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Proposal for Hill Way would add mixed-use buildings to town center

By Elizabeth Brogan

A proposal to build two connected office buildings with 10 townhouse-style apartment units at 12 Hill Way, between Ocean House and Scott Dyer roads, has rekindled tensions, never long-dormant in Cape Elizabeth, between town center planning and preservation of a “rural” character and green space.

Amber and Zev Myerowitz, who have operated Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 2 Davis Point Lane since 2012, purchased the 2-acre parcel on Hill Way for \$915,000 in 2014 as the site for their new chiropractic and acupuncture business and residential apartments. The parcel is part of the triangular island of land formed by Ocean House Road, Scott Dyer Road and Hill Way, which includes the town-owned northernmost tip, known as Tarbox triangle, with its “Welcome to Cape Elizabeth” sign and rhododendron shrubs, at the corner of Ocean House Road and Hill Way. It also includes the long-vacant former Cumberland Farms building on the corner of Ocean House and Scott Dyer roads, recently purchased by local dentist Jin Hwang for development of a new dental facility. (See story below.)

At a March 15 Planning Board meeting, the couple presented their proposal for minor subdivision of the parcel and two mixed-use buildings on one of three lots. The subdivision would include the .43-acre site of an existing farmhouse on Scott Dyer Road,

—see HILL WAY PROPOSAL, page 4



Above, a rendering of the proposed project, prepared by WBRC Architects/Engineers, as it would be viewed from the north end of Hill Way. The existing farmhouse on Scott Dyer Road can be seen at the right side of the drawing. Trees are “ghosted in” (see through) so as not to block building details. At right is an aerial view of the town center, also prepared by WBRC Architects/Engineers, with the proposed project site outlined in orange. The images are among 16 presented to the Planning Board on March 15. All presentation materials are available at the planning office in town hall.



Old Cumberland Farms lot is sold

By Elizabeth Brogan

The lot and empty building at 287 Ocean House Road, locally known as “the old Cumbies,” has been sold to Dr. Jin Hwang, the dentist currently operating Gentle Family Dentistry at 4 Scott Dyer Road.

Cape Elizabeth Assessor Matthew Sturgis confirmed the sale of the property took place on March 9 with a purchase amount of \$275,000 noted on the deed and the buyer listed as “287 Route 77 LLC.” Sturgis said

he could not confirm the sale price because he had not yet seen the declaration of value (transfer tax form).

Dr. Hwang’s office manager, Cindi Russell, confirmed that Dr. Hwang was the buyer, and that he hoped to be able to move his current practice, in the building formerly occupied and still owned by Dr. Mark Dickinson, to the 287 Ocean House Road lot across the street, where parking will be

—see SOLD, page 2

School officials work to improve safety, communication procedures after events

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth school officials have been working to improve school security and communication procedures following a nine-day period in March that included a school intruder, lockdowns, a bomb scare, and confusion about a late-start day caused by an ice storm.

“Communication was clearly our greatest

challenge during the incidents of this week and last,” Superintendent Meredith Nadeau told parents in an email at the end of March. “While we are grateful for how well staff and students have responded to the events — and they have handled things remarkably well — we recognize that there are things we can do to improve.”

—see SCHOOLS, page 14

Spring training



Photo by Martha Agan

A bluebird on the fence at upper Lions Field signals the approach of spring — and ballgames.

Mainly Labs Studio to exhibit at library



Mainly Labs Studio paintings will be exhibited in the Stier Family Gallery at the Thomas Memorial Library during the month of April. Cape Elizabeth artist Jim Williams calls his bold, colorful images of Labrador retrievers “Lab Art.” Above is “The Mainly Lab.”



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Reader points out downside of curbside pickup

In a recent issue of the paper (The Cape Courier Feb. 12-Feb. 25 edition), Theresa Maher pleads for curbside pickup. Is she not aware that there are contractors around who will gladly provide curbside pickup for a fee?

A couple of reasons why so many of us prefer the transfer station alternative: First, if you drive through towns that have municipal pickup service, you can observe the ugliness of all those barrels, some of which have blown over and caused road hazards. Others have been successfully attacked by wildlife and spilled out. Second, and in response to the complaint of having to drag stuff, how about some of us who have long driveways and who would have to drag all that stuff to curbside on specific schedules? Third,

the traditional meet-and-greet aspect of the transfer station is good for town morale.

Today, if the weather is lousy, you don't have to schlep all the way down the hill (if you have one) to the curb and back up. You can load the car in the garage or wait for another day to go.

I agree that \$1.4 million is a bit much. There's no assurance that any layout will be 100 percent safe from the errant driver. The current solution in use eliminates the backing up but adds the dragging of stuff over in wheelbarrows.

I'm all for improvements when they make a lot of sense. Neither curbside pickup nor \$1.4 million expense are reasonable improvements.

Bob Tripler

Easter morning experience at convenience store prompts praise for grace under pressure

On Easter I was awoken early to the sounds of my delighted children finding that the Easter bunny had filled their baskets. As I struggled to process the early morning activity, I decided to run out and get a newspaper and coffee at our local Cumberland Farms.

Passing cars on their way to and from sunrise services, I wandered into Cumberland Farms to discover the store being manned by a lone employee. He was working hard to finish someone's breakfast sandwich order and to help the other four patrons in the store. Unfortunately, he also had to deal with a customer who was trying to make a last-minute purchase of four bouquets of flowers and was clearly stressed.

The Cumberland Farms employee was accommodating and respectful. However, the

same can't be said for the customer. After a few minutes of being yelled at, the employee simply moved the flowers to the side of the register, wished the customer a happy Easter, and asked him to leave the store. As the next customer in line, I was greeted with a "Good morning. Happy Easter," and a smile.

I applaud the Cumberland Farms employee for handling the situation with such grace and recognizing that he deserved respect from his customers.

To the last minute shopper who was rude, I hope that you eventually found the Easter spirit. And maybe the next time you stop in to Cumberland Farms you can thank their employees (and pay for the coconut water you walked out with).

Chris Mullen

Reader hopes more will share opinions about Hill Way proposal

I realize that The Courier did report on the proposed chiropractic/10 multi-family apartments/store complex to be built on the wooded property adjacent to the vacated Cumberland Farms. But now, months later, perhaps you could revisit this story.

The neighborhood across from this proposed project is in turmoil. Three of my wonderful neighbors have sold their homes because of this and five more will probably sell if this project is approved. Do the town's people really want this very busy complex built in a school zone? The proposed entrance is on Hill Way.

I feel the residents of Cape Elizabeth, and not just from the surrounding neighborhood, should voice their opinions and/or objections concerning this matter to the Cape Elizabeth Planning Board.

