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## A 'berry' great Strawberry Festival

By Marta Girouard



Photo by Kelly Orzel

Duncan and Reeve McLean enjoying a huge strawberry at the festival.



Photo by Kelly Orzel

Strawberry Festival attendees enjoy a tractor ride through the field, with painted faces of course.

The 9th Annual Strawberry Festival helped to kick off the strawberry harvest recently, which has had a slower start than usual after a cold and rainy spring.

The two-day event began on Friday, June 23 with a lobster bake and pig roast for around 250 people hosted at Shady Oak Farm. "The dinner is my favorite part of the weekend. It's a lot of work but a true old-fashioned community event," said Nick Tammaro, Cape Farm Alliance President.

"It's always wonderful to meet up with

people in your community," added Cape Elizabeth resident Kevin Doyle.

The festivities continued the next day at the Family Festival held at Maxwell's Strawberry Fields, where attendees enjoyed food, crafts, vendors, and music.

It was also opening day for pick your own strawberries around the corner on Route 77. With this year's strawberry season just underway, planning is already set to begin next month for next year's festival, which will be the tenth anniversary of the event.

### Planning board discusses definitions, tables request from Town Council

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Town Council is expected to consider a change in the town's open-space zoning rules that will ease a developer's current plan to include two acres of agricultural land in its required donation of open space.

The Planning Board on June 20 voted to recommend the change, which would allow any portion of property defined as "farmland" by state tax law to be eligible for donation. The current wording says the land must meet the requirements of the state definition, which puts farmland property at

five acres or larger.

Town Planner Maureen O'Meara acknowledged the timing of the amendment, being proposed by the Planning Board, is "both awkward and sensitive."

A week earlier, the Town Council conditionally accepted a donation of eight acres of open space from Joel Fitzpatrick, who is developing the 46-unit "Maxwell Woods" condominium and apartment complex off of Spurwink Avenue. The donation meets the

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### Dynasty continues! CEHS Boys LAX are Maine State Champions



Photo by Michael Hoffers

Cape Elizabeth defeats Yamouth by a score of 16 to 7 to once again to win the Class B Boys Lacrosse Maine State Championship. This is the team's fourth title in five years, its 11th in the past 19 years, and 19th in the program's history. Cape Elizabeth looks to move up to Class A next spring, without the benefit of All-Americans Owen Thoreck, Connor Thoreck and Ben Ekedahl who have graduated, but any opponent that underestimates the Capers, does so at their own peril. Left to right above- Ben Ekedahl, Gavin Spidle, Owen Thoreck, Connor Thoreck, Peyton Weatherbie, Sam Price. See more photos on page 11.

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# The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones

Settling into the back of a worn but spotless cab, I offered the driver a bottle of water that I wouldn't be able to carry through security at D.C.'s National airport on my way back to Maine. He smiled broadly and thanked me for the drink because he was fasting for Ramadan. In just a few minutes of friendly banter, I learned his name was Taban and he had immigrated from Somalia 29 years ago, gotten his citizenship and put his five kids through college. I asked if he was worried about President Trump. "No, because everywhere you travel overseas, people love Americans and they know Trump does not speak for the majority of Americans," he said. Despite a travel ban aimed directly at his homeland, and a lifetime of hard labor in concrete work and cab-driving, Taban had the sunniest disposition imaginable and he waved away any notion that Trump was going to have a lasting negative impact. "America is strong and good," said Taban, "and the world knows this about us."

Taban's profoundly upbeat, long-term outlook rejuvenated my spirit and reminded me that positive action and attitude are the strongest response to the constant thrum of regressive policies and divisive rhetoric pulsing out of Washington. As we look forward to Independence Day, I'm grateful that a majority of Americans understand our greatest strength is cohesion through shared values and universal access to the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Taban's hard-earned achievement of the American dream reminded me that it is up to us to seize the better future we want for ourselves and for future generations, and it is up to us to defend the core principles of truth and justice and science and innovation that have helped make America the world's shining beacon of opportunity.

President Trump's reckless decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord moves us away from those core principles. A majority of Americans, including conservative CEOs, most of Trump's administration, the US Military, and Americans across the political, economic and cultural spectrum grasp the incontrovertible truth: renewable energy is homeland security, and we must urgently reduce our dependence on finite, polluting fossil fuels. With global population on its way to 9 billion by 2050, failure to solve this problem leads to one of two outcomes: the collapse of the fossil fuels we have become over-reliant upon, or, we make the earth inhospitable by saturating the atmosphere with pollution.

Thankfully there is a third path: the transition to a 100% renewable energy powered society as orderly and rapidly as possible, creating powerful economic and environmental benefits for everyone. This good news has parallels to the reality that the Stone Age did not end because we ran out of stones; it ended because we evolved as we have done since time immemorial.

In 1922 more than 120,000 Americans were employed in the harness-making industry for horses. By 1928, as the automobile rapidly gained transportation dominance, the harness-making industry was basically extinct. Did we resuscitate harness-making to make American great again? No, we embraced the automobile industry and unleashed tremendous job and economic growth across the country. This is the trajectory of renewables despite unrelenting attacks by the fossil fuel industry that wants to cling to the past.

