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## Divided council sends zero-impact school budget to townwide vote

By Bob Dodd

By a 4-3 vote, and after divided public comment, the Town Council sent a reduced version of the School Board-approved budget to public referendum.

The School Board's \$23.6 million budget was reduced by the council by \$110,539 so that it has "zero-impact" on raising property taxes.

The town-wide vote on the school budget is set for Tuesday, June 9.

At that time, voters will be able to vote the council's approved school budget up or down. Voters will also be able to indicate whether they think the budget is too high, too low, or just about right.

Citizen approval of the school budget is mandated by state law.

At its May 11 meeting, the Town Council passed with no dissent the other pieces of the combined town budget: the municipal, county and Community Services budgets.

The nonschool budgets together total \$11.7 million and will raise the property tax rate 32 cents to \$16.80. For a \$300,000 home, the property tax impact will be an additional \$96.

The school portion of budget, reduced to \$23.5 million, will have no impact. The

budget passed by the School Board would have increased the tax rate by an additional 7 cents, or an additional \$21 for that \$300,000 home.

The total combined budget comes to \$35.2 million, a 3 percent overall increase.

### Council hears from divided public

At the public hearing prior to the council vote, 18 people spoke. Ten spoke in opposition to the council's proposal to reduce the School Board approved budget. Of these ten, some favored a compromise reduction about halfway between.

School Board Chair Joanna Morrissey began the public hearing with a clear message.

"While we respect the right of the Town Council to make these decisions," said Morrissey, "I must express our frustration and disappointment in the lack of respectful dialogue and collaboration that landed us here tonight."

Cindy Voltz then presented a petition to the councilors that she said had been signed by 60 residents in support of the full School Board budget.

Resident Bill DeSena spoke next, sending

—see TOWN COUNCIL, page 14

## Waving summer in



Ryan Thomas Shimala captured "that end-of-school spring vibe" on May 6 when he spotted Cape Elizabeth 8th-grade lacrosse players Hope Campbell, Avery Palma, Maddie McCormick and Olivia Tighe celebrating a victory at Red's. "Red's is such a symbol for summer for so many here in South Portland and Cape, and I feel the same images could have been shot back in 1962 when it first opened," Shimala said.



## Voting is underway for June 9 referendum

By Elizabeth Brogan

Absentee voting is underway for the June 9 school budget referendum. Voters can cast their ballot at Town Hall during regular business hours until June 4, three business days before the election.

Voters may also request a ballot to take away, after completing a brief application. Ballots can be requested in person, online or by telephone or written request. Ballots not cast at Town Hall can be returned by mail or in person at Town Hall. Residents can also register at Town Hall, although registration will be taken at the high school on Election Day.

Town Hall is open for regular business Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The election will be held Tuesday, June 9, in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym-

nasium. Signs will direct voters to parking and the appropriate entrance at the back of the high school. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Questions about voting should be directed to Town Clerk Debra Lane at 799-7665 or [debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org](mailto:debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org).

The school budget referendum ballot will ask one direct question:

"Do you favor approving the Town of Cape Elizabeth school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting of the Town Council?"

The ballot will also ask for a "non-binding expression of opinion for the consideration of the School Board and Town Council" on whether the school budget adopted by the Town Council on May 11 is too high, acceptable or too low.

## Town seeks 'flexibility' for village green

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Planning Board will consider a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would modify the maximum and minimum setback requirements in the Town Center when a village green is proposed. The creation of a town green as a public gathering place in the Town Center is one of the seven goals of the Town Center Plan adopted by the council in Nov. 2014. The plan specifically recommends that the town consider allowing "some flexibility in applying the minimum and maximum front-yard setback" to accommodate a village green.

The plan also includes, as Appendix H, a

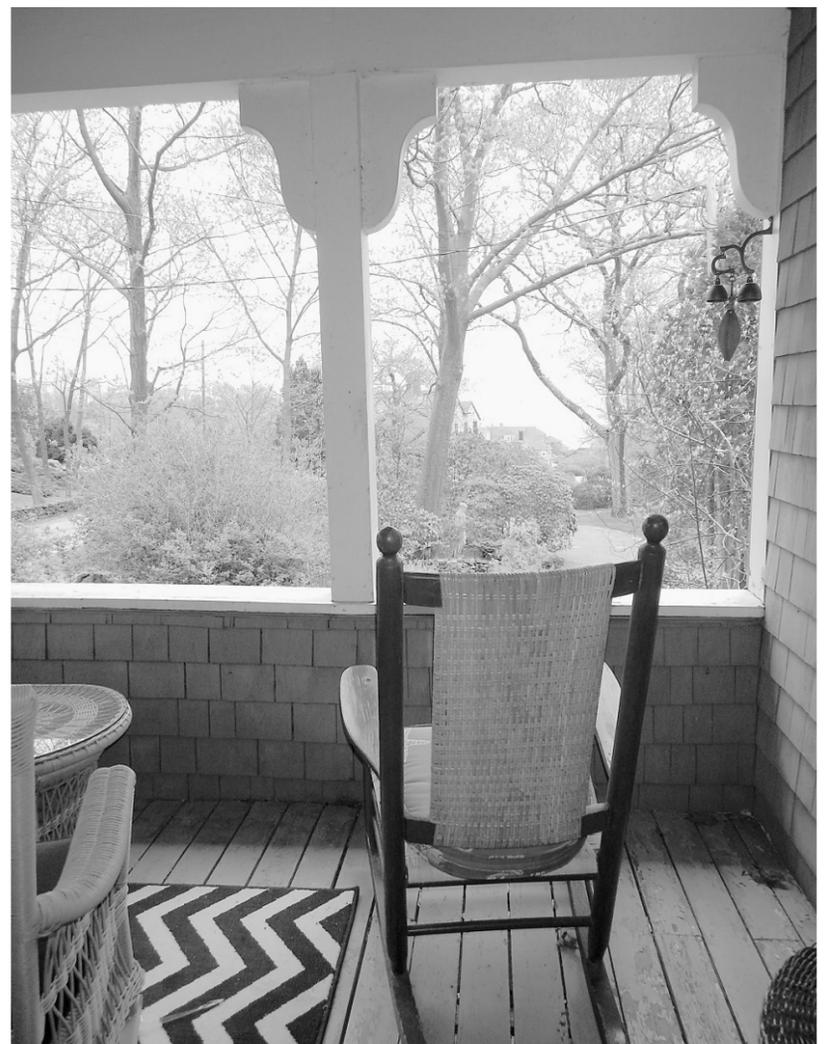
sample Zoning Ordinance text amendment, considered a "rough draft" for "illustrative purposes ... to be fine-tuned as part of the Zoning Ordinance amendment process."

The sample amendment reads, in relevant part: "The Planning Board may allow some flexibility in applying this setback when the overall development includes a public village green and the proposed structure will front on or serve to frame the village green."

The referral to the Planning Board was unanimously approved by the Town Council at its May 11 meeting in response to a pro-

—see VILLAGE GREEN, page 14

## View back in time



Martha Agan photographed this inviting view from the porch of a John Calvin Stevens-designed home on May 16 while on a historical walking tour sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth 250th Anniversary Committee.



