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Planning board looks to Great Pond access, condos & apartments

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is moving forward with plans to improve access to conservation land near Great Pond.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing April 24 on the land trust's plans to build trails on Great Pond Preserve II, a 23-acre parcel recently acquired by the land trust between Ocean House Road and existing conservation land surrounding the pond.

The board will decide whether the land trust's application for two wetland crossings is complete before taking public comment. The land trust is hoping for approval April 24 so it can enlist Cape Elizabeth eighth-grade students' help with construction during the Middle School's annual service days in late May.

If the board approves the application, however, it will not have a chance to visit the site, something board member Victoria Volent said she believes the board should always do. Carol Anne Jordan, board chair, added that she's often surprised by how much a visit can change a personal perception of an area.

Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said that if the board decides to table the application to its meeting May 16, it might be able to give the land trust an idea of whether the group can order materials needed in time for the planned construction days.

Maxwell Woods tabled

In other matters, the board on March 21 tabled Maxwell Woods, a 46-unit condo-

minium and apartment complex proposed for the vicinity of Spurwink Avenue and Aster Lane, to its meeting April 24.

Developer Joel Fitzpatrick is seeking approval under the town's open-space provisions, looking to preserve 46 percent of the 25-acre parcel as wooded trails, groomed lawn area and an agricultural conservation space that will allow the Maxwell family to continue some farming.

At the March 21 meeting, project engineer Owens McCullough submitted new designs for two apartment buildings to be included in the project, designs which board members found more to their liking than the gambrel styles submitted in February. "What you have is very traditional colonial-type building," McCullough said of the new design, with symmetrical fronts, a walk leading to the buildings from the street and shutters on either side of large windows to give the buildings character. "It's not that different dimensionally than a large colonial home," he said.

McCullough also submitted revised studies showing how nearby roads and intersections can absorb anticipated traffic from Maxwell Woods. He said the analyses, conducted by Diane Morabito of Maine Traffic Resources, assumes a mix of buyers, not just the 55-and-older market that Fitzpatrick is targeting, and includes traffic from

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A whale of a visitor to Cape Elizabeth



Istar, a life-sized whale will be making an appearance again this year at Cape Elizabeth Middle School's Festival of Curiosity. Children will be invited inside her to meet with whale specialists to discuss whale migration and other interesting facts about the whale. See the full story on page 7.

My Cape Elizabeth: Kelly Orzel, Bowery Beach Farm

When she was 15, Kelly Orzel got a job at a nursery and developed a love of all things green. "I liked making things grow, especially taking cuttings," said Orzel. After high school, she went to Rutgers University to study plant biotechnology, but realized research wasn't her true calling. Orzel completed her studies with a degree in math and became an actuarial analyst and then high school math teacher.

All the while, Orzel could not get the dream of working with plants out of her mind. "I knew research was not for me, and eventually I realized I wanted to spend my

time growing." So while teaching, Orzel went back to school to obtain a MS in Horticulture. Soon after, she moved from New Jersey to Cape Elizabeth, where she made her dream a reality. As the owner and operator of Bowery Beach Farm, she focuses on growing culinary and scented plants.

Orzel grows more than 30 different herbs and over 50 different varieties of scented geraniums, using only organic practices. "I love scented plants, and scented geraniums come in such a wide variety of scents and

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Photo by Kelly Orzel

Kelly Orzel in her greenhouse surrounded by her scented geraniums.

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Fool me twice...

Kudos for the "Destination vacation" article in the Cape Courier. Great April Fool's story! Certainly, no one in their right mind would turn The Cape into a mini Old Orchard Beach.

April 1st happens to be my birthday and I and appreciate a good April Fool's spoof as much as anyone. Can't wait for next year's effort.

Harold Zeliger

Was the article recently published, "Destination vacation" a joke or a real news story? (Vol.30 No.3)

I was up all night planning my rebuttal until my husband pointed out the reference to April 1st at the very end.

I take this issue so seriously I didn't imagine it could be written in jest, but I am now reading it in a whole new light and hope it is!

If so, Ms. Butterworth gets my vote as the best Local Fake News writer...she goes from #23 to #1 in a heartbeat.

I need to go calm down now.

Ellen Liss

Basketball raffle thank-you

The Annual CEMS Basketball Bonanza Raffle Committee greatly appreciates the generous support we received from our community. The raffle raised funds for the current 5th graders to attend Chewonki next year.

