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Norm Jordan receives Gould Award

By Elizabeth Brogan

"His love and knowledge of Cape Elizabeth history are legendary," said Town Councilor Jessica Sullivan, presenting Norm Jordan the Ralph T. Gould Award for Outstanding Citizenship on Feb. 8.

Indeed, that love and knowledge were evident in the dozen or so stories that Jordan, a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth, seamlessly shared from the podium in the Town Council Chamber. At one point Jordan indicated the location of the stage ("a pretty good stage, with curtains") for the then-Cape Elizabeth High School, from which he graduated in 1953. "I was the stage manager," he said of the senior play put on that year.

A corner window in the chamber was identified as the area for the fourth-graders. Jordan recalled playing marbles in the schoolyard outside when someone opened the window to yell, "Germany surrendered!"

"Well known for generously availing himself to many people wanting to learn more about the history of Cape Elizabeth, or, for



Photo by Caitlin Jordan

Gould award winner Norm Jordan, with Town Council Chair Molly MacAuslan at left and Councilor Jessica Sullivan at right.

example, the history of the old farmhouse they just bought," Sullivan called Jordan's knowledge of the town "legendary" and valuable to the many town organizations and causes to which he has lent his efforts – most recently the 250th Anniversary Committee, the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and the first library study committee, on which he served as a representative of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society (of which he was a past president).

—see GOULD AWARD, page 14

JoJo Zeitlin's photo of Friendship farmer to hang at the U.S. Capitol for a year



Photo JoJo Zeitlin

JoJo Zeitlin's photograph, "Brian," has earned the Cape Elizabeth High School junior two big honors recently. She is Maine's First District winner of the Congressional Art Competition and winner of the regional Scholastic Art Awards competition's highest honor, a Gold Key Award.

By Wendy Keeler

In early February, Cape Elizabeth High School junior JoJo Zeitlin got one sweet phone call after school.

That day, U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree called Zeitlin's cell to tell the 17-year-old that her photograph, "Brian," had won the 2016 Congressional Art Competition in Maine's First Congressional District.

Zeitlin's black-and-white photograph of

a Friendship, Maine farmer will hang for a year in an exhibit that will open in June at the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, Pingree told Zeitlin. The piece, currently part of a show at Maine College of Art in Portland, also will be displayed at the State House in Augusta in May.

"It was pretty cool getting that phone call.

—see JOJO ZEITLIN, page 12

Town Council OKs 'best chance' for a Town Center village green

By Bob Dodd

Back in the early 1990s, a classic April Fool's article in The Cape Courier "reported" that the town had just approved moving the Spurwink Church to anchor a new village green in the center of town.

The town just took a step toward making this a reality – minus the relocation of the Spurwink Church.

The Town Council passed ordinance changes intended to encourage future Town Center developers to include a public village green as part of their proposed project.

The council voted to adopt the changes at its Feb. 8 meeting.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan presented the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee she chairs. 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.

"Offered in fee" means the village green property would be granted to the town by the developer.

The council hopes the new standards pertaining to a project that includes a village green to be handed over to the town will entice developers to consider this option.

The proposed standards would allow a Town Center development to include a village green having at least 100 feet of continuous frontage on Ocean House Road

(Route 77).

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.

The trade-off for the developer would be potentially attractive changes in setback requirements.

"This is the best chance for the town to come up with a first-class, visibly nice village green in the center of town," said Planning Board Chair Peter Curry at the public hearing held on the proposed changes.

Shared harbormaster with Scarborough considered

The Town Council approved letting the town manager explore contracting with Scarborough for harbormaster services.

Currently, Cape Elizabeth provides these services by funding a very part-time harbormaster position.

Town Manager Mike McGovern said that problems with the position have been going on for years and not just with the position currently. He noted that the harbormaster should primarily be an enforcement position.

McGovern explained that Scarborough had recently hired a new full-time marine resource officer/harbormaster, and that now might be a good time to explore sharing his services.

The cost to the town would be about \$5,500 per year compared to \$4,000 for the current town-hired harbormaster.

Scarborough would provide about 155 hours of services annually, including weekly checks of moorings for 28 weeks during

—see TOWN COUNCIL, page 14

Speech team wins seventh state title!



Cape Elizabeth High School's 40-member speech and debate team returned home from Lewiston High School the night of Jan. 23 with the team's seventh straight state speech championship. The team, led by Will Steidl, Catie O'Sullivan and Kinnon McGrath, earned the state's top honor "through strong individual performance," CEHS Theater Department Director Richard Mullen said. Students who won honors in their events include Steidl, Anya Kohan, Preston Stewart, Isabel Robertson, Blair Carpenter, Matt Fishbein, Makena Deveaux, Tony Inhorn, Brynne Kennedy, Allie Moulton, Ella Strout and Jahanara Freedman. The Cape Courier regrets the photo misplacement in its Feb. 12 edition, which cast the speech and debate team as a bluegrass band!

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Resident is wowed by ‘perfect fit’ of new library

WOW! As I walked through the new Thomas Memorial Library this past weekend, I found myself repeating this superlative time and time again. From the welcoming, brightly-lit entryway, to the tasteful furnishings and beautiful artwork, to the inviting Children’s Room – WOW!!

This new building seems the “perfect fit” for our community, providing literature, technology, and meeting and gathering spots, without being overwhelming or overdone. I think our community owes a debt of gratitude to those who spent countless hours shepherding this project to such a successful conclusion, beginning with the first Library Study Committee, chaired by Nancy Marshall, whose vision and hard work laid the foundation for this project back in 2005. With support from the Town Council and town voters, the Library Planning Committee, followed by the Building and Capital

Campaign Committees began to work in earnest.

Deserving of our thanks and recognition are the members of these groups including Molly MacAuslan, Frank Governali, Kate Williams-Hewitt, Jessica Sullivan, Kathy Ray, Martha Palmer, principals Kelly Hasson and Jeff Shedd, Beverly Sherman, Blaine Grimes, Joel Bassett, Town Facilities Director Greg Marles and recently retired Library Director Jay Scherma. Support was also provided by Town Manager Mike McGovern, Thomas Memorial Library trustees and foundation members. Thanks are due to nearly 500 private donors as well.

Last, but certainly not least, welcome and thank you to newly hired Library Director Kyle Neugebauer along with the entire library staff for their hard work and flexibility throughout the building process. WOW!

Trish Brigham



Music to celebrate Valentine’s Day – and the new Thomas Memorial Library – was enjoyed throughout the day on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the gallery lobby of the library. Above, Women in Harmony, a community a cappella group, sang love songs. At right, the Russ Gershon Duo, with Gershon on sax and Jim Lydon on bass, played jazz standards.

Photos by Patricia McCarthy



Former student of Cottage Farms School would welcome contact

I attended Cottage Farms School from 1938 to 1942 (second through sixth grade).

Miss McGlynn, Miss Clark, Miss Dotten, Miss Small and Mrs. Johnson were the teachers. Mrs. Powell was the principal. If anyone remembers me or others from that period would you call me at (516) 676-5135?

Bob Pemberton

Some Cape Elizabeth history is recalled

In 1964, I was an equipment operator for a small construction company, Clifford Construction, Inc. I was sent in the spring to Ram Island Farm with a 933 Tracavator to do some work for a local building contractor. He took me to a cottage near the beach and breakwater and said, “We are putting on a large addition and I need you to break up and bury this old chimney, hearth and rubble, at least 150 feet to the west.”