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## An immigrant offers his perspective on education funding

I am an immigrant from the Middle East. As you may have noticed from events in that area of the world, it has been a war zone for years. A major problem is that too many young people have no opportunities for an education and meaningful work, so they become deeply frustrated and angry, then pick up guns to fight instead.

Our town councilors should approve the School Board's budgets. It pains me when all of us living in Cape Elizabeth don't passionately support our schools. Education is the most important tool we must offer the next generation. Bill Gates, Steven Jobs, Warren Buffet—they improved the world with education and hard work, not violence.

So please, as long as this great community has the economic means, let us fund the very best school system we possibly can. Empower every child with teachers and books to help them create bright futures. This should be the American way for all of our children and grandchildren.

**Imad Khalidi**

## Grateful senior citizen recommends CEHS's senior-to-senior program

I wish to publicly express my gratitude to the Cape Elizabeth seniors who generously donated their time to help me with raking my awful oak leaves that have collected on my property since last fall. The young men were friendly, funny, helpful, easygoing and hungry.

My thanks go to Jack Demeter, Mustafa Albeshir, Curtis Guimond and Tim Brigham. Their leader and teacher at the Cape Elizabeth High School, Tom Kohan, was all of the above (except that he didn't have the brownies). I certainly recommend the program and all it means to senior citizens and hopefully the senior students.

**Patricia Bittermann**

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## Councilor Sullivan defends school budget cut

Must we have tax increases every year? I don't think so. For the first time since 1974, the Town Council-approved school budget number will result in a zero percent net-to-tax increase. By state law, the Town Council approves the school budget number going to the voters.

This year, the Town Council voted a zero percent net-to-tax increase for the fiscal year 2016 school budget, thus rejecting the School Board's original 1.82 percent increase. This was due to an over \$1.1 million in windfall money and savings and an additional \$1.75 million that the town borrowed for the schools at their request. To arrive at a zero percent net-to-tax increase, the School Department must minimally reduce its over \$23.5 million budget by \$110,539.

Even at zero percent, their budget still grows, and the FY 2016 spending per pupil will increase by about \$600.

The School Board has reacted angrily; they must now find \$25,539 to cut, in addition to their cuts of \$50,000 for software and \$35,000 for a human resources assistant, out of their \$23.5 million dollar budget. And yes, student enrollment still declines.

With an over \$1.1 million windfall and the \$1.75 million borrowed for the schools, I don't think the school budget should add to your tax bill. Not this year. I urge you to approve the Town of Cape Elizabeth school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting of the Town Council.

**Jessica Sullivan, Town Councilor**

## Councilors 'misguided' but deserving of civility

We are writing to express our disappointment with the Town Council's recent 4-3 decision about the proposed school budget.

In asking for a zero percent increase, the town councilors were doing what they viewed as their job when they cut the proposed school budget. Unfortunately, this directive seemed late, misguided, and disconnected from the facts of the proposed budget. While we believe this was a bad decision, we know the town councilors that voted for this are not bad people. They are our neighbors and colleagues. We urge all involved to keep the discussions civil and to be appreciative

of our public servants' efforts.

Being responsible about spending tax dollars is important. The School Board, through a long and thoughtful budget process, did exactly that. It is unfortunate the School Board's responsible, participatory approach has been second-guessed by the Town Council as they refused to send the school budget to the voters as proposed. We must now respectfully do our jobs as voters. We will be voting "Yes - Too Low" on the School Budget June 9.

**John and Cindy Voltz**

## 'We are not a community divided' over schools

On May 11 the Town Council rejected the School Board's proposed budget, as well as a compromise. Councilors Ray, Walsh, Sullivan and MacAuslan voted against the proposed budget. This was the first time a school budget has been rejected since 2008.

After four months of detailed work by the School Department and School Board, the Town Council applied an arbitrary zero percent tax cap on the schools, while at the same time approving a 6.8 percent increase in municipal spending and a 14.8 percent increase for community services. The increase for the schools they rejected was 0.6 percent.

Comments were made that it was time the rest of the town, and not just school supporters, got something. There was also an assertion that the last seven years' elections, in which 68 percent of Cape voters supported

school budgets with increases averaging 3 percent, didn't matter, because only school supporters vote in those elections.

These divisive comments are not supported by the facts. Over seven years, in elections with both low and high turnouts, Cape voters have overwhelmingly supported school budgets. In 2010, for example, 71 percent voted to support a 3.4 percent increase, with over 50 percent of eligible voters participating.

More importantly, the fact is our entire community values and supports our schools. We are not a community divided into "school supporters" and "the rest of the town." We are one town that supports good schools and the value it provides to us all. Too bad four of our current town councilors don't seem to understand that.

**Dan Fishbein**

## Whole community invited to help send off seniors

The saying goes that it takes a village to raise a child. Another version might be that it takes a community to bring a child to the rite of high school graduation. The Cape Elizabeth community has been a strong supporter for this year's high school graduating seniors, and the Project Graduation 2015 committee extends its thanks to everyone who has played a part – not only in creating the all-night event for June 7 but also in every step from kindergarten art projects to middle school science fairs to Senior Transition Project presentations.

The Project Graduation event is made possible by generous sponsors and parents.

Planning, logistics, and supervision of the event come from volunteers, administrators, and parents. On behalf of the committee, our sincere thanks to everyone.

Please join us in sending the graduates off to their Project Graduation event at 5:45 p.m., Sunday, June 7. The students will parade down Route 77 in their final school bus ride, escorted by fire trucks and greeted along the way by parents, friends, and anyone who would like to join in the cheering. We hope that you will come out and enjoy the send-off!

**Project Graduation Committee Co-Chairs Beth Elicker and Melissa Kelly**

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### Town website is now mobile friendly

Capeelizabeth.com is now mobile friendly. Town Manager Michael McGovern announced the changes to the website on May 5.

“Webmaster Wendy Derzawiec retrofitted the site design to accommodate mobile devices after having noted the increasing percentages of those who were no longer using desktops to visit the town website,” McGovern said in a story on the website. “With over 30 percent of the visits to the town website

now being made via phones and tablets, it was time to provide this improved mobile-friendly format. No other community in Maine enjoys a website that is so full of information and has such timely news stories.” The town of Cape Elizabeth website was first launched in 1996, and was last redesigned in 2011. Derzawiec (who is also webmaster for The Cape Courier) has served as webmaster for the town since shortly after the launch of the site.

### Paper shredding recycling event set for June 6

A paper shredding event will be held at the Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

The shredding will be done by Without a Trace Shredding, Inc. of Scarborough and

the event will be hosted by the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee.

The event is limited to Cape Elizabeth residents, with a limit of four boxes of paper per vehicle.

### Portion of Shore Road to be closed on June 22

The portion of Shore Road from the Robinson Woods parking lot to Olde Colony Lane, including the path, will be closed on Monday, June 22 to replace a failed culvert. The closure will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end by 6 p.m. on the same day.

Traffic will be able to reverse direction

at Olde Colony Lane and at the Robinson Woods parking area. Motorists who frequent Shore Road are encouraged to seek an alternate route that day.

Questions about this closure should be directed to Robert C. Malley, Director of Public Works at 799-4151.

