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Council approves rescue fee increase

By Bob Dodd

For the first time in five years, Cape Fire and Rescue requested a fee increase for its services. The Town Council had no trouble responding.

Councilors voted unanimously to accept the proposed increase. The action was taken at their March 9 meeting.

The new fees are estimated to generate about \$508,000 in revenues in the upcoming year. They go into effect March 30.

Fire chief Peter Gleeson explained the proposed fee increase. He noted that rescue billings cover the cost of basic and advanced life support transport, personnel, equipment and training. All Cape police are certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs), he added.

On average, an EMT is on the scene within three to five minutes, Gleeson said.

Basic life support transport, currently \$400, will increase to \$600 on March 30. Advanced life support transport will increase from \$500 to \$900 and advanced life support level 2 transport from \$700 to \$900. The new fee structure also folds several services previously charged separately into an inclusive advanced life support transport fee. The administration of an IV, cardiac monitor, defibrillation or endotracheal tube, all currently \$100, and oxygen, currently \$50, will

be included in the transport fee as of March 30. The charge for mileage per loaded mile will increase from \$10 to \$14.

Rescue officials estimate 350 calls for basic level transport and 250 calls for advanced life support in the coming year.

Gleeson said that fees are based on what insurance companies will bear in coverages.

Councilor Jim Walsh wondered if fees should be reviewed more often in the future, expressing concern the rescue group might be leaving "money on the table."

Political sign restrictions removed from ordinance

Councilors acted unanimously to remove some restrictions on where political signs may be placed.

The action was taken on the advice of the town attorney after he raised First Amendment concerns over the restrictions.

Prior to the council action, political signs could be placed within the public right-of-way but not "on the pavement of public roadways or bikeways, on traffic islands, or on town-owned property." The action removes these restrictions from the ordinance.

Political signs are still not allowed to go up prior to six weeks before an election, and must be removed within one week after the

—see TOWN COUNCIL, page 14

Faculty morale, 2015-2016 calendar discussed at School Board meeting

By Wendy Keeler

Responding to reports about low morale among Cape Elizabeth school employees, Superintendent Meredith Nadeau is reviewing a short list of possible consultants to address the issue, she told the board on March 10.

"We have heard some concern from faculty around school climate, and I know the board talked about a letter from the [school employees' association, the Cape Elizabeth Education Association] that addressed some of those concerns," Nadeau said at the board's March 10 business meeting. "One of the things that I talked to the District Leadership Team about is bringing in a consultant to do some work in the district to sort of identify what those concerns are and try to tease them out and give some suggestions on how to move forward."

The letter to which Nadeau referred is

a Feb. 9 email that CEEA President Mark Ashe sent the School Board on behalf of the organization.

"For the past few years the Cape Elizabeth Education Association has attempted to engage the superintendent in a conversation regarding various concerns that have been brought to the association by faculty and staff," Ashe's email states. "This attempt at engagement has resulted in little progress in addressing those concerns. Thus the association decided to conduct a standardized survey as a way of better documenting the scope as well as the nature of the concerns expressed by faculty and staff."

In December, the association administered a teaching and learning survey among school faculty members and staff. Many responses were positive. Where staff members' responses showed the greatest degree of concern

—see SCHOOL BOARD, page 6

Land trust proposes new public access plan

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is recommending a new public access plan, in consideration of community feedback in response to a new leash rule for dog walkers that went into effect Dec. 1. The rule requires dogs to be leashed in Robinson Woods after 9 a.m. and was issued after multiple complaints of biting, chasing and intimidating dogs off leash in the woods and concern about accumulating dog waste on the property.

The proposal, posted on the land trust website, would allow off-leash dog walking on

the Robinson Woods I outer loop trail from sunrise to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to sunset. The proposal would require leashes at all times in Robinson Woods II and on the Robinson Woods I wildflower trail. Dogs would not be allowed in ponds or vernal pools, and would need to be kept in sight at all times. There would be a three-dog per person limit, with no commercial dog walking allowed. Dog-waste bags and a trash can would be provided at the trail kiosk for removal of all dog waste from the property.

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Early bird



Photo by Martha Agan

There are still berries on the trees for robins who wintered over in Cape Elizabeth, but the birds can also be observed cocking their heads at the grass, checking for springtime worms.

Cape's 250 anniversary celebration, which begins May 1, to span six months

By Wendy Keeler

If Cape Elizabeth could talk, the soon-to-be birthday girl might be doing some serious bragging.

Not only have residents of all ages expressed excitement about the town turning 250 on Nov. 1, but numerous hosts and helpers have lined up to throw the town a six-month-long birthday celebration that will begin May 1 with the premiere of a documentary film about the history of Cape Elizabeth.

Barbara Powers, who heads the Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee, is thrilled by the response.

"We have been very impressed with the energy and commitment of all of the organizations in their response to our charge, and we deeply appreciate the many ways in which individuals and small and large businesses have responded to our request for support," she said.

Groups and organizations involved include the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, the Cape Farm Alliance, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, the Fort Williams Park

Foundation, the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department, the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, the Cape Elizabeth School Department, Cape Elizabeth Community Services, the Cape Business Alliance, the Family Fun Day committee, organizers of the Strawberry Festival and the Memorial Day parade, and more.

The town, which has contributed a total \$35,000 to the effort, appointed a two-year ad hoc committee in December 2013 to plan, organize and oversee the anniversary celebration. In addition to Powers, the committee includes Catherine Adams, Norm Jordan, Carol Anne Jordan, Darren McLellan, Stephanie Korupp and Jane Beckwith. Cape residents Debbie Butterworth, Meghan Wakefield, and Kathy and Randy Blake also have volunteered a lot of time to the effort, Powers said.

Events

All Cape Elizabeth residents are invited to the events, which will be free unless they

—see 250th ANNIVERSARY, page 14

TD Beach to Beacon fills in record time

Four minutes and 15 seconds is the new record-breaking time for the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, or at least for on-line registration for the increasingly hard-to-get, in-one's-own-name bib number. The 4:15 time set on March 13 shaved 17 seconds off the record set last year.

On March 12, Cape residents were given their own 24-hour window to fill 600 online slots, although bibs remained available for a mere 8 minutes and 53 seconds.

"It's great how every year registration fills faster than the last, and we thank all who woke up early to register ...," said race president Mike Stone. "Good luck to all who

registered and we look forward to seeing everyone at the start line on Aug. 1."

A bib lottery for those who missed the initial registration cut will be drawn and posted on the race website on March 24. Good works may also earn you a bib. This year's charitable beneficiary, Good Shepherd Food Bank, as well as past beneficiaries, will make a limited number of bib numbers available in exchange for fundraising and/or support. To learn more about this option, visit www.feedingmaine.org and www.beach2beacon.org/past-beneficiaries.

This year's Aug. 1 race will be the 18th running of the Beach to Beacon.



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Proposed cuts to instructional support 'affect all students'

The proposed school budget includes several significant cuts to the Instructional Support Department. These cuts affect all students, regardless of whether they receive special education support.

The cuts include reducing the director of instructional support position to half-time; shifting some of the director's responsibilities to building administrators and the director of instruction. Additionally, two special education positions currently vacant, a teacher and an educational technician, would be cut. Current staff workload has been increased to accommodate the vacancies.

At the March 3 budget workshop, staff, parents and community members showed much concern over the proposed cuts to staffing and the director position. The group also expressed concerns over lack of a full-time behaviorist since the position was dissolved last year.

The loss of the behavior strategist has had an effect on every classroom. Without this role in our schools, teachers are feeling overwhelmed and under-supported. Parents feel their children are not receiving appropriate support, and they are concerned for their children's safety.

Results from a recent employee survey state that 80 percent of employees feel a lack of trust and mutual respect for district leadership. With the March 10 announcement of the retirement of the instructional support director, it is clearly NOT the time for Cape Elizabeth to transition to a part-time director.

Our schools need a full-time instructional support director and full-time district-wide behaviorist. Please show your support by signing the petition at <https://tinyurl.com/capecschoolpetition>.

**Ann Stjohn Gray
 Jennifer Brooking**

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School cuts presented with 'limited data and no written explanation'

We are writing to express our concerns over proposed cuts and changes to the school department budget, most notably in the area of instructional support. The significant changes that were proposed at the Feb. 25 school board meeting and subsequent budget workshop on March 3 were presented with limited data and no written explanation.

The plan proposes shifting some of the instructional support workload onto our teachers and principals. Not only will this affect our most vulnerable students' ability to access instruction, it will reduce the time our educators have to spend with all students.

