. Children are welcome with parents or guardians. Register at www.capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868.

Community Services to offer driver's education

Cape Elizabeth Community Services will offer driver's education March 30-April 16 at Cape Elizabeth High School. Tim O'Carroll, owner and director of the Right Choice Driving School in South Portland, will teach the classes, to be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Mon-

day through Thursday, in Room 307.

Students have to be 15 years old by March 30 to enroll. The cost, \$495, is payable by cash or check to "Community Services," but not online. Call Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

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<p>Town Council Replay March 11 & 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. March 14 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>School Board replay March 13 & 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. March 15 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>CE Church of the Nazarene March 14, 15, 21 & 22 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Planning Board (Live) March 23 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals (live) March 24 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals replay March 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.</p>



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April 12 multimedia presentation about lives of turn-of-century lumberjacks, river drivers

An event that will combine the screening of a documentary about turn-of-the-century Maine lumberjacks and river drivers with live music is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

Wiscasset filmmaker and composer Sumner McKane will present "In the Blood," a production illustrating the life, history and character of lumbermen and river drivers by creating a virtual journey into the Maine woods. By combining archived films, photographs and oral histories told by the men with live music by McKane and musician Joshua Robbins, "In The Blood" seeks to bring the men's reality to life by taking the audience into their camps and onto their haul roads, landings, yards, rivers and lakes.

McKane, a Damariscotta native, studied photography in Missoula, Mont., at the

Rocky Mountain School of Photography and the University of Montana. He studied history at the University of Montana and at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham, graduating from USM with high honors in history.

McKane creates and produces films and multimedia presentations based on his educational background as a historian and photographer and from his career as a performing musician.

Advance tickets – \$10 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and students – are available through 4 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Services office at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. If space permits, tickets also will be for sale for \$12 at the door.

Go to inthebloodmovie.com or call 799-2868 for more information.

Coastal Wellness Easter Egg Hunt on March 28

Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic will hold its eighth annual Easter Egg Hunt from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 28.

Children of all ages are invited to bring baskets and search for eggs filled with treat-

ures. Candy will not be included.

The event is free and open to the public, but people who plan to attend should call 799-9355 to reserve a child's spot. Coastal Wellness is located at 1231 Shore Road.

Land Trust now accepting artists' submissions

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is accepting submissions from artists for the eighth annual "Paint for Preservation" juried wet paint auction on Sunday, July 12.

That day, selected artists will paint outdoors at designated public and private locations in town. That night, the artwork will be auctioned at a cocktail reception at a seaside home overlooking Pulpit Rock.

Proceeds, which will be shared with participating artists, will benefit the CELT's "Saving Cape's Great Places," an initiative to preserve strategic conservation lands in town.

Interested artists are invited to submit two images of original "plein-air" paintings in any medium for juried consideration. The deadline is Friday, March 27.

Go to "Paint for Preservation 2015 Call for Artists" at www.capelandtrust.org for submission forms or for information about submission requirements. Call 767-6054 for more information.

CELT permanently conserves and provides stewardship for land in Cape Elizabeth. Since its founding in 1985, the organization has permanently protected more than 660 acres.

TEDxYouth@CEHS presentations now online

Talks and presentations from the second annual TEDxYouth@CEHS in December are now available online.

Ten speakers shared stories and ideas during a daylong program for Cape Elizabeth High School students and community members on Dec. 5.

The privately funded event also included musical, theatrical, cinematic, dance and literary presentations.

The 30-year-old nonprofit TED has a global audience through its website, which features talks of no more than 12 minutes in which "big thinkers share ideas worth spreading."

Go to www.ted.com/tedx/events/12494 and click on "Event videos" to view the presentations.

Three writers to do readings on March 28

A fiction and memoir writer, a poet and an essayist will read from their own works on Saturday, March 28, from 4 to 5 p.m. at The Local Buzz café and wine bar. The free event is part of a monthly series sponsored by the Local Writers at the Local Buzz group and co-hosted by Portland Poet Laureate, Cape Elizabeth resident Marcia F. Brown, and poet Linda Aldrich.

Bill Roorbach's latest novel, "The Remedy for Love," was a finalist for the 2014 Kirkus Fiction Prize. His novel "Life among Giants," a Maine Literary Award winner, is in development for a dramatic series with HBO. His memoir in nature, "Temple Stream," also a Maine Literary Award winner, was just reissued by Down East Books in a new paperback edition. He lives with his family and a large number of animals in Farmington, where he writes full time.

Poet David Sloan is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast Master of Fine Arts poetry program and teaches in Maine's only Waldorf high school. He is the author of two books on teaching. His debut poetry collection, "The Irresistible In-Between," was published by Deerbrook Editions in 2013. His poetry has appeared in The Broome Review, The

Café Review, Innisfree, Houseboat, The Naugatuck River Review, New Millennium Writings, Poetry Quarterly and Passager. He received the 2012 Betsy Sholl and Maine Literary awards, and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. He has won a Goodreads monthly contest twice, in April 2012 and December 2013. Sloan said he is currently enjoying being a grandfather.