I did the job, and was smoothing up to leave, when a truck pulled up and an older man came up to me. He said, “I’m Mac Files, manager of Ram Island Farm, and you just destroyed the oldest building on mainland Cape Elizabeth.” I told him I was hired to do it. He said, “No problem. I just want you to know that it was built by George Cleaves in 1630.” I kept that knowledge.

In the 1980s, I was bitten by the archeology and history bug and took several night classes at the University of Southern Maine. I learned that a patent was given to Robert Trelawney for Richmond Island and the land around it (The “Trelawney Papers,” edited by J. P. Baxter). John Winter was appointed agent and arrived April 17, 1632. He served an eviction notice on Cleaves and allowed him time to sow and harvest two crops. Cleaves sailed away to Falmouth Neck on March 2, 1633, the first permanent resident of Portland, Maine, along with his wife, daughter, Richard Tucker and indentured servant Oliver Weeks (“History of Cape Elizabeth,” by William B. Jordan, Jr.)

I am 72 years old now, and thought I should record this as the others have passed.

David L. Schroeder

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- The Courier Staff

Republicans caucus March 5; Democrats March 6

Democrats and Republicans in Maine will be caucusing for their party's presidential nominee during the first week in March. The Republicans will caucus on Saturday, March 5, at Westbrook High School, 125 Stroudwater St. and the Democrats on Sunday, March 6 at the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

Maine does not hold a primary, so this is the only chance that party-registered voters will have to directly influence the nomination process.

All enrolled Democrats and Republicans who live in Cape Elizabeth may attend and participate. The period during which voters may switch their enrollment ended on Feb. 19. However, those who are not enrolled in any political party may enroll as a Democrat or Republican at Town Hall any day up until the caucus. Unaffiliated voters may also enroll at the caucus location during the first hour after the doors open.

The doors will open at 8 a.m. for the Re-

publican caucus. Cape Elizabeth Republican Chair Tim Thompson noted that a registrar from the town would be present at the Republican caucus only from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., after which voter registration will end and caucusing will begin.

The doors will open at the Democratic caucus at 1 p.m. The first hour will be for check-in and registration, with official caucus activities beginning an hour later.

Those who cannot attend the Democratic caucus in person on March 6, can request an absentee ballot at mainedems.org. Republicans must caucus in person with the exception of active duty personnel and veterans disabled during active duty. (Go to mainegop.com/vetsvote for details and an application form.)

Questions may be directed to the Cape Elizabeth Democratic Town Committee at capedems@gmail.com or Republican Chair Tim Thompson at tthomps1@maine.rr.com or 671-5079.

Neighborhood meetings on paper streets will continue on March 16 and 30

Neighborhood meetings to hear public comment on paper streets – streets that have been laid out in subdivision plans but never constructed or accepted by the town – have begun. Upcoming meetings are set for the following neighborhoods: Oakhurst and Shore Road area, on Wednesday, March 16; and Great Pond and the Mitchell Road area, on Wednesday, March 30.

Maps showing the paper streets in these neighborhoods are available on the town website.

All meetings will be held at Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Cape Elizabeth has 46 paper streets, roughly 3.75 miles in total length, accord-

ing to the town's 2015 paper-street report. According to the town, these streets may be important because they provide access to lots, contain utilities, provide a turnaround for municipal equipment and provide pedestrian access to town open space.

For more information about paper streets, visit the town website, and look under "Hot Topics," to the left on the home page or contact Town Planner Maureen O'Meara at maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org or 799-0115.

The state Legislature has set a deadline of 2017 for Maine communities to decide whether to retain "incipient dedication" rights in paper streets.

'Earth Machine' compost bins offered for sale

The Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee, in conjunction with the Maine Resource Recovery Association, is sponsoring a compost bin sale for all Cape Elizabeth residents. The committee is encouraging citizens to make a greater effort to reduce the amount of food, leaf and yard waste they generate by initiating their own backyard-composting program.

The bin offered for sale, called "The Earth Machine," is 33 by 35 inches, made from recycled plastic, has an 80-gal. capacity and it will convert grass, leaves and table scraps into an abundant supply of rich

garden soil. It assembles easily and comes with a 10-year warranty and instruction booklet.

The cost is \$25 per bin. A companion kitchen scrap pail is also available for \$5. Orders will be accepted until Wednesday, April 25. Please send checks, payable to MRRA (Maine Resource Recovery Association) and an order form (available on the town website) to Cape Elizabeth Public Works at 10 Cooper Dr. The bins will be available for pickup after June 3. Questions may be directed to Al Ward at Public Works at 799-4151.

Council approves bond for pool improvements

The Town Council unanimously approved a bond of up to \$700,000 for the Donald Richards Community Pool at its Feb. 8 meeting.

Since the improvements will come in under \$1 million, the project does not need to be approved by voters.

The funds will replace the humidity control unit at the pool, which had been determined to be failing, as well as the disinfectant system. Town Manager Michael McGovern said the new disinfectant system would use up to 90 percent less chlorine than the cur-

rent system and that "a number of folks indicated concern with chlorine levels."

"This is a big-ticket item," said Councilor Jessica Sullivan. "But this is what I view as a vital community asset." It was also noted that the pool is popular with residents of all ages.

The council also unanimously voted to bond up to \$1.4 million for improvements to the Recycling Center as outlined in a concept plan adopted by the council in January. The bond, coming in over \$1 million, will need to be approved by voters on June 14.

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

March 20 brings first day of spring!

By Erika Carlson Rhile, CELT Education Committee chair

March 8: Jupiter will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the sun. It will be brighter than at any other time of the year, and will be visible all night long. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

March 20: Vernal Equinox - the first day of spring! The sun will shine directly on the equator and there will

be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world.

March 23: The full moon which will occur on this date was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Worm Moon because this was the time of year when the ground would begin to soften and the earthworms would reappear. This moon has also been known as the Full Sap Moon and the Lenten Moon.

Red-breasted nuthatches nest in old woodpecker cavities. They will cover the entrance with pine sap, deterring red

squirrels from enlarging the hole.

Watch for bluebirds; they're looking for a place to nest now. If your neighborhood has lots of open space, put up a nesting box. Mealworms are a great attractant for bluebirds.

Male skunks are on the prowl—dogs beware!

Listen for the faint "peent" call of the American woodcock at dusk. The mating display of the male involves spectacular, acrobatic flights.

Wood frogs are usually the first am-

phibians to emerge in the spring. They sound like ducks!

Are you interested in observing the first signs of spring in Cape Elizabeth? Training for the Citizen Science "Signs of the Seasons" program is being held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the Thomas Memorial Library. See umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/ and the story below, at left, for more information about this unique opportunity.

Land Trust to offer citizen science training for phenology project on March 24

Are you interested in our changing climate? Citizen scientists interested in recording observations in their own community are needed. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will offer "Signs of the Seasons," citizen science phenology project training, at Thomas Memorial Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

Phenology is the study of cyclical life events like animal migrations, insect emergence and plant leafing, blooming and fruiting.

"Scientists, naturalists, farmers, fishermen, gardeners and many others have recorded observations of seasonal changes for centuries," said Erika Carlson Rhile, CELT Edu-

cation Committee chair. "We can compare historical and recent data to identify shifts in long-term phenological trends. The timing of phenological events is important for health, recreation, agriculture, management of natural resources and conservation."

Volunteers will choose a location in their community (it could be one's own backyard) to record observations and enter them into an online database. There are several indicator species to watch for, including spring peepers, wood frogs, lilacs, maple trees, beach roses, dandelions, monarch butterflies and hummingbirds.

Please call the CELT office at 767-6040 to sign up for this program.