Like my humble new Muslim friend Taban, Michael Bloomberg is another source of inspiration in troubled times. Immediately following news of Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, Bloomberg stepped in and pledged to personally contribute America's \$15 million share of funding to the United Nations, which will be used to help other countries reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the agreement. "Americans are not walking away

from the Paris Climate Agreement," said Bloomberg. "Just the opposite—we are forging ahead. Americans are leading from the bottom up and there is nothing Washington can do to stop us."

Bloomberg along with over 20 Fortune 500 companies, including Apple, eBay, Gap Inc., Google, Intel, Microsoft, and Nike, in addition to hundreds of small businesses, mayors, investors, and colleges and universities from across the U.S. or with significant operations in the U.S., have all signed a statement pledging to continue to meet carbon reduction obligations called for in the Paris Agreement, a new coalition called "We Are Still In."

In Somalia, the name Taban means "cheerful" and "sunny." When we're feeling beaten down by what we see in the world, let's remember smaller heroes like Taban and titans like Michael Bloomberg and follow their excellent examples of maintaining a positive outlook and taking positive action to create the better future we know our children deserve.

Phil Coupe

## Modernize ATC

We can all agree that airline flights are easier, less stressful, and all around better when planes are on time. No one likes to have their plans cancelled and no one wants to circle around in the sky wasting jet fuel and time while waiting because of air traffic. There's nothing we can do when weather is the issue, but fortunately, there is a solution when it's not -- we can modernize the air traffic control (ATC) system and bring it into the 21st Century.

ATC reform would replace radar with GPS technology. Government bureaucracy and red tape have slowed the progress of important upgrades like this for too long, and it's time to move forward. By switching to a user-funded nonprofit group to handle

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# Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Life-Saving Station

By Marta Girouard



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society



Photo by Marta Girouard

The United States Lighthouse Service, created in 1878, began the Two Lights life-saving station at Dyer Cove in December 1887. The officer-in-charge, the keeper, served year-round and his family joined him in the off-season. Six surfmen, primarily farmers and fisherman, lived at the station for ten months and returned to their usual occupations in the summertime, while local members remained on call. They were required to pass difficult tests of seamanship.

Surfmen did nightly patrols in two directions from the station especially in bad weather, and followed a weekly routine. Monday was beach apparatus, also called gun drill; Tuesday, surf boat drill; Wednesday, signals; Thursday, beach apparatus; Friday, practice resuscitation; Saturday, housekeeping and Sunday there was no training.

The men had one day off a week. The Life-Saving Service became the Coast Guard in January 1915 and maintained the Dyer Cove life-saving station until 1964, when operations were transferred to South Portland.

Pictured in the past photo is the life-saving crew getting ready to launch the surf boat. This station was moved to Two Lights Road in 1951 near the entrance to the state park. As one can see from the present day photo, the owner has exposed the original sign and one can still see the tower, which has been rebuilt on a different part of the station than where it was originally.

## Letter

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the navigation aspects of air traffic control -- the burden on taxpayers will also lessen.

This reform doesn't need to be about which political party you belong to -- it's something that can be fixed right now with support from citizens on both sides of the aisle. We are seeing a lot of gridlock in Washington and Augusta right now, but this is an idea that everyone should be able to

get behind. There is a Facebook page called "Citizens for On Time Flights - Maine" where people who are interested can get more information and updates on what is happening. Let's work together to make air travel work for everyone! Fewer delays! Fewer cancellations! Shorter flights!

Cara McCormick

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## Courier welcomes two new board members

The Cape Courier is pleased to welcome two new members to its board of directors. Roger Bishop and Lynn Harvey Blank will join other board members in offering guidance, direction and oversight to the publisher and editor of the independent community newspaper that recently celebrated its 30th year of publication.

Bishop comes to the Courier after a 40 year career in the corporate world with an emphasis on human resources and continues to work as a consultant. He moved to Cape Elizabeth 10 years ago and has been involved in a range of community activities, from Little League umpiring to his 2012 candidacy for the Maine Legislature as an independent. He and his wife Ginny have been married 44 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. He is involved in the Cape Elizabeth Community Garden which provides organic gardening opportunities to residents while providing fresh produce to our local food bank.

"Since becoming a resident of Cape Elizabeth I have been an avid reader of The Cape Courier. What attracted me most to the paper was the focus on community events and issues which were lacking in the other regional publications. Our community is one to be proud of, and the sharing of information is a critical means of dissemination of that spirit through the accomplishments of our residents," Bishop

said.

Blank and her husband Seth moved to Cape Elizabeth in 1992, where they live with their four children. She worked as a surgical nurse before becoming a full-time stay-at-home mom. She has served as a volunteer in the Cape schools, her local church, the Girl Scouts, the Wayside food program and the Ronald McDonald House.

"I decided to look to the Cape Courier for a new commitment to help share the enthusiasm that I have found in our beautiful town," Blank said. "It seems that everywhere I look, I find excellence and enthusiasm whether at the library, at Community Services, in the schools and at local businesses. It will be a privilege to help share the news."