### Kim Case selected as new publisher

The Cape Courier is pleased to welcome a new face to its team as current publisher Diane Brakeley hands over the reins to Kim Case as her replacement. Case has been working closely with Brakeley during May and will take over fully as publisher in June.

Brakeley, who has been involved with The Courier since its inception, has decided that with a retired husband, she is happier returning to a volunteer position at The Cape Courier. She will stay on as a proofreader.

“I am thrilled to have Kim come on as publisher,” said Brakeley. She is just what we were looking for – someone with the computer, managerial and people skills to keep the paper running smoothly.”

Case brings two decades of experience in publishing, marketing and media. Her first job out of Tufts University was as an intern for a national magazine in Washington D.C., and her most recent was as chief editor for a regional home and garden publication.

“I’m very excited to be here,” said Case. “The Courier is already such a respected and integral part of the fabric of Cape. I’m just hoping to help keep things moving along and do what I can to support an already fan-



Kim Case starts as new publisher in June.

tastic group of dedicated staff, volunteers and board members. Everyone has been incredibly welcoming and helpful.”

Case and her family moved to Cape Elizabeth from Kittery in 2013 in order to be closer to her parents, David and Denney Morton of Mitchell Road.

“We are all extremely grateful for Diane’s continued dedication to the newspaper and anticipating a very smooth transition with Kim on board,” said editor Elizabeth Brogan.

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

Summer solstice arrives!

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

June 2: "Full Strawberry Moon"

June 6: This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the bright planet in the western sky after sunset.

June 21: Summer Solstice is at 12:39 p.m. It's finally here!

The sounds of summer: Gray tree frogs are actively calling for mates. These frogs rarely ever descend from high treetops except for breeding. Their call is a short, melodic trill that lasts only a second or less, with a pause between repeated calls. Also listen for green frogs (a sound like a banjo twang, "unk"), bullfrogs (a repeated resonant "rum" like light sabers from Star Wars) and American toads (high, musical trill that can last 30 seconds or more).

Salamander eggs have hatched, but it will take another 100 days to reach "adulthood." The mini-salamanders crawling ashore are about 3 inches long.

Deer antlers grow one-quarter inch per day.

Did you know?

Skunk spray is highly flammable!

Maine's most common pink lady's-slippers require highly specific habitats in order to grow, thus collecting lady's slippers, even these common ones, is discouraged. Lady's-slippers have a symbiotic relationship with a beneficial fungus known as mycorrhizae. This fungus in the soil allows the lady's slippers to obtain valuable nutrients and energy from organic matter that would otherwise be unattainable.



Photos by Erika Carlson Rhile



A yellow-spotted salamander, above, in the writer's backyard. At left, a common lady's-slipper at the Great Pond trail.

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# A few more IRS identity thefts reported in Cape as tax season winds down

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## COMPLAINTS

- 4-28 Two officers responded to a residence in the Eastman Road area for a reported residential burglary. Nothing appeared to be missing.
- 4-28 An officer responded to a location in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 4-28 An officer met with a resident in the Cottage Farms Road area for a dog bite complaint.
- 4-29 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area about an IRS ID theft/tax fraud complaint.
- 4-30 An officer met with a resident in the Mitchell Road area about an IRS ID theft/tax fraud complaint.
- 4-30 An officer met with a resident in the Old Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 5-1 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area about fraudulent checks cashed on the resident's account.
- 5-1 An officer met with a resident of the Woodland Road area for a possible violation of a protection order.
- 5-3 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about the theft of an eight-foot white dinghy.
- 5-3 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a civil child custody issue.
- 5-3 An officer responded to a local business for a problem with a customer. Subject had left before the officer arrived.
- 5-4 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area about a possible missing person. The person was later accounted for.
- 5-4 An officer met with a resident of Mitchell Road about a harassment complaint.
- 5-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 5-8 An officer met with a resident in the Brentwood Road area about an IRS ID theft/tax fraud complaint.
- 5-8 An officer met with a resident about a

- 5-11 telephone harassment complaint.
- 5-11 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about damage to a newly loamed and seeded property.

## SUMMONSES

- 4-28 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 4-28 Rangeley resident, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, Oakhurst Road
- 4-30 Saco resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 5-2 Lewiston resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 5-5 Illinois resident, imprudent speed, Route 77, \$119
- 5-5 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, imprudent speed, Route 77, \$280
- 5-6 Buxton resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 5-7 Madison resident, speeding (51/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$215
- 5-7 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Road, \$133
- 5-7 Gorham resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 5-7 Portland resident, speeding (52/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$185
- 5-6 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 5-10 Sanford resident, operating after license suspension (habitual offender), Hermit Thrush Road

## JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 5-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (49/35 zone), Ocean House Road, \$137

## ACCIDENTS

- 5-5 Marc Beltrante, accident on Eastman Road
- 5-8 Paul Stefanko, accident on Route 77

## ARRESTS

- 5-11 Sanford resident, operating after license was revoked from prior operating under the influence of alcohol, Hermit Thrush Road

## FIRE CALLS

- 4-29 Smuggler's Cove Road, fire alarm
- 5-1 Wentworth Road, investigation
- 5-1 Wildwood drive, fire alarm
- 5-5 Humphrey's Road, fire alarm
- 5-5 Eastman Road, line down
- 5-6 US Coast Guard Mutual Aid
- 5-8 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm

- 5-8 Fowler Road, investigation
- 5-10 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 5-10 Hemlock Hill Road, carbon monoxide alarm

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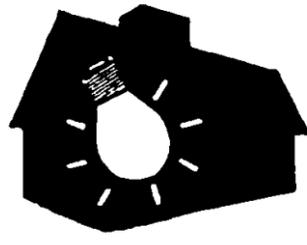


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- **School enrollment is decreasing.**
- **School revenue from State funding (GPA) for Cape Elizabeth is projected to increase by \$447,150 (17.7%).**
- **Town Council approved a \$1.75M bond for school maintenance.**
- **\$679,336 decreases in expenses for FY15-16 offer opportunity for tax relief.**  
Debt service expense will decrease \$496,246 (-42.5%) / Energy saving costs will decrease \$123,090 / Charter school tuition will decrease \$60,000
- **Students qualifying for special education & related service projected to decrease -4%.**
- **The School Board has a total of \$1,126,486 more to spend in FY15-16 (per pupil increase \$600).**  
Decreased expenses equaling at least -\$679,336, along with the increased GPA revenue of +\$447,150, give the School Board a total of \$1,126,486 more to spend without property tax increase.
- **Requiring a \$110,539 reduction from the School Board's proposed spending of \$23,647,188 is fiscally prudent.**  
It keeps in mind the needs of all citizens and taxpayers - seniors, single parents, families of students and those struggling to recover from the recession.

**Please Vote "YES" on June 9<sup>th</sup> to Support the Budget & Say the Amount is "Too High"** - Concerned Citizens of Cape Elizabeth



# After 95 installments, Courier's 'Sesquicentennial' concludes

By Ellen Van Fleet

The Cape Courier's Sesquicentennial series about the Civil War began with a simple question: How was it for the people at home, the people of Cape Elizabeth, to live through this grizzly and personal war? Four years and 95 installments later, the series concludes with reflections on the war's effect on two Cape Elizabeth soldier boys who left a written record and the war's impact on Cape Elizabeth and Portland. I end with some personal observations.

