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\$1.4 million Recycling Center bond to go to referendum in June

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council voted on Jan. 4 to send a \$1.4 million bond to finance improvements at the Recycling Center to referendum.

The ballot issue will go before town voters in June 2016.

The cost estimate is based on the recommendations in the report recently submitted by the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee.

The committee was formed in December 2014 after a fatal accident at the station. Former Public Works Director Herbert Dennison was struck and killed by a vehicle backing into the large hopper/compactor building.

Improvements at the nearly 40-year-old transfer station and Recycling Center had been part of the town's capital improvement plan and became a priority after the accident.

Construction to implement the redesign of the facility is not expected to be completed for two years if the referendum passes.

An inflation factor is built into the \$1.4 million estimate.

The committee's "recommended design" will create several drive-forward-only lanes, each with its own recycling and outdoor trash compactor stations.

A proposed bypass lane will also route vehicles directly to the other services provided at the station, such as the swap shop and bottle shed and other service areas, for people just using those stopping points.

Unsafe congestion at the swap shop and bottle shed would be relieved by traffic islands separating those buildings from the vehicle exit lane.

The report recommends repurposing the existing hopper/compactor building into a facility for holding electronic waste and for housing office space, electrical panels and the town's radio communications system.

The engineering firm contracted to assist

—see RECYCLING, page 14

Greeting the new year



The couple above brought blankets, a dog and hot beverages to greet the first sunrise of 2016 on New Year's Day at Two Lights State Park, impressing photographer Martha Agan.

Town Council seeks public comment on proposed 'village greens' for Town Center

By Bob Dodd

The town council has set a public hearing on proposed zoning changes that would allow – and set standards for – "village greens" in the Town Center district for Feb. 8.

The hearing will be held at the regular February meeting of the Town Council. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The current proposed changes would allow village greens to be established only along Ocean House Road.

By the February meeting, the council may

expand the proposed changes to allow village greens anywhere in the Town Center.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan presented the recommendations of the Ordinance Committee she chairs to the council at the meeting and explained that the intent of the zoning change was to allow for more green space in the town center district.

The proposed ordinance describes a village green as follows:

One purpose of the Town Center District is to encourage a common meeting place. A

village green is a prominent and highly visible park-like area where the public may gather, relax and contemplate both casually and as part of organized outdoor public events. ... A village green shall be designed as a park, green or square, permanently preserved as groomed open space with legal public access, and offered in fee to the Town of Cape Elizabeth.

Town Planner Maureen O'Meara subsequently confirmed that "offered in fee" means that ownership of the land would be

given, for free, to the town.

Jordan explained that it is a misconception that the proposed village green standards are aimed at a specific lot, or that the changes allow encroachment on wetlands.

"The proposed zoning change offers more green space, and not necessarily a single village green," said Councilor Jessica Sullivan.

The proposed standards would allow a Town Center development to include a vil-

—see VILLAGE GREENS, page 14

Nadeau resigns for job in New Hampshire; search for new superintendent to start July 1

By Wendy Keeler

On the last day of June, after five years as Cape Elizabeth school superintendent, Meredith Nadeau will step down to return to her home state of New Hampshire. The following day, she will start a job as super-

intendent of the Newmarket school district in Newcastle.

"Certainly the board knows this has been a bittersweet decision for me ...," Nadeau told School Board members at a business meeting Jan. 12, the day Newmarket School Board

Chairman Nathan Lunney announced the news. "The district in New Hampshire happens to be the district where my grandmother and great-grandmother graduated from high school, which is a unique opportunity for me."

Expressing gratitude for Nadeau's "five

years of outstanding service," Elizabeth Scifres, who was elected School Board chair at the meeting, said the board was "disappointed" but understood.

—see SUPERINTENDENT, page 16

Mock trial team wins sixth straight state title



Photo by Julien Murphy

Cape Elizabeth High School's mock trial team won the school's sixth straight Maine State High School Mock Trial Championship on Dec. 9 when the team defeated Berwick Academy at the Cumberland County Court House in Portland.

New library director Neugebauer gets to work

By Elizabeth Brogan

Kyle Neugebauer will be Cape Elizabeth's new library director effective Jan. 23, following Jay Scherma's last day in that position on Jan. 22, and just 12 days ahead of the anticipated opening of the new library.

Neugebauer (rhymes with mega-power), a 31-year old Kansas City native, is the former adult services librarian at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook and former director of the Algona Public Library in Algona, Iowa. He is a graduate of Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin and also earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Neugebauer was selected from a field of 33 applicants by a search committee composed of Thomas Memorial Library trustees Gil Brennan and RuthAnne Haley; Carolyn Smith, a citizen; Jenny Vezina, a library staff member; Greg Marles, facilities department



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

Kyle Neugebauer in the back garden of the new library on his first day of work, Jan. 13.

director and Town Manager Michael McGovern. His selection was announced on Dec. 9 and unanimously confirmed by the Town Council on Dec. 14.

"Everyone is full of praise for Kyle," McGovern told the council at its Dec. 14 meeting. "I think he is going to be a good fit for

—see NEUGEBAUER, page 14



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Resident praises 'immediate response' of Cape firefighters

During the first week of January while we were out of town, a fire started in our basement. My daughter happened to be checking the house and noticed the smoke and called 911 and the response was immediate. She said they involved all available people and were tremendously efficient, effective and helpful. Our town is so fortunate to have these firefighters who are so dedicated and professional. My husband, Steve Brinn, and I are tremendously grateful for their assistance.

Jody Sataloff

NOTICE: Coming Soon!

In February *The Cape Courier* will distribute a public survey. We hope you will take a moment to let us know how we are doing and how we can better meet the needs of our community.

Thank you!



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Girls basketball team bottle drive nets \$581



Photo by Jay Casterella

The Cape Elizabeth High School girls' basketball team is grateful to the community for donations to a Jan. 2 bottle drive which netted \$581.

Courier striving for 'continuous improvement'

Fresh changes are appearing all over town – new Town Council and School Board members, an expanding arboretum at Fort Williams, a new director at the land trust, and an exciting new library and new director are but a few recent changes. Here at *The Cape Courier*, we are actively engaged in change and striving for continuous improvement.

Most visible will be that every issue of *The Cape Courier* will include some color pages, and I can tell you the staff is excited to be able to regularly share more vibrant images that help tell the story of our community. Another improvement is that our print date is moving – from Mondays to Tuesdays thereby allowing more timely coverage of town events and meetings. With this change, you may notice the paper arriving in your mailbox on a different day. And on the digital end, nearly six hundred readers have noted our recent stepped-up presence on Facebook. Special thanks for all the 'likes' of our most recent photo series on Cape Elizabeth's beautiful holiday lights.

Much-appreciated advertisers will note the creation of a media kit, which is already available to download from our website,

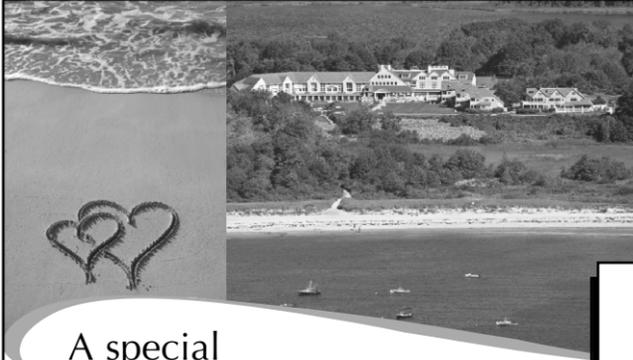
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Your input is important to us, so in the next issue you will see a reader survey appearing in the paper and online. Please take a couple minutes to let us know how we can improve. We will also host an open house this winter, and invite you to come meet us and contribute your ideas in person.