Even as the media industry has faced unprecedented challenges and disruption in recent years, the Courier continues to be delivered free of charge to every household in Cape Elizabeth and can also be read on the Internet. We thank readers who have sent voluntary subscription payments that help offset rising operating costs. These contributions allow us to continue to pursue our mission of "fostering a sense of community by presenting news specific to Cape Elizabeth and its residents."

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## Join the Comprehensive Plan online discussion

The Cape Elizabeth Comprehensive Plan Committee invites public participation from Cape Elizabeth residents by joining its online forum. Each week a question will be posted and residents will have the opportunity to provide their input. Responses will be tabulated to help guide the development of the new plan. Please visit [https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2017/comp\\_plan\\_forum.html](https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2017/comp_plan_forum.html). In addition to online questions, the committee is working with a consultant to de-

velop a statistically significant telephone survey to be conducted later this year.

Comprehensive Town Plans are critical documents, which determine community goals and guide decision-making as related to public policy, housing, land use, schools, municipal services, and more. The State of Maine requires plans be updated every ten years. The Comp Plan Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month and encourages public attendance.

## Botany gone bad: invasive plants

By Andrea Southworth

My son loves to look at "Top 10" videos on YouTube. Bizarre sea creatures, crazy skateboard tricks, and worst liquid nitrogen accidents—you name it, "Top 10" entertainment abounds.

Unfortunately, Cape Elizabeth also has a "Top 10" list—we have what I consider to be the Top 10 Invasive Plants, and it's not good. Like a scene from Little Shop of Horrors, invasive plants are taking over and wreaking havoc. Invasive plants aren't supposed to be here; most were introduced from other countries as desirable ornamental plants. As the name implies, Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) is from Europe. It was widely used in this country as a replacement shade and street tree after Dutch elm disease wiped out the American elm. Winged euonymus or burning bush (*Euonymus fortunei*) is from Asia. Its leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall and it has a nice rounded habit. Although appealing horticulturally, these plants are horrendous for the environment. Norway maple out-competes our native sugar maple and inhibits the growth of other plants by releasing chemicals from its roots. Winged euonymus can grow in sun or shade and can take over the entire understory of forests.

Remember that cute wreath you saw last fall made out of vines with yellow-skinned red berries (botanically capsules)? That's another attractive but deadly invasive—Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*). Like other invasives, Oriental bittersweet produces myriad flowers which turn into myriad fruit and seeds. The fruit are eaten by birds and the seeds are deposited. The seeds germinate easily, the plants grow quickly, and before you know it, the vines have climbed your 70-foot tree and have swallowed it whole. Not only will the vines block sunlight from the leaves of the "host" tree, but the vines can strangle trees and cause them to topple from the extra weight. But Oriental bittersweet doesn't need your tree. It's perfectly content to mound upon itself to create a dense thicket.

Without a doubt, you've seen Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*). It resembles bamboo and grows especially in wet areas along creeks and ditches. Like other invasives, it produces millions of flowers, fruit, and seeds, but it thrives using another dastardly trait—it regenerates easily from stem and root (rhizome) fragments. That's right—mow this beast or try to dig it up and any pieces left behind can root and grow new stems. When flooding occurs, small fragments of Japanese knotweed are deposited downstream and quickly overtake native plants, the plants that were food and shelter sources for birds, frogs, turtles, and insects.

The effects of invasive plants on wildlife aren't readily apparent—it's much more insidious. The aptly named black swallowwort (*Cynanchum louiseae*) is a perennial herbaceous vine that crowds-out native milkweed species that monarch butterfly larvae use as a food source, thus disrupting the monarch's food chain and the entire food web to which monarchs are connected. To make matters worse, monarch butterfly larvae that ingest black swallowwort die. Some bird species build nests in invasive thickets, but research

has shown that those nests have higher rates of predation by egg-eating snakes, etc. Night foraging by rodents is completely altered by invasive plants. Dense cover and abundant food mean that mice, voles, and shrews aren't distributing native plant seeds, and there is some evidence that invasive fruit and seeds provide little to no food value, thus leading to declines in animal fitness and longevity. But not all animals are negatively impacted by invasive plants. Our friend, the Lyme disease-carrying deer tick just loves Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*). Scientists have recently discovered that Japanese barberry creates the perfect deer tick habitat. And since Japanese barberry produces millions of flowers, fruit, and seeds and is distributed by foraging birds, it grows everywhere.

Invasive plants are so tough and prolific that trying to control them is the real horror story. While warming temperatures and a changing climate are hurting our native plants, invasive plants are doing just great. Often, a multistep approach is needed to control invasives and includes measures that must be repeated for several (to many) growing seasons. Rounding out my Top 10 list, seedlings of multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), autumn olive (*Eleagnus umbellata*), and common privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*) can be pulled by hand, however it is crucial to time the removal of larger (and therefore older) plants before they produce fruit. Herbicide applications also have to be timed perfectly. Goats (eating machines!) have been used to control some invasive plants, but invasives like black swallowwort are poisonous to both men and beasts and also cannot be burned (noxious fumes). Known to grow through concrete, patches of Japanese knotweed can be cut and then covered with old carpeting—the carpet blocks sunlight and smothers the plants.