The series was inspired, in part, by former Cape Elizabeth resident Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," about Cape Elizabeth during the Civil War.

"The men who served in the war lost in various ways—lives, limbs, time, and perhaps illusions," Ledman, now a Portland resident, concludes at the end of his book. "There is no value we can assign to the underlying human emotions that were wrenched apart because of the war. It was not only the pain, the suffering, and the hardship of the families of the men who failed to return. It was also the personal upheavals and traumas suffered by the men who did return. They and their families would never be the same again. We can't measure this. ... We can ... be aware that the people of 1865 were not the same people they had been in 1860."

## Portland and Cape Elizabeth, 1860-1865

"The town of Cape Elizabeth paid a high price, both in economic and human terms, for its participation in the fight to save the Union," Ledman writes in his book.

Cape Elizabeth's debt rose from \$13,610.75 in 1860 to a total \$65,158.49 in 1865. In addition, \$3,700 was still due on town script (promissory notes), which "left the town indebted for two decades after the

war. ... The town had to shoulder huge financial obligations necessitated by the war... including the aid to soldiers' families, recruiting fees, and payment of bounties."

Yet Town officials wrote in the 1865 Town Report, "There is nothing gloomy or unpleasant in our prospects, we have been increasing wealth and population, and from the many natural advantages our town affords, must continue to increase, which will greatly assist us in bearing our burdens."

## Little vignettes

I have so enjoyed the little vignettes of daily life in Portland and Cape Elizabeth that were gleaned from the pages of the *Portland Transcript*.

Portland was a bustling economic hub. A short list of manufacturing that was done here: gunboats, steamships, casting guns and steam fire engines, making duck cloth and tents and uniforms, a plant making "dissicated" potatoes to feed the soldiers, the process to hermetically seal, or can, corn and beans was invented here, wagons of shooks and hoop poles arriving from the countryside to make kegs, a shovel factory, Brown's Sugar Factory and the glass works.

It was fun to note the new inventions of the day: the telegraph, "binding grain by machinery," balloon surveillance, new steam elevators loading grain on the wharves, newfangled petroleum oil replacing whale and kerosene oil for illumination, the stereopticon, an early slide projector; the horse railroad, vulcanized rubber artificial legs, Atlantic cable being laid, and sugar made from corn—a wonderful picture of the modern world of the 1860s.

Death, right here at home, seemed always to be just around the corner. The newspapers were filled with accidents in factories, on the docks, with railroads or simply with horses



Letters written to loved ones during the Civil War by Cape Elizabeth resident Scott Jordan, front, second from left, one of 77 Cape Elizabeth men in the Navy, were featured in *The Cape Courier's* "Sesquicentennial" series. A mariner before the war, Jordan served during the war on the USS *Carondelet* and other ships on the Mississippi. After the war, he farmed and served for a while as superintendent of the Cape Elizabeth Poor Farm. He is pictured here with family members, clockwise from top center, Ralph, Mabel, Judith, Mildred and Ethel.

and carriages. There was frequent mention of abandoned infants and of many dying in fires—Mrs. Longfellow died in 1861 after she was badly burned sealing a letter with wax.

## Some personal observations:

So many died in our civil war and many who returned were permanently wounded. My own great-great grandfather arrived in America in 1853 and settled in Illinois with

his six children. He appears to have been called up in one of the last drafts, December 19, 1864. He died, probably from influenza, January 25, 1865 at a training camp in Tennessee. He was 45 years old and left a wife and 10 children.

Newspapers were so different, densely packed with text and only rarely drawings, and no photos. The front page of the *Portland Transcript* usually featured fiction and often a poem. Real news didn't appear until page three. Even the announcement of Lee's surrender was a simple paragraph entry on

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL, page 7

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# Single Family Homes Sold:	20	25	- 25%
Average Sale Price:	\$558,743	\$455,379	- 18%
Average List to Sale Price Ratio:	95.9%	95.4%	- 1%
Average # Days on Market:	62	87	+ 40%
Median Sale Price:	\$407,000	\$331,522	- 19%
Median List to Sale Price Ratio:	96.2%	97.4%	+ 1%
Median # of days on market:	28	42	+ 50%
Highest/Lowest Sale Price:	\$2,900,000/\$260,000	\$1,850,000/\$175,000	N/A

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## Solving family folklore myths to be the topic of June 6 meeting of Maine Genealogical Society

Solving and documenting mysteries related to family folklore will be the topic of a talk planned at the Saturday, June 6, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. At the talk, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road, longtime Chebeague Island resident Donna Damon also will discuss her interactions with people who have traveled from afar on a pilgrimage to find their roots on a Maine island.

Damon lives on land inherited from her grandfather and grew up hearing stories about her ancestors. She founded the Chebeague Island Historical Society 30 years ago and is active in many Chebeague organizations, including the island's library, church and recreation center.

A half-hour refreshment time will precede Damon's presentation. The event will be free, and new members are welcome to join the society. Go to [www.gpcmg.org](http://www.gpcmg.org) for more information.

## Sesquicentennial

Cont. from page 6

page three, "under the fold." Little was done to highlight news items. I confess that the pointing finger featured throughout this series appeared only in the first issues of 1861. After that it was eliminated and only the first few words of an entry were sometimes capitalized. Headlines were not in fashion and larger type was only used in advertising. I visited the Portland Public Library to find the newspapers on microfiche – it was a challenge to read from the negatives and to search such densely packed pages. I chose the *Portland Transcript* because it included many short entries. I was delighted to find that on the *USS Carondelet* Cape Elizabeth resident Scott Jordan eagerly read the *Transcripts* sent to him by his wife.

The lack of what we now call "political correctness" in newspapers of the 1860s often amazed me. Here are some memorable excerpts from the *Portland Transcript*. On Dec. 17, 1862, "Life in Washington: Mrs. Lincoln gave her first Levee. At the entrance stood the President, towering like a forest oak, a whole head above his companions. His pleasant smile and heartfelt greeting atoned for his lack of personal beauty. At a short distance stood Mrs. Lincoln, as short and fat as her husband is tall and gaunt. She was very becomingly dressed in white silk, and showed to the fullest extent her fat arms and neck, while the train to her dress kept her followers at a respectful distance." Or this sketch of Lincoln from May 24, 1862, that begins, "To say that he is ugly is nothing. To add that his figure is grotesque is to convey no adequate impression."

From the pages of the *Transcript* I close with a few of my favorite images of those times:

The arrival of the first mayflower was reported each year.

Oct. 5, 1861: "Enoch Moody (at the Portland Observatory) counted 330 'sail of vessels' fishing for mackerel in Portland harbor.

Dec. 1861: "There has been an encampment of Indians in the woods at Westbrook. As the railroad trains pass within sight of their camps it is not uncommon to see the squaws and papooses standing in the snow, under the trees, gazing at the cars, and at times cheering most lustily."

May 1862: "The hand organists are grinding away in our streets with the usual accompaniments of tambourine girls. Some people have a prejudice against these wandering minstrels, but we confess to a kindly feeling for them. They minister, though rudely, to the elevating taste for music, and give the children of the poor a pleasure of which we should be loathe to deprive them."