Penny Guisinger lives and writes on the easternmost tip of the United States. Her work has appeared or will appear in Guernica, Fourth Genre, River Teeth, Solstice Literary Magazine, Under the Gum Tree, Exit 7, and About Place Journal. Her essay "Coming Out" was a finalist in the 2013 Michael Steinberg Essay Contest, and another, called "Provincetown," was awarded an editor's choice award from Solstice. Her work will appear in two anthologies in 2015. She is the founding organizer of Iota: The Conference of Short Prose, which takes place in the summer in New Brunswick. She is a graduate of the Stonecoast MFA Program at the University of Southern Maine.

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'Thanks for the Memories' event to feature jazz

Award-winning Cape Elizabeth High School jazz musicians will perform music from the Golden Age of jazz for senior citizens on Monday, March 23, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

"Thanks for the Memories – a Senior-to-Senior Musical Celebration," set for 3-5:30 p.m., will feature the Cape Elizabeth High School Concert Jazz Ensemble. The band earned third place this winter at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival at the Hynes Con-

vention Center in Boston.

CEHS seniors will serve refreshments at the event, which is being organized by Cape Elizabeth Community Services and Senior to Senior, a community service organization of Cape Elizabeth High School seniors who perform free services for Cape Elizabeth senior citizens.

The event is free, but people who plan to attend should register, preferably by Thursday, March 19, by calling 799-2868.

Please send senior news, photos

The Cape Courier welcomes ideas and submissions about Cape Elizabeth senior citizens, from news and upcoming events to profiles, features and photographs.

Please email Wendy Keeler at communityeditor@capecourier.com or call 767-3853.



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Library renovation and fundraising update

By Molly MacAuslan, Library Building Committee Chair

It's been four months since the voters of Cape Elizabeth approved the library project, and already we've seen lots of changes. The building was closed for several days in early January, while the staff packed up much of the furniture and close to half of the collection and relocated all of the library operations and remaining books and materials to the former children's library in what's called the Spurwink School building.

The library is now open, with a new entrance to the Spurwink School building. The Children's library will look familiar to users, as it remains in its original space. The adult section of the library is now housed in the basement, in the large function room. The new adult section is a snug fit, but readers will be happy that the space houses plenty of books and other materials, and still has some seating and workspace.

During the past week the connector between the Spurwink School Building and the main building was dismantled—opening up a view corridor from the Town Center toward the schools that hasn't been seen in close to 30 years! As spring approaches, we'll see more demolition, a little paving, and then the exciting work of building the new addition and renovating the interior of the former

adult library area (the Pond Cove Annex building) begins.

All of us involved in this project—the library and town staff, the members of the Town Council, the members of the Thomas Memorial Library Trustees, Foundation, and Capital Campaign Committee, as well as the members of the Library Planning and Building Committees—are grateful to the over 360 donors who have made over \$600,000 in contributions to the library project. Combined with the foundation's matching gift of \$100,000, this will allow us to provide new furnishings and equipment—seating, computers, new shelving, and other technologies to support library programming—that we will enjoy for years to come. While the capital campaign has achieved its goal, donations will continue to be accepted through year-end. There are still some naming opportunities available in the library ranging from \$5,000 for entry staircase inscriptions, to \$50,000 for the circulation area. Additional donations will be used to fund new programs made possible by the expanded capabilities of our new facility. We appreciate the support from the many folks who have contributed in so many ways, and we're all excited to see the newly renovated library reopen its doors later this year.

Thank you!

Safety announcement issued for library area

Town Manager Michael McGovern issued a safety announcement on Feb. 25 urging caution at the library construction site.

"The town is working very closely with the construction manager to ensure maximum precautions for the safety of patrons, children and others on the adjacent playground, and for a safe working environment for on-site staff and construction workers," McGovern said.

Safety precautions include "a separation of construction activity from ongoing daily use of the facilities," he said. "Yet, at times with deliveries and equipment moving in and out, everyone will need to be vigilant and careful."

McGovern emphasized that no one should enter areas behind barriers and signs that mark construction activity zones.

Efforts to mitigate dust and to avoid noisy work during library hours are being made. Any person with a dust sensitivity, or with a child with a dust sensitivity, should inform the Cape Elizabeth Facilities Department at the onset of any problem. Also, the teacher of any affected child should be informed of dust sensitivity.

McGovern said that all potentially hazardous materials, such as asbestos tile dust, are being handled by certified personnel and are being removed at the outset of the project in accordance with industry standards.