Although various control measures exist, all of our wonderful trails and natural areas in Cape Elizabeth have invasive plants... and so do our yards, our business properties, and yes, our school grounds. I even have them in my yard—yikes! Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*) has showy pink or white flowers and seeds itself everywhere. I suspected that it was invasive, but just recently found out that it is one of 33 invasive plants that will be prohibited for sale in Maine in 2018—obviously, it's a bad guy and I've got to get rid of it.

We can all do our part to reduce the spread of invasive plants. Fortunately, there are many people and organizations that can help. Visit the Casco Bay Invasive Species Network's website, [cascobayinvasives.org](http://cascobayinvasives.org) and find a wealth of information using Maine Natural Areas Program's Invasive Plants Fact Sheets, [www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive\\_plants/invfactsheets.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invfactsheets.htm). Also, stop by Thomas Memorial Library in July to see SMCC and MECA students' artwork on invasive plants in the Stier Family Gallery. The artwork was created with the purpose to inform people about invasive plants and the exhibit is supported by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. Botany may have gone bad with invasive plants, but it's time to make it right.

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## Artists' locations for 2017 Paint for Preservation Wet Paint Auction

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will hold its 10th annual Paint for Preservation Wet Paint Art Auction on Sunday, July 9, 2017. The event is widely recognized as one of Maine's premiere art auctions.

Prior to the auction, beginning on Friday and throughout the weekend, the public is welcome to view artists painting outdoors (en plein air) at designated locations chosen to highlight Cape Elizabeth's natural beauty. CELT has published a map and listing of the selected artists who will be painting at locations open to the public. The maps are available at many locations around town, as well as online at CELT's website ([www.capelandtrust.org/paint](http://www.capelandtrust.org/paint)) and on our Facebook page.

### The locations are:

- MJ Benson - Two Lights State Park
- Paul Bonneau - Spurwink River
- Ken DeWaard - Boathouse Cove
- Marsha H. Donahue - Trundy Point
- Cooper Dragonette - Crescent Beach
- Erin McGee Ferrell - Fort Williams
- Roy Germon - Fort Williams
- Lindsay Hancock - Old Farm Christmas Place
- Jill Hoy - Fort Williams
- Marguerite Lawler - Two Lights State Park
- Janet Ledoux - Kettle Cove
- Edgar Reims - Fort Williams
- Matthew Russ - Crescent Beach
- John Santoro - Town Farm
- Caleb Stone - Spurwink Church
- Janet Sutherland - Jordan Farm
- Michael E. Vermette - Kettle Cove
- Peter Yesis - Spurwink Marsh.

On Sunday evening, the newly created artwork will be auctioned live at a tented reception at a beautiful seaside estate overlooking Richmond Island.

Smaller works by the artists will also be sold as Mystery Boxes. Tickets have sold out each year, and can be obtained at the CELT office, by calling 207-767-6054, or online at [www.capelandtrust.org/paint](http://www.capelandtrust.org/paint).

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Saving Cape's Great Places initiative, which is committed to the permanent conservation and stewardship of lands cherished by the Cape Elizabeth community.

### About the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust permanently conserves and provides stewardship for lands cherished by the community—from shore lands to marshes, from farmlands to woodlands—for the education, use and enjoyment of these and future generations.

Founded in 1985, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust has permanently protected over 660 acres. Its most recent acquisition was an iconic 63.6 acre property, Robinson Woods II, along Shore Road.

CELT is a member of the Maine Farmland Trust, the Maine Land Trust Network, and the Land Trust Alliance. For more information, please visit [www.capelandtrust.org](http://www.capelandtrust.org) or call (207) 767-6054.

## TD Beach to Beacon Road Race looking for volunteers

The TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race is looking for volunteers for several key areas at this year's special 20th race on Saturday, Aug. 5 in Cape Elizabeth.

### Positions are most needed in the following areas:

- handing out the special 20th medals to runners at the finish
- parking and shuttle bus program
- recycling, composting and the bike corral
- the Kid's Fun Run on Friday evening (Aug. 4)
- Medical Tent

New and returning volunteers can sign up at [www.beach2beacon.org/VOLUNTEER](http://www.beach2beacon.org/VOLUNTEER).

Besides self-satisfaction in helping the world-renowned road race run smoothly, perks for volunteers this year include a special lapel pin designed like the finisher medals, a tech running shirt from Nike, and a special outdoor party at Fort Williams during race week just for volunteers, featuring food, music and prizes.

ing race week just for volunteers, featuring food, music and prizes.

"Our volunteers truly form the backbone of the TD Beach to Beacon, each and every year," said Volunteer Coordinator Maya Cohen. "This race just wouldn't be what it is without their dedication and efforts. And with this year being the special 20th running of the race, it's an extra special year for volunteers as we have a few new volunteer areas and a heightened level of excitement. We are hoping to attract new volunteers and making sure our past volunteers get signed up so they don't miss out. This is going to be a fun event all the way around."