Jane McTheny

Editor's note: See story on page 1 and in the previous edition of The Courier, which was printed after receipt of this letter.

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ample.

The former convenience store building has been vacant since Cumberland Farms bought out a competing gas station and convenience store across the street, Freshies/On the Go, in 2013, and relocated to that site in 2014.

This proposal would be the second for the triangular piece of land between Ocean House and Scott Dyer roads and Hill Way in the town center. A chiropractic and acupuncture building with 10 townhouses has been proposed for a 2-acre site along Hill Way. (See story on page 1.)

Love to write?

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Cape Courier survey results offer valuable feedback and suggestions

In February, The Cape Courier offered readers an opportunity to participate in a survey included as a printed insert in the Feb. 12-Feb. 25 edition and also made available online. The survey closed on March 15 and results are now available to share.

"We were delighted to receive over 360 responses, which is 10 percent of all households in Cape Elizabeth," said Tim Case, a management consultant, husband of Courier publisher Kim Case, and Courier volunteer who compiled the survey.

Our pool of respondents included seven in the 25 to 34 age group; 27 in the 35 to 44 age group; 71 in the 45 to 54 age group; 74 in the 55 to 64 age group; 90 in the 65 to 74 age group; and 83 in the 75 and older group. There was no representation at all in the younger than 25 age group.

Women submitted 75 percent of the responses.

Of 366 readers who responded, almost

all reported reading every edition of the newspaper, many reading each newspaper in-depth for over an hour (30 percent) and most typically spending at least 30 minutes.

The most often-read sections of the paper were revealed as town news and cover stories (97 percent); events (88 percent); letters (84 percent); police log (82 percent); nature (79 percent); schools (78 percent); travel photos (77 percent); and sports (66 percent). Respondents appreciated stories about the library and planned transfer station renovations, schools, the proposed cell tower, the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club and elections, although a diverse list of topics (600 in all) were mentioned in response to the request for the three most important topics covered by The Courier in recent memory.

Many respondents offered suggestions for stories and information they would like to see more often in The Cape Courier, including more in-depth reporting of town govern-

ment, school and financial issues. Others would like more "feel good" stories, features about residents and more news about senior issues and activities. Many others love the paper as it is.

Most respondents (97 percent) reported getting their news about Cape Elizabeth primarily from their mailbox copy of The Cape Courier - although "talking with neighbors" remains a robust source of information (17 percent using it as a primary news source and 70 percent as an occasional source). Many (33 percent), at least occasionally, picked up The Courier at another location as well, and about half, at least occasionally, read The Courier online. (Note: This question was part of the online survey only.)

All but nine of the 357 readers who responded to our question about keeping or eliminating the paper edition of the newspaper wanted to keep The Cape Courier on paper.

These survey results are valuable to all of us at The Cape Courier and we hope the feedback keeps coming in. Although the survey is now closed, we always look forward to hearing from our readers—including those under the age of 25! We greatly appreciate those who took the time to participate in our survey.

Many respondents also sent in voluntary subscription payments and other contributions, for which we are grateful. These contributions and our advertisers allow us to continue providing each household in Cape Elizabeth with a free newspaper. We hope you will continue to support our advertisers and this newspaper.

Finally, a sincere thank you is given to Pam Torre, who volunteered her time to do all of the data entry for the 266 paper responses received. A prompt reporting of these survey results would not have been possible without your work, Pam!

- Elizabeth Brogan

Ian Anderson sworn in as harbormaster

Cape Elizabeth's new harbormaster, Ian Anderson, was sworn in March 29. The appointment by Cape Elizabeth Police Chief Neil Williams followed a unanimous vote of the Town Council on March 14 to approve an interlocal agreement with Scarborough to begin sharing harbormaster services.

The annual cost to the town will be \$5,500 for approximately 155 hours of service annually, including weekly checks of moorings for 28 weeks during the year. The new harbormaster will have two boats available. Boat fuel and maintenance for the Scarborough harbormaster boat will be included in the cost. The town previously paid \$4,000 for a part-time harbormaster who had no boat.

"We're going from a 1950s-style approach to a 2000s approach," Town Manager Michael McGovern said at the March

14 hearing. "We'll have a harbormaster who is a sworn police officer, has been also a marine patrol officer for the state of Maine ... I think it's a real opportunity to improve the level of service that we're providing to both the commercial interests as well as to recreational interests."

Billing and administration of mooring permits will be handled by Cape Elizabeth public safety staff.

Mooring holders and other concerned residents had an opportunity to meet with Anderson at a meeting held March 23.

It is a goal of the Town Council to share services with neighboring towns whenever possible. Cape Elizabeth already shares the assessing services of Mathew Sturgis and school food services with Scarborough, and police dispatching and animal control services with Portland and South Portland.

Recycling Center will open for yard waste and recycling on four Sundays this spring

The refuse-disposal area of the Recycling Center will be open for leaf, yard waste and recyclables on four Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 17 through May 8. Household refuse normally destined for the transfer sta-

tion compactor will not be accepted on these dates and fees will be assessed on applicable items.

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Hill Way proposal

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which the couple plan to preserve and another small lot, to remain undeveloped, next to an existing red barn that is not owned by the Myerowitzes. The remaining 1.3-acre wooded lot, facing the neighborhood along Hill Way, Philip Road and Rand Road, is proposed as the building site.

The application was deemed complete by the Planning Board. A site walk was held March 19 and a public hearing set for April 25.

Amber and Zev Myerowitz said they were “inspired by the owners of our current build-

ing at 2 Davis Point Lane,” a mixed commercial-residential unit with four overhead apartments, one in which the Myerowitzes now live. The couple find living where they work convenient and would like to continue the arrangement. They plan to make one of the proposed apartments on Hill Way their home. “Over the last few years we have noticed how few apartment rentals there are in Cape Elizabeth and felt that a building similar to our current location would be very successful.”

The Hill Way property has been zoned for commercial development since at least 1995 and is part of the 44 acres designated as the town center.

The Myerowitzes say their proposed development “is designed to exactly meet the acceptable use description in the Cape Elizabeth town center zoning ordinance.”

The couple also say that their architects (WBRC Architects/Engineers) have designed buildings to fit in with “local aesthetics and design cues.” Two-thirds of the bottom floor are below grade, so that only the top two stories are fully visible from the road, making the building lower than the maximum allowed height. The plan also will “meet or exceed” buffering standards and preserve existing trees as much as possible, say the couple.