We believe, as proposed, the current budget doesn't meet the goals of the district's five-year strategic plan, which, as stated in the March 11 edition of *The Cape Courier*, include "comprehensive instruction for all students, an inclusive and supportive school culture, student and teacher engagement, and a budget aligned with strategic-plan goals." We urge the community to get informed and express your concerns directly to the school board by sending an email to the board at *cesb@capeelizabethschools.org*, or attending the next school board meeting on April 14. These cuts affect everyone: our students, teachers, support staff and the community. When the overall quality of our schools declines, everyone loses.

John and Cindy Voltz

'Twenty-one years of grit and determination'

Congratulations to the Cape boys' basketball team for bringing home the Gold Ball and proving they are the hardest working program in the state! We all sat stunned when they were down six with a little more than a minute to go and Medomak Valley had the ball. Little did we know Eddie Galvin had a plan in place as he bounced up and down near center court singing along with "Welcome to the Jungle" as if getting ready to enter the ring for the final round of his last championship fight. Then pounding his fist into his hand imploring his team to do exactly what they had been taught to do since they earned the right to play for Coach Ray.

I will not soon forget the reactions to the Bowe bomb, the O'Rourke two to tie, or the

Cross-generational bonds are 'real magic' of Cape basketball

Congratulations to Coach Ray, his staff and players on winning the state championship. Their impact should not be measured by wins and losses, but how they represented the community. They consistently exhibited class and sportsmanship while playing with toughness and grit. From starter to role player to those who did not see many minutes, the boys embraced the concept of *team*. Each put the team before self, choosing to work as a unit, in which credit was something to be deflected as opposed to embraced.

The real magic of Cape basketball stems from the bonds that are forged across generations, where an 11-year-old can consider a 20-year-old his idol and friend. This is a direct result of the Saturday morning program. Each Saturday morning the varsity team acted as positive role models to dozens of adoring youngsters, and showed them what it meant to be a part of something greater than themselves. Today's participants look up to Galvin and Murphy and McCormick, who looked up to Pierce, who looked up to Ray who looked up to Spaulding and Brownell. And so the cycle continues, and we should all be thankful for it. While we applaud them as state champs, we should honor them as champion people.

Kudos as well to the girls' team. Cape is blessed to have great player role models, and coaches who dedicate time beyond the call of duty.

Ken Pierce and Gregg Frame

'Scoop the Poop' day is April 11 at Gull Crest

In Cape Elizabeth we are very lucky to have several open space areas where we can run our dogs, off leash, all year long. They are the best places for dogs to run around and play with other dogs freely. One of those places is Gull Crest Athletic Fields. It has been great seeing more people enjoy walking their dogs at Gull Crest. As the snow melts in the following weeks and the grass appears, it will be time again for the annual Scoop the Poop. When? Saturday, April 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. The town will provide doggy bags. A big thank you to Ram Island Home and Grounds, who will provide bins and transport the bins to the transfer station.

Bring your kids and bring your dogs and let's clean up the fields, so our young athletes can roll around poop free. If you can't make it, feel free to scoop poop on the fields another day. The town has poop baggies and a bin in the parking lot for our convenience. All we need to do is clean up after our dogs, so we can all enjoy this wonderful field complex.

Irene Moon

Plea for greater care with dog privileges

I am writing today to plead with my fellow dog people to remember to pick up poop when out and about with your dogs so we can keep our open spaces free and clean and happy places to bring our dogs. And, please keep your dogs in control so they don't charge people/kids/other dogs. I am a HUGE dog lover, but I don't like to be charged or slammed into by dogs.

Explaining to our dogs that we lost our privileges to use open spaces because we forgot our baggies or left the poop by mistake, or let our dogs charge people, isn't something we want to do, right?

Thank you, everyone!

Amy Carlson



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Yes, the Thomas Memorial Library is open!



Photo by Mike Packard

The former children's library building is housing the entire library during the renovation.

We've heard from our neighbors in South Portland that many Cape residents are unaware that the Thomas Memorial Library is open and available during our yearlong renovation. We have been open for business since mid January, and services are continuing.

We are still adding new books, videos, audiobooks, and other materials to our collections each week. We have all the latest best-sellers, Academy-Award nominated films on DVD, TV shows, and more. We are offering an average of 20 children's programs each week. We have monthly book groups for adults, with a new science fiction group that will meet on March 31. Socrates Café, our philosophy discussion group, still meets monthly. We still do a heavy volume of interlibrary loans. We are open the same hours

as before, 55 hours per week.

So what is different? We are in a smaller space, and about 60 percent of our books are in storage (most of our DVDs and audiobooks are still available, though!). We don't have any meeting rooms in our temporary quarters, so children's programs take place in a large open space in our picture book area, and adult programs take place at alternate locations around town. We do still have computers for public use and seats for relaxing, but fewer of both.

Turn to the library page to find out what's going on in the next few weeks, and check our website and Facebook page for construction updates and complete program information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rachel Davis

Assistant Director/Children's Librarian

'Rare sporting event' not easily forgotten

It's difficult to let go of a good thing. Some things we never will, like the Cape boys winning the Class B state basketball title against Medomak Valley.

Now the challenge for you readers: How would you handle the charge for scoring seven points in 52 seconds? Your imagination won't get any better than the real thing.

The 52-second challenge was an eventful, synergetic effort, no part greater than the whole.

As we look back at those 52 seconds, what was the defining moment, the single greatest factor that delivered the victory? The nifty three-point basket that ignites the effort. The follow-up two-pointer that sustains the rally. The relentless, defying defense. The two streaking captains who refused to quit the stage, cast by their supporting team mem-

bers for their dramatic departing bows, brilliantly executed with the perfect pass and the electrifying, buzzer-beating lay-up. The sixth player in that final line up. The coach who realizes he has prepared his players well, and blends into the roaring crowd. Synergy at work. Every individual on the team has a name. The stars have names. The team won the game.

There are fairy tales and story time. There are building blocks and stepping stones. And there was a band of Capers who put on a picturesque performance of some lessons about life in an eventful two-second time span. Those who witnessed the game viewed a rare sporting event. There was no loser. There was a dedicated, hard-working, well-deserving champion and runner-up.

John Elwell

Fort Williams Advisory Commission to discuss bleacher replacement project on March 31

The Fort Williams Advisory Commission will hold a planning meeting for the replacement of the bleachers at the Fort Williams Park parade grounds. The meeting is set for March 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community

Center conference room. All meetings are open to the public. Ideas and suggestions may also be sent to the FWAC by email to Public Works Director Bob Malley at rob.malley@capeelizabeth.org.

Bring your recycling views to meeting April 9

The Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee will hold a public input session from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, in the Town Hall Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback from residents. The committee is tasked with reviewing solid waste and recycling options for the community.

Questions to be considered by the public:

What do you like about our Transfer Station? What would you change? Are the recycling containers convenient? Should we keep the Swap Shop? Do you want curbside pick up? How about composting opportunities?

The committee hopes to hear input on these issues and more on April 9. Please go to the town website for a direct link to all meeting materials.

Cape gets high ratings for its project bonds

Cape Elizabeth's high ratings for its library and school project bonds have been affirmed by the investment services of Moody's and Standard & Poor's. According to a story on the town website, Moody's gave the town its second-highest rating of Aa1, a step below Aaa, while Standard & Poor's gave its highest bond rating of AAA.

"The ratings were assigned to a \$5.75 million bond issue, and affirmed for the town's

outstanding debt of \$17.5 million," the announcement read. "The borrowing is in conjunction with the \$4 million library renovation approved by voters in November of last year; and the \$1.75 million for five separate school capital projects approved by the Town Council in December."

"We anticipate a good bond sale with these ratings," said Town Manager Michael McGovern.

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Will Cape downtown be modeled after Connecticut 'lifestyle center'?

Is there anything as welcoming and inviting as a New England village with a quintessential Main Street, surrounded by small shops, restaurants and other gathering places for townsfolk and visitors?

To the industry, such planned villages are called "lifestyle centers," but to the residents of Cape Elizabeth it will just be called downtown.

The question of how to best develop our somewhat fragmented Main Street has been the topic of many discussions over the years, but an unexpected proposal by CB Development of Baltimore, Md., included many of the desirable components compiled by town officials. Artist renderings and photos from existing centers convinced the audience that this model is exactly what Cape Elizabeth has been looking for.

Simply said, a lifestyle center is a pedestrian-friendly mixed-use area designed to resemble a hometown Main Street.