Photo by Martha Agan

Hummingbirds, like the one shown above, are among the indicator species which volunteer citizen scientists will observe for a phenology project this spring.



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Identity theft, fraud and telephone scams continue to find Cape victims

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-17 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about the theft of a check that had been forged and cashed.
- 1-26 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 1-26 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about unauthorized charges on the victim's credit card.
- 1-29 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a state income tax ID theft complaint.
- 1-29 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about an ID theft complaint. A credit card had been obtained using the victim's personal information and used for a large purchase.
- 1-29 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about an assault complaint.
- 1-31 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about a phone call from a person claiming to be from

magicJack computer software wanting to refund \$299. The suspect appeared to transfer \$2,999 into the victim's account and called the victim again asking for the victim to wire back the difference, less \$100. The victim complied and then called the bank and learned that the \$2,999 transfer was fraudulent and that he had been scammed.

- 2-3 An officer met with a contractor at a job site about a harassment complaint.
- 2-5 An officer met with a Cape Elizabeth school bus driver about a vehicle that passed his bus while discharging students.
- 2-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic dispute.
- 2-3 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area who had become a victim of a Jamaican phone scam.
- 2-6 An officer responded to a Spurwink Avenue area for a report of a motor vehicle fire.
- 2-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Hannaford Cove area for a well-

being check.

SUMMONSES

- 1-26 Brooks resident, suspended registration, Cottage Road
- 1-26 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 1-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap spot, CEMS, \$165
- 1-29 Bath resident, parking in handicap spot, CEMS, \$165
- 2-1 Eliot resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-2 Casco resident, speeding (52/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 2-3 Sanford resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 2-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 2-7 Saco resident, refusing to submit to arrest, Rocky Point Lane

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 1-29 South Portland resident, speeding (73/45 zone), Route 77, \$263

ACCIDENTS

- 1-30 Christine Clark, Chad Hansen, accident on Route 77
- 2-5 Allyson West, accident on Ocean House Road
- 2-5 Rachael Shensky, Lynn Marie Hendsbee, accident on Shore Road
- 2-8 Finn Zechman, accident on Spurwink Avenue

ARRESTS

- 2-7 Saco resident, refusing to submit to arrest or detention, Rocky Point Lane

FIRE CALLS

- 1-26 Dennison Drive, fire alarm
- 2-6 Spurwink Avenue, car fire
- 2-7 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-7 South Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 25 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

My Place Teen Center named B2B beneficiary

My Place Teen Center, a free, year-round, after-school youth development program for kids at risk in Greater Portland, has been selected as the beneficiary of this year's TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race. The Westbrook-based nonprofit organization serves approximately 570 youths, ages 10 to 18, who are most at risk, including those who are homeless, disabled, food insecure, cognitively delayed, low-income, immigrants and refugees. In addition to serving 14,500 meals annually, the organization also provides life-skills development and academic assistance.

"MPTC is transforming the lives – and in some cases, saving lives – of at-risk and disadvantaged kids in Westbrook and across the region by providing a place where they are safe, feel loved, and get fed," said Larry Wold, President of TD Bank, Maine. The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, will provide a cash donation of \$30,000 to My Place Teen Center. The TD Charitable Foundation has now donated \$570,000 to Maine charities over the 19-year history of the TD Beach to Beacon, set this year for Aug. 6.

Cape residents can register for B2B March 10

Online registration for the 19th TD Beach to Beacon 10K road race, set for Aug. 6, will open at 7 a.m. March 10 for Cape Elizabeth residents only and March 11, for the general public. There will be a limit of 600 slots for Cape residents on March 10. Last year, all 4,000 slots allotted to the general public were filled online in a record four minutes, 15 seconds. Hopeful registrants in 2016 should expect a similar need for speed.

A remaining 1,950 slots will be distributed by lottery from March 11 through March 20, with lottery entrants announced on March 22. Runners will register at the race website, www.beachtobeacon.org. The race entry fee for 2016 will remain at \$50. The race's 2016 beneficiary, My Place Teen Center (See story at left), as well as past beneficiaries, will make bib numbers available to runners in exchange for fundraising or support.

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By Wendy Derzawiec

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Tuesday, March 1

School Board Workshop - Superintendent's Budget Presented, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons
 Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, March 3

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

School Board Executive Session, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall
School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

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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, 6:15 p.m., Wednesdays, Purpoodock Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

CEHS bands, choir to perform on March 10



Cape Elizabeth High School's concert choir will play on Thursday, March 10.

The Cape Elizabeth High School Music Department will host a 7 p.m. concert Thursday, March 10, in the auditorium. The concert choir, concert jazz ensemble, symphony band and wind symphony will perform at the free event, which will be open to the public.

The choir, directed by Joanne Lee, will perform a variety of music and feature student soloists, trumpeter Thomas Tallis on "Hava Blessing," a Hebrew song; flutist Zoeth Chalot on "Pie Jesu" by Gabriel

Fauré; and choir member Annika Demeter on "Agnus Dei" and "Dona Nobis Pacem." The group will close with Aaron Copland's "Zion's Walls."

Under the direction of Thomas Lizotte, the bands will perform selections by Duke Ellington, Pierre LaPlante, Elmer Bernstein, Alfred Reed, John Philip Sousa, Pietro Mascagni and Clifton Williams.

Contact Lynn Houle at mainehoules@gmail.com or 318-7970 for information.

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'Crucible' opens at Portland Players March 25

"The Crucible," playwright Arthur Miller's story about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem, will open Friday, March 25, and run through Sunday, April 10, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

The story focuses on a young farmer, his wife, and a young servant girl who maliciously causes the wife's arrest for witchcraft. The farmer brings the girl to court to admit the lie, and there the monstrous course

of bigotry and deceit is depicted. Instead of saving his wife, the farmer finds himself also accused of witchcraft and ultimately condemned with a host of others.

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@portlandplayers.org for more information.

Go to capecourier.com for deadline and publication dates

Three Maine writers to do readings Feb. 27

Three Maine writers will read from their work from 4 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27, 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.

Yarmouth nonfiction writer Meg Wilson is the author of the 2013 novel, "Mourning Dove," selected as an Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Finalist and the young-adult novel, "Crappy New Year," published in 2012. She is working on her first nonfiction project, "Wander Women: What Ten Thru-Hikers Taught One Angel about Pleasure, Pain, and Pink-Blazing."

Poet Lee Sharkey is the author of "Walk-

ing Backwards," soon to be published by Tupelo Press; "Calendars of Fire," published in 2013 by Tupelo; "A Darker, Sweeter String," published by Off the Grid in 2008, and eight full-length poetry collections and chapbooks. An editor of the Beloit Poetry Journal, she has received many poetry prizes.

North Yarmouth nonfiction writer Dave Holman is the author of "Coffee Smuggler," the story of how Gabriel de Clieu smuggled coffee to the Americas. In 2009, Holman co-authored "Youth Renewing the Countryside," about rural innovators. In 2011, he collaborated with a graphic designer to publish high-definition maps of Bolivia and the Bolivian city of La Paz. He is assistant director of annual giving at Bowdoin College in Brunswick.

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Cape Lions' pancake breakfast set for March 6

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 6, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The breakfast will run from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Additional breakfasts are planned Sundays, 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.

Meeting to focus on genealogical dead ends

The Saturday, March 5, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society will be devoted to "brick walls" – ancestors or documents that people are having trouble researching.

The group will meet at 1 p.m. at the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road. A social time with refreshments is planned at 12:30 p.m.

The group holds meetings, free and open to all, the first Saturday of every month. Go to the gpcmg.org for more information.