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Thank you to everyone who made this evening a success. Life can get very busy, but events like this remind us what a supportive community we are fortunate enough to call home.

The Basketball Bonanza Raffle Committee- Jill Abrahamsen, Ambika Beber and Nancy O'Sullivan

Ditch plastic bag liners in your recycling bins

As a follow-up to Tracy Floyd's recent article in *The Cape Courier* (Volume 30 Number 2, Mar. 15-28) about ecomaine's plastic bag ban, and as a member of the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee, I want to stress to readers the importance of avoiding using thin film plastic (i.e. trash liners, opaque garbage bags, the ubiquitous plastic shopping bag) to collect and contain recyclables.

We are lucky to have single sort recycling through ecomaine here in Cape Elizabeth—it makes everyone's lives easier...except ecomaine's. As revealed in the article, when these types of bags end up in our town's silver bullets they wreak havoc on ecomaine's sorting machinery, hence the reason for the ban.

What to use instead, you ask? Try lining your recycling bin with newspaper or a paper bag. Both of these materials are recyclable, which is a win-win for our partners at ecomaine and the environment. If you

don't have newspaper or paper bags readily on hand, then try not lining your bin at all. This will require occasional cleaning of your recycling bin, which can be mitigated by rinsing out your recyclables before placing them in the bin.

What to do with all that thin film plastic (including bread bags, produce bags, etc.)? Visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org to find drop off locations—Hannaford and Shaw's locations are a convenient place to start; Whole Foods, Target and Lowe's are other options for drop offs.

We need to help ecomaine, and ourselves, by keeping film plastic out of the silver bullets, not only because it's the right thing to do, but because it will help reduce the cost of our waste stream management.

As one of the community owners of ecomaine, we Cape Elizabeth residents need to work together to add REFUSE to the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Refuse to use thin film plastic bags to line your recycling bins!

Jennifer MacDonald
 Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Take Time

Take time to listen.....as the birds have started singing and their drab winter colors are starting to brighten

Take time to listen and when the air temperature is above 50 degrees you will hear the frogs and toads begin to court in tones of grunts

Take time to listen to what your children, parents or neighbors have learned today.

Take time to listen to the concerns of a friend.

Take time to read labels and not assume that all products are safe.

Take time to heal the planet and you will feel nature's renewal with the start of spring.

Take time to listen and the direction of the blowing wind will signal changes in the air mass and soon it will feel warm like spring!

Take time.

Martha Agan
 Cancer survivor

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Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Spurwink Church

By Marta Girouard



Photos courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Spurwink Church, pictured left circa 1895 and present-day on right, is the oldest public building in Cape Elizabeth and is in the National Registry of Historic Places. It was built in 1802 after several attempts were made to have a second meetinghouse in the southern area of town. Jonathan Mitchell donated one acre of land for a building and cemetery, and residents provided labor, timber, and supplies. During its first 168 years, the church did not have a bell. In September 1970, the town installed a 1,200 pound bell, originally presented to Cape Elizabeth in 1901 by George T. Cruft and hung in Town Hall as a fire alarm.

Spurwink Church has been renovated several times with major changes done in 1834 (a belfry was added and a vane that cost \$40) and in 1895, the present chandelier installed. The organ in use now was built before 1890 and donated in 1922 by Ida Brown. The town of Cape Elizabeth has owned Spurwink Church since 1957. The building is no longer used for regular church services, but can be rented out for weddings, memorial services, and other functions.

Orzel

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leaf shapes. I like that they can be used in floral arrangements to add that extra touch," Orzel said. Geraniums, technically called pelargoniums, can also be distilled into essential oils or used as a favoring in food.

Orzel started selling her plants at local farmers markets, but Bowery Beach Farm is now exclusively wholesale and mail-order. In the winter season, Orzel works as a freelance writer and photographer. She also travels mostly on the East Coast giving garden talks and demonstrations. Last year, an associate editor from Lyons Press attended one of her garden talks and started following her blog. Shortly after, Orzel received an email from her now editor and was invited to submit a book proposal on gardening. It was accepted and Orzel began a yearlong journey of writing and doing all of the photography for her first book, "The Backyard Gardener," released this month.