"Most existing centers have been built across the country in the last five years, typically near affluent suburbs. The upscale outdoor shopping areas are designed to look like town streets, with an emphasis on shops, restaurants and spaces for people-watching, and occasionally include other mixed-use businesses, including some residential apartments," explained Tony Jennings, project manager for the northeast division.

The corporation is somewhat cautious about a project of this size, as most of the other centers are considerably larger, and obviously, Cape Elizabeth wants to retain the small-town aspect of a town with a population of just over 9,000. "Part of the appeal of these centers," explained Jennings, "is not only convenience for residents, but also billed as a destination for other shoppers in the area. There is a break-even formula including both square footage occupied space

and diversity of services that we pledge to adhere to."

Imagine this: an outdoor development of perhaps 20 connected, attractive, colonial-style storefronts, facing each other, arranged along a series of sidewalks in a grid-like pattern. An urban plaza with a good café provides a central gathering place, either indoors or outside with comfortable chairs and a fire pit. Sidewalks are shaded by trees, flowering trellises and an occasional awning, and streets are narrowed at the corners to give pedestrians an implied right of way.

"Planned town centers such as this one," commented a town official, "carefully and purposefully insulate people from the messiness of public life."

Parking options still need to be resolved, as two designs have historically proven to be successful. The first, head-on parking in front of stores is permitted, as in a typical village downtown, and visitors then can easily stroll down the sidewalks to run their errands.

Opponents to this plan favor a more pedestrian-friendly design, with several small satellite lots positioned outside the footprint of the village, allowing for very safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic for both adults and children along the Main Street.

Clearly, both options give shoppers the chance to stroll between stores rather than driving in and out of parking lots of national chains.

Typically, the upscale first floor tenants must abide by stringent restrictions as to type of businesses, and will include smaller specialty stores carrying clothing, jewelry,

home goods, teen wares, necessities, books and stationery supplies. Intimate high-quality restaurants, cafés, a bank and an ice cream shop would round out the diverse village. Rents for the retail/dining spaces typically run at \$325-\$500 per square foot.

If the blueprints allow for some second story development, restrictions for those tenants may be relaxed to allow a variety of alternate ventures, and possibly a few affordably priced residential apartments.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a small, multi-screen movie theater, as many other centers have, but the reality of that additional cost will be determined by the Finance Committee and residents of the town.

Because this shopping center has no central doors to close at a typical, uniform time, restaurants, theaters and cafés can stay open late even if the retail stores are closed.

The linear layout of the town lends itself perfectly to a project like this, the project manager explained. "Sometimes we are faced with the difficult and expensive task of completely redesigning an area, but the impact of your existing buildings will be minimal, with the obvious exception of Town Hall, Community Services building and the police station, which clearly do not fit into the design of the master plan." It is expected that those three town facilities will be relocated to the Public Works facility on Dennison Drive to create a cohesive "municipal campus."

One of the traffic pattern changes under consideration includes a roundabout located on Route 77 that would allow multiple access points to the town center.

While there are a number of lifestyle centers located in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, this one would be the first built in Maine. Typically, there is a significant increase in traffic as visitors are excited to explore the new little village. While the traffic tends to even out after time, it is expected that the addition of several more traffic lights at key intersections would be a prudent decision. Transportation officials may be forced to consider an upgrade to

portions of Spurwink Avenue, as that road would provide an alternate bypass to the downtown area.

"As we do target affluent areas for prospective development projects" commented Jennings, "Cape Elizabeth was clearly an obvious choice, especially when we took a look at your dated and nondescript downtown area, and also knowing your history of long-term financial commitments for worthwhile, visually-appealing projects such as this one."

The price tag won't be cheap. But as Jennings explains "part of your initial and long-term costs will be our ongoing management pledge. The town won't have to do a thing! We will provide the design, select the stores, and manage the physical plant. Mainers won't even have to worry about the workforce, as we will bring in our construction crew as well as employees for the stores and bars."

The development company won the prestigious McDowell Award in 2012 for their avant-garde yet simplistic designs incorporated into a center in Rhode Island.

"I am really excited about this" commented Jen Blotner, mother of two young children. "I can meet a friend for coffee and run some errands and it will be far more convenient than dragging the kids to the Mall." Another resident, Evelyn Williams, commented "This will be just like the old fashioned town I grew up in! I'm looking forward to seeing people strolling through the small downtown, doing a little people watching while having lunch on the patio. I can just picture Victorian carolers serenading visitors with Christmas songs while the snow falls next December, can't you?"

"It's all about enhancing the customer experience" Jennings reminded the panel. "We have selected a double-quad design organized around two market squares with surface parking encircled by pedestrian-friendly walkways and tree lined streets. This town is going to love it and we can get started with ground-breaking just as soon as the financing is approved."

Resident input is needed to decide the parking issue, and developers will be meeting to discuss that next Wednesday, April 1, in the small conference room at Town Hall. Come to think if it, if they're meeting on that date, perhaps this whole idea is just one big joke. Happy April Fools Day!

- Debbie Butterworth

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\$800,000—900,000 = 2

\$700,000—800,000 = 2

\$600,000—700,000 = 6

\$500,000—600,000 = 9

\$400,000—500,000 = 3

\$300,000—400,000 = 5

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Inventory is very low!

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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

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- 2-22 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a threatening phone call.
- 2-23 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area about phone calls from a subject with a Jamaican accent, trying to scam him out of money.
- 2-27 An officer met with a representative from a local business about a shoplifting complaint.
- 2-28 Two officers met with a resident in the Spurwink Avenue area about a child custody issue.
- 2-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-1 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about damage to a window.
- 3-2 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about unauthorized charges on the complainant's debit card.
- 3-5 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Road area about the theft of an iPhone.
- 3-5 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about lost or stolen personal ID.
- 3-9 An officer met with a representative of a business about a bad check complaint.
- 3-9 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised that someone had filed a fraudulent Maine tax form in the complainant's name.

ARRESTS

- 2-24 Summer Maine resident, operating after license suspension, Shore Road
- 3-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Ocean House Road

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 3-15 Juvenile Warrant, Wabun Road

SUMMONSES

- 2-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, attaching false plates, Ocean House Road
- 2-25 Arundel resident, operating after license suspension, Ocean House Road
- 2-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, CEMS
- 2-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Ocean House Road
- 2-27 Gorham resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$133
- 2-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 3-2 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 3-6 Florida resident, operating after license suspension, attaching false plates, Ocean House Road, \$310

ACCIDENTS

- 3-8 Samantha Eubanks, Randall Garrett, accident on Fort Williams Park Road.

FIRE CALLS

- 2-26 Star Road, fire alarm
- 2-27 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-27 Mitchell Road, investigation
- 2-28 Manor Way, fire alarm
- 3-1 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-2 Scott Dyer Road, structure fire
- 3-3 Meadow Way, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-3 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-4 Lydon Lane, gas leak
- 3-4 Dennison Drive, alarm
- 3-6 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-6 Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-7 Starboard Drive, investigation

- 3-7 Cottage Lane, kitchen fire
- 3-8 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-8 Ocean House Road, arcing wires
- 3-9 Heritage Court, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-9 Spurwink Avenue, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 22 runs to Maine Medical Center. There was 1 run to Mercy Hospital. There were 3 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Cape firefighter, Allyssa Caron, wins scholarship

Allyssa Caron, a Cape Elizabeth firefighter and EMT, and a second-year fire science student at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, has received a scholarship to attend the 2015 Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. The award was reported on the State of Connecticut's Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection Commission on Fire Prevention and Control website. According to the story, Caron was surprised by a presentation of the scholarship award during a fire administration class at SMCC on March 5.

The scholarship will provide Caron with round-trip airfare, accommodations, FDIC event passes, breakfast and an invitation to the inauguration dinner.

Hundreds of nominations were submitted with a total of only two recipients selected by the scholarship panel.

Caron has been with the Cape Elizabeth

Fire Department since August 2013, when she also began her studies at SMCC.

"Allyssa really enjoys working with young people and she is a great instructor," Cape Elizabeth Fire Chief Peter Gleeson told The Cape Courier. "The scholarship to the instructors conference is a great reward for the time and passion she puts into fire safety education."

"She is an important part of the fire prevention classes we do each year for the elementary school kids," said Gleeson. "She is a great young lady and we were all very happy to see her receive this scholarship."

Caron began her fire service career in high school in Connecticut, where she served as a junior training officer. She attended the Connecticut Fire Academy's Introduction to the Fire Service Program twice as a student and earned a prestigious Honor Cadet award and was selected to serve as a junior counselor.