Finally, a personal note of gratitude for your amazing support. We are an unusual nonprofit organization – as a newspaper we fall into a classification that makes us unable to accept tax exemptions. That means that our community paper has been sustained by local advertising (and your loyalty to our advertisers), voluntary paid subscriptions, and other much appreciated donations. I join our small part-time staff and collective group of devoted volunteers, board members, copy editors, photographers and writers in continued gratitude for all you do that makes this unique community resource so special.

Our best to you in 2016!

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Improvements to Recycling Center traffic pattern require extra care

By Tracy Floyd, Recycling Committee member

Last January, the town quickly responded to a tragic accident by redesigning the flow of traffic at the transfer station and eliminating the need to back into the facility.

In order to keep vehicles moving forward, a new traffic pattern was implemented including rearrangement of the "silver bullet" recycling bins and new directional pavement markings at the facility. Additional measures were taken to minimize risk to pedestrians including providing carts to haul trash and barriers installed to prevent vehicles from entering the building.

Although the new traffic pattern is an improvement for safer disposal of waste, there are additional measures that residents of Cape Elizabeth must consider in order to minimize the potential for accidents.

First and foremost, residents must slow

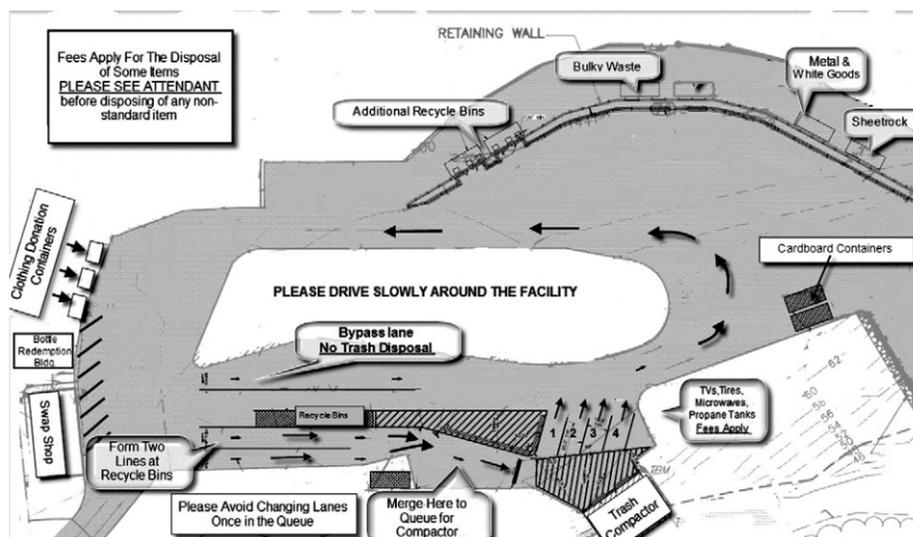
down. The Department of Public Works reports that some drivers are approaching the merge before the dumpster at much too high a rate of speed.

Inherent in the modified traffic pattern was the need for pedestrians to cross a lane of moving traffic. On busy holiday weekends there can be lines of 10 cars or more. This can clog the access road and make it a challenge to exit the facility. Please consider these simple guidelines as you use the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station:

- Keep it slow. Drivers should proceed at no more than 5 mph and yield to all pedestrians.

- Be considerate as you merge before the compactor and allow others to queue into a single line as you pass the silver bullets.

- Ask an attendant if you have questions pertaining to any aspect of the Recycling Center.



This Recycling Center map provides instructions for safe use of facility.

Spurwink Rod and Gun Club certified and licensed for 25-yard range

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club is now licensed to operate its 25-yard shooting range after meeting conditions set on Oct. 14, 2015, when the club's shooting range facility license application was conditionally approved by the Town Council. The license was newly required under the town's 2014 shooting range ordinance.

The firing range had been closed since July 24, per order of Police Chief Neil Williams and upon recommendation of independent evaluator Rick LaRosa, a firing range architect hired by the town.

On Dec. 18 Town Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal certified that the club had met conditions pertaining to access, maintenance and shot containment at the 25-

yard range only. McDougal based his findings on a Dec. 14 report from LaRosa.

The club also has 50- and 100-yard ranges, which have not yet met the town's standards for shot containment.

McDougal also determined that the lead management plan for the club meets or exceeds EPA standards, based on an earlier vote of the town's Firing Range Committee

and a Dec. 11 report from Richard Sweet, a certified geologist.

McDougal's report also stated that club president Tammy Walter had agreed that no one will be allowed in the shooting area after dark until exit lighting and an exit sign had been installed and that other measures recommended by LaRosa were being taken by the club.

Town seeks five for alternative energy committee

The town is seeking five residents to serve on a newly formed, ad hoc alternative energy committee. The purpose of the committee is to explore opportunities to provide alternative energy to municipal and school buildings and vehicles.

"This includes a look at utilization of town and school land and buildings for solar energy opportunities," according to the commit-

tee charge approved by the Town Council on Jan. 4.

If you are interested in applying, you may fill out an application online at the town website. Applications may also be obtained at the Town Hall, or by contacting Debra Lane, town clerk, 207-799-7665.

Applications must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Friday, Feb. 19.

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Dogs 6 months of age are required by state law to be registered.
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Dogs registered **after January 31, 2016** will be charged **\$25 per dog late fee** in addition to the license fee.

- Current rabies certificate and spaying/neutering certificate are required.
- Licenses are available in the Tax Office at Town Hall.
- Both renewal and new licenses may be obtained at www.capeelizabeth.com

Dogs registered after 1/31 must come to the Tax Office.

NATURAL HAPPENINGS

February brings Full Snow Moon and, usually, maple sap!

By Erika Carlson Rhile,
CELT Education Committee chair

Feb. 7: This is the best time to view the planet Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

Feb. 22: Native American tribes called the full moon which will fall on this date the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. This moon was also known as the Full Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult.

• Have you seen brown creepers near your bird feeders? The brown creeper is one of those species that remain here in Maine through snow, sleet, cold, and whatever else winter heaps on. Add some peanut butter suet to make attracting these fascinating birds more likely.

• The sap flow in maple trees usually begins in late February and lasts four to six weeks depending on alternating freezing and thawing cycles. Although this pro-

cess is still not completely understood by biologists, it involves complex interaction between freezing and thawing of the xylem tissue within the tree and the molecule sucrose which maple trees use to store carbohydrates between seasons.

• Milder temperatures encourage snow fleas, also known as springtails, to come out in the thousands, usually around the base of trees. Unlike fleas (which are parasitic), springtails are looking for sap or decaying plant material to eat. They are decomposers, a very important part of food webs. You can see them year-round, but they're tough to spot in the warmer months as they are only one sixteenth of an inch long and hidden under the forest floor's detritus. Hence the nickname "snow flea." These dark blue arthropods can be easily seen hopping around on the snow. They have a very unique catapult system to get around. When the springtail wants to move, they just release their spring-loaded "tails," called *furcula*, which hit the snow and send them flying into the air.