"This book is designed around crop rotation, making it easy for readers to implement that technique, as well as many other organic growing practices, into their garden," said Orzel. Essentially, it is a book for the everyday gardener. "I go beyond the traditional organic methods, diving into things like succession sowing, cover crops, intercropping, catch cropping, and a plethora of season extension tools." The final chapter guides gardeners through each season, discussing what is happening in the garden.

Orzel's favorite part of gardening is taking cuttings and harvesting herbs and scented geranium stems. "Everything smells so good; it's like having a delicious rich earthy perfume." Her long-term goals include expanding her garden speaking to the west coast, and writing more magazine pieces as well as a second book, which she is already thinking about.

"I would like to particularly focus on herbs, as that is where my heart is," said Orzel. "As far as the farm, I'd like to see my fresh cut herb

business grow and develop to blanket the Greater Portland Area in delicious, aromatic, organic herbs."

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Spurwink Rod & Gun Club can renew license for three years

The Spurwink Rod & Gun Club's license to operate its shooting range may be renewed for three years instead of one year, as the Town Council's Ordinance Committee writes new rules.

The club has had problems over the years with neighbors who had concerns about noise and safety. Last month, the club's license expired.

Councilors on the committee agree the club's license can be issued for a three-year period, rather than for a single year.

Club Public Information Officer Mark Mayone requested a license extension in late March, telling Town Planner Maureen

O'Meara and Councilors Caitlin Jordan, Kathy Ray and Chairwoman Patricia Grenon that no one has their home inspected every year.

"We don't ask homeowners to get a re-occupancy period every three years and there's a lot more accidents that happen at home than ever at a range," Mayone said. The council ultimately committee agreed with Mayone.

O'Meara said it is up to the club, like any other organization, to keep track of when its license to operate expires. She said it is not the town's obligation to send a reminder.

Database shows more than 4,000 properties unclaimed by Cape Elizabeth residents

The state of Maine has more than 4,000 unclaimed properties belonging to Cape Elizabeth residents.

The office of the state treasurer maintains a searchable database with millions of dollars worth of unclaimed properties. A search of the state database returned 4,100 records of properties reported as belonging to individuals with Cape Elizabeth addresses.

Unclaimed Property consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. It includes checking accounts, certificates of de-

posit, over payments, gift certificates, paid-up life insurance policies, unpaid wages, commissions, uncashed checks, death benefits, dividends, insurance payments, money orders, refunds, savings accounts, stocks and contents of safe deposit boxes.

Unclaimed Property does not include real estate, animals or vehicles.

For more information or to search for unclaimed properties, please see the state's unclaimed properties website, www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/index.html



Photo from website

The Spurwink Rod & Gun Club located at 1250 Sawyer Road, and online at <http://spurwinkrodandgunclub.com>

Rev. Ruth Morrison receives Mission Recognition Award



Contributed photo

Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church's Rev. Ruth Morrison received a Mission Recognition Award on March 26 from the United Methodist Women for all the work she has done for the church over the past 13 years. Rev. Morrison will be retiring in June after 45 years of serving churches in Portland, Saco, Goodwins Mills, Lewiston, and Cape Elizabeth. Ted Haider was also presented with a Mission Award for his work on the church newsletter, website, and social media. Kathie Hackett presented the awards.



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Local Writers to honor National Poetry Month

On Saturday, April 22, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Local Writers at The Local Buzz will present a special all-poetry program in honor of National Poetry Month. The afternoon event will feature a group reading by emerging poets including work created in a recent MWPA Workshop led by former Maine State Poet Laureate Betsy Sholl, dedicated to exploring "New Expressions in Poetry."

The April 22nd celebration will include readings by Gretchen Berg (Portland), Marcia Brown (Cape Elizabeth), Wendy Cannella (York), Deborah Crimmins (South Portland), Barbara Ryland (South Portland), Megan Shea (South Portland), Craig Sipe (Orrs Island), Bill Varner (South Berwick), and Betsy Whitman (Portland). The event will be hosted by poet Linda Aldrich with an introduction to the program by Betsy Sholl. Poets' books will be available for purchase at the event.

Now in its sixth year, the Local Writers at The Local Buzz reading series is Free and Open to the Public. Located at 327 Ocean House Road in Cape Elizabeth, The Local Buzz offers audience members a menu of teas and coffees, wine or cocktails and locally sourced food during the readings. More information at www.localbuzzcafe.com.