The couple’s practice currently sees “roughly six to eight patients per hour,” which they say is “considered a very light use.” Even with an eventual new dental practice on the site of the former Cumberland Farms building, the couple be-

lieves the combined traffic from the two new health care practices would be “well below the traffic generated by the former Cumberland Farms gas station.”

“While we understand there will always be concern with change, the community needs to be aware that we have done our due diligence,” the Myerowitzes say. “Every inch of the development conforms to town center zoning standards and we meet or exceed all rules and regulations.”

Neighbors react

But residents living on Hill Way and the surrounding residential neighborhood are concerned. Letters to the Planning Board include the following:

“This surely is not what would be best for our hamlet,” wrote Kimberly Carlisle of Philip Road, citing aesthetic and safety concerns. “I am fearful Cape is losing its core strength of small town safe community which is intrinsic to the high quality of life of our town.”

Jennifer Pollick of Philip Road predicted an “increase in traffic in a school zone” that “would be horrible and unsafe for our children,” and would have an adverse effect on property values. “We fell in love with Cape Elizabeth because of its proximity to Portland and because of its small town, rural feel.”

Carol Dayn of Hill Way worried that residents of the four homes on her short street would soon be facing an illuminated parking lot full of cars.

Erin Meuse, also of Hill Way, wrote that she would be putting her house up for sale, as many of her neighbors had already done, if the development went forward.

Jana Frank of Rand Road recommended that the new business be located “closer to the town center,” and that, at a minimum, a buffer of trees be maintained to obstruct the view of the buildings from Hill Way, with entrances and exits to the business located on Ocean House Road to alleviate traffic and safety concerns close to the schools.

Jane McTheny of Rand Road wrote that, given the site’s proximity to the schools, “the entire town should be able to decide this.” (See also letter from McTheny on page 2.)

Steve Bates and Debbie Andrews of Rand Road noted that the building application, “while legal and conforming, nevertheless appears to be tone deaf” to neighborhood concerns about overcrowding, traffic, loss of green space and property values, and “general community sentiment on rural preference and multi-unit non-preference.”

Town Council interplay

Town Council Chair Molly MacAuslan is watching the planning process closely.

“The [2007] comprehensive plan is way out of date,” MacAuslan said. “A lot of the things that have been stirred up result from the comprehensive plan being out of date.”

The current comprehensive plan includes two housing goals. The first goal is to promote more diverse housing to accommodate all age groups and household sizes, specifically by encouraging the development of multi-family housing units in mixed use buildings. The second housing goal is to increase the amount of affordable housing, both to improve the character of the community and to provide housing for those who work in and for the town.

A town center plan, approved by the council in 2014, also encourages mixed use development in the town center.

“We need to give people an opportunity to weigh in,” says MacAuslan, who looks forward to setting up the process for getting a new comprehensive plan.

Council goals for 2016 include the development of plans to improve the Hill Way area and pedestrian access to the town center, to beautify the town center, to review obstacles to businesses locating in the town center and to update the town’s comprehensive plan.

Infrastructure benefits

“Change is hard,” MacAuslan says. “It’s disruptive. It’s unknown.” But she also sees the improvements to the town center that will come with increased property valuation there.

A town center tax increment financing (TIF) district was approved by the state in 2015. Property in the town center currently has a total value of \$11.7 million, according to the town website. In Cape, TIF will allow any tax revenue collected on the increase in value of that property to be set aside to fund sidewalk and stormwater improvements and to be used as a “cash match” for grant funding. Any increase in property value in the TIF zone will be “sheltered” from state valuation and so will not reduce Cape’s state school subsidy or revenue sharing. Nor will it increase Cape’s share of the county tax, allowing 100 percent of newly generated town center tax dollars to stay in Cape Elizabeth.

The town center will get new sidewalks as part of any new development “but we’ll also get the TIF money,” said MacAuslan.



Zev and Amber Myerowitz

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More cases of tax fraud reported as April 19 filing deadline approaches

Reported by Debbie Butterworth COMPLAINTS

- 3-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about an IRS tax fraud complaint.
- 3-9 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area. Complainant advised that she was a victim of "caller ID spoofing." Wikipedia defines "caller ID spoofing" as the practice of causing the telephone network to indicate to the receiver of a call that the originator of the call is a station other than the true originating station.
- 3-9 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a report of juveniles smoking marijuana.
- 3-9 An officer met with a resident of the Woodland Road area who turned over a small bag of marijuana that was found on the sidewalk.
- 3-10 An officer met with a resident about an attempted IRS phone scam.
- 3-10 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about someone she had met on an online dating site. It appeared she had been scammed out of thousands of dollars.
- 3-11 An officer met with a subject who has control of his mother's financial accounts. He recently discovered that two boxes of checks had been ordered with his mother's name and account information and sent to an address out of state. One of the checks had been used. The account was closed.
- 3-11 An officer met with a representative of Two Lights State Park who showed the officer where a truck had driven over a stone wall, knocking it over and damaging a section of lawn.
- 3-12 An officer responded to a domestic disturbance in the Shore Road area.
- 3-12 An officer responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-13 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised that he had attempted to file his tax returns using Turbo Tax and was notified that a return had already been filed using the complainant's personal information.

- 3-15 Two officers responded to a residence in Brentwood area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-16 An officer met with a resident about an underage drinking concern.
- 3-16 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about harassment.
- 3-17 An officer responded to a residence in the Brentwood area for a well-being check.
- 3-17 Two officers responded to a residence in the Brentwood area for a reported domestic disturbance.
- 3-14 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for an unwanted person.
- 3-17 An officer responded to a residence in the Brentwood area for a well-being check.
- 3-18 An officer met with a representative of Fort Williams about the theft of a donation box and contents.
- 3-18 Two officers met with a resident of the Belfield Road area about a transient camp located on the property. Upon inspection, it was clear the camp was abandoned and had not been used recently.
- 3-18 An officer met with an employee of the transfer station about a found credit card and the owner was contacted.
- 3-18 Two officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the Mitchell Road area.
- 3-18 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about unauthorized use of the victim's debit card.
- 3-19 An officer met with a subject who reported that earlier in the week a green car with several dents, operated by a woman with red or brown hair, had stopped at a school bus stop to ask a student if they needed a ride.