Cape Elizabeth was a simple farming community, and the newspaper's direct references to the town are infrequent. There were mentions of the Ocean House Hotel opening for the season, Capt. Willard's latest catch of a whopper fish, and early on a system of night signals to help identify friendly ships. In May 3, 1861, the paper reported the Pond Cove area's early enthusiasm for the war: "a large American flag has been raised accompanied by patriotic speeches ... singing and firing of salutes by the volunteers that had already been raised by the town."

In Paul Ledman's words, "The people of 1865 were not the same people they had been in 1860."

## Garden Club's plant and pie sale set for June 6

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club will hold its annual plant and pie sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, at Shirley Maxwell-Royall's greenhouse at 102 Two Lights Road in Cape Elizabeth.

The sale will include plants from garden club members' gardens and pies from

their ovens.

"It should be a fun way to visit and prepare for spring planting," CEGC President Betty Montpelier said.

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

## Softball, baseball teams raise money for family with parent getting treatment for cancer

Cape Elizabeth High School's varsity baseball and softball teams are teaming up to raise awareness and funds for cancer research and for a Cape Elizabeth family with a parent undergoing treatment for cancer.

Team members and boosters will be accepting donations at the teams' "Strike Out

Cancer" games at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. The softball game will take place at Capano Field, and the baseball game at Holman Field.

Contact Jen Tinsman at [jtinsman@maine.rr.com](mailto:jtinsman@maine.rr.com) for more information or to make a donation.

## Drive underway to collect slightly used backpacks

Cape Elizabeth High School students collecting slightly used backpacks in a "Back 2 Back" backpack drive have set up boxes at all three Cape Elizabeth schools where people can donate them.

The backpacks will be given to students in need in Maine who cannot afford to buy

them and now carry their books and school supplies in grocery and garbage bags.

Contact Catherine Morrissey at [catherine.morrissey@capeelizabethschools.org](mailto:catherine.morrissey@capeelizabethschools.org) or Sarah Knupp at [sarah.knupp@capeelizabethschools.org](mailto:sarah.knupp@capeelizabethschools.org) for more information about donating.

## 'Hairspray' at Portland Players through June 7

The musical, "Hairspray," will run through Sunday, June 7, at the Portland Players in South Portland.

Set in Baltimore in 1962, the play centers on plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad whose dream is to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." When her dream comes true, she is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Then she must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the

affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network, all without denting her "do". Michael Donovan directs.

Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students and children. Call 799-7337 or go to [portlandplayers.org](http://portlandplayers.org) to reserve tickets.

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### Reunion for CEHS Class of 1980 set for July 18

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's Class of 1980 will hold their 35th reunion at a private home in Cape Elizabeth from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. Classmates who want to attend can RSVP

by joining the "Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1980" Facebook page.

Contact Kathy Barber at kbarber@maine.rr.com or 767-1007 for more information about the event.

### Contest will determine signature ice cream flavor for Cape's 250th; ice cream social on June 20

What should be the signature ice cream flavor for Cape Elizabeth's 250th anniversary? Strawberry and sea salt? Balsam? Something else?

Members of Cape Elizabeth's 250th Anniversary Committee are holding a contest in which residents are asked to name the anniversary of the town's incorporation on Nov. 1.

The winner will receive a gallon of the ice cream, and a chance that Kettle Cove Creamery will make it a regular flavor.

Entry forms and drop boxes are located at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, Town Hall, the IGA and businesses around town. The deadline for entries is Friday, June 5.

The winning flavor and winner's name will be announced Saturday, June 20, at an ice cream social set for 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Turkey Hill Farm, 120 Old Ocean House Road.

The event will feature ice cream, music, storytelling and games.

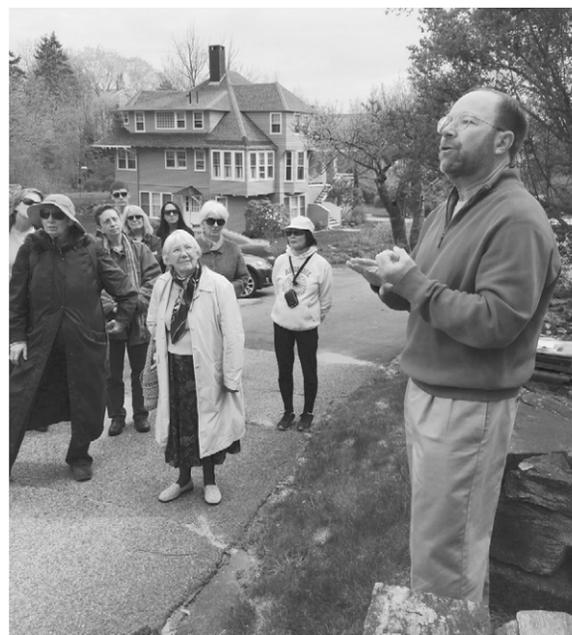


Photo by Barbara Powers

Delano Park resident Bob Ayotte leads a group of 50 on a recent neighborhood tour of houses designed by architect John Calvin Stevens, who lived from 1855 to 1940. The tour was one of the activities planned during a six-month celebration of the town's 250th anniversary.

Contact Barbara Powers at bspowers1951@gmail.com or 799-7875 for more information.

## CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

#### Wednesday, May 27

**School Board Evaluation Committee,** 3:15-7:15 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

#### Thursday, May 28

**School Board Negotiations Committee,** 3:30-6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

#### Friday, May 29

**Library Building Committee Construction Site Visit,** 1:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

#### Monday, June 1

**School Board Negotiations Committee,** 3-5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

#### Tuesday, June 2

**Family Fun Day Volunteers,** 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

#### Wednesday, June 3

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

#### Thursday, June 4

**Conservation Commission,** 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

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

#### Saturday, June 6

**Paper-Shredding Event,** 9 a.m., Public Works

#### Monday, June 8

**School Board Negotiations Committee,** 3:30-6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

**Firing Range Committee,** 6 p.m., Town Hall

#### Tuesday, June 9

**School Budget Validation,** 7-8 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School Gym

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

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

**Family Fun Day Volunteers,** 7 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

## CABLE GUIDE CHANNEL 3

<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> replay May 27 & 28 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. May 30 - 9 a.m.	<b>CE Church of the Nazarene</b> May 30 & 31, June 6 & 7 - 11:30 a.m. <b>School Board (live)</b> June 9 - 7 p.m.
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### Rotarians seek donations for homeless veterans

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club is collecting donations of gas and gift cards, new household items and money for homeless veterans.

Through Maine Veterans Affairs offices, the club recently has provided veterans with 15 sets of pots, pans and utensils; 24 bedding sets; numerous men's toiletry kits; five

air mattresses; dozens of containers of laundry detergents; and other household items. Club members also have helped with rent payments.

The club accepts donations from people who are not Rotarians.

Contact Rotary President Kathy Cotter at kcotter1@yahoo.com for information.



### Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day

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## Two adult programs celebrate Maine

The library will offer a pair of theatrical programs for adults and older teens that present both the light and dark sides of Maine.