Oral histories focus of new Fort Williams Park exhibit

The Fort Williams Park Foundation, Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, and Thomas Memorial Library have partnered to offer a month of discovery to those who wish to explore the Park's 90 years as an Army post.

Throughout May, a multimedia exhibit showcases "Fort Williams: First Person," an oral history retrospective. A series of short films, created from an archive of interviews assembled over the last 18 months, forms the core of the installation. Photos, vintage postcards, artifacts, original 1920s-era film footage, and a timeline round out the Library's gallery space.

"History comes alive when recalled by those who lived it," said Janet Villiotte, Fort Williams Park Foundation's Education Coordinator. "One of our goals in developing educational opportunities around the Park was raising the profile of its pre-Park history."

She teamed up with Jim Rowe, amateur local historian and President of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, and together they conducted a series of interviews with 13 individuals. Firsthand recollections from the early 1930s through 1950s were recorded. Participants' connections to the Fort were many and varied, providing a unique perspective on what can best be described as a community. Cape Elizabeth High School students provided editing and production assistance.

Other features and events at the Library

Storage area theft, half-a-million dollar scam, car theft, tax fraud, power line down on Bowery Beach Road

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 3-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-13 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-14 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a theft from a storage building. A person who had been storing property there was believed to have been responsible and was contacted. Arrangements were made to return the property by the subject.
- 3-16 An officer responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-17 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding the theft of a 2017 Subaru. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Portland.
- 3-18 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-18 An officer met with a subject at a local business who reported the theft of an iPhone.
- 3-21 An officer met with a resident of the Kettle Cove area regarding a tax fraud complaint.

- 3-24 An officer responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area to serve a protection order and take possession of weapons per order of the paperwork.
- 3-25 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a scam phone call telling the resident that she had won half a million dollars but needed to wire \$1500 to a person in Singapore prior to receiving the prize money.
- 3-26 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-26 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a suspicious person complaint.

SUMMONSES

- 3-18 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-20 Old Orchard Beach resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-20 Bowdoin resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release
- 3-21 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road
- 3-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, theft, burglary Old Ocean House Road
- 3-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone), Shore Road, \$137
- 3-24 Greene resident, violation of conditions

- of release, operating after license suspension, suspended registration, Bayberry Lane
- 3-27 Yarmouth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$177

JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 3-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, obstructing report of a crime
- 3-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault

ARRESTS

- 3-20 Bowdoin resident, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release
- 3-21 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road
- 3-24 Greene resident, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, suspended registration, Bayberry Lane

FIRE CALLS

- 3-15 Manor Way, fire alarm
- 3-17 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-20 Bowery Beach Road, power line down
- 3-21 Hannaford Cove Road, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 18 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Planning

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neighboring Cottage Brook, which Fitzpatrick is also developing. "If anything, the models are conservative, so we feel very confident it was a good exercise to go through and we hope that it provides information the town needs," he said.

The project proposes to extend Aster Lane, part of the Cottage Brook development approved as Spuwink Woods in 2006, to Spurwink Avenue, providing a second access to both developments.

At the April meeting McCullough is ex-

pected to submit a new plan for landscaping to buffer Maxwell Woods and the condos at Cottage Brook. Board members said they may schedule a second "snow-free" site visit after reviewing the plan.

"We did learn a lesson - don't ever go for a site walk in a snow storm," said Jordan, referring to the board's first visit on Feb. 11. Assuming McCullough submits a buffering plan by April 24, Jordan said, "we should be without snow by then."



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Ralph Norris Award presented to students



Cape Elizabeth High School students Nathaniel Clay, Sean Raupe and Harry Baker were recently awarded the Ralph Norris Award. Director of Bands Tom Lizotte presented them with the award on behalf of the Music Department. The Ralph Norris award is given to the student or students who have demonstrated leadership and service to the jazz program. The students involved this year participate in multiple Cape Elizabeth jazz ensembles and are founders of the CEHS Music Production Club. Left to right; Nathaniel Clay, Tom Lizotte, Sean Raupe and Harry Baker.