One new responsibility for volunteers will be handing out special medals to runners in the finish line area on race morning, she said.

Another area of need is related to the race's sustainability efforts, she said. Following the

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Contributed photo

On June 9, Cape Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop 30 pitched their tents in the backyard of Kindred Living- Village Crossings. Scouts and residents shared a BBQ dinner and campfire s'mores, followed by a walk down the marsh boardwalk trail the next morning. Scouts presented for residents their outdoor skills and badges, as well as an improvised skit. It was a great adventure enjoyed by all. Everyone at Kindred Living - Village Crossings would like to extend their gratitude to Troop 30, Troop Leader AJ Dininno along with Cape Elizabeth Police Department Detective Mark Dorval for arranging this fun filled weekend.



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A TD Beach to Beacon medical tent volunteer helps an athlete on race day.



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## Thomas Memorial Library offers info on coming solar eclipse, piping plovers, fairy cooking, nature writing, martial arts, outdoor concert

### Learn about this year's historic solar eclipse

Astronomer Kevin Manning will present a special after-hours astronomy program on Wednesday, July 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. called "An All American Total Solar Eclipse." This exciting family program includes an indoor presentation, followed by time outdoors viewing celestial objects in the night sky through a powerful telescope, such as the rings of Saturn, craters on the Moon, etc., (weather permitting). In addition to currently lecturing across our nation, Kevin Manning has worked as a consultant with NASA, the Chandra X-Ray Observatory launched on the space shuttle with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and other ground-based observatories and with Brookhaven National Laboratory.

### Wildlife lecture series continues with piping plovers

Regional wildlife biologist Brad Zitske from Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife will discuss endangered piping plovers in Maine and efforts to protect them, including those right here in Cape Elizabeth. Join us for this month's entry in the Maine Wildlife Lecture Series to learn about this important species and what you can do to help. The talk will take place on Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### First outdoor summer concert of the season features Black Cat Road

Once again, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation is sponsoring a Summer Outdoor Concert Series at the library. The first concert will take place on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. with bluesy rock band Black Cat Road, featuring Steve "The Ice Man" Bailey, who, along with a few of his friends, presented a fabulous afternoon of live music and discussion about the blues in February of this year. Bring a picnic dinner, and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy this fantastically talented band (in case of rain, the concert will take place in the library's Community Room).

### Little ones can try out martial arts, adults can try Chi Gung

Three to five year olds are invited to join

Carol Meccas from Riverview Martial Arts in a fun introductory martial arts class. Participants should wear comfortable clothing. No experience necessary (please register in advance). Then, on Thursday, July 27, Meccas returns for an introductory workshop in Chi Gung Exercise for adults. Learn classic Kung Fu & Karate forms & postures for better body balance, energy flow and focus. If the weather is nice the program will take place outdoors under tents. (No registration is necessary for the Chi Gung program).

### Practice fairy cooking

Author and fairy expert Liza Gardner Walsh will return to teach fairy enthusiasts of all ages how to make treats and potions for the fairies! The program will take place on Friday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. No registration necessary.



Author and fairy expert Liza Gardner Walsh will teach how to cook for fairies.

### Families can try out nature writing together

Explore the great outdoors as a family! Back by popular demand, Laura Cowie and Kate Nicoll from Unwritten Roads will host a nature walk with experienced trail guide Karin Nicoll (Kate Nicoll's mother). Unwritten Roads will provide a field notebook and families will spend two hours outside

on the Greenbelt trail collecting specimens and marking their naturalistic findings.

The second half of the workshop will be held back at the library, where participants will complete their field notebooks with illustrations and collages and have the option to write original poems or stories using their findings for inspiration. Everyone will take their field notebooks home with them and are encouraged to keep using them throughout the summer. The workshop will take place on Saturday, July 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Advance registration required.

## Planning

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45-percent open-space requirement of open-space zoning, including a never-before-used agricultural easement on two of those acres.

Under the easement, owners William and Lois Bamford would retain ownership and still farm the acreage, which is part of the larger Maxwell Farm. But the easement would prevent the land from ever being used for anything other than agriculture.

Councilors on June 12 voted 6-1 to conditionally accept the open space, a first step in town approvals, but not without objection from residents who believe the agricultural land is too small to qualify as farmland under the state - and by reference the town's - definition.

"There is potentially a legal challenge that will be made," O'Meara told members of the Planning Board. "So if the town wants to try to keep its legal bills in check, regardless of how you feel about agricultural easements, it may be prudent to clarify how this definition is supposed to be applied."

During a public hearing at the Planning Board meeting June 20, Mitchell Road resident Becky Fernald said she believed the change deserves the same vetting the open-space provisions received when they were first adopted. "I know it was after many many months of community input, surveys, townwide committees - there was tremendous input into this ordinance," Fernald said. "Especial-

ly this one concerning open space, which is so vitally important to this community ... there needs to be a very thoughtful, deliberative process so that people can fully understand it," she said.

Planning Board members, however, said they believed the new language better states what the ordinance intends. "I don't see it as really changing it from 'x' to 'y', I see it as clarifying what we meant when we said 'x,' - and that is the term, 'farmland,'" said board member Peter Curry.