SUMMONSES

- 3-8 Canton resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 3-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (39/25/zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$137
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- 3-9 Westport Island resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

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- 3-13 Hollis resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Shore Road, \$119
- 3-13 South Paris resident, possession of marijuana, Cottage Road
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- 3-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating without a license; violation of restrictions, Ocean House Road
- 3-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Scott Dyer Road
- 3-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespass, Scott Dyer Road
- 3-17 Windham resident, uninspected vehicle, Two Lights Road, \$133
- 3-17 Maryland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (49/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$137
- 3-18 Windham resident, failure to pay fine, Route 77
- 3-19 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Cragmere Road, \$133
- 3-19 Buxton resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-21 Biddeford resident, possession of marijuana, Route 77
- 3-21 Raymond resident, operating after license suspension, Scott Dyer Road
- 3-21 Portland resident, failure to produce

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JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 3-21 Brunswick resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road
- 3-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana

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- 3-14 Devon Antos, accident on Shore Road
- 3-19 Jack Siulinski, accident on Old Ocean House Road

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- 3-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespassing, Scott Dyer Road
- 3-19 Old Orchard Beach resident, outstanding warrant, Two Lights Road
- 3-21 Raymond resident, operating after license suspension, Scott Dyer Road

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- 3-9 Oakhurst Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-16 Wildwood Drive, fire alarm
- 3-17 Starboard Drive, investigation
- 3-18 Mitchell Road, fire alarm
- 3-19 Rocky Knoll, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-20 Brentwood Road, grass fire
- 3-20 Sawyer Road, investigation
- 3-21 Mitchell Road, power lines down

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Cape Elizabeth is holding its annual collection of supplies for the Animal Rescue League of Greater Portland.

The nonprofit organization rescues and

places animals for adoption. Pet food, toys, beds, towels and blankets can be dropped off through Wednesday, May 4, at the real estate office located at 295 Ocean House Road. Call 799-5000 for more information.

Cape Lions plan pancake breakfast on April 10

Cape Elizabeth Lions will be cooking pancakes, French toast and eggs for community members at a Cape Elizabeth Lions Club breakfast set for 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 10.

Lions also will serve sausage, coffee, tea and juice that morning at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler

roads. The cost is \$7, and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

The club plans another breakfast at the same time and place Sunday, May 8. Lions' meetings are held at 6:39 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, and the club always welcomes new members.

Contact John Ney at 767-2079 or jney@shslawfirm.com to join or for information.

Container gardens to be topic of May 4 talk

Carolyn Snell of Snell Family Farm in Buxton will present a talk about container gardens on Wednesday, May 4, in the community room at Thomas Memorial Library.

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club is orga-

nizing the talk, which will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Contact Tom Atwell at tomatwell@me.com for more information about the event or the club.

The deadline for the next Courier issue is Friday, April 8

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Sunday, April 10

Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Monday, April 11

Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall chamber

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

Fort Williams Advisory Commission

Site Visit, 5 p.m., Fort Williams Park

Thursday, April 14

Fort Williams Advisory Commission

Site Visit (rain date), 5 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Patriots' Day Holiday. town hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

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

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 Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

April 9, 10, 16 & 17, 12 p.m.

Town Council (live)

April 11, 7 p.m.

School Board (live)

April 12, 7 p.m.

Town Council replay

April 13 & 14, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

April 16, 9 a.m.

School Board replay

April 15 & 16, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

April 17, 9 a.m.

Proceeds from fundraiser, information meeting on April 11 to go to Relay for Life team

Cape Friends Fighting Cancer, a Relay for Life team comprised of 14 Cape Elizabeth residents, invite fellow residents to join the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer by becoming a member of the team, creating a new one, or attending a fundraiser and information night at Rudy's of the Cape on Monday, April 11.

Thirty percent of sales made from 3 to 9

p.m. that day at Rudy's will go to the American Cancer Society.

Contact Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Russell, senior director of Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society, at 232-0205 or ellen.russell@cancer.org or go to relay-for-life.org for more information about the event, the team, the programs and the mission of the American Cancer Society.

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Cape dog owners prepare to ‘scoop the poop’ during annual cleanup at Fort Williams



Photo by David Brenner

Dogs wait while their owners, from left, Bob Chiozzi, John Kane and Troy Jordan map out a plan to clean up the dog-walking area of Fort Williams Park at an “April Scoop” event.

The seventh annual April Scoop, when volunteers pick up trash and dog waste in the dog-walking area at Fort Williams Park, is planned from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, with a rain date scheduled the next day at the same time. Trash bags will be provided. Dogs will be welcome.

Volunteers can show up at any time during the morning. Headquarters will be on the path next to the maintenance building near the back of the fort.

In past years, as many as 45 volunteers

have shown up for the morning and gathered 20 bags of garbage, organizer Karen Brenner said.

“We greatly appreciate the town allowing for a dog area at the park,” Brenner said. “This is our chance to say ‘thank you.’ When we started this activity years ago, we thought we would just be picking up doggie waste. What we have found is there is a lot of trash left behind by humans.”

Contact Brenner at 233-2582 for more information.

April 29 Crescent Beach cleanup to include talk, cookies, lemonade on lawn at Inn by the Sea

The Inn by the Sea will host its annual beach cleanup at Crescent Beach at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, April 29. The inn will provide garbage bags and gloves.

Before the cleanup, Kurt Schoener, Crescent Beach State Park’s new manager, will give a short talk about the park and “about the importance of leaving nothing behind and preserving and protecting the dunes for

wildlife,” said Rauni Kew, the inn’s public relations and green program manager. All will be welcome at the talk.

After the cleanup, the inn will serve cookies and lemonade on the lawn.

Contact Rauni Kew at 799-3134 or rkew@innbythesea.com, or go to innbythesea.com for more information. The inn is located at 40 Bowery Beach Road.

Poets to read animal poems at April 23 event

In honor of National Poetry Month, Maine poets will read animal poems from a recently released anthology on Saturday, April 23, at the Local Buzz café and wine bar. Cape Elizabeth resident Marcia F. Brown and Portland resident Linda Aldrich will co-host the event, part of the Local Writers at the Local Buzz group’s free monthly reading series. The event will run from 4 to 5 p.m.

All of the poets who will read contributed to “The Wildest Peal, Contemporary Animal Poetry II,” published in 2015 by Moon Pie Press. The collection, which follows “Agreeable Friends,” a book of animal poems published in 2008 by Moon Pie Press,

includes works by more than 60 poets.

Poets who will read at the event include Carolyn Frost, John McVeigh, Pam Burr Smith, David Stankiewicz, Kevin Sweeney, Doug Woodsum, former Maine State Poet Laureate Betsy Sholl, and anthology editor and publisher Alice Persons.

Books will be for sale at the event. All proceeds from the sale will go to the non-profit Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals in Windham. The organization rescues and rehabilitates abused or neglected animals.