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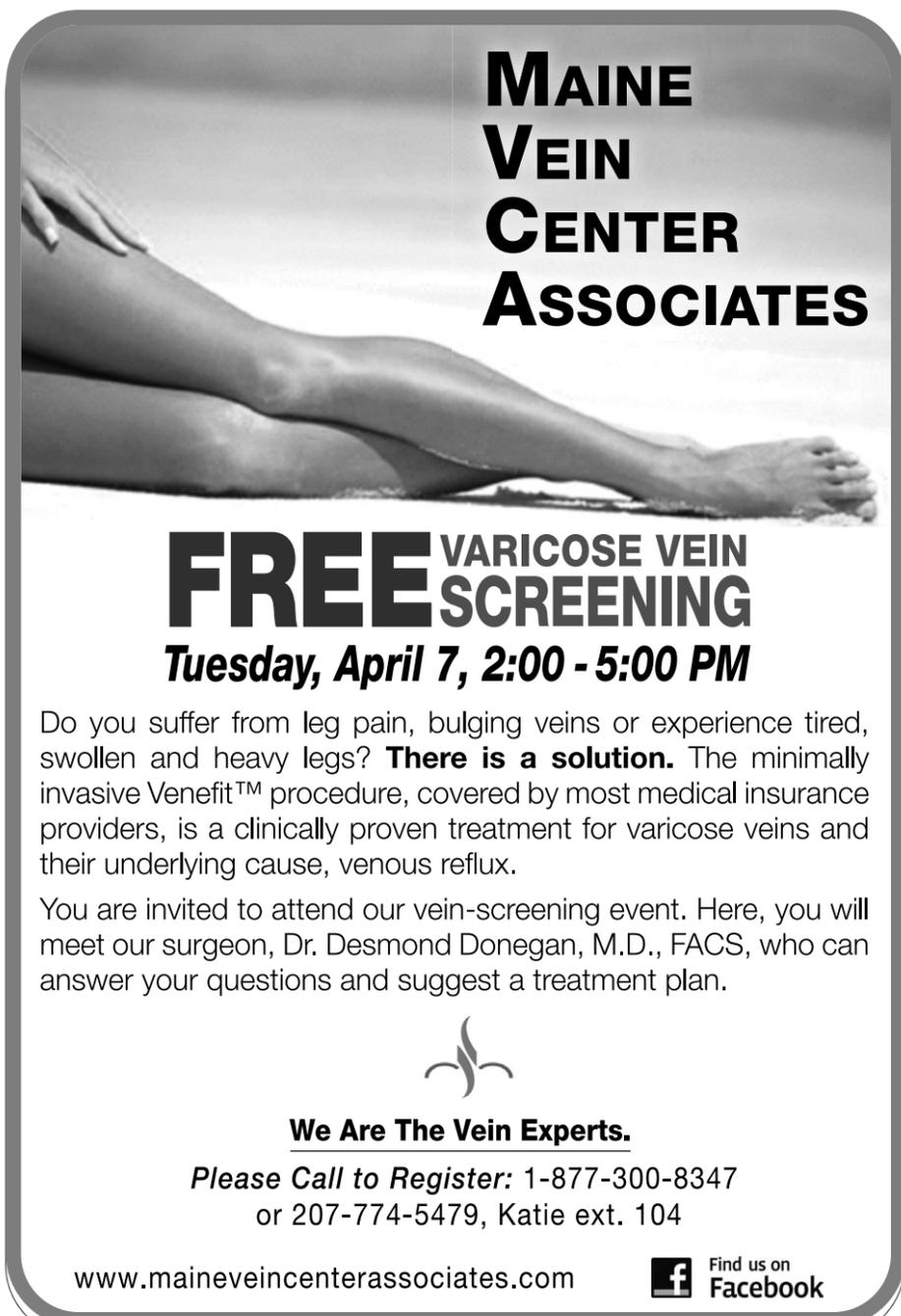
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Appletree School receives ecomaine award



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Pamela Mullin, center, accepts a 2015 ecomaine "eco-Excellence Award" on March 3 in Portland from ecomaine Board Chairman Jim Gailey, far left, and ecomaine Chief Operating Executive Kevin Roche.

Appletree School, which Cape Elizabeth resident Pam Mullin founded in 1989 on Two Lights Road, just won an ecology award.

ecomaine, a nonprofit, municipality-owned organization that operates a single-sort recycling facility, a waste-to-energy plant and a landfill and ashfill site, honored the school on March 3 with a "eco-Excellence Award." The annual honor is given to organizations for their contributions to preserving ecology.

"Children spend much of their day outside, developing personal relationships with nature," Cape Elizabeth resident Kara Law stated in a letter to ecomaine in which she nominated the school for the award. "Children learn about ways that we depend on nature, and ways that we can sustainably use and care for our environment. They are

active participants in recycling, composting, vegetable gardening ... and preparing, cooking and eating homegrown fruits and vegetables."

The school, which serves preschoolers through first-graders, is fully invested in the community, Law wrote.

"Children learn about local working farms during field trips to Alewives and Journey's End farms in Cape Elizabeth," her letter states.

In addition to being a member of the Cape Farmers Alliance and a supporter of the organization's annual Strawberry Festival, the school participated in Portland's first annual Greenfest in 2014, Law said.

Appletree also has "close relationships with the Audubon Society ... and the U.S. Green Building Council, Maine Chapter," she wrote in her nomination letter.

School Board

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was in a category about district instructional leadership, which refers to the superintendent, the director of instructional support and the director of instruction.

Eighty percent of the 150 faculty members who took the survey disagreed with the statement, "There is an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect in our district." Three-quarters disagreed with the statement, "Faculty and staff feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to them in conversations with district leadership." Seventy percent did not agree that "district leadership makes a sustained effort to address faculty and staff concerns about climate and leadership issues."

The majority of faculty responded positively when asked if they agree or disagree with the same statements about administrators at Pond Cove School, Cape Elizabeth Middle School and Cape Elizabeth High School.

Addressing the climate issue is important, Nadeau told the board on March 10.

"You know, there's a lot going on in this district and a lot of great work that people are doing and I think to the extent that people are distracted, concerned, stressed, anxious, overwhelmed, any or all of the above, I think it's important for us to kind of take a look at that and figure out how to support them and help move forward so we'll be looking at ways to address that," she said, adding that she hopes a consultant can begin work by the end of the month.

"With respect to ... funding for the consultant, I'm anticipating that it will come from savings within the current operating budget," Nadeau said on March 18.

At the March 10 meeting, School Board Chair Joanna Morrissey praised the superintendent for addressing the school climate problem.

"I applaud you for taking that work on head on. I know that there definitely has been feedback that I think we've all heard at one point or another around implementing a very aggressive strategic plan underneath also having to conform to Common Core standards and proficiency-based grading and differentiated instruction, and all the other myriad changes that all seem to have ... hit at once," Morrissey told Nadeau. "Change is hard under the best of circumstances when it's only one or two but when it's five changes

that are happening at once the symptoms of those changes, if gone unaddressed, can fester and become worse."

Morrissey discussed the CEEA's teacher and learning survey on March 18.

"We have read the responses. Most of the questions, as answered, are positive," she said. "There are definitely a couple of questions that the School Board noticed that show there's concern amongst our teachers, and we intend to continue to support our teachers and our administrators to provide them with the resources."

Calendar

Cape Elizabeth students will have their longest summer vacation in years if the School Board adopts a 2015-2016 school calendar that has been revised so it aligns with the calendars of fellow districts that send students to Portland Arts and Technology High School for career and technical education.

In April, the board is expected to adopt a calendar that has Sept. 8 as the first day of school. June 24 would be the last, assuming there are five snow days.

"In order to maintain compliance with the PATHS calendar, because we have at least one district in our group who is not able contractually to have students start school prior to Labor Day, we have had to adjust the start of school to after Labor Day," Nadeau told School Board members at the board's March 10 business meeting.

Schools that send students to regional vocational schools can have no more than five school days that differ with those of the other schools.

"If we don't [comply], it puts our state subsidy at risk, and that's a substantial amount of money that I don't think taxpayers want to lose out on," Nadeau said.

Instructional support

At the meeting, Nadeau also announced the resignation of Instructional Support Department Director Jane Golding on May 22.

Under the superintendent's proposed school budget for the 2015-2016 school year, the instructional support director position would be reduced 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.

In several emails sent recently to The Cape Courier, residents have expressed concerns about the proposed cuts to the Instructional Support budget [see page 2].

More Neighbors on page 16

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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.