Youth travel lacrosse registration ends March 8

Registration for Cape Elizabeth's travel lacrosse program for youth in grades three through six is open through Cape Elizabeth Community Services until Tuesday, March 8. After March 8, registration will depend on space availability.

A mandatory meeting for parents of children in both the boys' and girls' programs is planned at 5:30 p.m. on March 8, in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School cafeterium. Uniform fitting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and

will be followed by a 6:30 p.m. meeting for parents.

Dick's Sporting Goods in South Portland will offer 20 percent off on purchases from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, "Lacrosse Appreciation Day."

Register for the travel program at capecommunityservices.org, by calling 799-2868, or in person at the Community Services office at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 345 Ocean House Road.

'Secret Garden' at Lyric Theater March 11-26

The musical, "The Secret Garden," will run from Friday, March 11, through Saturday, March 26, at the Lyric Music Theater, 176 Sawyer St., South Portland.

Based on the 1911 novel of the same name by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the play is set in Yorkshire in the early 20th century

and centers on a young girl sent to live with relatives she has never met. She and a young gardener bring life to a neglected garden.

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.

CELT's nighttime owl walk planned March 10

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust volunteers Erika Carlson Rhile, Lisa Gent and Tony Owens will lead a nighttime owl walk from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. The program will start at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road where the group will view slides and listen to taped owl calls.

After carpooling to several sites in town,

the group will try to locate owls by sounds and sight. Participants, who must be at least 16 years old, should bring flashlights, wear quiet footwear, and plan to stand outdoors quietly for 10-20 minutes at a time.

The cost is \$6 per person. Register at capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868.

Parents need to register students immediately

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15, 2016, should contact Pond Cove School as soon as possible to register their children in kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

School office.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the school right away if they plan to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove for the 2016-17 School year.

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

Teachers to compete in March 8 lip-sync battle

In the past, Cape Elizabeth teachers have faced off against students on the basketball court during middle school fundraisers, but Tuesday, March 8, will be the first time that teachers from all three schools will compete against each other in a lip-sync battle.

Audience members will vote on the best performance at the event, planned at 7 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

The fundraiser will benefit Project Graduation, a post-graduation trip organized by senior parents to give newly graduated seniors a safe night of fun.

Admission, \$5 for students and \$8 for adults, will be collected at the door.

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

Family Fun Day committee to meet on March 17

The organizers of Cape Elizabeth's annual Family Fun Day, a day of games, activities, music and food at Fort Williams Park, will plan this year's event, set for Saturday, June 18, at a meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 345 Ocean House Road. The committee seeks new members.

"When people join the Family Fun Day Committee, they bring new ideas and energy and connections that make the day more ex-

citing and fun," committee member Karen Pride said. "And, remember, Family Fun Day benefits local groups we love: our school sports teams, clubs, churches and more."

Last year's Family Fun Day ended with a concert and fireworks, and "the challenge for this year is how to make it even better," Pride said. "You can help a little, or you can help a lot – it all helps."

Contact Frank Butterworth at fbutterw@gmail.com for more information.

Cape Land Trust is accepting artists' submissions

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is accepting submissions from artists for the nonprofit's ninth annual Paint for Preservation juried wet-paint auction.

Over a three-day period – from Friday, July 8, through Sunday, July 10 – selected artists will paint "plein air," at designated private and public outdoor locations in town. The paintings will be auctioned the evening of July 10 at a tented cocktail reception at a horse farm overlooking Spurwink River.

Proceeds will be shared among partici-

pating artists and the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, which conserves and provides stewardship for land in town.

Interested artists are invited to email two digital images of original plein-air paintings in any medium by Friday, March 25. Elizabeth Moss, the owner of Elizabeth Moss Galleries in Falmouth, will judge the art entries.

Go to "Paint for Preservation 2016 Call for Artists" at capelandtrust.org for a submission form and additional instructions. Visit the website or call 767-6054 for information.

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'Worlds Afire' one-act to run March 1-3

Cape Elizabeth High School's one-act play, "Worlds Afire," will open at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, with additional 7 p.m. performances planned March 2 and 3.

The show is the high school's entry into the regional One-Act Festival. Every year, 300 New England high schools produce one-acts. Twelve are selected for the New England One-Act Festival.

Paul Janeczko wrote the play based on his research of a circus fire in Hartford, Conn., on July 8, 1944. Nearly 200 people lost their lives and 500 were injured when the big top went up in flames.

"People over 75 years of age still remember that Ringling Brothers fire, because it was etched in the minds of the whole country," CEHS Theater Director Richard Mullen said.

"Our most accomplished students in performance and design like to take on a demanding piece, and 'Worlds Afire' fits the

bill," Mullen said. "The challenge, of course, is to celebrate life and to value the persons who lost theirs. 'Worlds Afire' is a humble spectacle, a tribute to dignity."

Playing multiple roles, 10 members of an ensemble tell the story of the tragedy through the individual voices of people who were present. Ensemble members include Cole Amorello, Blair Carpenter, Haley Fawcett, Andrew Greer, Lauren Grey, Nat Jordan, Michael McKenzie, Eva Miele, Ryan Wallace and Hannah Walsh. The show's technicians are led by Remy Dickinson, Anya Kohan and Joseph Demarco.

Mullen, who has produced nearly 40 one-acts at CEHS for the one-act festival, directs. Deb Richio is costume facilitator, and Peter Bloom is technical leader.

Tickets, \$5, will be for sale at the door. Contact Mullen at rmullen@capeelizabethschools.org for information.



Photo by Anya Kohan

Cape Elizabeth High School students, from left, Andrew Greer, Ryan Wallace, Eva Miele, Hannah Walsh, Cole Amorello, Nat Jordan, Blair Carpenter and Haley Fawcett will perform in "Worlds Afire" from March 1-3.

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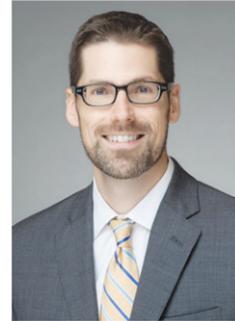
Cape Elizabeth residents Adam Gardner and Lauren Sullivan read *The Cape Courier* at Tikal National Park in the Mayan Biosphere Reserve in Guatemala. Co-directors of REVERB, a nonprofit that seeks to make musicians' tours more sustainable and to educate fans about environmental issues, the two were in Guatemala with members of the rock band Maroon 5 to study illegal logging as it pertains to the harvesting of tonewoods for musical instruments. "Guatemala is unique because it has instituted an incredibly successful community-based forest management model that has resulted in the preservation of hundreds of thousands of hectares of rainforest," Sullivan wrote in an email to *The Courier*.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Michelle Whitney** recently joined Huffard House, an interior design firm in South Portland owned by Cape Elizabeth resident **Bronwyn Huffard**. Whitney is in charge of the company's new home staging services. Home stagers work to make houses more appealing to potential buyers. Whitney does staging in occupied and vacant houses and also works with people who are not planning to move but want help de-cluttering and organizing their homes.



Michelle Whitney

Cape Elizabeth resident **Sean Sinclair** recently was named chairman of the board of the Portland-based nonprofit, Girls on the Run-Maine, which seeks to encourage self-respect and healthy lifestyles for girls through running and physical activity. The chapter serves Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot and York counties. Sinclair is the principal and chief operating officer of Baker Newman Noyes, an accounting firm with headquarters in Portland.



Sean Sinclair

Jamie Garvin represents Cape Elizabeth on the board of directors of ecomaine, a Portland-based nonprofit recycling and waste-to-energy organization owned and operated by 20 municipalities in southern Maine.