At right, Eva (in hat) and Owen Riley look at snow fleas under a dissection scope.

Photo by Erika Carlson Rhile

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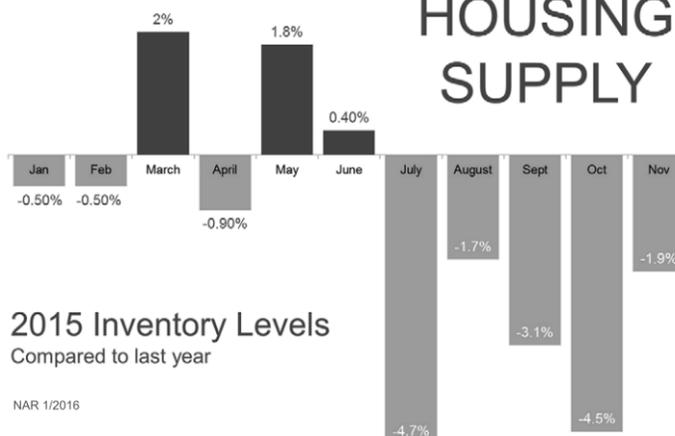
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Several reports of missing property, domestic disturbances reported in December

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 12-9 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about the theft of a purse.
- 12-14 An officer met with a subject at the police station about the possible theft of an iPad.
- 12-15 An officer met with a resident of the Stonybrook Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing were an iPod, loose change, and a toy gun.
- 12-18 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 12-19 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 12-21 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about missing property thought to possibly have been taken by an estranged spouse.
- 12-21 An officer met with a resident about concerns that a natural parent might try to abduct an adopted child.
- 12-23 Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 12-26 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 12-29 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a civil custody dispute.
- 12-28 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 12-28 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area who had observed a van strike a mailbox. The officer made contact with the operator of

- 1-3 the van who was unaware he had struck it and replaced the mailbox.
- 1-3 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.

SUMMONSES

- 12-16 North Waterboro resident, operating after license suspension
- 12-17 South Portland resident, falsifying private records, theft, Scott Dyer Road
- 12-18 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77
- 12-22 Portland resident, imprudent speed, Scott Dyer Road, \$119
- 12-30 Windham resident, operating after license suspension
- 1-4 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 12-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of alcohol by a juvenile
- 12-31 Violation of an interim license, Shore Road

ACCIDENTS

- 12-16 Emmy Kirk, John Mitchell, accident on Shore Road
- 12-31 Vanessa Bradbury, Zoeth Chalat, accident on Shore Road
- 12-31 Nancy Mcguire, accident on Ocean House Road
- 1-3 Audrey Secord, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 1-4 Mary Otulakowski, accident on Cooper Drive

ARRESTS

- 12-30 Windham resident, operating after license suspension

FIRE CALLS

- 12-16 Heatherstone, fire alarm
- 12-17 Forest Road, investigation
- 12-18 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-23 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 12-24 Starboard Drive, water problem
- 12-26 Shore Road, motor vehicle accident
- 12-27 Two Lights Road, fire alarm
- 12-28 Starboard Drive, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-29 Point Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 12-29 Peppergrass Road, fire alarm

- 12-30 Columbus Road, cooking fire
- 12-31 Ocean House Road, water problem
- 12-31 Sunnybank Road, fire alarm
- 1-3 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 1-3 Spurwink Avenue, motor vehicle accident

RESCUE CALLS

There were 28 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Mid Winter 10-miler will result in road closures

The Maine Track Club 2016 Mid Winter Classic 10-Mile Race will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7, with up to 1000 registered runners starting and finishing at Cape Elizabeth High School. Traffic delays due to runners on the road, as well as brief road closures, are expected.

The race will start at 9:45 a.m. Route 77 from the high school to Scott Dyer Road will be closed until the last runner has turned onto Scott Dyer Road. Scott Dyer Road will be closed until the last runner takes a left onto Spurwink Avenue, an expected time of about 15 to 20 minutes from the start.

Eastman and Sawyer roads will have slow traffic, as runners will be on half of the road. The intersection at Spurwink Road and

Spurwink Avenue will have potential delays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m..

Bowery Beach Road will also have a runner lane from 10 a.m. to noon or later, depending on when the last finisher completes the 10-mile course.

Eighty to 100 volunteers will be on hand to assist at water stops and the finish line, as well as to act as traffic marshals. Anyone with questions should contact Race Co-Director and Maine Track Club President, Chandra Leister at chandra@midwinterclassic10miler.com.

Race directors and the Maine Track Club are working closely with Cape Elizabeth Police Chief Williams, and Captain Sinclair to ensure safe runners, spectators, volunteers and drivers, said Leister.



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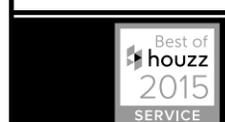


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Town of Cape Elizabeth Alternative Energy Committee

The Town Council Appointments Committee is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the newly-formed **Alternative Energy Committee**. This ad-hoc committee was created to explore opportunities to provide alternative energy to municipal and school buildings and vehicles. The committee's purpose and charge is available at www.capeelizabeth.com. The report of the committee is due to the Town Council by December 31, 2016.

Questions should be directed to **Debra Lane**, Town Clerk at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Applications are available online and must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Friday, February 19, 2016.

Winter Moth Warning!

Be Proactive: Winter Moth Control Starts Now.

You may have noticed small, tan colored moths flying around your property. The winter moth begins emerging in mid-November and may continue mating through January.

Although they do not feed during this time, it's important to make plans now for spring control. In large numbers, the caterpillars cause tree defoliation, which can lead to decline, or even tree death.

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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

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

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

Thursday, January 28

Town Council - Board and Commission Orientation/Training, 6 p.m., High School cafeteria

Monday, February 1

Town Council, School Board workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, February 2

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

Monday, February 8

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, February 9

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

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

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

Ongoing each week
Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road

Cape Farm Alliance, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

Three writers to do readings on Jan. 23

Three Maine writers will read from their work from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, during the Local Writers at the Local Buzz group's free monthly reading series. Poets Marcia F. Brown, a Cape Elizabeth resident, and Linda Aldrich co-host the events at the Local Buzz café and wine bar, 327 Ocean House Road.

Novelist Joseph Souza's award-winning short stories have been published in various literary journals throughout the country. The winner of the 2004 Andre Dubus Award for short fiction from the University of Southern Maine, he also received honorable mention for the Al Blanchard Award in crime fiction. Souza's horror novel "The Reawakening: The Living Dead Series, Book 1" won the 2013 Maine Literary Award for Speculative Fiction. His other books include "Darpocalypse: The Living Dead Series, Book 2" and "The Liger Plague." "Darmageddon: The Living Dead Series, Book 3" was published in 2014 by Permuted Press. Souza lives in South Portland with his wife and children.

Martin Steingesser is the author of three books of poems: "Yellow Horses," "Brothers of Morning," and "The Thinking Heart: The Life and Loves of Etty Hillesum." The

"Thinking Heart" is based on the posthumously published journal and letters of Hillesum, a Dutch woman who lived in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation and died in Auschwitz in 1943. Steingesser's work, composed and arranged for performance, has been performed in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and in Europe at the Center for Dialog and Prayer in Oświęcim, Poland, and at the International Etty Hillesum Congress in Belgium. Steingesser was Portland's first Poet Laureate from 2007 to 2009.