Gold medal for jazz musicians at CEHS



Photo by Kim Gillies

The Cape Elizabeth High School Willie Maiden Combo won a gold medal for best jazz combo (second division). Two Cape Elizabeth students were among the five recognized as Outstanding Musicians: freshman Alex Hansen (piano) and senior Declan McCormick (bass). Left to right: Nathaniel Clay, Harry Baker, Sean Raupe, Christie Gillies, Declan McCormick, Alex Hansen

CEMS team takes Mariner Cup



The CEMS Roy Division team in the Southern Maine Middle School Hockey League, made up of 5th and 6th graders, took the Mariner Cup on March 20th in a 5-3 victory over Lewiston.

Back row: Brain Guthrie (Head Coach), Kenny Moon (Coach), Dave Palma (Coach) Middle row: Charlie Garvin, Sebastian Moon, Alex Thayer, Patrick Lee, Philip Coupe, Reilly Eavenson, Cade Blackburn (Coach)

Front row: David Palma, Dimitri Coupe, William Depke, Brody Glidden, Brendan Guthrie, Colin Blackburn, Parker Damon, Connor Goss, Nick Laughlin, Nate Patterson, Ben Altenburg. Missing: Luke Mello

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Sparking Curiosity at CEMS



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Students exploring a station at the last year's Festival of Curiosity.

On Friday, June 2, Cape Elizabeth Middle School will host The Festival of Curiosity, a full school day living, learning, experiential event focused on all things STEAM. Set inside the school and on school grounds, students will be guided through a maze of over 50 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math activities led by teachers, business leaders, community outreach educators and volunteers.

Expanding from last year's after school event to a full school day program, students will build water filters with engineering firm Woodard & Curran, create Binary coding bracelets with Sra. Dana, deconstruct electronic devices with Mr. Killip & Whaley, launch bottle rockets with Ms. Moniz and so much more!

The Festival of Curiosity's primary goal

is simple: to inspire the next generation by providing attendees with a plethora of exciting and fun activities intended to spark the imagination.

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Community Services classes keeping Cape fit



Photo by Martha Agan

Patty Medina keeps Cape Elizabeth residents moving through a multitude of Community Services classes. Here she is teaching "Water Works." In addition, she teaches evening "Dance Club- Ballroom" style in swing, latin, foxtrots and waltz. Medina said, "I have been told by many that it is so nice not have to go into Portland to take classes such as this." Medina also teaches specific classes for adults 55 and over called "Fit to Live" which once received the special population Governor's Fitness award. These include a "Fit to Live Yoga," modeled after Peggy Cappy's "Yoga for the Rest of Us" featured many times on PBS. This class is unique in a way that Yoga poses are assisted by a chair allowing participants to get the benefits of Yoga while not putting a lot of pressure on wrist or overly tight muscles. Medina said, "I am so happy to work at the Community Services and have such a wonderful facility to offer classes."

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Above, a pair of Canada geese. Their wingspans can reach 6 feet, and they can live up to 24 years. Below, geese migrate north, returning to the area after a winter away.



Photo by Laurie de Paolo

An intrepid surfer makes the most of cold surf recently in Pond Cove.



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A bluebird and a red-bellied woodpecker make the most of a spring feast.

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“Antiques Roadshow” Cape Elizabeth style



A 19th century Japanese traveling lap desk. The quality and detail suggests that the item probably belonged to a wealthy family. The owner came into possession of the item via her father's estate. Family lore is that on her father's side there was an ancestor, Uncle Jack, who was a pirate that sailed the high seas and brought home many treasures, and this may have been one of them.



A Bagatelle game that is an Underwood family heirloom and once owned by John T. Underwood, who invented the typewriter. Bagatelle is an indoor table game, the object of which is to get a number of balls past wooden pins into holes that are guarded by wooden pegs.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society Vice President Jack Boyce had his work cut out for him on April 3, as the Historical Society hosted its “Cape Elizabeth Antiques Roadshow” that evening.

Residents who attended brought with them a variety of unique and interesting items, including 17th to 19th century paintings, baseball memorabilia and Revolutionary War era rifles, just to name a few.

Boyce has spent an entire career

buying, selling and appraising antiques and went around the room giving an opinion on what the value of each item might be today in the retail antique market.

The event was modeled after “Antiques Roadshow,” an American TV program broadcast on PBS. The series features local antiques owners who bring in items to be appraised by experts. Based on the original British Antiques Roadshow – which premiered in 1979 – the American version first aired in 1997.