April 8, 1865 – **Lee's Army in Full Retreat!** Last week was a glorious week for the Army of the Potomac, and will forever form a memorable epoch in the history of the nation. Having at last all his plans arranged Gen. Grant set his army in motion. The grand result, after several days of hard fighting, is the capture of the rebel capitol, and the dispersion of Lee's army. [Portland Transcript]

☞ **Later** – President Lincoln in Richmond! [Portland Transcript]

☞ **This has been** a week of rejoicing in Portland. When, on Monday, the news came of the fall of Richmond, there was a shout of joy and surprise raised by the crowd at Merchant's Exchange, everybody exchanged congratulations, flags were flung out, at noon the bells were rung and salutes fired, and in the evening a grand congratulatory meeting was held at City Hall. On Tuesday a holiday was given to the pupils of the Public Schools and a salute of 100 guns was fired from the Arsenal, by order of Gov. Cony. [Portland Transcript]

☞ **The Maine Hospital Association** makes an earnest appeal to our citizens to fill its exhausted treasury. At a time when our soldiers are fighting the last great battles of the war and thousands are daily wounded in the great cause of the nation, such an appeal must be readily and generously responded to. [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: The following letter was

written in April 1865 by Cape Elizabeth resident Elizabeth Willard Woodbury, the mother of Edward Woodbury, who is pictured in the tintype on this page. Early in the war, Edward Woodbury was stationed at Fort Scammel.

Later he reenlisted in Company "I" 25th Maine Volunteer Infantry, which was made up of mostly Cape Elizabeth men under the command of Capt. Ezekiel Wescott of Cape Elizabeth. Information about Woodbury comes from a March 11, 1928, article in the Portland Sunday Telegram and Press Herald written when Woodbury had lived on Mitchell Road for 84 years and was one of two Civil War survivors in the greater Portland area.

April 4, 1865

This morning at 8 o'clock our armies took possession of Richmond. Everybody is in a great state of excitement and such rejoicing and firing of guns you have never heard. After four years they have got (sic) the Rebel Capital, many have been killed but no particulars. Charleston and Wilmington are also captured. Everything is coming down in price Gold \$1.50. I want you to buy me a barrel of molasses.

The duties won't be so much. We have paid 90 cents all Winter. Don't try to smuggle it in as they seize everything. We have got our quota about full on this call [for soldiers] and I think it will be the last one. There is not money appropriated for Fort Preble and people predict a hard Summer. Speculators have had their day."

Historical society plans April 6 talk about Grange

Cape Elizabeth Grange No. 242 will be the topic of a Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society presentation set for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, in the community room at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center.

Cape Elizabeth resident Ellie Collins will talk about the history and purpose of

the grange, and about activities in which the organization is involved.

Light refreshments will be served at the program, which will be open to all.

The Community Center is located at 345 Ocean House Rd.

Contact Dorothy Higgins at dmhig@maine.rr.com for more information.

Gorham writer, historian to speak on April 4 at Maine Genealogical Society meeting

Gorham resident Kevin Mills, whose ancestors were privateers, shipbuilders, merchant mariners, and lighthouse keepers, will speak at the Saturday, April 4, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 29 Ocean House Road.

Mills spent more than four years producing a 350-page book on the Mills family history and followed that up with a project that chronicled the life of his grandfather. He also

transcribed diaries of both his grandfather and great grandfather.

He has written several novels based on the maritime history of his various ancestors. The characters are rooted in true life experiences and portray life many generations ago.

The meetings, held the first Saturday of each month, are free and open to the public. Membership, open to anyone interested in genealogical research, is \$5.00 a year. Go to www.gpcmg.org for more information and a schedule of upcoming meetings.

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CAPE CALENDAR | By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, March 25
Solid Waste & Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, 2 p.m., Public Works

Thursday, March 26
School Board Budget Workshop (if needed), 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

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

Thursday, April 2
Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, April 6
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, April 7
Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, April 8
Solid Waste & Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, 2 p.m., Public Works

CABLE GUIDE CHANNEL 3

Planning Board replay March 27 & 29 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. March 30 - 9 a.m.	11:30 a.m. Town Council (Live) April 6 - 7 p.m.
CE Church of the Nazarene March 28 & 29, April 4 & 5 -	Town Council Replay April 8 & 9 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Five big bands, three combos, special soloist to perform on March 27 at Jazz Cabaret

Cape Elizabeth High School's award-winning jazz bands will present their annual Jazz Cabaret at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, at Cape Elizabeth High School. That night, the cafeteria will be transformed into a jazz club for performances by three big bands and five combos from Cape Elizabeth High School, and the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Jazz Band. The event

also will feature guest soloist John Cooper, a professional alto sax player and a professor at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. Refreshments will be available for purchase. People are welcome to watch one set or stay for them all. Tickets, available at the door, will be \$8. Admission for senior citizens and students will be \$5, and families will pay \$20.

Painter to teach Community Services classes

Professional landscape painter Chris Reed will teach two adult classes this spring at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Reed, a Portland resident who earned a bachelor's degree in visual arts at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, will teach a six-week introductory class in acrylic painting Tuesday afternoons from April 14 through May 19. Prior experience in drawing and painting is helpful but not required. Reed's six-week mindfulness drawing class, to be held Thursday afternoons from

April 16 through May 21, will offer an introduction to the basic techniques of drawing through meditative observation of still life setups. Students should bring materials to both classes. Contact Reed at chris@christopherdreed.com for more information and for supply lists. Additional information will be available in Cape Elizabeth Community Services' spring program guide. Call 799-2868 for information.

Granite sculpture to be raffled off July 12



"Hanging Out"

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will raffle off a glacial granite sculpture as part of its annual "Paint for Preservation" wet-paint fundraiser on Sunday, July 12.

Raffle tickets are for sale for the piece, "Hanging Out," which is 31 inches high, 13 inches wide, and valued at \$4,000. New Hampshire artist Gary Haven Smith carved the sculpture from granite he found near his home.

On July 12, artists will paint outdoors at designated public and private locations in town. That night, the artwork will be auctioned off at a cocktail reception in town, where the raffle drawing also will take place. People who buy raffle tickets for the sculpture won't have to be present to win.

The sculpture can be viewed at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road or online at capelandtrust.org. Four-hundred tickets are for sale. The price for one ticket is \$25, and people buying five pay \$100.

Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit organization's "Saving Cape's Great Places," an initiative to preserve strategic conservation lands in town.

Call 767-6054 for more information.

Three Maine writers to read from works March 28 at Buzz

Three writers 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.

Poet David Sloan is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast Master of Fine Arts poetry program. A high school teacher, he has written two books about teaching. His poetry collection, "The Irresistible In-Between," was published by Deerbrook Editions in 2013. 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.

Work by Penny Guisinger has appeared in many publications. Her essay "Coming Out" was a finalist in the 2013 Michael Steinberg Essay Contest, and another, "Provincetown," won 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.

The Local Buzz is located at 327 Ocean House Road. Go to localbuzzcafe.com for more information.

Cape Lions breakfasts on April 12, May 10

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans pancake breakfasts on Sundays, April 12 and May 10, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

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

Proceeds from the meals benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Elizabeth Lions Club charities. The Cape Lions always welcome new members.

Call Paul Gentilini at 470-7353 for information about membership.

Thinking of selling? Now may be the time...



It is common knowledge that a large number of homes sell during the spring buying season. For that reason, many homeowners hold off putting their home on the market until then. The question is whether or not that will be a good strategy this year.

The other listings that do come out later in the spring will represent increased competition to any seller. A greater number of homes actually come to the market in the spring compared to the rest of the year. Currently we have a very limited number of homes for sale. So, if you are thinking you might be ready...call to find out what steps you need to take!

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Middle school musical 'Oz!' includes cast, crew of 60



Photo by Stephen Price

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students took time out from rehearsing recently for an "Oz!" cast and crew photo.

The musical "Oz!" will open Thursday, April 9, and run through Sunday, April 12, at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

This adaptation of the "Wizard of Oz" story is suited for audiences of all ages. A cyclone carries Dorothy and Toto to the magical Land of Oz, and when Dorothy's house squashes the Wicked Witch of the East, she is ecstatically thanked by the liberated Munchkins and given permission to wear the witch's powerful slippers. From

there, rubber-legged Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion and Tin Woodsman, join Dorothy on a journey to Emerald City to meet the great Oz. While on their trek, they battle the Wicked Witch of the West, who is determined to get revenge for the death of her sister. Eventually, Glinda the Good Witch helps Dorothy defeat the evil witch and her winged monkeys, and the great and powerful wizard grants Dorothy's friends their wishes and helps Dorothy return to Kan-

sas.