Garvin is a senior director at Harte Hanks, a global marketing services company. A graduate of Syracuse University in New York, where he received a degree in broadcast journalism, he is a member of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council and serves on the Appointments Committee. He is a former member and chair of the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee, and last year served on the town's Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee.

Cape Elizabeth High School graduate **Ashley Tinsman**, a freshman at the University of Maine at Orono, was named a "Rising Star," an honor given to student-athletes who earn a 3.0 grade point average their first semester. She is a player on the UMO softball team, which will open its season on March 7 in Clearwater, Fla.

Husband and wife team, **Bruce and Raye Balfour**, residents of Cape Elizabeth, and Scarborough resident **Molly Rogers** were the highest sellers of the year in 2015 at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Cape Elizabeth. The Balfours were also the top sellers in January 2016.

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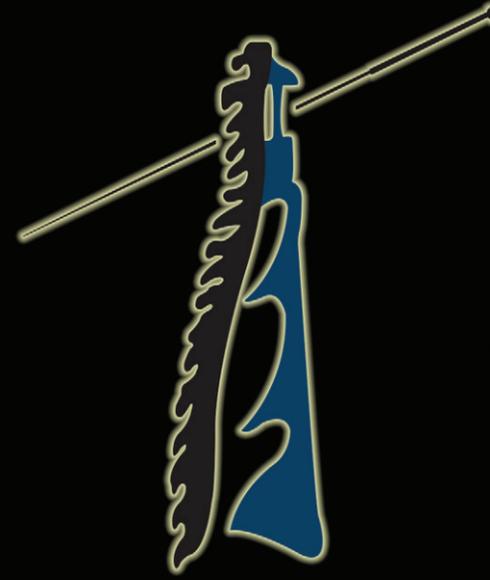
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State Street Jazz Band to perform Feb. 27



The State Street Traditional Jazz Band will perform at the library from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Library visitors will be treated to an upbeat concert from the State Street Traditional Jazz Band from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 in the library's community room. Founded in 1989, the band pays homage to the joyful music that was born at the turn of the last century and heard playing throughout New Orleans and the Louisiana Delta. The band is dedicated to playing, preserving and keeping this joyous music alive. This is not Dixieland nor is it straw-

hat music, but rather the original rhythms that birthed jazz in New Orleans and were played by its founding musicians, such as Buddy Bolden, Louis Armstrong and Sweet Emma Barrett, to name just a few. The music played by the State Street Traditional Jazz Band has been called "a living art form played by master musical giants in their own right."

The concert is free and open to the public.

'Green' energy workshop offered Feb. 27

On Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon the library is offering "Can We Afford (Not) to Go Green," a home and community energy workshop. Participants can get the latest practical information on energy efficiency and renewable energy in Maine for communities and homes.

Cape Elizabeth resident Phil Coupe, co-founder of Maine's largest solar installer, Revision Energy, will discuss the greatly-improved economics of installing solar panels on homes, and prospects for community solar energy.

Facilities Director for Cape Elizabeth, Greg Marles, will discuss the energy efficiency of our new library and other community buildings.

Director of Consumer Programs for Efficiency Maine, Dana Fischer, will discuss incentives available for energy-efficient equip-

ment, energy audits and weatherization.

Executive Director of the Maine Association of Building Efficiency Professionals, Robert Howe, will explain how to conduct a home energy audit and how to get the best bang for your buck in home improvements to reduce energy usage and improve the indoor environment.

The event will be moderated by Cape resident and "green" educator and broker Julia Bassett Schwerin. She will present new statistics on the market for energy efficient green features in residential property as well as commercial and public buildings and grid-tied renewable energy.

Bring your questions and join the conversation about how homeowners and our community can take advantage of energy efficiency and renewable energy. This program is free.

Garden pest talk set for March 2 at library

The library and the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club are hosting Clay Kirby for a discussion of common flower pests and the use of integrated pest management tactics to control them. Kirby will discuss recognizing and promoting beneficial insects in your garden as well. The talk, open to all, will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 in the library's community room.

Kirby has a degree in biology from Trenton State College and a masters degree in entomology from the University of Maine. He has been the insect diagnostician with the Pest Management Office of the UMaine Cooperative Extension since 1985.

Socrates Café to meet at library on March 1

The library's lively philosophy discussion group will meet in the new library building for the first time from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1. Led by library staffer Bethany Kenyon, no advance reading or specialized knowledge is required and all are welcome. Registration is not necessary.

Musical Story Hour returns on March 3

Jud Caswell will present a Musical Story Hour from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 3 in the library's new community room. All are welcome!

New children's programs begin Feb. 29

By Rachel Davis

Story times are back, along with a host of new programs for little ones and after-school programs for school-aged kids. In addition to popular favorites, such as Art Adventures, Story Explorers, Creativity Lab, Story Garden, and Tales for Tots, the library is offering an expanded set of story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Mother Goose Time, for babies up to 18 months, will be offered from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, followed by Family Story Time for all ages at 10:30. But during the week, the baby story time has been replaced by two programs for babies in different stages of development. Baby Burritos, for birth to 1 year (or walking) will be offered on Wednesdays at 11 and Fridays at 9:30, followed by The Young and the Restless, for babies on the move up to 18 months. On Thursdays at 9:30, two and three-year olds can bring their baby dolls (or use one of the library's soft dolls) to a weekly Baby Doll Story Time, which will feature stories, games, songs, and other activities with the dolls.

In addition to the popular after-school program Creativity Lab on Wednesdays, elementary and middle school students will have several other options for after-school activities at the library. Kids in second and third-grade can become Super Sleuths with Rick on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4 p.m. In the Mystery Club, kids will emulate literary detectives such as Encyclopedia Brown and Cam Jansen, with secret codes, fingerprinting and more sleuthing skills. On Thursday afternoons, kids in fourth through seventh grade can become part of an Illustration Club with Kiah. Kids will learn about and experiment with different illustration styles using a variety of materials. Kids in elementary and middle school can unwind before the weekend with Rachel for Fiction from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Rachel will read aloud chapter books by authors such as Roald Dahl, Kate DiCamillo and Rick Riordan in the children's library's lovely window seat area.

The library also continues to offer its popular Read to a Dog program on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons with certified therapy dogs Winston and Maddie. With the exception of the Read to a Dog programs, none of the after-school programs requires advance registration, and it is not necessary to attend every week (although weekly attendance is encouraged!). Details about all the library's children's programs can be found on the library's website.

Children's program schedule

Art Adventures

For ages 3 to 5.
Fun art experiences for preschoolers.
Mondays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Story Explorers

For ages 3 to 5.
Story-based activities for preschoolers.
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Super Sleuths

For grades 2 and 3.
Hear a mystery story and practice being a detective with fun sleuthing activities like secret codes, fingerprinting and collecting evidence.
Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Story Garden

For ages 3 to 5.
Stories, songs and movement for preschoolers.
Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Tales for Tots

For ages 18 months to 3 years.
Stories, songs and movement for toddlers.
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Baby Burritos

For babies from birth to 1 year.
Rhymes, songs and lap games for infants.
Wednesdays, 11 to 11:20 a.m.
Fridays, 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

The Young and the Restless

For babies on the move (crawlers, wobblers and walkers).
Rhymes, rhythm, songs and games for babies and active toddlers.
Wednesdays, 11:30 to 11:50 a.m.
Fridays, 10 to 10:20 a.m.