Kate Christensen is the author of the culinary memoirs, "How to Cook a Moose," published in 2015 by Islandport Press, "Blue Plate Special," and six novels, including "The Epicure's Lament and The Great Man," which won the 2008 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. She writes essays and reviews for numerous publications, including most recently Elle, The New York Times Book Review, Bookforum, Cherry Bombe, Vogue, Food & Wine, and The Wall Street Journal. Christensen lives in Portland and in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Her new novel, "The Last Cruise," is forthcoming from Doubleday.

Go to www.localbuzzcafe.com for more information.

Lions to serve up all-you-can-eat spaghetti on Jan. 23, and pancakes and eggs on Feb. 7

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans the first of three upcoming spaghetti dinners on Saturday, Jan. 23, and the first of four pancake breakfasts on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and soft drinks. Dinners are also planned Saturdays, Feb. 20 and March 19. Diners can bring their own alcoholic drinks. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

Pancake breakfasts run from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Additional breakfasts are set for Sundays, March 6, April 10 and Mother's Day, May 8. Adults pay \$7, and children 12 and younger pay \$5.

Proceeds raised through the events benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Elizabeth Lions Club charities.

The Cape Lions always welcome new members. Contact John Ney at 767-2079 or jney@shslawfirm.com to join or for more information about the club.

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Planning Board replay Jan. 23 - 9 a.m.	Jan. 27 & 28 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Jan. 30 - 9 a.m.
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene Jan. 23, 24, 30, 31, Feb. 6 & 7 - 11:30 a.m.	Town Council (live) Feb. 8 - 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals (live) Jan. 26 - 7 p.m.	School Board (live) Feb. 9 - 7 p.m.
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Comedy, 'Born Yesterday,' to open on Jan. 29

"Born Yesterday," a comedy about a corrupt millionaire businessman, will open on Friday, Jan. 29, and run through Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Businessman Harry Brock hunkers down in a lavishly decorated hotel room in Washington with his chorus-girl girlfriend Billie Dawn in tow. Hoping to influence a senator in some personal business dealings, he gets more than he bargained for when, in a romantic turn of events, he discovers a

little bit of learning for Billie Dawn can be a dangerous thing.

Garson Kanin wrote the script. Michael Rafkin directs.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students and children. Go to portlandplayers.org or call 799-7337 to reserve tickets.

Call the theater or email info@portland-players.org for more information.

Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth to co-host WinterFest on Jan. 29, 30

The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and the South Portland Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department will co-host the fourth annual WinterFest Friday, Jan. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 30, in South Portland. Events will be free and open to all.

Starting at 4 p.m. Friday in the Mill Creek/ Knightville area, stores will feature specials. People who get a pass at the Rotary trailer at Mill Creek Park will be eligible for prizes. A skating party that will include games, free hot chocolate and S'mores, is set for 6-8 p.m. at the park.

On Saturday, the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Road. Tickets, for sale at the door, will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for chil-

dren 12 and younger.

A 'Chili and Chowder Challenge' is set for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Wainwright Recreation Center on Gary Maietta Parkway. Registration for cooks is free but registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the South Portland Community Center or by going to southportland.org.

Events at Wainwright starting at noon will include family skating, an ice hockey clinic, wagon rides, turkey bowling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice sculpture demonstrations, and a cardboard sled contest. Fireworks are planned around 6:15 p.m. Food trucks will be parked at Wainwright.

Go to southportland.org or contact Lisa Thompson at 767-7650 or lthompson@southportland.org for information.

Parents need to register 2016-17 kindergartners

Parents of children who turn five before Oct. 15, 2016, should contact Pond Cove School immediately to register their kids for kindergarten.

Registration packets are available at the school office and at cape.k12.me.us by clicking on "forms" and then on "Pond Cove School New Student Registration Packet."

Parents of current kindergartners attending other schools also should notify Pond Cove if they plan to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove for 2016-17.

A copy of a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency such as a utility bill are required at registration. Call 799-7339 information.

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Animated movie to be screened on Jan. 22

The Pond Cove Parents Association will screen an animated film at 6:15 on Friday, Jan. 22, in the Pond Cove/Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafetorium. Free popcorn will be available, and pizza from Portland

Pie, bottled water and fruit will be for sale. All are invited.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Contact Shannon Auritt at 239-431-0361 or saurittpcpa@gmail.com for more information.

Nocturnal animals to be focus of children's event

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust invites two- to six-year-olds to "Good Night, Cape Elizabeth," an event centered on nocturnal animals of Maine, from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the CELT office.

Children will hear stories from Thomas Memorial children's librarian, Rachel Davis, author Melissa Kim, and Cape Elizabeth Land Trust volunteer Jill Darling, do crafts and make a quick trip outdoors to look for

signs of winter animals.

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a snack. A parent or guardian must attend with each child. The cost is \$6 for one parent and child. Each additional child will cost \$3. Register for Activity No. 63-351 at communityservices.org at least 48 hours before the program.

The office is located at 330 Ocean House Road.

'Sweeney Todd' at Lyric Theater until Jan. 30

"Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" will run through Saturday, Jan. 30, at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

The show, set in London, centers on Sweeney Todd, an unjustly jailed barber, who returns home seeking vengeance against the judge who framed him and destroyed his wife. Sweeney meets Mrs. Lovett, the owner

of a failing pie shop, who turns out to be a willing accomplice.

Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$21.99 for adults and \$17.99 for seniors. Call 799-1421 or go to lyricmusictheater.org for tickets or for information. The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St.



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CEHS alumni return to school talk to seniors



Cape Elizabeth High School teacher Ted Jordan, second from right, invited alumni, including, from left, Yodit Hermann, Hannah Saturley, Katie Ewald and Christopher Bouchard to speak to seniors last month about their experiences with college, work or the military, and the “senior transition project” that seniors do outside school in their final weeks at CEHS. The more than 65 alums who attended had good news. “All ... said that CEHS prepared them very well for college. In several areas, they were ahead of/better prepared than their peers from other schools,” said Jordan who organized the event with Assistant Principal Nate Carpenter and teacher Erin Hill.

Pond Cove welcomes new assistant principal

By Wendy Keeler

At the end of her first official day on the job, Pond Cove School’s new Assistant Principal Theresa “Tree” Curran knew she had a good thing going.

During lunch that day, Jan. 4, Cape students’ first day back after vacation, Pond Cove students gave a big welcome to Curran, who was a classroom teacher at Kennebunk Elementary School for more than 20 years until she started the Pond Cove job in the new year.

“Unprompted, children were saying to her, ‘Congratulations,’ and ‘It is nice to meet you. I think you will like it here,’ and ‘We have the best teachers. You will really like it,’” Pond Cove Principal Kelly Hasson said.

In an email at the end of that first day, Curran told Pond Cove staff members about students’ warm welcome.

“All I have to say is that is an amazing reflection on all that you have done with the children,” wrote Curran, who succeeds Julie Nickerson as assistant principal.

“Theresa brings a wealth of experience at the elementary level,” Superintendent Meredith Nadeau told the School Board at the board’s Dec. 8 School Board business meeting. “She was strongly recommended by the committee and administrators.”

Curran’s experience at Kennebunk Elementary School, which doesn’t have an assistant principal, make her a great match for the job at Pond Cove, Hasson said.

“Among her responsibilities during the



Theresa “Tree” Curran

past two years have been assuming administrative roles for her previous principal which the interview team found to be compatible with Pond Cove’s needs,” Hasson said.