Safety related concerns or questions should be directed to Greg Marles, Facilities Manager, at 799-9574.

Boomwhackers!



Photo by Rachel Davis

Over 45 children and grown-ups attended Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell on Feb. 26. Above, Jud leads the group in creating a rainstorm with musical instruments called Boomwhackers.

Changes made to Story Time schedule

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

In February, library children's staffers had a chance to try out story times in their new program space. Based on that first month of story times they have made a few changes that they hope will improve children's experience at story time. The most significant change is that the start times for the toddler and preschool programs are being reversed. Staff members hope that by offering the preschool story times first, children who stay for the second story time will be more likely to remain engaged in the program for younger children than toddlers would be if they stayed for a second story time meant for older children.

The only day in the schedule remaining the same is Friday, with Baby Time at 9:30 and Preschool Time at 10:30. Library staff feel it is important to offer an early Baby Time on Fridays (in addition to the 11:00 Baby Time on Wednesdays) in order to accommodate babies who have a late morning nap time. The only other schedule change is the addition of a preschool story time on Thursdays at 9:30 with Rachel, with the Thursday toddler story time starting at 10:30.

New Story Time Schedule:

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 10:30 with Kiah
Tuesdays at 10:30 with Rachel
Wednesdays at 10:30 with Kiah
Thursdays at 10:30 with Rachel

Preschool Time, for ages 3 to 5
Mondays at 9:30 with Kiah
Tuesdays at 9:30 with Rick
Wednesdays at 9:30 with Kiah
Thursdays at 9:30 with Rachel
Fridays at 10:30 with Rick

Family Story Time, for all ages
Saturdays at 10:30 with Rachel

Stay & Play, for all ages
Daily after the last story time, until 2 p.m.

Science fiction and fantasy book group begins

Library staffer Adrian Alexander will lead a new science fiction and fantasy book group for interested adults and teens, which will meet on the last Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The first meeting will be Tuesday, March 31. The book to be discussed at the March meeting will be

"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" by Philip K. Dick (the book that was the basis for the film "Blade Runner" starring Harrison Ford). If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Adrian Alexander at the library, or by email to aalexander@thomas.lib.me.us.

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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

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

March 11, 1865 – Mr. Thomas Fielding, of Cape Elizabeth, employed in Dyer's shipyard, while driving a team on Monday was seized with a violent fit of coughing, handed his goadstick to one of the men, went home, laid down upon his bed, and in a few minutes expired. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Congress appropriated \$85,000 to refurbish the Presidential mansion. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Congress adjourned on Saturday last. The House finished up its business without the drunken follies which used to characterize the last night of a session. Perhaps this was partly owing to the fact that ladies were admitted to seats on the floor of the House. [Portland Transcript]

March 18, 1865 – The first black regiment, now raising in Charleston, is to be commanded by Charles H. Howard, of Leeds, in this State. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Thank you to Laura F. Small, of Cape Elizabeth, for the first Mayflowers of the season. They were deliciously fragrant, and pleasantly reminded us of the advent of spring. [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: From 1847 to 1853, Cape

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

Jordan wrote to his wife in March of 1864:

U.S.S. Carondelet
At Eastport, Miss.

March 9, 1865

Dear Judith,

The river that had risen 40 ft at one time, has fallen 7 ft, and probably will continue to fall until it gets at a reasonable height. There has been a great amount of damage done in consequence of the uncommon rise in the river. It did not, however, affect us any, as the house we occupy rises and falls with the water, which is no small advantage. Today is quite cold and stormy. All hands are comfortably shielded from the wet, and by the continued peals of laughter which I hear from the berth deck, they are enjoying themselves largely.

When the weather is so bad that the men are obliged to be all below deck, we allow

them to amuse themselves in any innocent exercise they may choose. And among so many you would be surprised to see the many different modes of improving the time in play, there is twice the variety of a Circus, and three times the comicalities. And as for conversation, why there is no end to that at all, for it goes right round and round the whole Ship, everyone Black and White doing their part. But at the first tap of the drum, all becomes silent, and every man takes his station at the guns, or where ever his station is, and attends to his duty until the exercise is over.

You ask if I had heard of the surrender of Charleston. I have, and I felt like rejoicing, for I have always had a stronger desire for that place to fall than for any other in the Confederacy, as they commenced the war. I see by your letter that three of the Cape men Viz. A.A. Jordan, Albert & Frank Hannaford have hired substitutes. Bully for them, I say.

U.S.S. Steamer Carondelet
At Eastport, Miss

March 17, 1865

Dear Judith,

Everything is quiet in this vicinity, though there are many Guerrillas all through this part of the country, and it is at great risk that we go on shore gamming. So much so, that we have almost given it up altogether. I have been only once for over two weeks.