Mother Goose Time

For babies up to 18 months.
Rhymes, songs and finger plays for babies.
Saturdays, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Baby-Doll Story Time

For 2- and 3-year-olds.
Bring a baby doll, or borrow one of ours, for stories, fun songs and games with our babies.
Thursdays, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell

For all ages.
Songs, musical games and stories with original musical accompaniment.
First Thursday of the month, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Illustration Club

For grades 4 through 7.
Join Kiah for a hands-on exploration of different illustration styles and techniques.
Thursdays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Fiction Fridays

For elementary and middle school students.
Relax and listen to Rachel read aloud chapter books by authors such as Roald Dahl, Kate DiCamillo, Rick Riordan and other great authors.
Fridays, 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Read to a Dog

For kindergarten through grade 8
Tuesdays with Maddie, 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
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CEHS students rack up honors this month at Boston University Model UN Conference

If Cape Elizabeth High School students had represented real countries in Boston University's Model United Nations Conference Feb. 5-7 in Boston, they would have made some governments around the world very happy.

The CEHS delegation came home with numerous honors from the conference in which students represented the views of nations on current or historical international issues.

A position paper by senior Miles Dorance, who represented Bangladesh in the UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was named best position paper. Senior Alex Mukai, who represented Bangladesh on the UN's Disarmament and International Security Committee, was named best delegate.

Three students received outstanding delegate honors: senior Hadley Britt, who represented Judge Geoffrey A. Henderson on the International Criminal Court; junior Ted Hall, Portugal's representative on DISEC; and junior Kinnon McGrath, who represented French Foreign Minister Stephen Pichon at the Paris Peace Conference.

Two students earned verbal commendations: sophomore Emily Healy, who represented Morocco on the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, and junior Patrick Macdonald, Portugal's representative on SOCHUM.

"These kids continue to amaze," CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd wrote on the high school's website. "Congratulations also to Model UN Coach, social studies teacher Melissa Oliver."

Young writers earn regional recognition; Jacob Jordan is 'American Voices' nominee

Cape Elizabeth High School and Middle School writers recently received honors in the regional Scholastic Writing Awards competition. Two students – junior Jacob Jordan and eighth-grader Raina Sparks – will move on to the national level of the competition, the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program in the United States for young writers.

For his critical essay, "Not Another," Jordan not only received a Gold Key Award, which honors the competition's most accomplished works, but also one of four "American Voices" nominations, given to the works judged as "best in region."

Sparks' poem, "Because," earned her a Gold Key, as well.

Six CEHS students received the competition's second highest honor, the Silver Key Award: Jordan for his personal essay/memoir, "A Slice of My Childhood," seventh-grader Ella Briman in science fiction/fantasy for "Ancient America," junior Natalie Gale, for her critical essay, "Police Body Cameras:

Implementation and Effectiveness," senior Kate Hansen in flash fiction for "Isabella's Tree," sophomore Grace Roberts for her personal essay/memoir, "Michigan Morning Glories," and her short story, "Oranges," and senior William Steidl for his critical essay, "How to Shoot Down the NRA."

Ten pieces earned seven students honorable mentions in the competition. Gale, Hansen and Roberts received the honor for two pieces. Jordan, Sparks, senior Jana Freedman, freshman Rohan Freedman and junior Maggie Gleason also received honorable mentions.

The students' teachers are Matthew Clements, Alison Hawkes, Erin Hill, Lisa Melanson, Joel Shroder, Winthrop Phillips, Sarah Harrington and Mary Page.

A reception honoring the students and their teachers is set for 6 p.m. Friday, March 11, at the Talbot Lecture Hall on the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus.

Go to page 1 to read about Cape Elizabeth High School's regional 2016 Scholastic Art Award competition winner JoJo Zeitlin.

School budget presentation now set for March 1

Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Meredith Nadeau will present her recommended school budget for fiscal year 2017 to the School Board on Tuesday, March 1.

In early February, the Maine Department of Education announced a projected \$974,369.43 reduction in state education aid to Cape Elizabeth, a 29-percent decrease in subsidy.

"Given the recent challenges that we learned of with our budget," Nadeau told School Board members at their Feb. 8 business meeting, "... I would ask the board to consider whether or not it might be willing to delay the start of our budget process to

March." Previously the presentation was planned for Feb. 23.

Several factors are responsible for the reduction in state education aid to Cape Elizabeth. Increasing education costs, a decrease in state valuation and a rise in Cape Elizabeth property are contributors, Nadeau said, adding that declines in both enrollment and in special education in Cape Elizabeth "factor in to the funding that we receive from the state," Nadeau said.

Contracted salary and benefits are expected to rise by 4 percent next year, Nadeau told the board.



Artwork by Eliza Green in PMA show

Pond Cove fourth-grader Eliza Green's cut-paper design has been chosen for exhibit in the Portland Museum of Art's Youth Art Month show. The exhibit, a joint effort of the museum and the Maine Art Education Association, will showcase more than 100 works of art by Maine students in elementary through high school. The show will run from March 2 to April 3. All are invited to an exhibition celebration set for 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

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Cape VEX robotics team wins state title

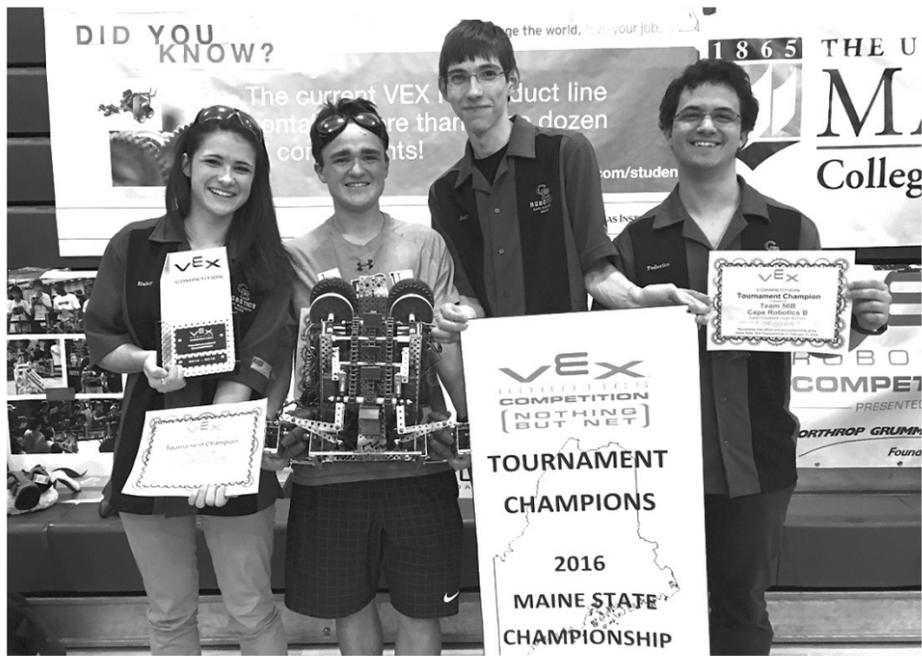


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Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's VEX robotics team, 56A, from left, Haley E. Fawcett, Mac Brucker, Jasper Hansel and Federico Giovine display their robot and the awards they won Feb. 13 at the Maine State VEX Robotics State Championship at Hampden Academy. The team won the honor with teams from Berwick Academy and Mid-Maine Technical Center in Bangor, with whom 56A formed a three-team alliance. The win qualifies them for the VEX World Championship in Louisville, Ky., in April. Cape Elizabeth's team 56C, made up of Nate Labrie, Patrick Winker and Joey Labrie, won the tournament's sportsmanship award.