Curran grew up in Long Island, N.Y. She has a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of Southern Maine in Gorham and a bachelor’s degree in child study from St. Joseph’s College in New York.

Curran’s teaching career began more than 25 years ago at Mark Country Day School, a private school in Bay Shore, N.Y., where she taught for two years.

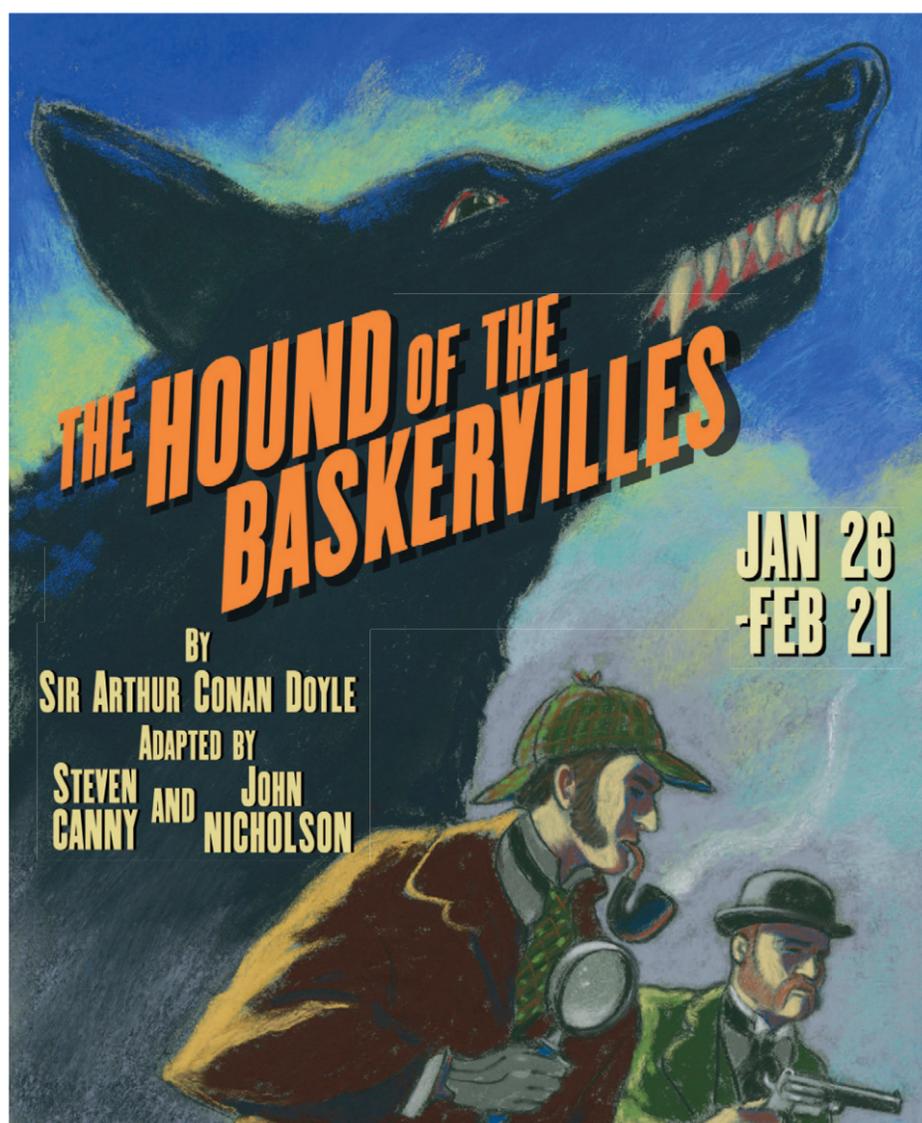
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Government students meet – and in some cases grill – presidential candidates

By Wendy Keeler

The 46 Cape Elizabeth High School seniors who attended town meetings led by presidential candidates in Manchester, N.H., weren't the only people schooled during the New England Primary Student Convention, held at the Radisson Hotel from Jan. 4 to 6.

Some of the candidates were put to their own tests by CEHS AP government students, who attended the event with their teacher Ted Jordan and three other CEHS staff members. The Cape students were among more than 500 high school and college students from across the country who got to hear talks by and ask questions of the seven candidates who attended in person and two others who spoke to students via Skype.

"Ms. Fiorina, how do you call yourself a feminist if you are taking away my basic right as a woman to choose what to do with my body?" CEHS senior Hadley Britt asked Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina at the end of a town hall meeting.

Fiorina interrupted a long applause by the student audience to answer the question.

"I'm not trying to take it away. You have that right realistically. This is political rhetoric but let me tell you something. Let me tell you why I'm pro life," Fiorina said before explaining her position.

The exchange, reported in the Jan. 8 edition of The Boston Globe, wasn't the only one between a CEHS student and a candidate that was mentioned by the press.

Matthew Fishbein, another CEHS senior, asked Republican candidate, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, how he would respond to Black Lives Matter supporters so they would "stay peaceful" and not start the kinds of riots that took place in 1968 and "destroyed cities." The New York Times detailed Christie's 500-word answer in an online report.

Fishbein clearly liked Christie's answer. He is now a firm supporter of the New Jersey governor's candidacy.

CEHS senior Phoebe Coburn, who calls Christie her "political idol," not only met the candidate at the convention but left with a solid plan to campaign for him this spring. Coburn will spend the last weeks of her Cape school career working on his campaign during her "senior transition project," a program in which all seniors spend their final weeks of CEHS working outside the school.

Along with Fiorina and Christie, speakers at the convention included Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders, former Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean speaking on behalf of Hillary Clinton, Republican candidate Rand Paul, Republican candidate John Kasich and Republican candidate Jim Gilmore. Democratic candidate Martin O'Malley and Republican candidate Ben Carson spoke to students via Skype.

New Hampshire performance artist and Democratic candidate Vermin Supreme, who wears a boot on his head, carries a large toothbrush and espouses "Ponymomics," told students that if he is elected president, every United States citizen will get a pony.

CEHS students were grateful for the opportunity to attend the convention.

"It was a really great experience," CEHS

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Photo by Ted Jordan

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Phoebe Coburn poses with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican presidential candidate, early this month at the New Hampshire Primary Student Convention in Manchester.



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Students win robotics award



Photo by Evan Thayer

Cape Elizabeth High School students Patrick Winker and Nate Labrie, who make up Cape Robotics team 56C, won the sportsmanship and the design award last month at the Central Maine VEX Robotics Tournament in Augusta. The win qualifies them to compete next month at the Maine State VEX Robotics Championship at Hampden Academy in Hampden.

Chess players do well at Aurora competition

A small contingent of Cape Elizabeth chess players won big at last month's Aurora Winter Solstice Chess Tournament, a large tournament in Aurora, Me.

Cape Elizabeth High School junior Joey DeMarco won all four of the games he played, earning first place in the large U800 section. The win puts him into a higher rating class in future tournaments.

Eric Dinnerstein and Dan Fishbein, the

organizers of Cape Elizabeth's scholastic chess program and parents of two of the Cape Elizabeth student chess players at the tournament, also performed well. Dinnerstein tied for first place in the U1200 section, and Fishbein for second in the U1600 section.

CEHS senior Matthew Fishbein, freshman Matthew Yim and Cape Elizabeth Middle School seventh-grader Isaac Dinnerstein also competed at the tournament.