We had no trouble with any Rebs. We were armed with Rifles that shoot eight times at one loading, and can be loaded and discharged twice in one minute, which is sixteen shots a minute, from each gun, and as there were three of us, you see we could have done considerable shooting if it had become necessary. I shall not expose myself by going hunting very often in the future, for the gain is too small, for so great danger.

Tomorrow is my birthday. One year ago, I was up Red River. How short the time seems, And how much more pleasantly I am situated now than then. Hope we may never be en-

gaged in so disastrous an expedition again.

Your Affectionate Husband
Scott D. Jordan

U.S.S. Schooner Carondelet
At Eastport, Miss.

March 23, 1965

Dear Judith,

I notice many peculiarities among the people here, though I have seen so much of them that I have become used to them myself. But one of them I will mention which to you may seem to be a little out of the common rules of politeness. That is the feminine gender are addicted to chewing tobacco very muchly.

Today the Capt requested me to go with a couple of young ladies to General Hatch's head quarters to attend to some business for them. As the wind was very strong and he dare not trust anyone else to sail the boat. Of Course, I was well suited. But as fine as the ladies were and I assure you they were some pumpkins, I gave them a couple of chews of tobacco upon the passage which they enjoyed hugely, for it was a good quality of the Old Virginia weed that I happened to be using myself. I thought it rather out of place for them to be chewing and spitting so much but they never seemed to mind it.

However, I made the voyage with them safely. Their business with [Brigadier Gen. Hatch] was to collect some money of him in payment for some corn they had growing last summer which was used by the Army for forage. He paid one \$108 and the other \$189. I then put them on board the U.S.S. Brilliant that was going down the river, the Capt of which told me he would land them at their home twenty five miles below here. They came up from there on foot and were two days on the way owing to the bad roads. They were very much surprised when I told them they could go down on a gun boat and that they would be at home in one and one half hours, free of cost too.

Scott D. Jordan

Historical society plans March 14 open house

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society plans an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the society's new home in the Cape Elizabeth Public Safety Building, 325 Ocean House Road.

"See the media room, the record room, where the archival records are kept, and also the large area where volunteer staff work with computers," Dorothy Higgins, CEHPS

president, said. "On display will be the 1917 wedding dress of Hazel Scott Freeburn, and some fur stoles, an old christening dress, and many other items."

Light refreshments will be served. Contact Higgins at dmhig@maine.rr.com for more information.

The society's quarters most recently were located at Thomas Memorial Library.

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Outing Club members build snow shelters, camp out in them

At left, Cape resident Hilary Roberts, left, and Cape Elizabeth High School physical education teacher Sarah Boeckel test out a quinzhee, or snow shelter, that the school outing club built in February near the CEHS track field. Fourteen students and four adult chaperones slept in quinzhees Feb. 12 after a night of cross-country skiing to Gull Crest Field, snowshoeing, playing cards, and eating snacks around a bonfire. "It was my first experience spending the night in a snow shelter, and it definitely was a great one," Cape Elizabeth High School senior Isabel Clarke said.



Photos by Ginger Raspiller

Cape Elizabeth High School outing club members, from left, Eva Brydson, Isabel Clarke, Emily Faria, and Rhoen Fiutak prepare to head outside the night of Feb. 12 to spend the night in snow shelters. "I wasn't that cold because the snow fort was a foot thick, which provided insulation. The way it's designed is there's an initial tunnel for an entrance, which leads to an almost dome-like structure, where you sleep. Ours held four people, but another held more," Clarke said.

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Crafting fun



Photo by Kelly Hasson

Edward Riley, center, and his sister Ella make Valentine's bookmarks with their mother Kristen Riley last month during the Pond Cove Parents Association's annual Craft Night. That night, Pond Cove students and their families turned out to make crafts, do art projects, and create Valentine's Day gifts.

New scholarship honors former police chief

The Cape Elizabeth Police Benevolent Association has established a scholarship honoring the memory of former Cape Elizabeth Police Chief David Pickering.

Pickering began his career with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department in 1973 and became chief in 1979 at the age of 26. He held the position until his death in 2000.

The David W. Pickering Scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior with aspirations to enter the field of law enforcement, or to a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate collegiate program related to law enforcement. Cape Elizabeth residents will be given preference, but Maine students from other communities may also apply.

The CPBA will award half of the \$500

scholarship before the beginning of the semester and half at the end of the semester, after the recipient has provided proof of passing grades.

Eligibility will be based on academic performance, good standing within the community, service to both the community and the school, involvement in school activities, and an essay detailing the student's desire and goals to work in law enforcement. Selection will be made by the CEPBA Scholarship Committee.

Call Sgt. Kevin Kennedy or Officer Rory Diffin at 767-3323 for more information, or write "Cape Elizabeth Police Benevolent Association, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 325 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107."