First, on Wednesday, June 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Susan Poulin will present, "The Moose in Me, the Moose in You," in which funny woman Ida LeClair has found her "inner moose" and become a Certified Maine Life Guide. Ida is the brain child of writer/performer Susan Poulin. Selected by Portland Magazine as one of the "Ten Most Intriguing People in Maine," writer/performer Susan has been creating and touring her original theatrical productions since 1992. As her alter-ego, Ida, Susan writes the popular Maine humor blog and podcast, "Just Ask Ida," and is the author of "Finding Your Inner Moose: Ida LeClair's Guide to Living the Good Life" (Islandport Press, 2013).

The following week, on Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., actress Rita Parisi from Waterfall Productions will present "Gothic Victorian Tales by Candlelight." This theatrical presentation will feature sto-



Photo by Gordon Carlisle

Susan Poulin as Ida LeClair.

ries about curses, death, and immortality by the 19th century New England writer, Sarah Orne Jewett. A native of South Berwick, Maine, Orne's stories mirrored the everyday lives of New Englanders, often reflecting the mysterious and supernatural.

Both programs are free. For more information, please visit the library's website.

## Story times end, summer programs begin

By Rachel Davis, TML Assistant Director

In preparation for summer programs, regular weekly story times will end on Saturday, May 30. The library will offer a schedule of craft, story, and activity programs for children of various ages beginning the week of June 23.

### Musical programs continue

Jud Caswell will return for his monthly Musical Story Hour on Thursday, June 4 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The following week, on Thursday, June 11, West African drumming teacher and performer Annegret Baier will present a percussion workshop for preschoolers and their grown-ups from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Baier will read a West African Anansi story, play drums, and have children and caregivers play percussion instruments along with her. Both programs are geared for ages 3 to 5. Registration is not necessary.

### Summer reading programs

Once again, the library has summer reading programs for all ages. There will be an

early literacy program for babies and young toddlers, a reading and read-aloud program for preschool through elementary school, a tween/teen program, and a program for adults.

### Bedtime math program

The library is also offering a new program this year through the nonprofit foundation Bedtime Math, which has the mission of "helping kids love numbers so they can handle the math in real life." The Bedtime Math program encourages parents to do a math problem with their child each night as part of the bedtime ritual. Children who complete the Bedtime Math program will receive a glow-in-the-dark Bedtime Math Frisbee. Registration for all of the library's reading programs will begin June 15 and continue throughout the summer.

A complete schedule of summer programming will be published in the next issue of the Courier, and posted on the library's website as soon as it is finalized.

## Plan for road closure on the morning of May 31 during the Cape Challenge 5K road race

Scott Dyer Road will be closed from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, during the Cape Challenge, a 5-kilometer road race organized by the parents associations at Cape Elizabeth's three public schools.

The 5K will start at 9:30 a.m. at Cape Elizabeth High School. Runners will take a left from the high school onto Route 77, go left on Scott Dyer Road, and then run to and around Brentwood Road.

Runners will continue back to Scott Dyer, go across Spurwink Avenue to the Wainwright Drive loop, and then head to Starboard Drive before running back up Scott Dyer Road to Cape Elizabeth Middle School, where the race will end.

Even on roads that won't be closed during the race, travel will be slower.

The annual event, sponsored by Cape Chiropactic 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 award will be given to runners of both the 5K and 1-Mile Dash at a ceremony planned at 10:15 a.m. Awards for 5K runners will be given to the top male and female runners overall. For the 1-Mile Dash, trophies will be given to the top boy and girl overall and to the top first- and second-place finishers in the following age groups: six years old and younger, seven to eight, nine to 10, and 11 to 12.

Registration for the 5K is \$15, and \$20 the day of the race. Registration for the 1-Mile Dash is \$8, and \$12 the day of the race. No registration is required for the Fun Run.

Go to [runinarace.com](http://runinarace.com) to register. Registration packets will be available for pickup on race day morning starting at 8 a.m. or from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, in the Pond Cove/CEMS cafeterium.

Proceeds from the race will help fund programs at the three Cape schools.

Contact Cape Challenge Co-chair Sheri Bragg at [sheribraggme@yahoo.com](mailto:sheribraggme@yahoo.com) or 730-0975 for more information.

## CELT plans June 12 reception to introduce artists

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will host a wine and cheese reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12, at 330 Ocean House Road. People will be able to meet painters who will participate in the eighth annual Paint for Preservation wet-paint auction fundraiser on Sunday, July 12.

The reception, sponsored by C Salt Gourmet Market, will be held at CELT's office at 330 Ocean House Road. "Hanging Out," a granite sculpture by New Hampshire artist Gary Haven Smith, will be on display at the

open house, and people will be able to buy raffle tickets to win the piece.

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.

Proceeds for both the auction and raffle will support CELT's initiative to preserve strategic lands in town. Go to [capelandtrust.org](http://capelandtrust.org) or call 767-6054 for more information.

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# Cape Elizabeth High School's academic top 10 percent

Class of 2015 (listed alphabetically)



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Rhoen Fiutak



Julia Ginder



Thomas Gleason



Walker Grimes



Robert Harrison



Lily Jordan



Emily Lynch



Devin Maguire



Daniel Menz



Hannah Preble



Ben Stanley



Leo Wing



Claire Zimmerman

## Sierra Bates

Daughter of Amy and Matthew Bates

**Honors and Awards:** Bates College Book Award; Cape Elizabeth High School Awards for Excellence in French and honors world history; National French Exam; Maroon Medal Society; Western Maine Conference All-Academic swim team; CEHS swim team 2015 Coaches' Award; USA Ultimate Frisbee's 2014 Maine All-State girls first team; Advanced Placement Scholar Award; National Honor Society

**Activities:** Student advisory council, president, class treasurer, and student representative to the School Board; mock trial team; varsity swim team; ultimate Frisbee

team, captain; Maine Ultimate Frisbee High School All-Star team, captain and competed at Nationals; volunteer for Special Olympic swim meets; reading tutor for elementary school students

**Future Plans:** University of Miami in Florida

## Rhoen Hadley Fiutak

Daughter of Rachael Sheskey and Jon Fiutak

**Honors and Awards:** Harvard Book Award; National Honor Society; Maroon Medal Society; Western Maine Conference All-Academic teams for lacrosse, Nordic skiing, and cross country

**Activities:** cross country, captain; Nordic ski team, captain; lacrosse team, captain; student advisory council representative; Outing Club; Natural Helpers; Interact/Volunteer Club

**Future Plans:** Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

## Julia Holden Ginder

Daughter of Claire and Kenneth Ginder

**Honors and awards:** Dartmouth College Book Award; CEHS Awards for Excellence in honors chemistry, honors world history II and AP biology; National Honor Society, chief philanthropist; Maroon Medal Society; Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award; Therese Elaine Gordon Libby Award for Dedication, Sportsmanship and Support of the CEHS field hockey program; Western Maine All-Conference field hockey and ice hockey teams

**Activities:** field hockey, co-captain; ice hockey, captain; Casco Bay travel ice hockey; outdoor track team, co-captain; science team, co-captain; Girl Scouts; Adaptive Skate; FreshLinks program; Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference; clarinet; piano