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Phoebe Caton, Noah Abbot, Ander Erickson, Eli Beber, Brandon Oakley and Clark Abrahamsen won the State K-6 novice section. This is the second time in a row for Capers.

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Interim Superintendent Howard Colter to continue in Cape Elizabeth School District through 2017-18 school year

The Cape Elizabeth School Board has announced that interim Superintendent Howard Colter will stay on another year.

After an exhaustive second search to replace Meredith Nadeau, who left after five years in June 2016, the School Board announced in a statement that they unanimously agreed that “the best choice at this point is no choice,” or at least to not choose someone new.

Colter retired from the Mount Desert Island Regional School System, took over as the interim superintendent for the 2016-17 school year, and has agreed to stay for the 2017-18 school year while the board continues the search.

The latest search began in January when the Advisory Screening Committee, made up of community members, parents, teachers, administrators and a few board members, reviewed and ranked applicants then sent their recommendations to the School Board.

The recommendations were reviewed and vetted by the School Board prior to holding interviews.

The Interview Committee, comprised of teachers, administrators, and the entire School Board, met with five candidates during the week of March 7. That group came to consensus around three candidates who warranted a second interview.

The following week, the School Board met with those three candidates for another round of intensive interviews.

“We had some very qualified candidates,” said Elizabeth Scifres, board chairwoman. “It wasn’t that they weren’t qualified or they weren’t experienced.”

Cape Elizabeth is considered one of the best school districts in Maine, with a high school that’s ranked No. 2 in the state.

At this point, despite thorough and exhaustive efforts from a variety of stakeholders, we have not yet found the best



Howard Colter will continue to serve as the interim superintendent of schools in Cape Elizabeth.

match for our community. To be clear, several of the candidates interviewed were strong contenders that were seriously considered. The role of Superintendent, however, demands a certain balance of experience, leadership and synergy that is custom to the needs of each school district. It is not a one-size-fits-all job,” wrote Elizabeth Scifres, board chairwoman, “We believe we should not settle for anything less than the right match, and will continue our pursuit of excellence on behalf of our students and staff.”

The School Board is grateful that Colter has agreed to stay on longer than the original one-year plan.

Scifres continued, “The board extends its deep gratitude to Howard, as his work in Cape Elizabeth has been nothing short of exemplary. With the issue of next year settled, the board will explore different search strategies and continue its pursuit of the right leader for Cape Elizabeth Schools.”

The Cape Elizabeth School District serves 1,611 students in its three schools with a \$24.3 million annual budget.

Senior-to-Senior “Thanks For the Memories” jazz concert

By Joey DeMarco



Photo by Matthew Galvin

CEHS senior Rose Punsky speaks to Cape Elizabeth senior citizens who came to listen to the music of their youth performed by students.

A different sort of jazz concert was held Tuesday, March 28, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria, as high school seniors met and conversed with senior citizens of the local Cape Elizabeth community. Many came to realize how valuable such an experience is.

“It’s fun to bring two different generations together and see what happens, you know? It’s always interesting to see what they have to say and compare it to what we have to say. It’s been a great night,” said Jack Misterovich, a high school senior who volunteered at the event.

While Jack and other volunteers like him merely had to sign a piece of paper in the high school lobby to help out at the event, the ones performing had to practice their pieces months in advance.

Yet, the uplifting response to the gathering remained the same for the performers. Sean Raupe, a senior trumpet player performing in the ensemble, said that he “found it to be an extremely rewarding experience,” and that “seeing the smiles on faces as they recognized tunes they had grown up listening to was wonderful.”

CEHPS hosts annual potluck dinner

Join Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society for their annual potluck dinner on Monday, May 1, 6 p.m. at St. Albans Episcopal Church. If you are not a member, this is a perfect time to become one. Bring a dish to share and join your friends and neighbors for a delicious meal. A short meeting will provide an update on future CEHPS plans. This is an exciting time for the Historical Society and they would love to have anyone interested be a part of it.

Annual scoop at Fort Williams Dog Park

Come join us on Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 (rain date is the next day), for our annual Fort Williams Dog Park Scoop in Cape Elizabeth. Dog owners and park lovers are invited to participate in an Earth Day event to show our appreciation and commitment to keeping the dog park area clean. Gloves and bags will be provided. Show up any time between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the upper field area to get started. For more information, contact Karen at kbrennel@maine.rr.com or (207) 233-2582.