It's time to register Pond Cove kindergartners

Pond Cove Elementary School is now taking registrations for children who will be entering kindergarten through grades four for the 2015-2016 school year. Children who

will turn five years of age on or before October 15, 2015, are eligible to begin kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year.

Parents and guardians of students going into kindergarten through grade 4 should contact the school immediately to register their children by going to the Cape Elizabeth schools' website, www.cape.k12.me.us, and clicking on "forms," and then on "Pond Cove School New Student Registration Packet."

Early registration of students going into kindergarten through grade four enables school officials to make more accurate enrollment projections as they plan class sizes and make budgetary decisions.

Contact the school office at 799-7339 for more information.

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Three named U.S. Presidential Scholar candidates

Three Cape Elizabeth students have been named candidates in the 2014 Presidential Scholars Program. Cape Elizabeth High School seniors Mathias H. Barth, Lily A. Jordan and Leo Wing are among about 3,000 candidates selected from current U.S. high school seniors.

The Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the president to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Candidates are selected for exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT

or the ACT Assessment. Annually, up to 141 students are chosen to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of scholars, who are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in many areas: academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community. Five hundred semifinalists will be selected in early April, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Presidential Scholars in May.

On display



Pond Cove fourth-grader Emma King's mixed media drawing is on display through March 29 at the Portland Museum of Art. The piece is among 100 works of art by Maine students selected for the PMA's Youth Art Month show. All are invited to a 4:30 p.m. exhibition and presentation at the PMA on Saturday, March 7.

Annual middle school Basketball Bonanza planned March 19

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

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

Dinner and snacks will be available at the CEMS snack bar, and a raffle drawing will be held for items that will include gift certificates to C Salt Gourmet Market, Elsmere BBQ and Wood Grill, Miss Portland Diner, Sugarloaf logo earrings, and a lot more. The event and raffle will benefit the MSPA.

Admission will be \$2 per person, with a \$10 maximum per family. Children younger than 10 years old must be accompanied by adults.

The MSPA seeks volunteers for the event. Contact Stefanie Manning at shmanning@me.com for more information.

Contest invites people to redesign prom gowns

Members of Cape Closet, a Cape Elizabeth High School group that collects prom dresses and accessories for girls in Maine who can't afford to buy their own, invite community members to redesign outdated prom dresses in a contest underway through April 1. The top three contest winners will get prizes.

"People can redesign their own dresses if they want, but we have about 50 outdated dresses, which we call 'dresses with potential'" people can choose from at the Cape Elizabeth Community Services office at the Community Center, Cape Closet member

Christie Gillies said. "If people redesign their own dress, we just need the 'before' photo so we can see the changes."

The deadline for submitting redesigned dresses is April 1, and dresses and contact information can be dropped off at the Community Services' office. The group will announce winners on Wednesday, April 8, by email or phone. The information will also be available on the group's Facebook page.

Contact Caroline Garfield at caroline.garfield@capeelizabethschools.org, call 653-4201, or visit www.capecloset.org or the group's Facebook site for information.

Performances of one-act, 'The Dishwasher,' at Cape Elizabeth High School on March 17, 18



Photo by Jenny Campbell

Cape Elizabeth cast members in "The Dishwasher" are, from left, Jeremy Caswell, Anya Kohan, Matt Fleming, Hannah Walsh, George Astor, Eva Miele, Robert MacKay, Cole Amollo, Andrew Harrington, Ryan Wallace, Dominic Morin and Luke Harrison.

The Cape Elizabeth High School Theater Department will present the one-act play, "The Dishwasher," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 18, in the school auditorium. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

The show, a world premiere, will be the CEHS theater department's entry into the One Act Play Festival, an annual showcase

of high school theater work of the highest level. Each year, CEHS is among 80 Maine high schools that produce a show for the festival.

The CEHS improvisation group also will perform at the show. The play is appropriate for all ages.

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

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Cape girls' basketball has best season in years