The reference to the state definition of farmland was drafted by the Future Open Space Preservation Committee, which met in 2011 and 2012 to develop mechanisms for the town to preserve open space. O'Meara said the committee tried but failed to come up with its own definition of farmland, so instead recommended the state's.

"As staff to the FOSP committee, I never heard anyone suggest when there was a recommendation to preserve farmland that there should be a minimum size to it," O'Meara said. "This amendment requires that whenever an agricultural easement is proposed, the easement has to come from a farm that meets the (state) farmland definition, but the easement itself can be a lesser amount," she said.

Maxwell Woods received preliminary approval from the Planning Board in May, and plans to return for final approval later this summer.

The recommendation to change the ordinance will likely go to the Town Council and its ordinance subcommittee in July, and then go back to the full council for approval in August.

If the council does not approve the change, or does not accept the agricultural easement, Fitzpatrick has said the two acres would be offered as simple open space with pedestrian access.

### Business zone tabled to workshop

In other matters, the Planning Board on June 20 tabled a request from the Town Council for a recommendation on a proposal from Bradley Pearson, owner of Pearson's Anything Goes, to rezone his parents' residential property on Fowler Road to accommodate the landscaping service.

Pearson's operated as an accessory use out of their home, near the intersection with Ocean House Road, until the younger Pearson moved it to South Portland to accommodate its growth. He is looking to move it back to Cape Elizabeth, where most of his customers are.

Board members, however, said they want to visit the property and discuss implications at their Aug. 1 workshop.

The site is next to a gravel pit owned by L.P. Murray and Sons, but the rest of the surrounding area is residential. The business zone Pearson is seeking would also accommodate nonresidential uses such as a fish and farm market, athletic or recreational facility, earthworks contractor's yard, wind energy system and a day camp. Pearson is asking that landscape

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## Bowery

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contractor's yard be added to the list. Mark Boyer, who lives closer to the road's intersection with Bowery Beach Road, said he is concerned about a potential increase in the number of heavy trucks already traveling to the gravel pit. "Beyond that, I'm also concerned (about) where this stops," he said. "Does it then start to build into Fowler becoming as close as Cape knows to an industrial area?"

Another neighbor, Edward Kelley, said he supports the rezoning as a way to support Cape business, and is a natural fit next to the gravel pit and the Shady Oak Farm across the road.

Board members, however, said they want to study the broader, long-term implications of allowing a landscaping contractor in this business zone and at this location. "On one hand I certainly appreciate the notion of helping local folks run their businesses," said board member Peter Curry. "At the same time this is clearly 'accommodation' zoning - granted, one parcel of land adjacent to a similar use - but nonetheless doing it for the benefit of one party," he said.

Victoria Volent, another board member, said she believes Pearson needs to demonstrate the business cannot reasonably be relocated to any other Cape location.

If the Town Council approves the zone change, Pearson would still need separate approval from the Planning Board for site improvements, which would include a traffic study unless that requirement is waived by the board.

### Cell-phone tower district recommended

The board was more favorable June 20 to a Town Council request for recommendation on a cell-phone tower proposed for a portion of the Jordan Farm on Wells Road.

Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC (Crown Castle) is looking to relocate its tower from the neighboring Strout property to accommodate antennas for Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile, said Steve Kennedy, engineer for the company. The lease on the current tower is set to expire in two years.

Company representatives presented photosimulations of how the proposed monopole tower, which would replace the current lattice structure, would appear from various views in town.

The town would continue to access the tower for public safety communications free of charge, said Paul Peckens, area program manager for Crown Castle.

The board voted 6-0 to recommend the Town Council approve the request for a cell-phone tower overlay district, with Carol Anne Jordan, part owner of the farm, recused.

An access road to the tower would be routed to avoid wetland areas.

## B2B

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2016 race, the TD Beach to Beacon became the first major U.S. road race to earn Evergreen Certification for, among other things, its comprehensive recycling program and success in reducing carbon emissions. Evergreen is the highest level attainable from the Council for Responsible Sport

"This program is more important than ever," Cohen said. "If anyone wants to know what they can do in their own back yard to fight climate change, then spending a few hours assisting in this program is a fantastic option."

Volunteers are needed to assist with recycling, composting and the bike corral, which makes it easy for participants to ride their bikes to the event.

Help is also needed in the shuttle bus program, which transports runners from and to satellite lots at the Hannaford corporate parking lot in Scarborough, SMCC in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth High School, as well as in the parking areas for runners near the start line.

"Parking and the shuttle buses is all about efficiency and the overall effort to reducing our carbon footprint," Cohen said. "Volunteers in these areas are making a huge difference."

The Kids Fun Run on Friday evening also needs volunteers. "To watch these kids run and compete, the smiles on their faces, it's pure joy," she said.

On Saturday, the Medical Tent is another area where volunteers are needed. Here, both licensed and non-licensed medical professionals are welcome, including doctors, nurses, EMTs, medical assistants and students in training, to assist runners dealing with any running related injuries such as heat, dehydration and other medical issues.