**Future plans:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge

## Thomas Kennedy Gleason

Son of Maryellen Kennedy and Barry Gleason

**Honors and awards:** Williams Book Award; honors chemistry award; AP statistics award; Maroon Medal Society; Hobey Baker Character Award; Western Maine Conference All-Academic hockey team; John Wilber Memorial Scholarship Award

**Activities:** Ice hockey team; World Affairs Council; Model United Nations; math team; National Honor Society; barbecue team; Safe Passage

**Future plans:** Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

## Charles Walker Grimes

Son of Blaine and Charles Grimes

**Honors and awards:** CEHS Awards for Excellence in English and biology; Brown University Book Award; National Honor Society

**Activities:** Cross-country skiing; mock trial; ultimate Frisbee team; Northern New England Science Bowl; Natural Helpers;

## Parents, seniors, please send postgraduate plans!

Soon-to-be high school graduates and their parents who want to run seniors' postgraduate plans in The Cape Courier should send the senior's name, the parents' names, and the senior's plans, including the location of the college or postgraduate activity, by Friday, June 1, to Debbie Butterworth at [dbutterw@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbutterw@maine.rr.com) or 21 McAuley Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107. The information must be sent by seniors or their parents.



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**Future plans:** Rice University in Houston, Texas

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Son of Margo and Craig Harrison

**Honors and awards:** CEHS Awards for Excellence in geometry, advanced algebra, Spanish IV

**Activities:** Trombone player in concert jazz band; robotics team; math team; science team; mock trial; debate team; science team; student advisory council, class treasurer; Model United Nations; World Affairs Council

**Future plans:** Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass.

**Lily Jordan**

Daughter of Nancy and Glenn Jordan

**Honors and awards:** Valedictorian; Scholastic Art and Writing Awards national medalist; National Merit Scholar; All-Conference hockey team; Western Maine Conference All-Academic hockey and field hockey teams; CEHS Awards for Excellence in AP junior English, honors pre-calculus, and honors world history; Princeton University Book Award; Maine Principals' Association Award; Portland Stage Young Writer's Project winner

**Activities:** Debate team; field hockey team; ice hockey team; softball team; math team; science team; Girl Scouts; Chess Club

**Future plans:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Emily Lynch**

Daughter of Laura and Christopher Lynch

**Honors and awards:** National Honor Society; St. Michael's College Book Award

**Activities:** Student advisory council, senior class treasurer; volleyball team, captain; tennis team; Pond Cove School mentor; Interact/Volunteer Club; Safe Passage volunteer in Guatemala, 2013

**Future plans:** Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.

**Devin Maguire**

Daughter of Gwyneth and Richard Maguire

**Honors and awards:** National Honor Society; Smith Book Award; CEHS awards for Excellence in honors history, word processing and ceramics

**Activities:** Girl Scouts; tennis team; Pond Cove School mentor; Interact/Volunteer

Club; theater; FreshLinks program, co-chair; Cape Closet; voice student; choir cantor

**Future plans:** Boston College in Massachusetts

**Daniel Stuart Menz**

Son of Elizabeth O'Neill-Menz and John Menz

**Honors and awards:** Yale Book Award; CEHS Awards for Excellence in Spanish III, physical education I and II; Nordic skiing Western Maine Conference All-Academic team; Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award; Nordic ski team Up-Up-Upton Award; Model United Nations Best Delegate Award for rhetorical skill and diplomacy

**Activities:** Peer-to-Peer Club; student advisory council, president of the Class of 2015; TEDxYouth@CEHS; Natural Helpers; concert jazz ensemble; Nordic ski team, captain; ultimate Frisbee team, captain; Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference; Chewonki Foundation's Wilderness Leadership Expeditions

**Future plans:** Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

**Hannah Preble**

Daughter of Mary Casey and Jeff Preble

**Honors and awards:** Wellesley Book Award; National Honor Society; Girl Scouts 10-year pin; regional Scholastic Art and Writing Silver Key award in the memoir/fiction category; AP Scholar Award; Southern Maine Honors Music Festival

**Activities:** Girl Scout; Pond Cove School mentor; jazz ensemble; symphonic band; wind symphony; field hockey team; sailing team; swim team; math team; Longfellow Mountain Young Writers' Conference at the University of Maine at Farmington; Young Writers' Conference at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.; Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio production internship through the Salt Institute, Portland

**Future plans:** Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

**Benjamin Stanley**

Son of Amy and Dana Stanley

**Honors and awards:** Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key award; Brown University Book Award; National Merit finalist; National Honor Society; CEHS Awards in English and macroeconomics

**Activities:** TEDxYouth@CEHS co-chair; Democratic Party campaign intern; mock trial; Safe Passage team; tutor

**Future plans:** Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

**Leo Wing**

Son of Debra Wing-Sproul and Anthony Kosner

**Honors and awards:** National Merit finalist; Presidential Scholar candidate; Wesleyan University Book Award; AP Scholar; CEHS Award for Excellence in AP Junior English; honorable mention in Moody's Mega Math Challenge; Judge's Choice Award at Berklee Jazz Festival

**Activities:** concert jazz ensemble; Model United Nations; mock trial; Terry White jazz combo; Upper Links; Yale Young

Global Scholar; swimming team; track and field Team

**Future plans:** Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

**Claire Zimmerman**

Daughter of Jana and Jubal Zimmerman

**Honors and awards:** Rotary Youth Leadership Award; Mount Holyoke College Book Award

**Activities:** speech team; theater; math team; Interact/Volunteer Club, co-president; National Honor Society; a cappella group; chorus

**Future plans:** Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas

**CEEF seeks nominations for Thompson Award**

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation seeks nominations for an award honoring Cape Elizabeth school staff members who have gone above and beyond in mentoring Cape Elizabeth students.

The Thompson Award, which Cape Elizabeth residents Tim and Nancy Thompson

established in memory of their son Timothy, who passed away in 2004, is given to a staff member the first day of the school year. Any teacher or staff member may be nominated.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 29. Go to [ceef.us](http://ceef.us) to nominate a staff member.

**Pond Cove planters**



Photo by Janet Villiotte

Pond Cove School first-graders break up soil at Fort Williams Park early this month before planting native wildflower seeds in the area that will become the Children's Garden. The garden will serve as a nursery from which an entire meadow will be planted, Fort Williams Park Foundation Education Coordinator Janet Villiotte said.



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### Tennis ball recycling program underway in Cape



Cape Elizabeth residents, from left, Patty Franson, Joanne Sullivan, Carrie Platt and Lisa Ford are among the first to have used the new recycling bins in town.

Cape Elizabeth Community Services and Cape Elizabeth High School's Athletic Department have teamed up with the Maine Recreation and Park Association to collect and recycle used tennis balls. Recycling bins have been set up at the tennis courts at CEHS and Fort Williams Park.

Most of the estimated "125 million tennis balls sold each year in the U.S. ... enter

landfills," said Jen DeRice, who coordinates Community Services' adult programming.

Processed balls can be used to create park and equestrian turf surfaces and home insulation, she said. Thirteen Maine communities are participating in the program, including South Portland, Yarmouth and Freeport.

Contact DeRice at 799-2868 or go to [tourtennis.com](http://tourtennis.com) for more information.