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

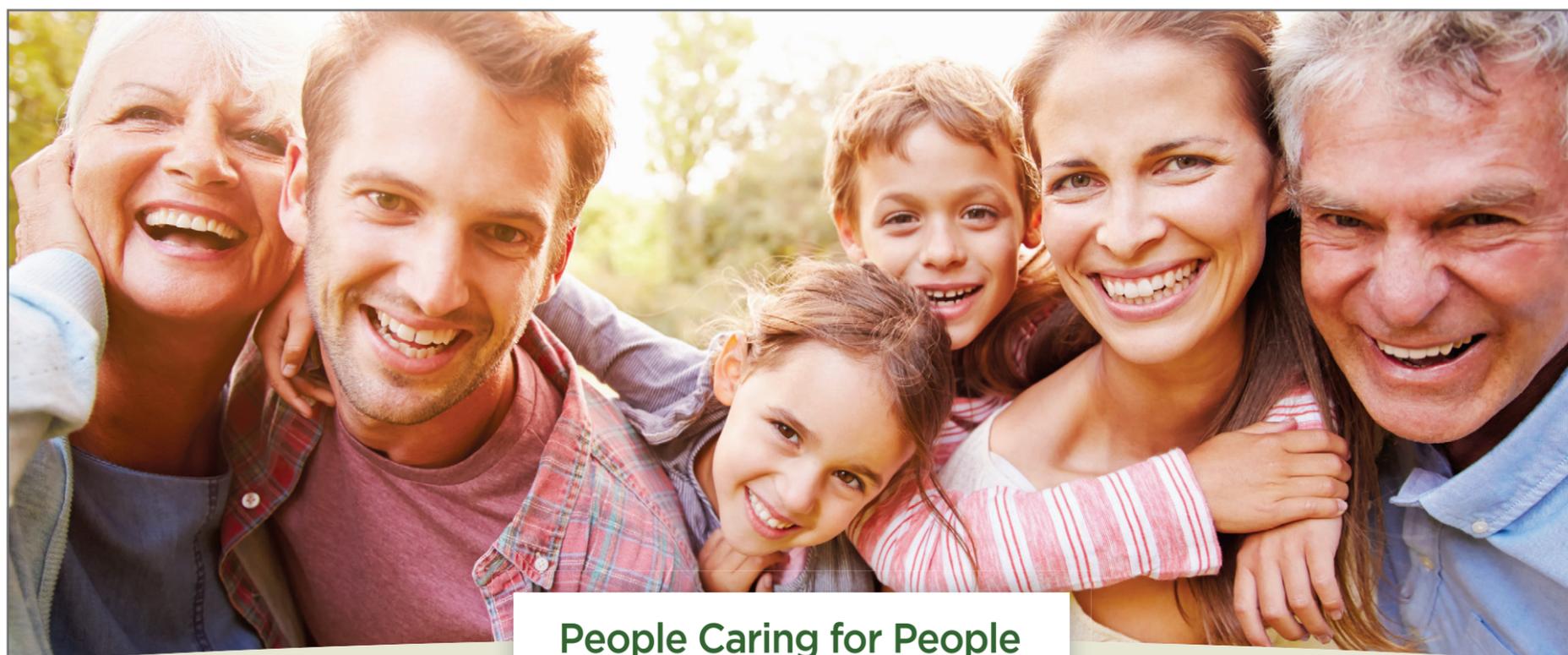


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Twelve Cape musicians to perform April 16 in USM Youth Ensembles instrumental concert

Twelve young Cape Elizabeth musicians will play Saturday, April 16, in the University of Southern Maine Youth Ensembles concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Cape Elizabeth High School violinists Katherine Hansen and Natalie Gale will perform with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra. CEHS student William Corsello will play euphonium and CEHS student Julie Derzawiec will play clarinet with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. CEHS trombonist Will Steidl and flutist Hazel Pine

will play with both groups.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students Sylvia Brock, Julia Mukai, Nora Piper, Zoe Preble and Vivian Sullivan and Pond Cove student Ellis Piper will perform with the Portland Young People's String Consort.

The suggested donation is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students, senior citizens, USM employees and alumni. The theater is on Myrtle Street.

Call 780-5555 or email larsenault@usm.maine.edu for information.

Thomas Campbell in 'Act One' at Good Theater

Cape Elizabeth resident Thomas Campbell has multiple roles in the Good Theater company's "Act One," which will run through May 1 at the St. Lawrence Center, 76 Congress St.

The show is based on an autobiography of American playwright and theater director Moss Hart. Good Theater is the first company to do "Act One" since its Broadway debut in 2014. Call 885-5883 or go to goodtheater.com for tickets.

Campbell also has a role in "Island Zero," a horror film written by Camden res-

ident Tess Gerritsen and directed by her son Josh Gerritsen. Filming recently wrapped in Camden and Rockport.

Campbell, a 2010 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, has won numerous film awards with his brother Peter Campbell, with whom he owns 8mufnz, a film production company.

A graduate of the University of Southern Maine's theater program, Campbell has appeared in theatrical and film productions in New England and New York, for which he has earned several acting honors.

Cape Elizabeth tenor to sing in May 7 concert

Cape Elizabeth tenor Eric Kawamoto, who sings with Renaissance Voices, will perform Saturday, May 7, when the 21-voice a cappella ensemble presents a spring concert, "Sing Care Away! Madrigals Old and New." The event is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 143 State Street, Portland. A reception is planned after the concert.

The ensemble will sing works by both

Renaissance and contemporary composers.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets, \$12, are available through Friday, May 6, at Starbird Music and Longfellow Books in Portland, the Book Review in Falmouth and online at renaissancevoices.net. Admission for students with identification will be \$5 at the door.

Go to the group's website, call 729-4958 or email ceviar@msn.com for information.



Photo courtesy of Maine State Ballet

Lily Mackenzie, left, and Faith Buckley, pictured at a March 29 rehearsal, are performing through April 17.

Cape juniors performing in ballet in Falmouth

Cape Elizabeth ballerinas Faith Buckley and Lily Mackenzie, juniors at Cape Elizabeth High School, are currently performing in the Maine State Ballet production, "Sleeping Beauty."

Performances, which run through Sunday, April 17, are at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 8; 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 9; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10; 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15; 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 16; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17.

Tickets – \$19 to \$25, with discounts for senior citizens and children – are for sale at mainestateballet.org or by calling 781-3587. The ballet company charges a \$5 processing fee for phone and box office orders but not for online purchases.

The Maine State Ballet Theater is located at 348 U.S. Route 1 in Falmouth. Go to the website for more information.

Foundation seeks nominations for annual award

The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation is accepting nominations for its 2016 Alumni Award, an annual honor saluting former Cape Elizabeth High School students who have achieved exceptional professional success and have made a positive impact in their communities.