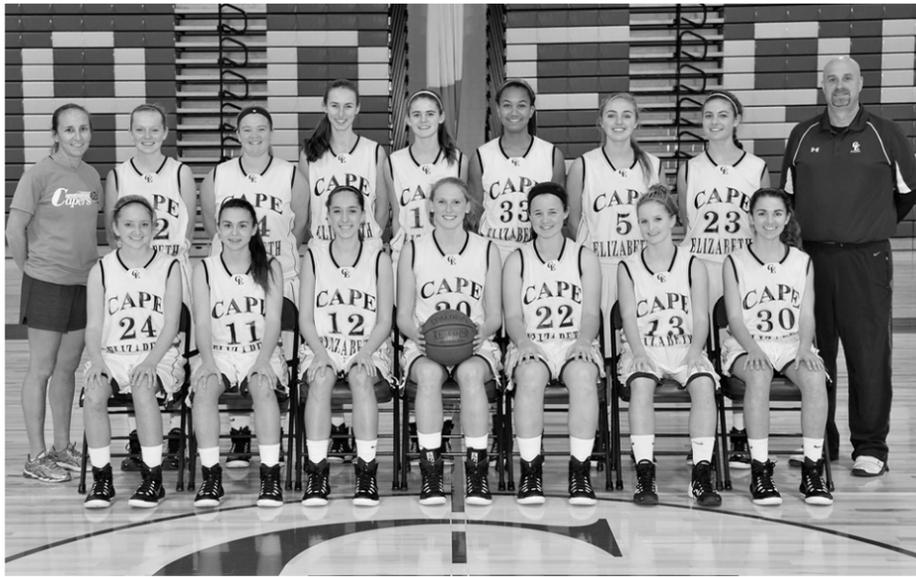


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The Cape Elizabeth High School girls' basketball team had a memorable season, making it all the way to the Western Maine Conference Class B final, as no Cape team had since 1996. The team thrilled Cape fans on the way there. Finishing the regular season 9-9 and ending ninth in the regional playoffs, Cape stunned fans by beating the undefeated No. 1 seed, Spruce Mountain High School, 32-30 on Feb. 17 in the quarterfinals at the Portland Exposition Building. The team then won against Lincoln Academy but ultimately lost to Greely High School on Feb. 21 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland.

Cape swimmer completes first collegiate season

Sydney Wight, a freshman at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., recently completed her first season with Lafayette's swimming and diving team.

In her collegiate debut this fall against Loyola University Maryland and Seton Hall University, she won the 100-butterfly and placed third in the 100-free.

At the team's final meet in February during the Patriot League Championships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., she led her team to four

school records in the 800-free, 400-free, 200-free and 400-medley relays.



Sydney Wight

By season's end, she had laid claim to six individual all-time top-10 Lafayette women's records, including a second in the 100-back, fourth in the 100-fly, sixth in the 50-free, and sixth in the 100-free.

A 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and the daughter of Ann and Joe Wight, Sydney is majoring in economics and mathematics at Lafayette.

Football registration for all ages on March 31

The Cape Elizabeth football boosters will hold fall 2015 football registration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. Programs are offered for high school students, players in grades 7-8, and kids in grades 4-6.

That evening, a representative from a sports equipment company will demonstrate proper helmet fitting for all ages. Cape Eliza-

both football apparel also will be for sale.

Registration forms will be available at the event and are available now at eteamz.com/capefootball for youth football, and at football.capeelizabethschools.org for middle and high school football.

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A perfect season



The Cape Elizabeth sixth-grade boys' travel basketball team beat Falmouth on March 1 at Cape Elizabeth Middle School, the final game in the team's perfect 20-0 season. Pictured with their trophy are, from left, coach Tom Cloutier, Jake Tinsman, Chris Cloutier, Will Altenburg, Will Thornton, coach TJ McEvoy; back row, Noah Pillsbury, Nate Mullen, Nick Clifford, Archie McEvoy, Hirruy Hagos and Andrew Conley.

Morris scores another state title



Photo by Jeff Dixon

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Mitch Morris, who won the two-mile championship at the Maine Class B indoor state meet Feb. 16 in Lewiston, competed in the same event at the New England indoor track championship on Feb. 27 in Boston. Morris, the 2014 Maine Class B boys' cross-country state champion, came in ninth in the New England meet with a personal record time of 9:34.17.

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New church now meets in South Portland

The Church of the Second Chance, a Church Of God congregation, now holds its Sunday morning service at the Greater Portland Christian School, 1338 Broadway, South Portland. The service runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Founded last year by Cape Elizabeth resident Richard Kepler, the congregation previously met in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

Contact Kepler at 641-3253 or 4thered-sox@gmail.com, or go to the "Church of the 2nd Chance" Facebook page 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 and are 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 church is located at 499 Ocean House Road.

Congregational Church announces services during Easter week

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in South Portland plans two services on Palm Sunday, one on Maundy Thursday, a soup supper and service on Good Friday, and three services on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday Services on Sunday, March 29, are planned at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel and at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. A Maundy Thursday service is scheduled on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The church's spiritual life and worship team will host a soup supper in Guptill Hall at 6 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3.

A 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service will follow in the sanctuary. After the service, an Easter vigil will begin, continuing until 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5, when a sunrise service is planned at 6 a.m. at Fort Williams Park.

The church's 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter services, both featuring the Meeting House Choir, will be held in the sanctuary. An American Sign Language interpreter will be present at the 9 a.m. service.