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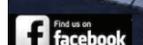
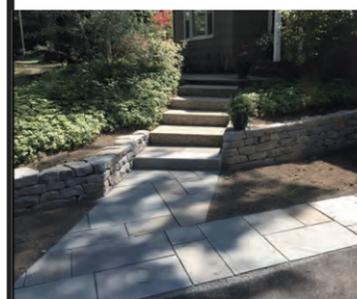
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Thomas Memorial Library offers documentary, discussion on race and justice, talk on ISIS, Holocaust survivor to speak, Irish music, and more

Watch Oscar-nominated documentary "13th" - Discussion of race and justice

The library will present a free screening of Ava DuVernay's documentary "13th" on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. The film presents an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality. On Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Leroy Rowe will present a talk and discussion on "Race and Justice in America." Dr. Rowe received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Missouri. His research and teaching interests focus on the social and political experiences of African Americans during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries with an emphasis on race, gender, and sexuality. Join Dr. Rowe as he discusses race and justice in America today.

Second talk on terrorism focuses on Maine

Cape Elizabeth resident Chet Lunner spoke at the library in February on "fake news" and the state of journalism today. He returns on Saturday, April 15 for a talk on terrorism as it relates to life here in Maine today. Lunner is a retired member of the federal Senior Executive Services and a former national news correspondent who served in senior positions in Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Department of Homeland Security. He was one of the key players who responded to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. This talk serves as a complement to the talk on global perspective on terrorism by Michael Kamorski on April 8, but it is not necessary to have attended that talk in order

to benefit from this one. The talk will take place on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

Nick Mills to discuss the rise of ISIS on Tuesday

In the 1980s Afghan insurgents were fighting the occupiers from the USSR, and the US was providing "clandestine" support to the mujaheddin. After 9/11, the US drove the Taliban from Afghanistan and became the new occupying power. The Taliban became the new mujaheddin and fought against US/NATO forces and the Afghan government, much as earlier insurgents had fought against the USSR. Fifteen years later the US is withdrawing, leaving behind a shaky Afghan government with the Taliban at the gates. History is about to repeat itself.

Why did our intervention fail? And what will become of Afghanistan? Author and former communications professor Nick Mills will address these questions in a free talk on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Holocaust survivor Kitty Penner to speak

Kitty Penner was rescued as a child from Nazi Germany, along with her sister and 48 other Jewish children by an American couple, Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus. This dramatic story is the subject of the book "Fifty Children," by Steve Pressman. Ms. Penner will discuss her experiences, with an emphasis on learning from the past to make sure this can never happen again. She believes we all have a role in keeping everyone welcome and safe. This presentation, in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Week, will also feature video footage compiled by

the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The program will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Library offers story times, plus programs for older kids during April vacation week

The library, along with other municipal departments, is closed on Monday, April 17 for Patriots Day, but there is plenty for kids to do at the library during the rest of April school vacation week. In fact, those programs begin with a Nature Writing Workshop for middle school students on the early release day of April 13 (advance registration is required). Regular story times for little ones will continue as usual, but school aged kids can also participate in an Upcycled Mini-Planter workshop on April 18, a drum-making workshop on April 19, and a drumming workshop on April 20. There will also be two martial arts workshops for younger and older kids on April 21, and a special Earth Day family event on April 22. All of the library's programs are free, but some programs require advance registration. Please stop by the library or visit the library's website for complete details and registration information.

Annual Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium set

A group of high school students will be working with poet Kathy Mangan on

Thursday, April 27 in the library's annual Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium. Mangan is Professor of English at McDaniel College in Maryland, where she has taught for more than three decades. Her poems have been published in some of the nation's most prestigious literary journals, and her work has been included in numerous anthologies. She will be joined by CEHS student poets in a public poetry reading on the evening of April 27 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Soundwaves Music Series continues with "The Press Gang"

Last month, a quintet of talented and dynamic blues musicians, led by Steve Bailey, took an appreciative audience on a musical journey through the history of the blues. This month, the library's new Soundwaves Music Series explores Irish music. When you hear an Irish tune, you can immediately identify it as Irish. Why is that? What are the unique elements of Irish music that give it its distinctive sound? What are the themes that infuse the lyrics of Irish music? Through discussion and performance, the acclaimed Irish music band "The Press Gang" will take listeners on a musical tour through the landscape of Irish music. The event will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the library's Community Room.