Registration open for April 3 trivia challenge

Community members now can register for the Cape Elizabeth High School World Affairs Council's ninth annual International Affairs Challenge on Sunday, April 3. In the trivia-style competition, set for 5:30 p.m. in the CEHS cafeteria, tables of four to eight will have their knowledge about the world and current events put to the test.

Prizes will go to the three top performing teams. Light refreshments will be provided.

The event will benefit WAC, a school group that seeks to promote awareness of global issues among CEHS students, Cape

Elizabeth residents and organizations with which WAC partners.

Tables of four to eight can be purchased for \$100, and individual seats are available for \$15. The deadline for registering is Friday, March 18.

Checks should be made out to "CEHS WAC" and sent to Melissa Oliver, CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. Email Madolyn Connolly at madolyn.connolly@capeelizabethschools.org for more information or to get a registration form.

Katie Oberholtzer wins 'Judge's Choice' award; jazz ensemble earns honors at Berklee festival

Cape Elizabeth High School's jazz ensemble hit the high notes on Feb. 3 at the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival in Boston. The group returned home with honors.

The group, which CEHS Music Director Tom Lizotte directs, came in fourth in its division for the second straight year but was the top-scoring public high school jazz band in its division in the competition, which includes top high school jazz bands from New England and mid-Atlantic regions.

"A quirk of the way Berklee sets up its divisions is that we are always in the divi-

sion with small, magnet, private and charter schools with strong arts programs where jazz band is offered as a regular course," CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd wrote on the high school's website.

Senior Katie Oberholtzer won the "Judge's Choice" award, given to each group's outstanding individual performer, for her vocal performance on "The Man Who Got Away." Other soloists included Zoeth Chalot on flute and alto sax, Marcus Donnelly on guitar, Wes Parker on keyboard, Declan McCormick on string bass and Will Steidl on trombone.

JoJo Zeitlin

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I was very happy," Zeitlin said on Feb. 18 during school break.

Pingree loves the photo.

"JoJo's photograph shows great composition and technique," Pingree said. "As an islander, I love that the image is so distinctly rural, coastal 'Maine.' I think it will really stand out, and I'm proud that it will represent Maine's First District when it is hung at the Capitol this June."

Zeitlin and her parents, Paula and Jamie, will be flown down to Washington in late June to attend an award ceremony and the show's opening reception.

The previous month, the Zeitlins will go to a reception at the Blaine House in Augusta, where Zeitlin will be honored.

Through the Congressional Art Competition, launched in 1982, members of Congress recognize the artistic talents of young constituents. In the past 34 years, more than 700,000 high school students have competed for the honor of having their work shown in the U.S. Capitol.

Zeitlin shot the award-winning photo with her Canon T5i last summer while attending a one-week photography program at Maine Media Workshops in Rockland. She remembers the day well.

"A small group of us from Maine Media Workshops were driving around in Friendship one afternoon to take pictures. We drove past a farm and decided to turn the car around and check it out, thinking there might be some cool pictures there," she said.

"When we got out of the car, the farmer and his wife came out of their barn, and all of their animals – tons of animals – followed them. All of my friends were sitting and talking to him and his wife for about an hour

and half, and while watching them talking, I decided to take pictures of him, because it would be more natural than taking one of him posing."

The photo was a wonderful surprise.

"I was testing the light on a new setting on my camera and took the photo as a test shot," she said. "Later when I was looking through shots of the day, I came across that one. I put a black and white filter on it, and it came out nicely."

The photograph also earned Zeitlin the regional 2016 Scholastic Art Awards competition's highest honor, a Gold Key Award. In mid-February, she and other Scholastic Art Award winners received recognition at a ceremony at MECA. Next month, Zeitlin will find out if her photograph will move on to the national level of the competition. If it does, she will attend a recognition ceremony in New York City this spring.

Zeitlin has loved taking pictures since she was a little girl.

"I remember always trying to take pictures in the backyard with a tiny family camera when I was little," she said. "They were really terrible, but I loved taking them."

Since then, Zeitlin has demonstrated her interest in photography again and again.

In addition to doing the Maine Media Workshops program this summer, Zeitlin has taken two photography classes at CEHS. During the summers of 2014 and 2015, she took classes at MECA, and she has been accepted into the college's three-week pre-college program this coming summer.

But Zeitlin doesn't plan to attend an art school after high school. She hopes to pursue a degree in neuroscience and minor in photography.

Zeitlin's photograph, "Brian," is also currently on display at the Thomas Memorial Library.

Go to page 11 to read about Cape Elizabeth High School's 2016 regional Scholastic Writing Award competition honorees.



Town of Cape Elizabeth Returnable Bottle Shed Proceeds

Application Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2016

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is accepting applications from not-for-profit service clubs and organizations based in Cape Elizabeth serving the town's youth interested in applying for proceeds received by the collection of bottles and cans at the bottle redemption building located at the Recycling Center on Dennison Drive.

The first distribution of funds will be awarded in April 2016 followed by annual allocations in the fall.

Organizations are asked to complete an application and submit a request for funds explaining the mission of the organization and how the funds will be used.

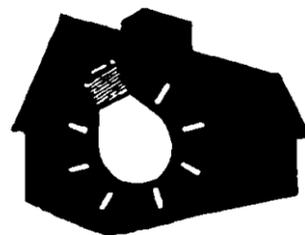
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Public supper on March 5 at Cape Methodist

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its monthly public supper on Saturday March 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pie. Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families

– groups comprised of two adults and children. Take-out also will be available.

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

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road.

Church announces Lent, Easter services

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in South Portland plans three services on Easter in addition to a service on Maundy Thursday and a soup supper and service on Good Friday.

An 8:30 a.m. chapel service and a 10 a.m. sanctuary service are planned on Palm Sunday, March 20. A Maundy Thursday service is set for 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

On Good Friday, March 25, the church's spiritual life and worship team will host a 6 p.m. soup supper in Guptill Hall. A 7:30 p.m.

worship service will follow in the sanctuary. An Easter vigil will begin immediately after the worship service and continue until 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27.

The church plans a sunrise Easter service at 6 a.m. at Fort Williams Park and a 9:30 a.m. sanctuary service with American Sign Language interpretation. The Meeting House Choir will provide music at the 9 and 11 a.m. sanctuary services.

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Lenten series to explore other faith communities

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, along with fellow United Methodist churches in the Casco Bay Cluster, will explore other faith communities during Lent.

As part of the series, Cape Methodist will hold a service at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, to look at the Mormon faith. Bishop Craig Treadwell of the Cape Elizabeth's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints community will be the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend. A light

meal will be served before the service.

On Wednesday, March 2, at the Thornton Heights UMC in South Portland, Cape Elizabeth resident Matt Braun will talk about the alcohol and drug recovery community. On Wednesday, March 16, at the West Scarborough United Methodist Church, Tom Handel will talk about the Nagaloka Buddhist Community.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to ceumc.org for information.

The deadline for The Cape Courier's next issue is Feb. 26

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Town Council

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the year. The cost would also provide for boat fuel and boat maintenance for Scarborough's harbormaster boat.

Cape Elizabeth currently does not have a harbormaster boat.

McGovern said Cape Elizabeth would bring billing for mooring fees in-house under the proposed plan.

Three Cape Elizabeth mooring holders spoke at the meeting. Each said they had

just become aware of the proposed change. They asked the council to hold off taking any action until they had a chance to hear more about the plan and express their concerns.

McGovern said that such a meeting would be held before he came back to the council with a more specific proposal. The action taken by the council only authorized the town manager to continue to explore the harbormaster-sharing possibility with Scarborough.