Past recipients of the award, which CEEF established in 2013, include Olympic runner Joan Benoit Samuelson, Luke's

Lobster restaurant founder Luke Holden and musician Henry Kramer.

CEEF will present the award on Sunday, June 12, during the graduation ceremony for the CEHS class of 2016.

Go to ceef.us for nomination forms, which should be completed and emailed to info@ceef.us or mailed to CEEF, P.O. Box 6225, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 25.



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Buddy and Yogi among 36 rescue dogs adopted in past year through inn program

By Wendy Keeler

It has become something of a tradition for Oceanside, N.Y., residents Gayle and Sandi Catropa to drive away from the Inn by the Sea with extra cargo in the car.

A year ago, the couple left the inn after Memorial Day weekend with an unexpected 40-pound package: a purebred Plott hound they named "Buddy."

Six months later, they departed with an even heavier four-legged addition: a mixed-breed dog they named "Yogi."

Yogi and Buddy are among 36 dogs that inn guests, employees and Cape Elizabeth residents have adopted since last May when the inn launched a dog-fostering program in collaboration with the Animal Rescue League of Greater Portland.

"The Animal Rescue League regularly send us a dog, and we offer him a temporary home," said Rauni Kew, who manages public relations and the green program at the inn. "We love, walk, feed and play with the dogs, and this is their home until they are adopted. Some dogs have been with us for a couple of weeks, and others have been adopted in a day."

The program has been a boon for the Catropas, who had a dog and another cat when they adopted Yogi and Buddy in 2015.

"We are married and found love late in our lives, so children were out of the picture for us. We are honored to be rescue parents of five wonderful animals. Our days and nights are full of unconditional love and laughter," Gayle said.

The couple had been regular guests at the inn when coming to Maine to see Sandi's family, but they had never been told they could have a dog stay with them during their visit.

"We couldn't resist Buddy" when he stayed with them last May, Gayle said.

During a Thanksgiving visit to the inn, Yogi stayed with the couple, but they didn't adopt him at the time.

Sandi couldn't stop thinking about him,



Photo by Rauni Kew

Inn by the Sea Head Gardener Derrick Daly, with Front Desk Manager Anne Bolton, hugs Yogi before the Catropas adopted him.



Jeana Roth of the Animal Rescue League of Greater Portland drops off Buddy at the inn a year ago.

however.

"Sandi was devastated that we didn't adopt him, so as a surprise for Christmas I adopted him. We went back to the inn on December 4 and officially adopted him,"

—see FOSTER PROGRAM, page 13

Cape sixth-graders' senatorial day



Cape Elizabeth resident, Maine Sen. Rebecca Millett, welcomed Cape Elizabeth Middle School sixth-graders, left, Analise Gordon and, right, Kathryn Clay as honorary pages on March 22 in Augusta. The two, who spent the day on the floor of the Maine Senate, got to interact with legislators while performing duties such as delivering messages to senators and distributing amendments and supplements in the chamber. Students from third grade through high school are invited to serve when the Senate is in session. Call Millett at 287-1515 for more information.

Scarborough resident Molly McGuire was named February "Broker of the Month" for superior sales at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Cape Elizabeth.

Noah Wolfinger, a 2015 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. He is a member of the Gettysburg football team, the Bullets.



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Middle school hockey team wins Mariners Cup



The Cape Elizabeth Middle School hockey team proudly poses with the Mariners Cup after capturing the Southern Maine Middle School Hockey League championship on March 21 with a 10-3 victory over Lewiston. Team members are, from left, front, Gavin Simopoulos, Matthew Laughlin, Jack Pellechia, Thomas Rodda, Simon Algara, Aidan Coronite; middle, Jonas Moon, Egan Doherty, Graycen Hayes-Begley, Quinn Gordon; back, Benjamin Payson, Ryan Kirkey, Brett Hetrick, George Roy-Becker, Katharine Blackburn, Ann Guimond, Nicoletta Coupe and William Depke. The team had a 9-3 record in the regular season.

Senior basketball captains earn season honors



Cape Elizabeth High School seniors, from left, varsity basketball captains Justin Guerette, J Bottomley and Marcus Donnelly, pictured with head coach Jim Ray, recently received honors at the team's end-of-season banquet. Guerette, winner of the CEHS basketball boosters' Jim Spaulding Award for character, commitment and leadership, qualified for the Western Maine Conference Senior All-Star Game with Donnelly. Donnelly, Bottomley and senior Joe Inhorn made the Western Maine Conference All-Academic Team, and Bottomley was named to the McDonald's All-State, All-Academic team. Junior Quinn Hewitt and sophomore Finn Bowie made the WMC Class A second team. Bowie also received the Kevin Brady Award.

Travel team wins second straight league title



Members of Cape Elizabeth's seventh-grade boys' travel basketball team, who just finished their second straight undefeated season in the Cape Elizabeth Travel Basketball League, are, from left, front row, Dylan Hewitt, Quinn Morse, Hurray Hagos, Jake Tinsman, Chris Cloutier; back, coach Jerry McQueeney, Noah Pillsbury, Nate Clifford, Will Thornton, Nate Mullen, Will Altenburg, Finn McQueeney, Andrew Conley and coach Tom Cloutier.

Cape skier wins gold in Alpine championship



Tiernan Lathrop

Cape Elizabeth Middle School sixth-grader Tiernan Lathrop recently won gold at the 2016 United States Ski and Snowboard Association Francis Piche Invitational Championships at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, N.H. He is the first Maine boy in 13 years to win the under-12-year-old division at the championships.

The event brings together the top-ranked skiers from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the Southern Alpine Race Association, which includes Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

Lathrop's neighbor, fellow CEMS sixth-grader Cody Labonty, also qualified to represent Maine at the event.

Lathrop came in first in the giant slalom event and third in slalom.

Labonty came in seventh in giant slalom and fifth in slalom.

Registration now open for Cape Challenge 5K; race-training programs for kids begin April 28

The Cape Challenge 5K, a fundraiser for all three Cape Elizabeth schools, is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 5.

The annual event also includes an 8:30 a.m. "Fun Run" for children 8 years old and younger and a 9 a.m. one-mile dash for children 12 and younger. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Register for the event at capepcpa.org by going to "Cape Challenge."

Race-training programs for kindergartners through fifth-graders will begin April 28. Call 799-2868 or go to capecommunityservices.org to register.

Proceeds from the race, sponsored by Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture and OA Centers for Orthopedics, will help fund programs at all three schools. Organizers are seeking sponsors and volunteers.