Spots for volunteers remain in many other areas as well, she said. "We've had a great response so far but we still need volunteers so we're encouraging new and previous volunteers to sign up soon, especially returning volunteers who have a favorite area," Cohen added.

The TD Beach to Beacon 10K needs a total of about 800 volunteers to ensure a smooth operation for the 6,500+ recreational runners and world-class athletes alike who will wind their way from Route 77 near Crescent Beach State Park to Fort Williams Park and the Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in the world.

A list of available jobs is available on the TD Beach to Beacon 10K website and is updated daily. Groups interested in volunteering together should contact Maya Cohen at cohemm@gmail.com.

Minors (under age 18) cannot register online and need to download an application from the website. Please call (207) 838-8816 or email cohemm@gmail.com with questions.

## Criminal threatening, trespassing, tippy table, dog bites three people at Ft. Williams, prepaid VISA card found, 55mph on Mitchell Rd costs \$260

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

### COMPLAINTS

- 6-7 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 6-8 An officer met with a resident of Portland regarding a possible criminal threatening complaint.
- 6-9 An officer received information regarding a DHHS referral and conducted the initial investigation regarding a possible child abuse case.
- 6-10 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a criminal threatening complaint.
- 6-11 An officer met with a resident who reported a defective picnic table at Fort Williams. Apparently when constructed, the legs were angled incorrectly and allows for the table to tip easily. The table was located and removed.
- 6-13 An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned over a prepaid VISA gift card found in the park.
- 6-13 An officer met with a resident of Shore Acres regarding a trespass complaint.
- 6-14 While on routine patrol, an officer found two orange ratchet straps on the roadway on Route 77 near Ramble Road.
- 6-14 An officer spoke with a resident regarding unauthorized withdrawals from a checking account.
- 6-15 An officer met with a resident of Falmouth who reported that when she arrived at a lacrosse game the previous evening, she pulled off to the side of the road by the high school and struck something. Upon investigating, she found a metal stake sticking out of the ground about 6 inches and it had punctured two tires.
- 6-15 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding damage to her vehicle from a minor hit and run accident.
- 6-15 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an assault complaint.
- 6-16 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an abandoned bicycle. The bike is described as a blue and silver mountain bike and is being held at the police station for safe keeping.
- 6-17 An officer met with three subjects at Fort Williams who had been bitten by a loose dog. The dog and owner were located.
- 6-18 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a motor vehicle burglary. Missing from the vehicle are a flashlight and bag of assorted hand tools.
- 6-18 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding an animal trespass complaint

### ACCIDENTS

- 6-13 Zachary Stover, Mohamed Madar, accident on Scott Dyer Road.

### SUMMONSES

- 6-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone), Fowler Road, \$137
- 6-7 Buxton resident, speeding (45/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 6-7 South Portland resident, speeding (45/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 6-8 South Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$70
- 6-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 6-9 West Paris resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 6-9 PA resident, uninspected vehicle
- 6-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (55/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$185
- 6-13 Portland resident, speeding (38/25 zone), Broad Cove, \$187
- 6-13 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Spurwink Road, \$133
- 6-13 South Portland resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 6-14 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Kettle Cove, \$133
- 6-14 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 6-18 Westbrook resident, operating without a license, Route 77
- 6-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of alcohol by consumption, Preble Street

### JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 6-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (55/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$263
- 6-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (42/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$137

### ARRESTS

- 6-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Olde Colony Lane

### FIRE CALLS

- 6-9 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 6-13 Scott Dyer Road, car accident
- 6-13 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 6-16 Oakhurst Road, fire alarm