The show features songs, colorful costumes and scenery, and the energy of about 60 middle school performers and backstage crew. CEMS science and math teacher Stephen Price directs.

Performances are planned at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, will be available at the door.

'The Boys Next Door' to open on March 27

"The Boys Next Door" will open at the Portland Players on Friday, March 27, and run through Sunday, April 12.

The comedy focuses on the lives of four men with intellectual disabilities who live together in a communal residence under the watchful eye of a sincere, but increasingly despairing social worker.

The story, written by Tom Griffin, is conveyed in a series of brief vignettes. Charlie Marengi directs.

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

Call 207-799-7337 or go to portlandplayers.org to buy tickets. The theater is located at 420 Cottage Road in in South Portland.

'Funny Thing Happened on Way to the Forum' at Lyric next month

The musical, "A Funny thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," will run from Friday, April 17, to Saturday, May 2, at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

The comedy, set in Rome, tells the story of a slave named Pseudolus and his attempts to win freedom by helping his young master woo the girl next door. The play features desperate lovers, scheming neighbors and secrets behind every toga.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$21.99, and \$17.99 for senior citizens 65 and older.

The theater is located at 176 Sawyer Street. Call 799-1421, email ticketslyric@gmail.com, or go to lyricmusictheater.org for tickets or information.

Free 'Cape Celebrates Literacy' events for all ages scheduled in town the first week of April

The third annual Cape Celebrates Literacy, which will begin the week of March 30 with events at the library (see page 10), will include a week of free events for preschoolers through high school students at the beginning of April.

Jonathan London, author of the "Froggy" book series, will visit Cape students in grades kindergarten through 5 during the week and will be available for a book signing from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall.

Author G.A. Morgan will speak about her book, "Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning After High School," at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

Two days later, the Local Buzz will host a 7 p.m. poetry slam event for middle-school-aged students, featuring slam poet, T. Love.

A preschool story time featuring children's book author and illustrator A.J. Smith is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. All preschools and preschoolers are invited.

A panel discussion featuring CEHS student Grace Roberts, author Lane Case and

published student writers is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Learning Commons.

Cape AuthorFest 2015, which will feature more than 60 authors and illustrators from New England and beyond, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, in the CEHS auditorium. At the event, for readers of all ages, books will be available for purchase and signing through Bull Moose, the sponsoring bookstore, and author and illustrator talks and demos will be showcased.

Go to authorfest.cape.k12.me.us for more information.

Coastal Wellness Easter Egg Hunt planned 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 treasures.

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.

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Third annual 'Cape Celebrates Literacy' programming begins March 30

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

As it has since the festival's inception, the Thomas Memorial Library is participating in this year's community-wide literacy festival with some special early literacy programs and author visits. Below is the list of special events for children and families, which will take place in the children's library:

During the week of March 30 - April our regular story times will celebrate the work of Jonathan London in anticipation of his book signing in the Town Hall Council Chambers from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 4.

From 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 2 the library will offer a special infant and toddler story time (ages up to two, with siblings welcome) with "Mr. Jim," who will share stories, songs, sign language, and more. Dr. James L. Thomas, known as "Mr. Jim" at story times, is an expert on early literacy and story times for very young children, up to age 2. Mr. Jim is a retired professor of library science, and has been an English teacher, school principal, children's librarian, and international speaker on early literacy. He is visiting us from Texas. (This program replaces our regular preschool story time on this day.)

From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, the library will offer a musical story hour with Jud Caswell, featuring books by Jonathan London.

From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, families with young children are invited to "Sing Into Reading!" featuring children's musician and educator Nancy Stewart. Join this musical celebration of early literacy. Songs are one of the most effective ways for children to learn the six pre-reading skills. Parents are invited to bring their children as they sing and play with words together while receiving important information about early

literacy. Nancy Stewart is an ALA Notable recording artist, singer-songwriter, and the creator of "Sing With Our Kids," a pilot project and free resource website promoting early learning through community singing. She is visiting us from Washington state. (This program replaces our regular family story time on this day.)

During the week of April 6 to 11 the library will celebrate AuthorFest. Story times this week will feature books by authors who will be participating in AuthorFest, on Saturday, April 11, at Cape Elizabeth High School (see story on page 9).

The following special events will also be offered:

*Read to a Dog Celebration with special guest, author, Loni Burchett will be held from 4 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8. Come meet Winston and Maddie, the library's two therapy dogs, and get to know visiting author Loni Burchett, author of the chapter book series featuring dogs Bear and Katie. There will be a chance to chat with Burchett, pet the dogs, and take home some dog-themed giveaways.

*A special story time featuring author A.J. Smith will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Community Center. All local preschools and preschoolers are invited to attend. (There will be no children's programs at the library that day.)

*A special preschool story time with author/illustrator Tracey Campbell Pearson will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 10. Preschoolers and their grown-ups are invited to read and draw with visiting author/illustrator Tracey Campbell Pearson in this fun, interactive story time. Pearson is the award-winning author and illustrator of numerous children's books, including "Bob," "Elephant's Story," and "Tuck In Time." She

is visiting the library from Vermont. (This program will replace our regular preschool story time on that day.)

*A drawing and writing workshop with author/illustrator Sarah Dillard for grades 2 and up (limited to 12 registered participants) will be held from 3:15 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10. Kids will work with Dillard to create a character and develop a story in four panel illustrations. Kids will then have a chance to create their own graphic stories. Registration for this after-school program is required, and can be done at the library, on the phone, or on the library's website. Dillard is the author and illustrator of numerous picture books, as well as graphic novels for younger readers featuring heroic chicken "Extraordinary Warren." She is visiting us from Vermont.

The library's regular story time schedule, with exceptions noted is as follows:

Baby Time, for birth to 18 months
Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with Rachel

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. with Rachel

Toddler Time, for 18 months to 3 years
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Kiah
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Rachel
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Kiah
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. with Rachel (no story time on Thursday, April 9)

Preschool Time, for ages 3 to 5
Mondays at 9:30 a.m. with Kiah
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. with Rick
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. with Kiah
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. with Rachel (*No story time on Thursday, April 9)
Fridays at 10:30 a.m. with Rick

Family Story Time, for all ages
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. 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.

Precautions taken at library construction site

Safety precautions at the library construction site include "a separation of construction activity from ongoing daily use of the facilities," said Town Manager Michael McGovern in a Feb. 25 statement. "Yet, at times with deliveries and equipment moving in and out, everyone will need to be vigilant and careful." 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. 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 Facilities Manager Greg Marles at 799-9574.

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Fundraiser at Gorgeous Gelato for Cape team seeking to attend world robotics championship

Cape Robotics' team 56B won the Maine VEX Robotics Championship last month at Hampden Academy in Bangor. The win qualifies the team, made up of CEHS juniors Jasper Hansel, Federico Giovine and Haley Fawcett, to compete in the VEX Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky April 15-18, 2015.

In VEX robotics competitions, robots that students have designed and built using VEX Robotics System components face off against each other in matches on 12-by-12-foot fields.

In November, the team won the design award at the Southern Maine VEX Robotics Tournament at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Two other Cape Robotics teams also competed at Hampden. One that includes Nate Labrie, Cully Richard and Patrick Winker made it to the quarterfinals.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, Ryan Connolly, Matthew Yim and Peter DiNinno, members of the only middle school team that competed among the 30 high school teams at the tournament, won a Middle School Excellence Award.

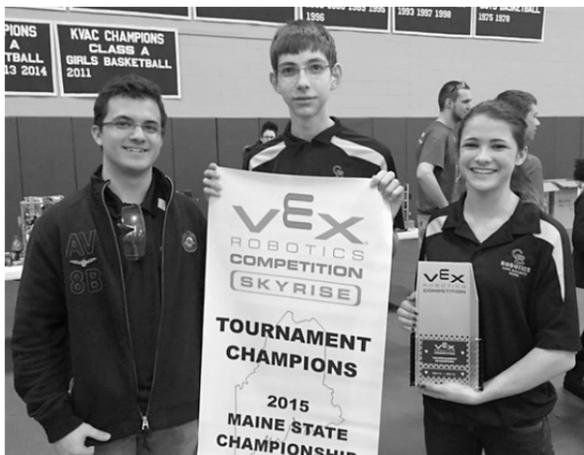


Photo by Gregory Hansel

Federico Giovine, Jasper Hansel and Haley Fawcett of Cape Robotics Team 56B display the trophy and banner they won on Feb. 21 at Hampden Academy in Bangor.