Irish music band "The Press Gang" will take audience members on a musical tour through the landscape of Irish music on April 22 from 2:30pm to 4 p.m. at Thomas Memorial Library.

Monthly Brunch & Learn April Topic: Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior



Workshop Details

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Time: 10:00 am
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April showers, warmer temps finally putting an end to winter



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Late snowstorms have caused local residents to wonder if spring would ever come, but with the recent turn in temperatures, precipitation has come in the form of snow-melting rains. More and more grass is being revealed, and perennial flowers are beginning to show their sprouts.

Spring Sundays: Refuse-disposal area will be open four Sundays beginning April 23

The refuse-disposal area of the Recycling Center will be open for leaf, yard wastes, and recyclables on four Sundays this spring. Hours will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Items normally destined for the Transfer Station compactor (household refuse) will not be accepted. Fees will be assessed on applicable items. For more information please contact Public Work, 207-799-4151.

Darcy is fast...



Darcy Cochran, left, of the CEHS indoor track team and the 2017 Class B 55m Hurdles Champion, was selected for the Western Maine Conference girls' first-team.

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Wednesday, April 12

Community Services Committee
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School Board Negotiations Committee
7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee
7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, April 17

Patriots Day Holiday.
Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

Thomas Memorial Library Committee,
6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Monday, April 24

Family Fun Day Volunteers
6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Planning Board
7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, April 25

Town Council Budget Workshop
7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

School Board Budget Presentation
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Friday, April 14 – Good Friday
6:00 p.m. Soup supper in Guptill Hall
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Drama, Easter vigil begins after worship service and continues until 6:00 a.m., Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Fort Williams Park
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir, ALS Interpreted
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Upcoming worship services for Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Services include a 6:30 p.m. children's program where they will gather to bake the bread for Holy Communion and will also learn about the significance of the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet. Service of Holy Communion begins at 7 p.m..

Good Friday on April 14 calls us to recall and honor the death of Jesus. All are invited to move into and out of this worship during these hours for whatever time you desire.

There will be several services on Good Friday: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. a service of readings, meditation, and music; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.— a time for prayer, reflection, and musical offerings; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — a traditional offering of prayer, scripture, and hymns.

The Easter Vigil on April 15th will begin at 7:25 p.m.. Join in rekindling the Easter fire at this living experience of the mysterious and joyful Resurrection, moving from the darkness of the tomb into the light of Easter. This is the night, the cantor sings. An experience for all ages!

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Munson makes Dean's List

Kayne Munson, graduate of the CEHS Class of 2014 and the son of Cape Elizabeth residents Craig and Dawn Munson, made the 2016 Fall-semester Dean's List at Villanova University in Villanova, PA. He also received an NROTC Commanding Officer's "Bravo-Zulu" letter of congratulations, for earning the highest GPA amongst his peers, and as a testament to his dedication and hard work. Munson is a junior and a NROTC Navy Midshipman 2nd Class, and is majoring in Biology with a Pre-Med emphasis.

Seasonal rule changes for off-leash dogs

Willard Beach

Dog off-leash, from May 1 to Sept. 30 are permitted only from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

No dogs permitted on beach 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Follow all posted rules and updates.

Crescent Beach and Kettle Cove

Pets are not allowed on the beach from April 1 to Sept. 30.



John Ogden Ridge named, in part, for favorite teacher



John Ogden Ridge, the son of Cape Elizabeth residents John Patrick Ridge and Christina Aspinall, was born Nov. 8 at Maine Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. John Ogden's middle name came from 3rd grade Cape Elizabeth teacher Ogden Williams. John and Christina both had Ogden Williams for a teacher and would like to thank Mr. Williams for being such an amazing teacher.

Max & Zabina Zimmermann befriend the Chief of the Xhosa Tribe



On a recent trip to South Africa to visit their paternal grandparents, Cape Elizabeth siblings, Max & Zabina Zimmermann, befriended Mthunzi Goxa the Chief of the Xhosa Tribe. He educated them on African culture, showed them some amazing African Dance, and even offered them the delicacy of Mopane Worms; Max & Zabina passed on the offer. It was "a really cool experience," said Max (8) shown here with Zabina (6) holding the Cape Courier with Chief Mthunzi.



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