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Library offers special vaca week programs



Danny Lion, a.k.a. Dan Flannery, will perform at a family concert on Saturday, April 23.

By Rachel Davis

With the exception of Creativity Lab and the Read to a Dog program, the library's regular schedule of children's programs will be suspended during the week of April 18 to 23. Instead, there will be three special programs for a variety of ages.

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals, who visited the library during April vacation last year, will return this year for a fun puppet show featuring Lindsay's huge full-body puppets. This all-ages show will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19 in the library's community room.

On Wednesday, April 20, from 9:30 – 11:30, kids ages 7 to 12 can attend a map-making workshop with Portland-based cartographer Molly Holmberg Brown (advance registration required). Brown conducted two very popular mapmaking workshops for adults last fall and will be back next month to lead another workshop for adults on Thursday, May 5.

Finally, on Saturday, April 23, at 10:30 a.m., Thomas Memorial Library favorite, Danny Lion, returns for a family concert for

little ones. Danny Lion, a.k.a. Dan Flannery, will travel here from his home in New York City to present a family concert for his many Cape Elizabeth fans. If you are unfamiliar with Danny Lion, check out the videos on the library's website — he is a truly special performer. As always, all the library's programs are free. Details and registration information for the map program can be found on the library's website.

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Chewonki presents Owls of Maine on April 21 at library

On Thursday, April 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the library will host Chewonki's Owls of Maine: Habits and Adaptations of Maine's Native Owls in an all-ages free event.

Three live owls are the highlights of this program, which introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England. Beginning with slides and sounds, participants will learn the identifying characteristics and calls of each owl. Then, using talons, wings and skulls, the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters will be explored.

This program ends with an intimate and detailed look at live owls, bringing these creatures of the night into the light.

Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium will be held April 26

The Zimpritch Poetry Symposium returns on Tuesday, April 26. Andrew Merton will be teaching a selection of students from Cape Elizabeth High School, and their works will be presented at 7 p.m. in the library's community room.

Merton is a journalist, essayist and poet whose works have appeared in publications such as Esquire, Ms. Magazine, The New York Times Magazine, Boston Magazine, and The Boston Globe. He is a professor emeritus of English at the University of New Hampshire. All are welcome at this evening event.

Author Jane Yolen at CEHS April 8; Cape AuthorFest 2016 set for April 9

By Rachel Davis

On Friday April 8 at 6:30 p.m. the high school will host a special event in conjunction with the library: An evening with Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple. Yolen is the award-winning author of over 300 books, among which are "Owl Moon," "The Devil's Arithmetic" and "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?" Her daughter, Heidi Stemple, also an accomplished writer, will join her for a discussion of their work, perhaps a reading or two, and a Q & A. Whether you are a child, parent, educator, writer, storyteller or a lover of children's literature, please join us for this very special evening!

Yolen and Stemple will also be joining us Saturday, April 9 for Cape Authorfest 2016, featuring more than 80 authors and illustrators from New England and beyond, with works for readers of all ages. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

Books will be available for purchase and signing through our sponsoring bookstore, Bull Moose, and author/illustrator talks and demos will be showcased. For more information visit: authorfest.cape.k12.me.us.

The library and Town Hall will be closed on Monday, April 18, for Patriots' Day.

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Cape couple gives grand gift to CEHS music department

By Wendy Keeler
Cape Elizabeth resident Greg Graves remembers all too well the state of the pianos he played when performing with junior high and high school bands. It wasn't pretty.

"It was always a pot luck kind of thing," Graves said. "You never knew what kind of shape the piano was going to be in."

Thanks to Graves and his wife Colleen, that is not the case for Cape Elizabeth High School musicians when they sit down to play the piano these days. Ever since the couple donated their Yamaha grand piano to the CEHS music department, students have known exactly what kind of shape the instrument will be in – pristine.

When Graves retired recently, he decided to upgrade his grand piano, which meant getting rid of his old one. Instead of selling it, he "contacted the school and asked them if they had an interest in a grand piano," Graves said. "I thought it would be nice



Photo by Joanne Lee

Cape Elizabeth resident Gregory Graves stands before the grand piano that he and his wife Colleen Graves recently donated to Cape Elizabeth High School. "What an incredible gift," CEHS chorus teacher and director Joanne Lee said.

to give it to the school because I have been aware of the strength of their music for years and I have enjoyed watching them perform." The timing was perfect.

"It just so happened that the piano they

had was held together by duct tape, they told me. They were trying to figure out how they were going to get funding to replace it. So it was really a win-win."

CEHS music teachers are delighted by the "incredible" donation, said CEHS chorus teacher and director Joanne Lee.

"This generous gift will benefit music students at CEHS for years to come," Lee said.

In March, Graves and his wife had the opportunity to hear their donated instrument at a CEHS concert. That felt good, Graves said.

"It's good knowing it has gone to people who are making good use of it and enjoying it."

Graves also just donated a drum set to the high school music department.

"I found a good home for two instruments I enjoyed a great deal, and that makes me very happy."

School district named 'one of best' in United States for music education

By Wendy Keeler

The Cape Elizabeth school district's music education program recently scored an A-plus. The district is one of 475 in the nation to be named to a list of "Best Communities for Music Education" by the nonprofit National Association of Music Merchants.

"The designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students," a press release from NAMM states. "Districts that have been recognized are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs."

When applying for the designation, music educators have to answer questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs.

Music teachers in the Cape Elizabeth schools are thrilled about the honor, said Caitlin Ramsey, who teaches instrumental music at Cape Elizabeth Middle School and applied for the designation on behalf of music teachers at the three Cape schools.

"We were extremely excited and honored to hear that the Cape schools had earned this national distinction," Ramsey said. "It is especially exciting since we are the only Maine school district that was recognized. This honor is not just a reflection of the music department and school department, but also highlights our incredibly supportive community. In Cape, music is not viewed as something extra, but rather as something that is vital to a well-rounded education."

Ramsey and her colleagues in Cape feel good about the status of music education in the district.

"We are most proud of our ability to collaborate and provide our students with a cohesive K-12 music curriculum. Although we are a small department of just 4.4 teachers, we have been able to cultivate music programming that serves almost 1,300 of the district's approximately 1,600 students," Ramsey said. "This year, we were especially proud that 76 Cape middle and high school students were selected to represent our community at regional and state music festivals."

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Foster program

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Gayle said.

Guests aren't the only people who become attached to the dogs.

"We do fall in love over and over, and it's

hard to say good bye to some, but we are all thrilled when the dogs find permanent loving homes," Kew said. "Some of the dogs have been 12 or 14 years old and some have minor physical restraints, but somehow they all manage to find someone passing through the inn who falls in loves and adopts them from the Animal Refuge League.