CAPE CONNECTION

Pond Cove School

Tangible resources needed:

- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School

Volunteers needed:

- Community member is needed to collaborate with teacher Laura Briggs on developing and facilitating a curriculum based on current migration and immigration issues. The volunteer would also meet weekly with a small group of students to facilitate an extended learning experience. Email lbriggs@capeelizabethschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a new "publishing house." Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Oversized atlases, including out-of-date editions. Email Deborah Casey at dcasey@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Blenders for the Cape Elizabeth Middle School art room. Contact Marguerite Lawler-Rohner at mlawler-rohner@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth High School

Volunteers needed:

- The CEHS cultural communications club needs adult drivers to transport 10 students from the high school to Portland at 2:30 p.m. and from Portland back to CEHS at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The students are involved in an after-school tutoring

program for middle-school-aged English language learners. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

- A community member fluent in Japanese is needed to mentor a newly arrived student who is learning English. Contact Joni Hewitt at jhewitt@capeelizabethschools.org.
- The CEHS Student Driven Learning Program seeks community members with experience to share expertise in the following fields: neuroscience, analytics and big data, playwriting, e-commerce and entrepreneurship, documentary and fiction filmmaking, teaching, aeronautic engineering and product design. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- The Fort Williams Foundation seeks volunteers with professional experience in video, audio or photographic documentary projects to work with CEHS students and foundation board to increase the foundation's collection of stock video and photography footage and record stories of veterans who served at Fort Williams. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a student-driven learning program. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Volunteer and Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Assistant principal

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When Curran moved to Maine 23 years ago, she taught for a year at Mildred L. Day School in Arundel. The following year she started at Kennebunk Elementary. During her career she has taught students

preschool through third grade.

"Theresa brings a wealth of experience across curricula and is excited to get into all of our classrooms. First and foremost, she is eager to build relationships with our K-4 students and will be making special classroom visits to introduce herself and get to know students during her initial weeks," Hasson said.

A Kennebunk resident, Curran has two sons. Her 20-year-old son graduated from Southern Maine Community College with a degree in fire science and is a volunteer firefighter. Curran's 18-year-old son is studying conservation law enforcement at Unity College in Unity.

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Cape Elizabeth School Department Annual Notification of Asbestos-Containing Building Materials

The Cape Elizabeth School Department has inspected all school buildings for the presence of suspect asbestos-containing building materials in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) EPA 40 CFR 763. A written plan for the management of these materials has been maintained by Safe Environmental of South Portland, Maine

The AHERA Management Plan is available for inspection by the general public at the Town Office of Cape Elizabeth, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The plans may be inspected during normal office hours by appointment.

Copies of the plans can be provided at a cost of 25 cents per page.

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Cape Elizabeth High School

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Cape residents have Eagle Scout to thank for longer, wider Gull Crest trail boardwalk

Cape Elizabeth High School freshman **Peter DiNinno**, a member of Cape Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop 30, recently completed his Eagle Scout project, the final step in his path toward scouting's highest rank.

For his project, Peter planned, organized, budgeted, and led a construction effort to preserve Gullcrest Trail from further erosion.

During four consecutive weekends, Peter and a crew of scouts and parent volunteers widened 150 feet of existing board walk and extended it an additional 420 feet. The job included carrying, one at a time, oversized custom-sawn planks more than a quarter mile into the woods.

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission funded the project.



Peter DiNinno stands beside the Gull Crest trail boardwalk that he and his crew widened and extended.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Mary Libby** recently joined the Portland office of Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty. Libby, who has practiced real estate in Maine for more than a decade, has been a top performing agent in the Greater Portland area, said Cape Elizabeth resident Chris Lynch, the president of Legacy. Her focus has been on high value properties and coastal communities in Cumberland County.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, she has three grown children and six grandchildren and has won many real estate sale awards.



Mary Libby

Cape Elizabeth High School senior **Dylan W. Roberts**, the son of **Daniel and Elizabeth Roberts**, is the recipient of a scholarship that will cover half of his tuition at the Marion Military Institute, a junior college in Marion, Ala. The scholarship is based on grade point average, test scores, and extracurricular involvement. Dylan will join the Corps of Cadets' Leadership Education Program, which offers students opportunities to develop leadership skills in a military environment at no cost.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Harrison D. Clarke**, the son of **Tom Clarke and Cynthia Dill**, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Providence College in Rhode Island. A junior, he is majoring in finance and economics.

Two Cape Elizabeth attorneys recently became shareholders of Drummond Woodsum in Portland. **Rodney A. Lake** is a tax and business lawyer who focuses primarily on representing businesses and owners in transactions that include mergers, acquisitions, financings, restructurings and dispositions, and tax controversies. **Chris Stevenson**, who joined the firm in 2008, specializes in tax and employee benefits law. He is also a certified public accountant.



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A free seminar on emergency preparedness is set for 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 29 Ocean Ave. in Cape Elizabeth.

Subjects will include water storage and purification, long-term food storage, cook-

ing and heating fuel, and tips for surviving an emergency that leaves people without power for an extended period.

The event is open to the public, but space is limited. Email Marvel Earnshaw at marvearn@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Firemen's Lobster Stew Dinner to return Feb. 27

The Cape Farm Alliance will revive the Fireman's Lobster Stew Dinner, which used to be held in town, on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Town Center Fire Station.

The dinner will have a first seating at 5 p.m. and a second at 6:30 p.m., and will feature lobster caught and donated by Cape Elizabeth residents, Maine milk and cream, and Maine-made Kate's Butter.

"About six months ago the members of the Cape Farm Alliance were reminiscing about the good old days of Cape Elizabeth, and ... the topic of the wonderful lobster stew dinner popped up in many minds," said Alewife's Brook Farm Manager and CFA member Caitlin Jordan, who baked pies for the

dinner when she was a young girl. "A simple conversation of reminiscing turned into what a wonderful event the farm alliance could bring back to our community."

The cost is \$18, and tickets must be bought in advance by going to capefarmalliance.org, alewivesbrookfarm.com, or jordansfarm.com. Email Caitlin Jordan at farmer@alewives for more information.

The event will benefit CFA, which has a mission of ensuring Cape Elizabeth's farming future, increasing access to and raising awareness about local food sources, maintaining the town's rural character, and enhancing the economic viability of town farms and food-related businesses.

Cape youth eligible to serve as honorary pages

Cape Elizabeth students in grades three through high school are eligible to participate in the Maine Senate Honorary Page program at the State House in Augusta.

"I would love to get Cape kids up to the Capitol," said Cape Elizabeth resident Sen. Rebecca Millett, D-Cumberland.

In the daylong program, students have a chance to observe the state's legislative process. They help deliver messages, distribute documents within the Senate cham-

ber, interact with the senators and, "most importantly, take part in a real-world, interactive legislative learning experience," Millett said.

The Legislature's second session is expected to run through April 2016. Honorary pages are needed throughout the session, so scheduling is flexible, Millett said.

Contact Millett's office at 287-1515 or email her at senrebeccamillett@gmail.com for more information.

Primary convention

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senior Natalie Vaughan, the CEHS student advisory council's School Board representative, told School Board members at their Jan. 12 business meeting.

"What was most helpful was getting to see the candidates without that spin that the media puts on them. ... You really got a sense of their personas," she said.

Of the candidates at the convention, the crowd favorite among students seemed to be Sanders whose town meeting had the highest attendance, Vaughan said.