### Capers' capitol time



Cape Elizabeth High School alumni, from left, Boris Vabson, Tom Schrank and Teddy Turesky recently met up in Washington, D.C. Schrank, a 2010 CEHS graduate who holds an Associate of Arts degree in theater performance from Montgomery College in Rockville, Md., works at C Salt Gourmet Market. Vabson, a 2005 CEHS graduate, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and economics from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and a master's degree in applied economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in Philadelphia, where he is a candidate for a doctorate in applied economics. Turesky, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, is a candidate for a doctorate in neuroscience at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Rebecca Strout** was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. A member of the Class of 2015, she is majoring in graphic design.

Two Cape Elizabeth residents were named to the spring-semester dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. **Georgia Morris** is majoring in early childhood and elementary education and **Jack Thomas** in business.

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## Courier travels to Sacred Valley in Peru



Cape Elizabeth residents, from left, Mike Watson, Janie Watson, June Farrow and Paul Farrow visited the ruins of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, or the Urubamba Valley, in the Andes of Peru during a spring trip to Peru. The couples also visited Machu Picchu.

## 'Friday Fun Nights' planned for preteens, teens

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host "Friday Fun Nights" for preteens and teens next month. Two sessions are planned each Friday in June.

The first, set for 6-7:30 p.m., will be for children younger than 13 and their families. Participants should bring their own suppers and snacks. Activities will include age-appropriate

movies and both indoor and outdoor games.

The second session, which will run from 7:30 to 11 p.m., will be for teens 13 and older and also will include age-appropriate movies and indoor and outdoor games.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to [ceumc.org](http://ceumc.org) for information.

### SERVICES

#### Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)  
799-3692

[www.capenazarene.org](http://www.capenazarene.org)

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
Services streamed live or on demand at:  
[watch.capenazarene.org](http://watch.capenazarene.org)

#### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
799-8396

[www.ceumc.org](http://www.ceumc.org)

Chapel Service: 8 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.  
Child care & Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

#### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

29 Ocean House Road  
767-5000

Sacrament Meeting:

Sunday 9-10:10 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m.

Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon

Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon

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Saturday: 10 a.m.

Family Shabbat services:

Second Friday: 6:30 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church of South Portland

879 Sawyer St., South Portland  
799-4565

[www.spfbc.com](http://www.spfbc.com)

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8): Tuesday 6:20 p.m.

#### First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland  
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[www.fccucc.org](http://www.fccucc.org)

Chapel worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary worship: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school/preschool childcare: 10 a.m.  
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## Taking a page from the book of Cape's rep.

Rep. Kimberly Monaghan meets with Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-grade students, Abigail Scifres and Lola Schultzel, on May 7 at the State House in Augusta. The students served as pages for the House of Representatives.

Former Cape Elizabeth resident **Mary Lawrence's** debut novel, "The Alchemist's Daughter," recently was released by Kensington Publishing Corp. The first book of the Bianca Goddard Mysteries trilogy is set in Tudor London during the final years of King Henry VIII's reign. The series features the daughter of an infamous alchemist who creates medicines in the borough of Southwark.

Before moving to Limington, Mary lived on Fowler Road from 1990 to 2009 and volunteered at The Cape Courier as a proof-reader. Her son, **Calvin Rinck**, graduated in 2001 from Cape Elizabeth High School.

She will sign copies of her book from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. on July 25 at Beyond the Sea Books and Gifts in Lincolnville.



Mary Lawrence

Cape Elizabeth resident **Shelby Cogan** was named to the dean's list for both the fall and spring semesters at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. She is the daughter of **Darcy Prock and Bob Cogan**.

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### Town Council

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a counter message that set the stage for the evening.

"I commend the Town Council for protecting the citizens, doing your checks and balances," said DeSena in support of the reduced budget.

#### Focus on zero-impact message

During the council's discussion that followed, both sides on the budget reduction issue agreed the amount involved – \$110,000 out of a \$23.5 million budget – was a rela-

tively very small amount. And each side saw this small amount as supportive of its arguments.

"There is no magic to the zero-percentage number," said Councilor Jamie Wagner. "This has no meaning to me."

Wagner said that whatever is approved for the school budget should meet the needs of the school department. Councilors Caitlin Jordan and Patricia Grennon agreed.

"It seems strange to me to be fighting over \$110,000 in a \$23.5 million budget," said Grennon.

The message in the zero-impact budget did carry weight for the majority of council-

ors, however.

Several pointed out that this year with \$1.1 million in unexpected state revenues and cost savings – some referred to it as a one-time "windfall" benefitting the school budget – property taxpayers deserved a break.

To them, the zero-impact school budget sent an important message.

The zero-impact budget is "a thank you to Cape Elizabeth taxpayers for their past support of the schools," said Councilor Jessica Sullivan.

"The (reduced) budget is extremely reasonable," she added. "It is merely a decrease

on your increases."

Kathy Ray, council chair, acknowledged she was the one who made the original motion to reduce the school budget. Ray served eight years as a School Board member, including time as the board chair.

Ray noted that "because of the \$1.1 million windfall, I don't think [the budget reduction] is unreasonable because it's such a unique year."

"This sends a message to the taxpayer that we are thinking about everybody," she added.

On June 9, it will be the town voters who will ultimately decide the fate of the school budget approved by the Town Council.

### Village green

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posal and motion by Councilor Patty Grennon.

In a memorandum prepared for the council, Grennon said that while the current zon-

ing requirement that new construction be built within 25 to 35 feet of the road encourages a pedestrian-friendly space for sidewalks, landscaping and other features such as lighting, courtyards or benches, it also "prohibits the village green concept development proposed."

Using the current setbacks, there would

be insufficient room for a village green between the buildings and the road. "If there would be a green it would be behind [the buildings] and therefore not work for an appropriate gathering space," Grennon said.

Most of the other goals of the Town Center Plan are already in the "various stages

of implementation," Grennon said in her memorandum. The council is working with the Maine Department of Transportation on reducing the speed limit in the Town Center. A tax-increment financing district, which will pave the way for more sidewalks, was approved in March.

## A story well told



Winston, one of the library's two therapy dogs, listens intently as Kaitlin Evans-Bodenrader reads a book to him. At left is Winston's owner, Barbara Schenkel. Children may be registered in advance to read to Winston or Maddie, his canine colleague, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. For more library news, see page 9.

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### Courier visits Mexico and Mayan ruins



Zachary Sahlin, 7, a Pond Cove School first-grader, reads *The Cape Courier* at the Mayan ruins at Tulum, Mexico, during a vacation he took this spring with his parents, Paul and Rivkeh Sahlin.

### ... then makes a stop at Luxembourg Gardens



South Portland resident Emily Scott, who grew up in Delano Park, and her Parisian cousin Samuel Conrath enjoy a sunny spring day with the *Courier* in the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris. Emily lived in Paris from 1994 to 1999, but had never visited with her husband, Eric Piskura, an art history teacher at Marshwood High School in South Berwick.

### ... and continues onto Eiffel Tower ...



During a grandmother-granddaughter trip this spring to Paris, Cape Elizabeth residents, from left, Coleen McGeachey and Dana Wigton took Liv Cochran, Maggie Cochran and Julia Thoreck to see the Eiffel Tower. *The Courier* got to go, too.

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