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Municipal budget

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crease include salary and wage adjustments (\$82,000); capital needs (\$50,000); health insurance increases due to staffing changes (\$40,000); workers' compensation insurance (\$30,000); and a human resource assistant, the only new position in

the budget, to be jointly funded with the school department (\$25,000); greenbelt trail encroachment mitigation (\$15,000); retirement costs (\$15,000); geographic information system maintenance for code enforcement (\$12,000); facilities maintenance (\$10,000); legal services (\$10,000); social security (\$7,000); and street lights (\$5,000).

The budget will have been formally sub-

mitted to the council at its March 9 meeting (after this newspaper goes to print). The council Finance Committee will review the budget at workshops this spring, culminating with a public hearing and council vote on Monday, May 11. There will also be an opportunity for public comment about the proposed budget at the council's April 6 meeting.

Workshop meetings are scheduled for 7

p.m. in the William H. Jordan Conference Room in Town Hall on the following dates: Monday March 16, Wednesday March 18, Monday April 27 (for school budget presentation) and Wednesday April 29 (if needed). Workshops are open to the public.

The proposed budget, including detailed capital needs and other expenditures, is available on the town website at www.capeelizabeth.com.

Boston Post Cane

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tors after retirement. "He often noted that his duties for the bureau had taken him to every town in Maine." In 1999 he was awarded a Hall of Fame award by the Maine Tourism Association.

Also noted in his biography is his early acquisition of a Ford Model T, "which enabled him to deliver mail from Eaton, N.H. to Conway N.H. after school" and his love of assembling electronic and mechanical gadgets, including "the first radio receiver to be used in Snowville" and "a whimsical anemometer [made] out of ordinary kitchen items," the latter accomplished shortly before moving to Village Crossings.

White also enjoyed fine woodworking throughout his adult life. According to Lane, his most prized piece of craftsmanship was the half-hull of a sailboat.

Described as an observer of nature, White

loved to walk in the Cape Elizabeth woods and beaches and continued to stroll the grounds at Village Crossing until limited by a recent fall.

White has a son, three stepdaughters, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Asked the secret to his longevity, White said "I don't know yet," but noted that regular exercise helps.

According to the town website, Cape Elizabeth is one of several New England towns carrying on the Boston Post Cane tradition, which dates to 1909 when The Boston Post Company distributed 700 of the canes to New England towns to award their oldest male citizens. Women were made eligible in 1930.

Since 1909 the cane has been presented to 22 citizens.

The previous holder of the cane was George W. Baker, who passed away Jan. 23 at age 102.



At right, Seth M. White shakes Town Council Chair Kathy Ray's hand before receiving the Boston Post Cane on Feb. 26.

Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

School budget

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"upcoming events."

School subsidy

The budget plan includes a projected \$498,091 increase in state education aid next year, a figure the Maine Department of Education posted online last month when it released preliminary estimates for Maine school districts. The subsidy would be an increase of 20.1 percent over this year's state education aid to Cape Elizabeth schools.

Gov. Paul LePage's proposed 2016 biennial budget calls for an increase of \$20.3 million in general purpose aid to Maine districts, but that figure that won't be finalized until the Legislature votes.

Salaries and benefits, which represent 80 percent of overall expenditures in the proposed school budget, are projected to increase by \$716,624 next year.

Insurance premiums for the upcoming school year are not known at this time, but the proposed budget assumes an 8 percent increase in medical insurance premiums, the superintendent states in her budget overview. School officials expect to receive a final figure from the School Department's insurance carrier in April.

The proposed school budget also includes

a 27 percent increase in the district's mandated contribution to the state retirement system. The DOE has informed Maine school officials that districts will be required to pay a greater portion of employee retirement costs next year. The contribution rate will rise from 2.65 percent of eligible employees' wages to 3.36 percent.

A \$501,563 decline in debt service, the result of the retirement of one school bond and the refinancing of others, would offset expenditures. A portion of the debt service decline – \$298,000 – would be used to fund capital improvements in line with the district's 10-year capital stewardship plan.

The budget plan proposes staff reductions of three and a half positions, in keeping with a projected 2.8-percent decline in enrollment next year, Nadeau states in her proposed budget.

Pond Cove School is expected to lose 39 of the 46 students that school officials anticipate the district will lose next year from its current enrollment of 1,647. Cape Elizabeth Middle School is projected to see a drop of 12 students, but Cape Elizabeth High School is expected to add five. The number of Cape Elizabeth students receiving special education is expected to go down by 4 percent, to 153, Nadeau said.

Under the plan, the district would cut the equivalent of three and a half employee positions at a total \$151,470 decrease in salary

expenditures. A retiring Pond Cove teacher and a retiring CEMS teacher would not be replaced.

The plan also proposes reducing the special education director's position to half time. Building administrators, the director of instruction, and staff members in the human resources/business office would cover some of the director's administrative responsibilities. Additionally, two special education positions that are now vacant – that of a teacher and an educational technician – would be cut. Staff members are now handling the two special education employees' case loads, Nadeau said.