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Month-long gala celebration planned

By Rachel Davis

Library staff and trustees have been working hard to put together a monthlong slate of events that highlights all the different services the new Thomas Memorial Library has to offer.

The first events will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, with a robotics demonstration for the public by high school robotics teams from 10 a.m. to noon in the library's new Community Room meeting space. That afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be a reception for the inaugural exhibit in the Stier Family Gallery. The exhibit, called "The Art of the Story: A Celebration of Maine Illustrators," features works by eight Maine artists and illustrators, including several pieces by Dahlov Ipcar. Two of the featured illustrators, Russ Cox and Mark Ricketts, will perform in a "Draw Off" at 3:30 p.m. In this high energy, improvisational game, the audience will call out a subject for the two artists to draw, and then vote on which artist did the better drawing. There will also be

book sales, and refreshments available. All ages are welcome.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Monday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m., and then it's back to business for some of the library's regular children's programs. Kids can read to the library's two therapy dogs, Winston and Maddie, on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, and the library's popular after school program, Creativity Lab for elementary and middle school students, resumes on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The library's regular story times, along with a host of new regular programs will resume during the week of Feb. 29.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, from 6:45 to 8 p.m. the library will take advantage of its new media and sound system to present "An Allagash Haunting" with author Tim Caverly. Adults and teens, and older kids will love this spooky multimedia event that follows the story of ten-year-old Olivia as she finds herself canoeing in the remote woods, in the worst storm ever. Through music, sound effects, and visuals, the audience will experience the Maine North Woods at its eerie best in this radio classic adventure.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, visitors to the library will be treated to Valentine's Day-themed concerts throughout the day in the library's lobby and gallery area. The Cape Elizabeth High School Jazz Combo and the Russ Gershon Duo will be informally playing jazz love standards and strolling thespians will read aloud love sonnets throughout the day to celebrate Valentine's Day and express some library love!

The rest of the month features author talks, music, poetry readings, and children's and adult crafts, and more. The complete list of events is available on the library's website and will be posted on the library's Facebook page.

Cartooning workshop for kids on Feb. 16

Comic book artist Jay Piscopo will teach kids 7 to 12 years old to create cartoon art during a workshop called "Draw on Your Creativity!" Piscopo will demonstrate how anyone can learn to draw and create comics. Using simple geometric shapes, Piscopo teaches kids how to build anatomy and perspective to create art that tells a story.

Piscopo is a Portland artist who is also the author and illustrator of "The Undersea Adventures of Capt'n Eli," an all-ages graphic novel series. Piscopo also co-created "The Scrap City Pack Rats," art directed the award-winning "Fizz and Martina Math Adventures," and was an animator for ABC TV's "Squigglevision." The workshop will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Advance registration is required; register online at the library's website, where you can also watch a video clip of Piscopo's workshop in action.

Comic artist Jay Piscopo will offer a workshop for kids during school vacation week.

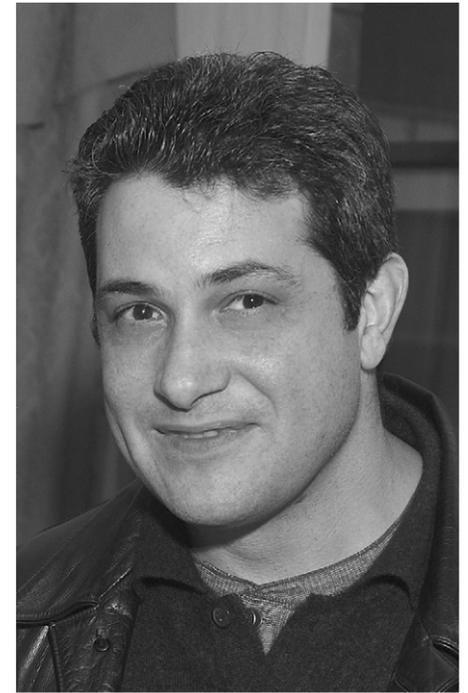


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Crocheting for expectant parents in the works

The library is hoping to begin an instructional group for new and expectant parents to learn to crochet clothing and toys for their new baby. The group will meet regularly in the evenings, and be led by local resident Mary Capobianco. The program is intended to provide an opportunity not only for new parents to learn a new skill and hobby, but also to meet and socialize with each other, and become familiar with resources the library has to offer for babies and new fami-

lies.

As plans develop and interested participants are identified, details on meeting dates and times will be finalized. New and expectant parents, including expectant adoptive parents, who are interested in participating should email children's librarian Rachel Davis at rdavis@thomas.lib.me.us, or contact her by phone at 619-6791. It is not necessary to be a resident of Cape Elizabeth to participate.

Jan. 26 OTTO Pizza fundraiser for concerts

The Thomas Memorial Library Foundation has teamed up with OTTO Pizza on Cottage Road in South Portland for a fundraiser to support an outdoor summer concert series at the library. The new library has a space designed to be a performance area on the library's front lawn. Outdoor summer

concerts have been popular events in the past, and the TML Foundation is hoping to sponsor another series this summer. The fundraiser will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26. OTTO Pizza will donate a portion of their proceeds on this night to the TMLF in support of the concert series.

Socrates Café: Feb. 2 in Community Center

The library's monthly philosophy discussion group, Socrates Café, will continue to meet at the Community Center through February while final touches to the new building are underway. The February meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2 in the "Living Room" of the Community Center. The group will meet in the new

library building beginning Tuesday, March 8. No registration and no advance reading or specialized knowledge are required to participate in Socrates Café. Participants choose the question to be discussed at the start of each meeting, exploring all aspects of an open-ended, philosophically-rich question. All are welcome.

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Superintendent

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"We understand the strong pull of family and wish her success as she starts a new chapter of her career in her home state of New Hampshire."

Board members will act swiftly to find a replacement to start on July 1, Scifres said.

"The board will meet within a week to establish a plan," she said. "During the next several months, the board will work with administrators, teachers and community members in the search for a new superintendent. Community participation and input is a key component to finding the right fit for Cape Elizabeth schools."

Scifres will handle all communication about the search.

The district is in a good position to start the search, she said.

"The great news is that we have extensive survey data – from teachers, administrators, students, and parents – from the past two years that will be critical to targeting the right type of candidate and shaping our search."

Before her job in Cape Elizabeth, Nadeau, a Bowdoin College graduate with a master's degree in education from the University of New Hampshire, was director of instruction for the Oyster River Cooperative School District in Durham, N.H.

Developments during Nadeau's tenure have included a new mission, vision and values statement for the district in addition to a strategic plan. Cape Elizabeth also has added full-day kindergarten, introduced foreign-language education in first grade, and

developed project-based learning models during the past five years.

Nadeau's next district is smaller than Cape Elizabeth.

Cape Elizabeth has about 1,600 students and three schools. Newmarket, a district of 1,180 students, has an elementary school that serves preschoolers through fifth-graders, and a junior/senior high school that serves sixth-graders through seniors.

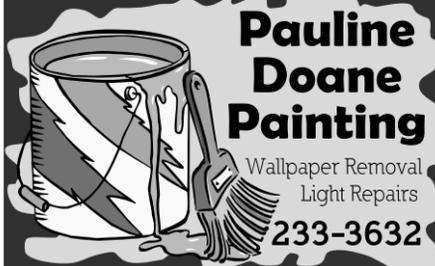
In January 2015, Nadeau was named a finalist for superintendent of the Weston, Mass., school district. The following month, the Cape Elizabeth School Board added a year to Nadeau's 2017 contract, extending it to 2018.