A fundraiser to help Team 56B raise \$5,000 to attend the world championship is planned Sunday, March 29, at Gorgeous Gelato in Portland. Ten percent of sales from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. will go the team. People also can contribute at gofundme.com/caperobotics.

Gorgeous Gelato is located at 434 Fore St., and parking is free on Sundays. Contact Donato Giovine at donato@gorgeousgelato.com or 699-4309 for more information.

Bulbs, plants for sale in freshmen fundraiser

Cape Elizabeth High School's freshman class is holding an online bulb and plant fundraiser that will benefit the Class of 2018. Half of every purchase made at flowerpowerfundraising.com will go to the class. All bulbs and plants are grown in the United

States and Holland.

Go to the website, click on "Find a group," and then add "Cape Elizabeth HS," "Cape Elizabeth" and "Maine." Contact Joan Moriarty at jmoriarty@capeelizabethschools.org or 799-3309, ext. 400, for more information.

Contest invites people to redesign prom gowns

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

"We have about 50 outdated dresses ... people can choose from" at the Community

Center, Cape Closet member Christie Gillies said. Dresses and contact information should be dropped off by April 1 at the Community Services' office at the Community Center, and winners will be announced April 8.

Contact Caroline Garfield at caroline.garfield@capeelizabethschools.org, call 653-4201, or go to capecloset.org or the Facebook page for information.

Works by two CEHS student writers receive state's highest Scholastic Writing Award honors

Cape Elizabeth High School writers recently received 28 honors for their works in the Maine regional Scholastic Writing Awards competition. Five students will move on to the national level of the competition, the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program in the United States for young writers.

Pieces by two students – Lily Jordan and William Steidl – received not only "Gold Key" awards, which honor the region's most accomplished works, but they are also among four "American Voices" nominees in the state. Jordan's humor piece, "On our Honor," and Steidl's critical essay, "Injustice and Discrimination against Women in Saudi Arabia," earned American Voices nominations, given to the works judged as "best in region."

Three additional works won Gold Key awards: Hannah Bosworth's personal essay/memoir, "The Fall That Started It All";

Kate Hansen's personal essay/memoir, "The Pumpkin Patch"; and Allison Stewart's personal essay/memoir, "My Father's Brothers."

Two works by Jordan, and one work apiece by Hansen, Stewart, Natalie Gale, Jacob Jordan and McKenna Wood received the competition's second highest honor, the Silver Key award.

Fourteen students received a total of 18 honorable mentions for their work: Steidl, Hansen, Lily Jordan, Margaret Baker, Anna Ball, Stephen Bennett, Jana Freedman, Eleonora Giovine, William Green, Amelia Melanson, Caroline Paclat, Grace Roberts, Madeline Stephen and Zahra Freedman.

National winners are honored during a special awards ceremony in the spring at Carnegie Hall in New York. Last year, Hansen earned an American Voices Medal, the highest award presented, for her science fiction/fantasy piece "Untitled."



Thirty-five residents discuss their careers with CEMS students

Cape Elizabeth resident Ben Huffard, a sports medicine doctor and arthroscopic surgeon, talks to Cape Elizabeth Middle School students about his profession on March 5 during the 17th annual Seventh and Eighth Grade Career Exploration Fair. Thirty-five community members – from police officers, firefighters, actors, architects and mobile device app designers to engineers, speech pathologists, sports writers, chefs, and photographers – "gave students glimpses into careers and career paths," said Career Day organizer Gail Schmaeder, the schools' director of volunteer services. "They also highlighted and modeled skills necessary in the workforce."



Easter Brunch *by the sea*

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Basketball all stars



Six Cape Elizabeth High School varsity basketball players were honored March 9 at the Western Maine Conference basketball banquet at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland: from left, front, Ethan Murphy, Eddie Galvin, Justin Guerette; rear, girls' varsity coach Chris Casterella, Montana Braxton, Hannah Sawyer, Ashley Tinsman, and boys' varsity coach Jim Ray. Galvin and Braxton were named to the All Conference first team, Murphy to the second team, Sawyer and Guerette to the third team, and Tinsman to the all-academic team. On March 10, Sawyer, Murphy and Galvin played in the Western Maine Conference Senior All-Star game at SMCC. At the Maine McDonald's All Star banquet on March 13 in Bangor, Galvin was named a West A-B Boys All Star, and Murphy to the All-State Academic team.

Girls' ice hockey all stars



Photo by Claudia Murray

Cape Elizabeth High School girls' ice hockey players, front, far right, Julia Ginder; rear, fourth from right, Katie Ewald, and third from right, Kathryn Clark, played in the Maine Coaches Association's Senior All-Star Game on March 1 at the University of New England in Biddeford. The three play for the Capeflete team, comprised of players from CEHS, Waynflete School in Portland and South Portland High School. This winter, Ewald won the Capeflete's Hobey Baker Award for exemplary character and sportsmanship. Clark, Ginder, and sophomores Kate Ginder and Hannah Bosworth were named to the Maine Principals Association Girls' Hockey All-Conference West. Julia Ginder, Kathryn Clark and Lily Jordan were named to the All Academic team.

Cape Challenge 5K, Fun Run, Dash on May 31

The Cape Challenge 5K is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 31. The annual event, sponsored by Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture and Mercy Cardiology, also includes an 8:30 a.m. "Fun Run" for children eight years old and younger, and a 9 a.m. one-mile dash for children 12 and younger. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Registration details will be available in The Cape Courier's April 22 issue.

Race training programs for kindergartners through fifth-graders will start the week of April 27. Call 799-2868 or go to www.capecommunityservices.org to register.

Proceeds from the race will help fund programs at the three Cape schools. Organizers are seeking sponsors.

Contact Sheri Bragg at sheribraggme@yahoo.com about sponsorship volunteer opportunities.

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. Tuesday, March 31, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria. Programs are offered for players in high school, grades 7-8, and grades 4-6.

A representative from a sports equipment company will demonstrate proper helmet fit-

ting, and Cape football apparel will be for sale. Registration forms will be available at the event, and are online at eteamz.com/capefootball for youth football, and at ball.capeelizabetschools.org for middle and high school football.

Contact Suzanne Martin-Pillsbury at smartinpillsbury@gmail.com for information.

Catherine McAuley High School honor roll

Cape Elizabeth resident Sarah Morin was named to the honor roll for the second quar-

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Congregational church to hold three services on Easter, Good Friday soup supper and service

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 fol-

low 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.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road.

Go to www.fccucc.org, e-mail office@fccucc.org, or call 799-3361 for more information.

April 11 public supper at Methodist church

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper on Saturday, April 11, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pie for dessert.

Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families, or two adults and children. Take-out will be available.

Go to ceumc.org for more information about the church.

Two Easter Masses at St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church will offer 9 and 11 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, April 5, but this year the parish will not hold a vigil the night before Easter.

"Catholics are encouraged to attend the Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday, April 4, at Holy Cross Church in South Portland," St. Bartholomew's pastoral life counselor Kathy Williamson said.

The church will hold 9 and 11 a.m. masses on Palm Sunday, March 29, and a Tennebrae service at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 30.

On Holy Thursday, April 2, the parish plans a 7 p.m. "Commemoration of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet," and a 3:30 p.m. "Veneration of the Cross" is set for the following day, Good Friday.

Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt is planned from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at St. Bartholomew. People should bring empty baskets.

Contact Williamson at Kathy.Williamson@portlanddiocese.org or 799-5528, or go to saintbarts.com/parish-easter-activities-for-families to register for the Easter egg hunt or for more information.

The church is located at 8 Two Lights Road. Call 799-5528 for information.

St. Alban's plans four Easter services

St. Alban's Episcopal Church plans three Easter morning services at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 5. Later that day, the 5:30 Celtic Eventide service, which features Celtic style music and prayers, will offer a quieter alternative and space for contemplation.

Palm Sunday services, set for 8 and 9:30 a.m. on March 29, will include psalms, choir and procession. A service of Holy Communion and brief reflection will be offered at 9 a.m. the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday kids' program

A children's program is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 2, and it will be followed by Holy Communion and symbolic foot-washing.

The church will offer the three hours of solemnity, prayer and reflection on Good Friday, April 3. From noon to 1:00 p.m., the last words of Christ will be discussed, and from 1 to 2 p.m., St. Alban's will offer an hour of music conducive to reflection. The final hour will be a traditional time of prayer and hymns. The church plans a one-hour "Great Vigil of Easter" service at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Call 799-4014 or go to stalbansmaine.org. The church is located 885 Shore Road.