Nadeau's plan also calls for hiring a full-time staff member to take on the duties of the district's three-quarter-time volunteer coordinator, who will retire at the end of the school year. The staff member also would develop and oversee extended education opportunities such as student internships and field experiences in partnership with area businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Other staffing additions include a two-tenths time gifted and talented teacher, half of a human resources position to be shared with the town, and a one-tenth-time drama teacher at CEHS.

Five-year strategic plan

The plan proposes expenditures related to the district's five-year strategic plan, currently in its third year. Goals of the plan include comprehensive instruction for all students, an inclusive and supportive school culture, student and teacher engagement, and a budget aligned with strategic-plan goals.

The budget proposes spending \$50,000 on preschool programming next year.

"While the implementation of a preschool program was originally targeted for the fiscal year 2017 budget, our work with Community Services, (Child Development Services), and the Maine Department of Education pursuant to legislative action regarding pre-

school has allowed us to move up that timeline," Nadeau states in the budget plan.

The budget would expand the Open Doors Studio summer school program launched last summer for students who demonstrate they can benefit from summer exposure to math and literacy. Nadeau proposes including high school students in the program the summer of 2016 and increasing the program length from 12 to 16 days.

The budget also includes funding of \$30,000 to support innovation.

"Maintaining learner engagement in the 21st Century requires flexibility, nimbleness, and a willingness to try new things," Nadeau states in her plan. "Given that budget proposals are crafted well before students enter our classrooms for the upcoming year, the ability to shift gears and still have the necessary resources available can be tricky."

New iPads for CEHS

The plan would extend the schools' iPad lease program into a fourth year and replace 250 of the high school's iPads. The older devices would be used by students in kindergarten through grade 6.

Under the plan, athletic and cocurricular activities would receive additional funding. Some of the funds would cover the purchase of supplies and the replacement of aging equipment.

The superintendent's plan also includes \$12,000 in the CEHS budget to pay for an on-site visit required for accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Another proposal calls for spending \$20,000 to redesign the school website.

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

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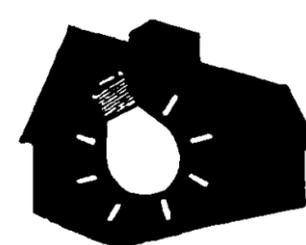
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Cape Elizabeth High School freshmen, left, Max Alznauer and Jacob Brydson display the Courier on Feb. 18 at a 7,494-foot elevation on top of the Seventh Heaven chairlift at the Whistler Blackcomb ski resort in British Columbia, Canada.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Zachary K. Culver** recently was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. He is a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Lyndsey Kiana Tanabe was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., where she is a junior majoring in biology.

The daughter of **Lynda and Keith Tanabe**, she is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Gretchen Stevens** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington, where she is a freshman. She is a 2014 graduate of Waynflete School in Portland.

Annie Russell, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, Md.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Jack Tierney** was named to the fall-semester dean's list Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., where he is a freshman.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. **Margaret Jacobson** is a third-year student studying biomedical sciences program. **Nolan Chase** is a third-year student studying chemical engineering.

Married

Leif Ekelund and Christie Hernandez were married on Sept. 27 at Unity in Marin in Novato, Calif. Leif is the son of David and Bonnie Ekelund of Geldert Lane. Christie is the daughter of Lino and Ligia Hernandez of Richmond, Calif.

The bride's sister, Joycelyn Hernandez of Pinole, Calif., was matron of honor. The groom's brother, David J. Ekelund, Jr., of Winchester, Mass., was best man.

The bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Gretchen Centurelli, and Stephanie Corrales, Mary Ann Corrales, Nohelia Sanchez, Blanca Dorado, Scarlet Garcia, Coralia Leiva and Julianna Jason. The groomsmen were the groom's brother-in-law Christopher Centurelli; Clinton Hartzell, IV; Christopher Walsh; Michael Walsh; former Cape Elizabeth resident Will Renner; Matthew Naimoli; Timothy Auer and Thomas Stracke.

The ring bearers were the groom's nephews Thomas and Jack Centurelli. The flower girls were the groom's niece, Ella Centurelli, and the bride's niece, Brianna Pena-Corrales. The bride's nephew, Isaiah Capers-Hernandez, was a reader and an usher.

Christie graduated in 2001 from Pinole Valley High School in Pinole, Calif., and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 2006 from San Francisco State University. She earned a Master of Arts degree in multimedia communications



Leif and Christie Ekelund

in 2011 from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where she works as the video production coordinator.

Leif, a 1999 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art in 2004 from the University of Vermont in Burlington. In 2010, he earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in visual effects, with a focus on digital matte painting and three-dimensional environments, from the Academy of Art University. He now works as a 3D specialist and concept artist for OpenWager of San Francisco.

The couple lives in Pinole.

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