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Club provides 'dream vacations' for three kids



Cape Elizabeth Middle School Dream Factory Club members and advisors, pictured with rear row, middle, "dream vacation" recipient Gavin Valente, include, from left, front, Emma Halter, Josie Caton; middle, Abigail Homicz, Grace Gray, Ella Membrino, Sydney Roberts, Emma Wellins; rear, advisor Allison Caruso, Virginia Weiss, Katherine Blackburn, Annaliese Rudburg, Devan Newell and advisor Carolyn Flaherty. Bella O'Donovan, Jaya McClure, Izzy Nedwell, Mary Rose Buonaiuto, Pippa Huffard and Carmen Erickson are not pictured.

Thanks to students in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Dream Factory Club, who have raised \$2,716 in the past three years, three critically or chronically ill boys, aged 6, 8 and 12, have been able to take vacations with their families.

"The club members not only raised money for these children's dreams, but also made posters for the (families') sendoffs and arrivals to and from their dream (vacations), and sent them cards to share their support," parent advisor Carolyn Flaherty said. "They were so thoughtful, creative and full

of enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them participate not only at club meetings but in events with the 'Dream kids,' from an outing on Peaks Island with past Dream kids and their families to volunteering at a Haven's candy cane fundraiser and attending a gingerbread house building event."

The CEMS club is part of the national Dream Factory, an all-volunteer children's wish-granting organization in the United States.

Go to dreamfactoryinc.org for more information, or to donate.

Roman Catholic bishop to speak at luncheon

The most Rev. Robert P. Deeley, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon hosted by the Mercy Auxiliary planned at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 25, at the Purpoodock Club. The event is open to all.

The auxiliary's mission is to assist Mercy Hospital in Portland in reaching its strate-

gic goals by organizing fundraising events, helping staff the Mercy Hospital gift and flower shops with volunteers, and fostering good community relations.

Contact Kimberly Toppi at 879-3605 or toppik@emhs.org for information about attending the lunch. The club is located on 300 Spurwink Ave.

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CAPE CONNECTION

Pond Cove School

Tangible resources needed:

- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Legos, 10-by-10-inch Lego bases and containers are needed for a Lego wall the school is installing. Contact Tom Charltray at tcharlray@capeelizabethschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a new "publishing house." Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@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.

- 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.

Tangible resources needed:

- Gently used games are needed for student mentors to play during weekly games with their student partners. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Old-school typewriters for a student-driven learning program. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

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Schools

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Parents first complained about communication on March 16 when an intruder entered all three Cape Elizabeth schools, and Pond Cove Elementary and Cape Elizabeth Middle School went into lockdown.

For some parents, communication was also an issue on March 22 when Pond Cove and CEMS students had to be moved to and leave early from Cape Elizabeth High School after a bomb scare was called into the schools. Some parents also complained about not receiving alerts the morning of March 25, when schools in town had a two-hour weather delay.

Causes of communication issues

Several factors caused the communication issues, Nadeau said.

Some Time Warner email subscribers didn't receive notifications "in a timely manner as Time Warner has limits on the number of emails it will accept from a particular IP address," Nadeau said. Additionally, telephone numbers entered into the school district's online PowerSchool system without area codes did not receive phone calls or text messages. Finally, the School Department only sent alerts to a "primary contact" for each student instead of to both parents and the student, the superintendent said.

"We have taken steps to remedy" the issues, Nadeau reassured parents in her email.

The School Department will continue its practice of posting school delays and cancellations on the district home page and forwarding notifications to television channels 6, 8 and 13, and to NECN and Portland Radio Group stations. The district also posts updates to the Cape Elizabeth schools' Facebook page, but school officials hope to "provide a Twitter channel for district communications that parents will be able to subscribe to for real-time updates," Nadeau said.

The School Department is also working to improve internal communication.

"We are implementing a system that will provide for instantaneous communication across our campus in the event of an emergency ... allowing for communication with Community Services and the Thomas Memorial Library in addition to all schools, police, fire and emergency dispatch."

Complete and up-to-the-minute communication will not be possible all the time, however, Nadeau reminded parents in her email.

"We may not always be able to provide immediate information about the nature of the event, and those communications are reviewed with police and fire ... depending on the nature of the incident. For obvious reasons, full details may not be immediately provided, but we will send clarifying updates once we have clearance to do so," she said.

Building security

Parents also expressed concerns about building security after an intruder was able to enter all three schools on March 16.

Nadeau said she can't "make public the details of our security plan for obvious reasons," but reassured parents that all outside doors to the schools are locked throughout the school day, "with the exception of the high school main entrance," and "further restricting access to the high school is a topic currently under discussion."

Currently, visitors to all three buildings have to check in with front office staff, and security cameras monitor visitors upon entry, but Nadeau said, "we are exploring improvements to these areas," including a recommendation to install additional cameras.

Since the day the intruder entered the high school, Pond Cove and the middle school, maintenance and facilities staff and police have checked all exterior doorways, and "repairs have been made to identified areas of concern," Nadeau told parents. Moreover, "plans to regularly inspect all exterior doors are in place."

Biggest logistical challenge

The biggest logistical challenge for school officials on March 25, the day of the bomb scare, was "in managing parents and parent traffic at the high school," Nadeau said. "The understandable response of parents quickly overwhelmed our available resources, resulting in long wait times, traffic congestion, parking challenges and potential safety hazards."

Members of the Emergency Management Team are working with Cape Elizabeth police and fire officials on "plans for better controlling traffic access and alternative locations for parent pick up, she said.

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Siblings visit dad's native country



Cape Elizabeth resident Max Zimmermann holds *The Courier* beside his sister, Zabina, in front of zebras and springbok during a three-week trip to Randburg, South Africa, to visit their paternal grandparents Willi and Gisela Zimmermann. The two got to "see where Daddy (Rob Zimmermann) grew up," their mother Gaylin Zimmermann wrote in an email to *The Courier*: "We had the best vacation. We wish South Africa was not so far away!"

Jack and Luke go to Pinel Island



Cape Elizabeth resident Jack Schoenbaum, right, displays *The Courier* with his brother Luke on a recent trip to Pinel Island with their parents Mike and Monica Schoenbaum and their grandparents, Van Buren residents John and Noreen Pelletier. "Pinel Island is on the French side of St. Maarten, and they have an iguana park and an ice cream boat and a snorkeling trail. It was lots of fun and so beautiful," Monica wrote in an email to *The Courier*.

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