Methodist, Nazarene churches plan joint services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene, and churches that belong to the Casco Bay Cluster of United Methodist churches plan a 6 a.m. sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 5, at the end of Two Lights Road overlooking the ocean. Parking will be available in the Lobster Shack parking lot. All are invited.

Cape Methodist will hold a 10 a.m. service in the church sanctuary on Easter, but no 8 a.m. service is planned.

A Maundy Thursday service is set for 7 p.m. April 2 at the Methodist church, and a 7 p.m. Good Friday service will be held at 7 p.m. on April 3 at the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene. The public is invited to attend all services.

The Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church is located at 280 Ocean House Road, and the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene at 499 Ocean House Road.

See service listings for contact information for both churches.

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Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8): Tuesday 6:20 p.m.

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Sanctuary worship: 10 a.m.
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election.

Tax Increment Finance District approved for Town Center

The town has received approval from the state to create a Town Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. TIF is a way that

future gains in property taxes can help pay for improvements within the district.

Revenues from the Town Center TIF district will be used to fund sidewalks and stormwater improvements in the town center.

"Sidewalks in the town center have been on the town's to-do list since the first Town Center Plan was adopted in 1993," noted Kathy Ray, Town Council chair.

Ray said that sidewalks are often requested by town residents, but the funding is hard to come by.

"The TIF creates a way forward to meet resident needs without putting more pressure on property taxes," she added.

A network of sidewalks was again recommended in the 2014 Town Center Plan, and the TIF district will now begin to generate funds that can be used for this purpose.

Property in the town center is currently valued at \$11.7 million. Tax revenues on the increased value of town center property over the next 20 years will be set aside for sidewalks and stormwater drainage improvements.

TIF funds are not expected to cover all the costs of these improvements, but can be used to meet matching fund requirements of grants or to leverage other funding resources.

Land trust

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"Although it is impossible to create a plan that exactly meets the needs of each member of the public, this plan provides for morning

and afternoon access for off leash dog walking ... and establishes opportunities for those who wish to walk in the woods without being approached by off-leash dogs," the organization states in a March 16 press release and on the CELT website. "The plan also aims to bal-

ance public use and enjoyment of Robinson Woods with CELT's obligation to preserve the property's important natural features and the safety of visitors to the property."

CELT is considering the public response to its new proposal and plans to finalize a

plan by the end of March. The plan, once implemented, will be in effect on a trial basis, to be reviewed in one year or sooner "as circumstances require."

To learn more about CELT and its proposal, visit www.capeandtrust.org.

250th anniversary

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include prepared food. The only other event that would require money is a concert being planned in July.

The 250th anniversary celebration's kickoff, set for 6-8 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, will include several showings of a documentary produced by award-winning Cape Elizabeth filmmaking brothers, Tom and Peter Campbell. Light refreshments will be offered along with bookmarks listing the schedule of anniversary events planned through the spring, summer and fall.

The following day, May 2, two buses will leave the Cape Elizabeth Community Center parking lot for tours of historic spots. Members of the historical society will lead the tours, which will be offered again Saturday, May 9. Seats on the buses will be available on tour days, but committee members recommend that people register in advance through Community Services at 799-2868, because space could be tight.

Students at Pond Cove School are immersing themselves in Cape Elizabeth history this year. In early May, fourth-graders will perform dramatizations of historic events, and third-graders graders will work on a mural depicting historic sites. The dramatizations and mural unveiling will be open to the public, Powers said.

Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth will present a lecture about architect and artist John Calvin Stevens, who lived from 1855 to 1940 and designed a number of houses in town, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Council Chambers.

The following Saturday, May 16, a walking tour is planned in Delano Park, where several examples of Stevens' architecture can be viewed. Concurrently, the University of New England's art gallery in Biddeford will feature Stevens' paintings, some of which feature Cape Elizabeth homes, from March 29 to June 5.

If committee members have their way, the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, will include "legacy families, members of

the town's oldest families," Powers said.

The theme of this year's Family Fun Day, set for Saturday, June 13, at Fort Williams Park, will be "Happy Birthday to Cape Elizabeth," and the event will include a birthday cake float, flag-carrying children, and old fashioned games and crafts.

"We're going to party like it's 1765" is the aim, Powers said.

Turkey Hill Farm will host an ice cream social on Saturday, June 20, and the Strawberry Festival, set for the following Saturday, June 27, will also feature anniversary-related activities.

Right now, the anniversary committee and the Fort Williams Park Foundation are working hard to bring the Portland Symphony Orchestra to Fort Williams on Saturday, July 25, for "A Night at the Light," a special anniversary concert overlooking the Portland Head Light.

The committee, which has received commitments totaling nearly \$50,000 for the concert, is close to its fundraising goal. If the concert happens, a portion of proceeds raised through the event will benefit the Children's Garden at the Arboretum at Fort Williams Park.

Cape Elizabeth artist Holly Ready is donating an oil painting of Spurwink Marsh to

help raise money for the concert. The painting will be up for bid during CELT's "Paint for Preservation" silent auction on July 12 (see page 8).

Information about general admission tickets will be publicized in upcoming issues of The Cape Courier if the concert is confirmed.

Other activities planned for late summer and fall include an August nosegay-making activity at Norm Jordan's farm at the corner of Ocean House and Fowler roads; a fall harvest dinner in September featuring foods provided by the Cape Farm Alliance; an early-October pancake breakfast followed by docent-led presentations at historic sites around town; and a ticketed dinner at the Inn by the Sea on Nov. 1 to celebrate the actual date of Cape Elizabeth's incorporation.

The Courier will publicize information about the events through November, and Community Services' spring program brochure will include a schedule of events through July.

Updated information is available on the town website, capeelizabeth.com, by clicking on the 250th anniversary logo at the top left of the home page.

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Cape resident to be featured on TV



Cape Elizabeth resident Steve Murray, far left, hosted, Daniel Lee Martin and Julie McQueen, co-hosts of the Sportsman Channel's television show, "Brotherhood Outdoors," this past summer at Riverkeep, Murray's fishing lodge in Labrador, Canada, so the crew could film a fishing trip for brook trout and landlocked salmon fishing. The show will air at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29; 1 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 30; and at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The spa at the Inn by the Sea has a new director. **Shahida Keen** most recently served as spa director at the Waldorf Astoria in Park City, Utah, and also held the post at Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, N.H.

A graduate of Fisher College in Boston, Keen has worked as a holistic therapist and is certified by the Downeast School of Massage in Waldoboro.

This month, the inn completed a renovation of the spa's cardio room and also installed a stretching room.



Shahida Keen

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Timothy M. Hartel, a freshman at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., recently performed with the college's 65-member choir during spring break. A 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Tim and the group sang at churches and cathedrals in Baltimore, Atlanta, Nashville, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Tim is the son of **Jennifer and Mark Hartel**.

Paintings by Cape Elizabeth resident **Jim Williams** of Mainely Labs Studio in South Portland, are now on display at the **Veterinary and Rehabilitation Center**, 207 Ocean House Road. Williams, who worked in human resources for 22 years before opening a studio in 2005, creates colorful, pet-themed artwork. The center is open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Courier gets 'Giant' read in Nicaragua



Cape Elizabeth resident Abby Donnelly reads the Courier in Playa Gigante – which means "Giant Beach" – Nicaragua, where she recently spent three months working with Project WOO teaching surfing and English to children in the community. The nonprofit organization seeks to facilitate community-driven development in Latin American surf destinations.

Courier enjoys 'Foxy' time in BVI



Pond Cove School third-grader, Grace Callahan; Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-grader, Katherine Callahan; their parents, Krissy Jones and Michael Callahan, and the Courier recently enjoyed some beach time with "Mr. Foxy," the owner of Foxy's Tamarind Bar on Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands.

Russell Cotter Hamerski was named to the fall-semester president's list at Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in physics and math.

This summer, he worked as a subsea open water engineering Intern at Shell Oil in Houston. Previously he worked as a research intern at FSU's Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion. A teaching assistant in the engineering department, he founded the first FSU student chapter of the Professional Society of Petroleum Engineers. He is a 2010 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Paul Cotter Hamerski, was named to the dean's list at the Mellon College of Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. A junior, he is majoring in physics and math and minoring in computer science. He worked as a teaching assistant in the physics and computer sciences departments and has been a resident assistant since his sophomore year.

A varsity track and field team member, he is a member of the Christian Fellowship Group and the student advisory council for the Mellon College of Science. He is a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

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