Nadeau lauded the Cape Elizabeth school district at the Jan. 12 meeting.

"Teachers and administrators here have so much to be proud of in the work that this district does every day," she said.

The School Department continues its search for a special education director. Jane Golding stepped down on May 22, 2015.

In other action at their Jan. 12 business meeting, board members elected Susanna Measelle-Hubbs vice chair. Joanna Morrissey will chair the finance committee, and Barbara Powers will chair the policy committee.



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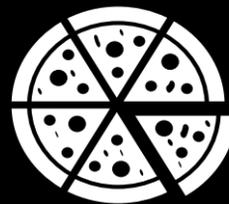
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Recycling

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with the redesign, Woodard & Curran, estimated that to continue to use the existing 37-year old building and equipment would cost the town about \$470,000 in repairs and replacements, and no safety improvements would result.

A public hearing was held on the proposed referendum action. While no opposition to the referendum was raised, three citizens spoke of their concerns regarding the project. Concerns included the need for more traffic safety around the swap shop, and the need for more attention to the interior structure of the swap shop.

One citizen regretted that the town had

not elected to go to a curbside pick-up model rather than opting for transfer station improvements as a way to reduce the town's carbon footprint.

Councilor Jessica Sullivan, a member of the committee, explained that the pickup option was considered, but that this option had little public support.

Town Manager Mike McGovern noted to the council that the financing of \$600,000 in

improvements to the Donald Richards Community Pool might be piggy-backed onto the \$1.4 million bond in order to gain some savings for the town.

McGovern said he would have a draft motion on the total financing package at the Feb. 8 meeting of the council.

Since the pool improvements cost under \$1 million, the project does not need to be approved by voters.

Neugebauer

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the library."

Haley spoke at the meeting in support of Neugebauer. "When we first put out the ad, we got applications from Arizona to Egypt, Canada and all over the place. And who

knew we would get a guy from Westbrook?" she said with laughter. "He's a really nice guy and he's delighted to be here, so I think you'll all be very pleased."

Neugebauer, who currently lives in East Waterboro, started work in Cape Elizabeth on Jan. 13, with the library not yet completed, but much further along than when

he toured the construction site at the end of November. "I am really excited to see what it looks like now, nearly complete with just a few more finishing touches."

"It is a wonderful time to come in with the new facility," he said. "There is so much potential for expanding services and programs."

Neugebauer hopes to "build on the great work that Jay and the staff have been doing already."

The public will have many opportunities to meet its new library director, as a full slate of gala celebratory events are scheduled for February (see page 13 for details).

The library is on track for a "quiet" opening on Feb. 4, McGovern told the Town Council in a Dec. 30 update letter. Although the library was not "substantially complete" by the end of 2015, as scheduled by the project construction manager, McGovern said that "tremendous progress" was being made.

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Village greens

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lage green having at least 100 feet of continuous frontage on Ocean House Road, although this may be expanded prior to the February hearing to include any road in the Town Center.

A village green would also be required to have a minimum size of 20,000 square feet with a depth and width of at least 100 feet. The standards would apply to new developments and redevelopment projects.

Council sets goals for 2016

At its Jan. 4 meeting, the Town Council adopted its goals for 2016.

The set of goals fall into five target areas: Communication and Outreach; Ordinances and Policies; Budget and Finance; Sustainability; and Facilities and Property.

Under each area, the council has identi-

fied about ten goals for the year.

For instance, under Communication and Outreach, goals include conducting a citizen survey "that benchmarks responses from other communities with Cape Elizabeth's responses."

Under Budget and Finance: "Clarify roles and responsibilities for council review of the school budget."

Under Ordinances and Policies: "Develop a plan to update the town's Comprehensive Plan."

Under Sustainability: "Receive a report showing the missing links in the crosstown greenbelt trail and detailing other significant links to neighborhoods."

Under Facilities and Property: "Schedule a citizen vote on the report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee."

The full set of goals is available on the town's website.

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Courier hangs 10 in Nosara

Last month *The Cape Courier* accompanied Cape Elizabeth residents Mara De-George, left, and Leah Mallory on Leah's 40th-birthday trip to Costa Rica to attend Safari Surf School in Nosara.

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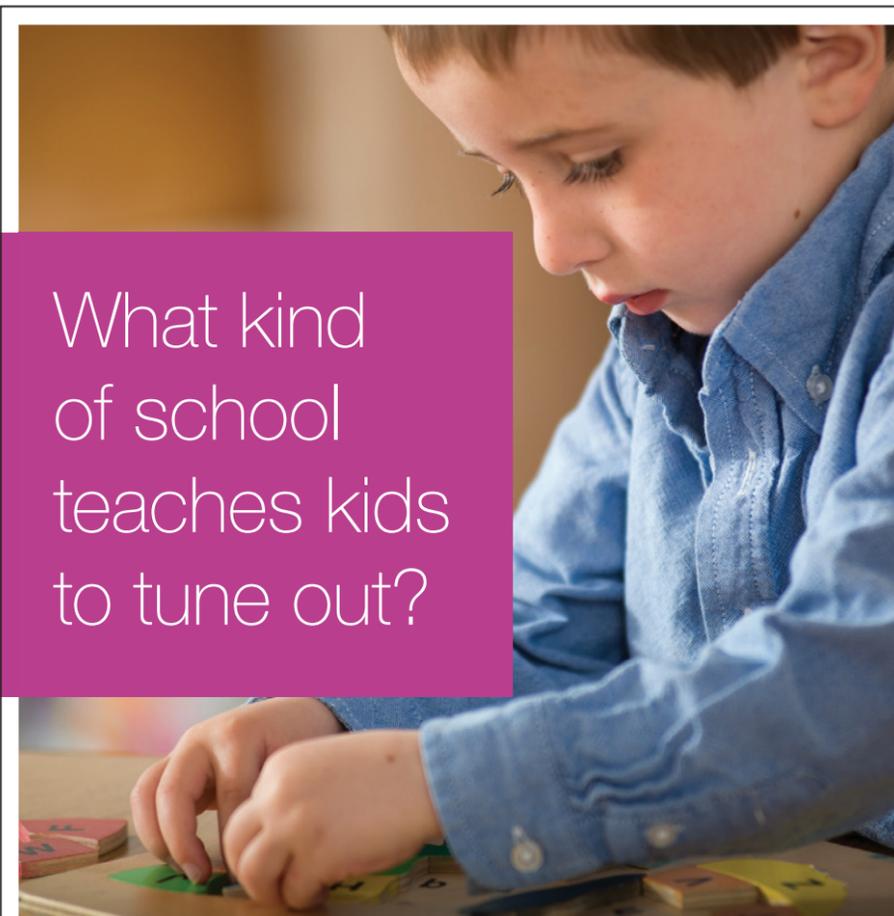
..... and travels to Edinburgh



Cape Elizabeth resident Anna Brogan hoists *The Courier* at Arthur's Seat, the highest point in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the ruins of Saint Anthony's Chapel. A junior at Colby College in Waterville, Anna spent the fall semester studying English literature at the University of Edinburgh.

Rebecca O'Neill, a Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Va. She is majoring in political science.

Cape Elizabeth resident Joshua Adam Ungar received a Bachelor of Science degree in education and human sciences from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last month.



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