Some councilors and mooring holders said they saw value in keeping the position within the town, but they were also open to

exploring the proposed sharing of a full-time professional harbormaster as it might result in better service.

Community Services becomes its own department

The town council voted unanimously to confirm that Community Services will become a municipal department effective July 1, 2016, pending a similar confirmation vote by the School Board.

The council directed the town manager to present a proposed Community Services FY17 budget when he presents the municipal budget for consideration.

Mark calendars for these Fort Williams events

The council approved the following dates for Fort Williams events, as recommended by the Fort Williams Advisory Commission: CE Little League: March 25 to mid-July (Parade Ground and Officers Row).

CEHS Rehearsals and Commencement: June 8-12 (Parade Ground).

Family Fun Day: June 18 with June 19 rain date (Parade Ground and picnic shelter).

TD Beach to Beacon 10K: Aug. 2-6 (site fee of \$25,000).

ACS Breast Cancer 5K: Oct. 16 (site fee of \$600).



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Freezing temperatures did not keep this couple away from the ocean, shrouded in sea smoke on Feb. 14 at Kettle Cove.

Gould Award

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He also campaigned to keep Fort Williams Park free to the public when the town was considering parking fees there.

Jordan is a descendant (one among 44,000, he said) of the Rev. Robert Jordan, the original settler of Cape Elizabeth, and his wife Sarah (Winter) Jordan, who wed on Richmond Island in 1643. He serves as the Cape Elizabeth contact for a national organization named for Cape Elizabeth's first Jordan and

manages the Cape Elizabeth Historic Preservation Society's sizable Jordan collection.

Of his extended family, Jordan noted, with a nod toward the seated council members, "I've got two cousins on the council, and if I did a little digging I could find a third."

Proprietor of "The Farm," on the corner of Ocean House and Fowler roads, Jordan's flowers, berries and, most recently, Christmas trees are sold on the honor system, "in the manner of the best of Cape Elizabeth's old-time traditions," said Sullivan.

Of his flowers, Jordan said one customer told him he was "doing this all wrong. You should be giving us these flowers for free and charging us \$50 an hour for the therapy."

Jordan spoke of another customer whose mother used to pick his flowers, eventually with the help of her family when she could no longer do so on her own. Last summer two large bouquets were selected by the woman's family, to be burned and mixed with the ashes of the mother, and scattered at Kettle Cove.

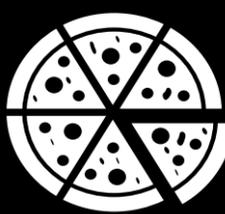
Expect stories from The Farm to keep coming. "I just sent in the orders for seeds a couple days ago," Jordan said.

Gould Award history

Jordan is the 27th recipient of the Ralph Gould Award, established in 1986 and named for its first recipient. The award recognizes those who provide exemplary service to the community. A new recipient is chosen each year by the Town Council.

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Harper Grace Meir

Harper Grace Meir, daughter of Cape Elizabeth residents **Michael and Amanda Meir**, was born at 12:18 a.m. on Sunday Jan. 31, at the Northern Sun Birth Center in Topsham. At birth, Harper Grace, whose big sisters are **Kaylee Faith Meir** and **Jaylynn Hope Meir**, weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and her height was 20 3/4 inches.

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Nine Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Maine at Orono: **Dylan Ege-land**, **Charles Jones**, **Stefan LaRose**, **Rachel Matusko**, **Shannon Nicholson**, **Matthew Oberholtzer**, **Christina Ross**, **David Terwilliger** and **Ashley Tinsman**.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington. **Kisa Tabery**, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, is majoring in middle-level education in the College of Education and Social Services. **Sarah Flaherty**, a 2014 CEHS graduate, is pursuing a degree in political science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Phoebe Shields** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. The daughter of **Jeni and David Shields**, she is a member of the class of 2018 and a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Reading the Courier in St. John



Point Road resident **Melissa Burke** reads *The Cape Courier* recently in Maho Bay in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, during a weeklong open water clinic run by Total Immersion. Melissa went in celebration of her 50th birthday. "I don't turn 50 until June, but I intend to celebrate all year long," she wrote in an email to *The Courier*. The clinic was a great experience for her. "Now I feel like a mermaid and cannot wait to get back in the salt water. I might even sign up for Peaks to Portland."

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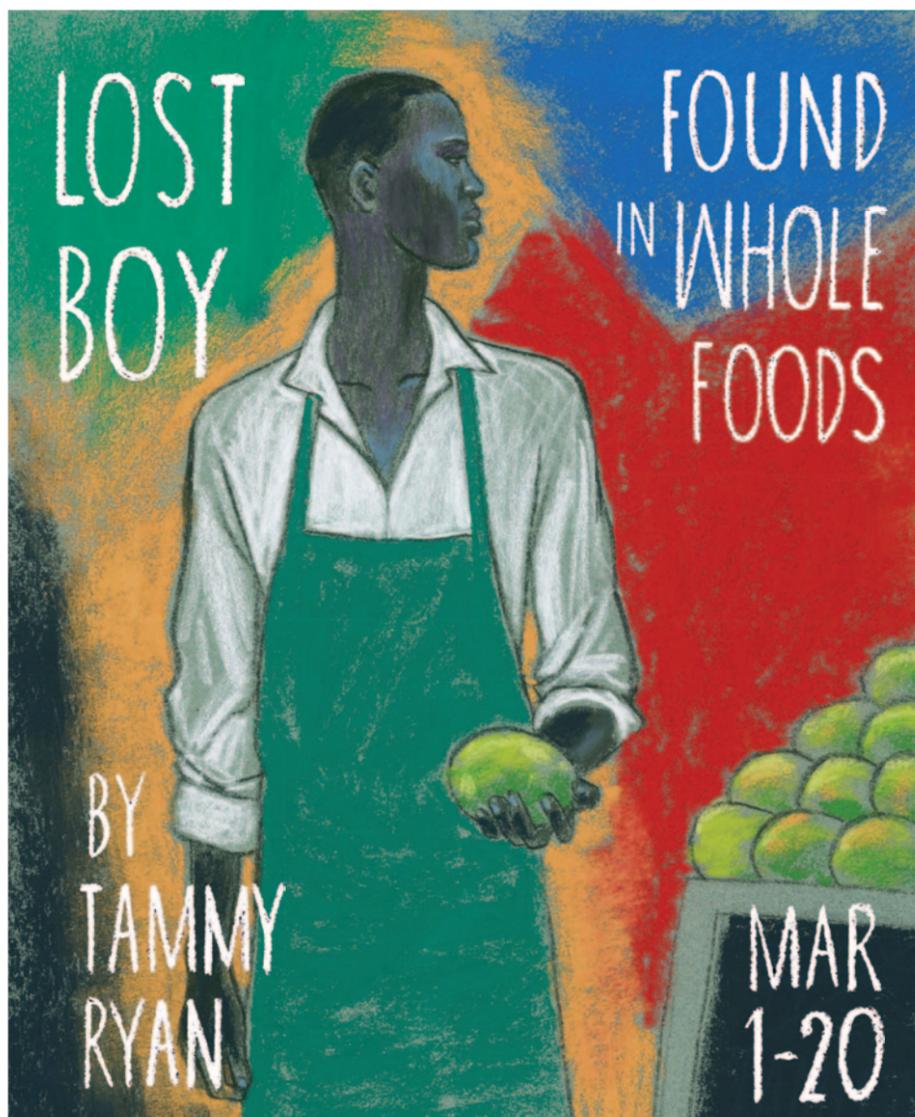


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