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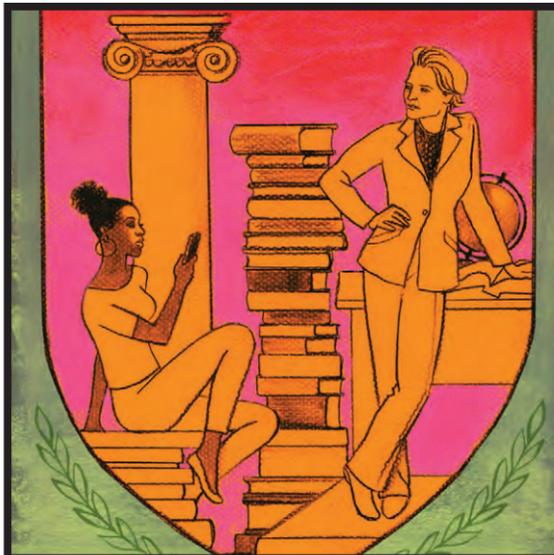
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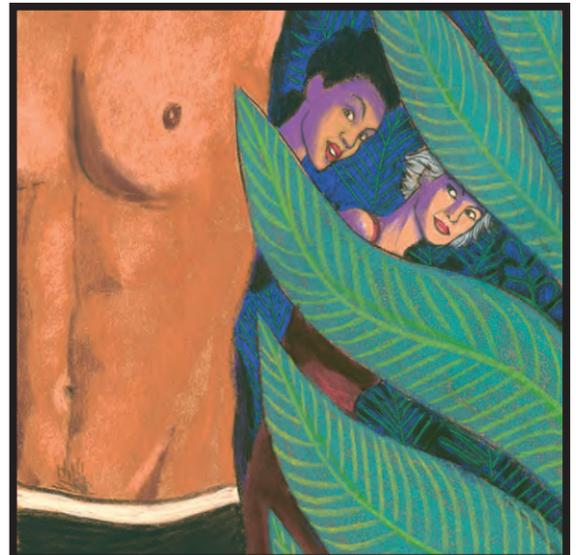
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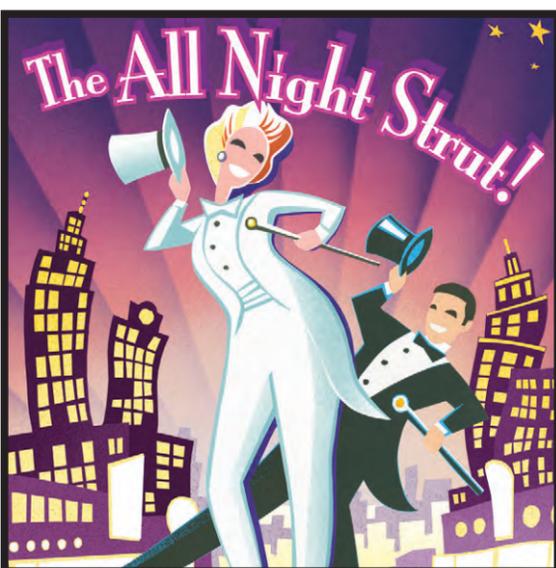
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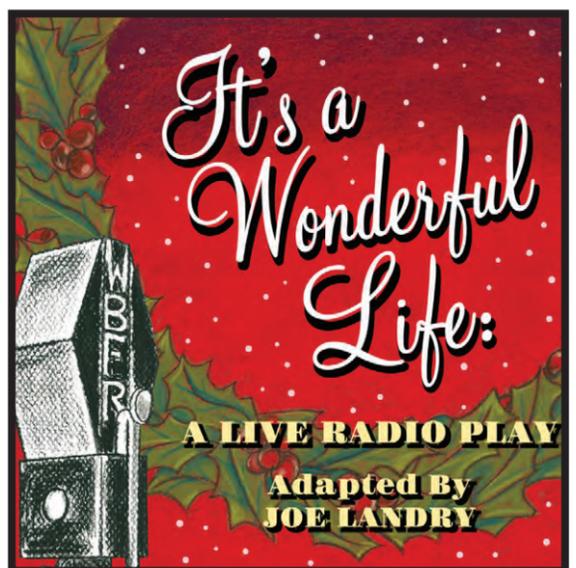
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# ESOL students explore Fort Williams Hey CEHS...the twins are coming!

By Marta Girouard



Photo by Richard Connelly

Pictured left to right: Debora Mbakala Maryse Galiu, Lili Mozard, and Ben Tshikoji

The weather was on its best behavior for a group of visitors on June 7 to Fort Williams. A number of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students from Portland Adult Education, along with their teacher, Cape Elizabeth resident Phyllis Klein and volunteers visited the park, many for the first time.

Most of the students have been living in the United States for under a year. Lili Mozard and her daughter, Debora Mbakala immigrated to the United States from Angola six months ago.

“Back home we saw this kind of view in films,” Mbakala said. “I love standing here by the lighthouse and looking out at the rocky coast. The waves are very beautiful.”

Klein was excited that plans for the trip came together. “Many of these students work and have family responsibilities in addition to coming to school, so it is difficult to find time for everyone to be available to do something like this,” she stated. Klein has taught ESOL at Portland Adult Education since 2004.

Most classes meet twice a week, for a total of 4.5 hours of instruction. Levels range from basic literacy classes to Level 5. The class who visited Fort Williams is a Level 4 class. “My students are diligent, sharp-witted and determined to succeed. They know that improving their English skills is the major way they will attain their goals. They have taught me so much more than I could ever teach them. Each day they teach me about patience and persistence, about survival and hope,” said Klein.

Richard Connelly, Elaine DiGiovanni and Dorian Cole are classroom volunteers and tutors in Klein’s classroom. They lead small groups in reading and other language exercises so that students can get more one-on-one attention.

“It is very heartening as to the extent which these students want to learn and make lives for themselves here,” Connelly said.

Immersing himself in his new culture is what Ben Tshikoji has been busy doing since he settled in the US four months ago from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When he arrived here, he did not speak a word of English. Now in addition to being in the Level 4 class at Portland Adult Education, he is taking three other different English language classes in order to master the language as fast as he can.

“My goal is to go to college and study International Relations,” Tshikoji said.



Contributed photo

Six sets of twins, in a class of 128, recently graduated from the 8th grade at CEMS. They are (left to right) Burke and James Coburn, Tom and Luke Carignan, Thomas and Genevieve Rodda, Emma and Olivia Ouellette, Greta and Oskar Frankwicz, and Abby and Egan Doherty.

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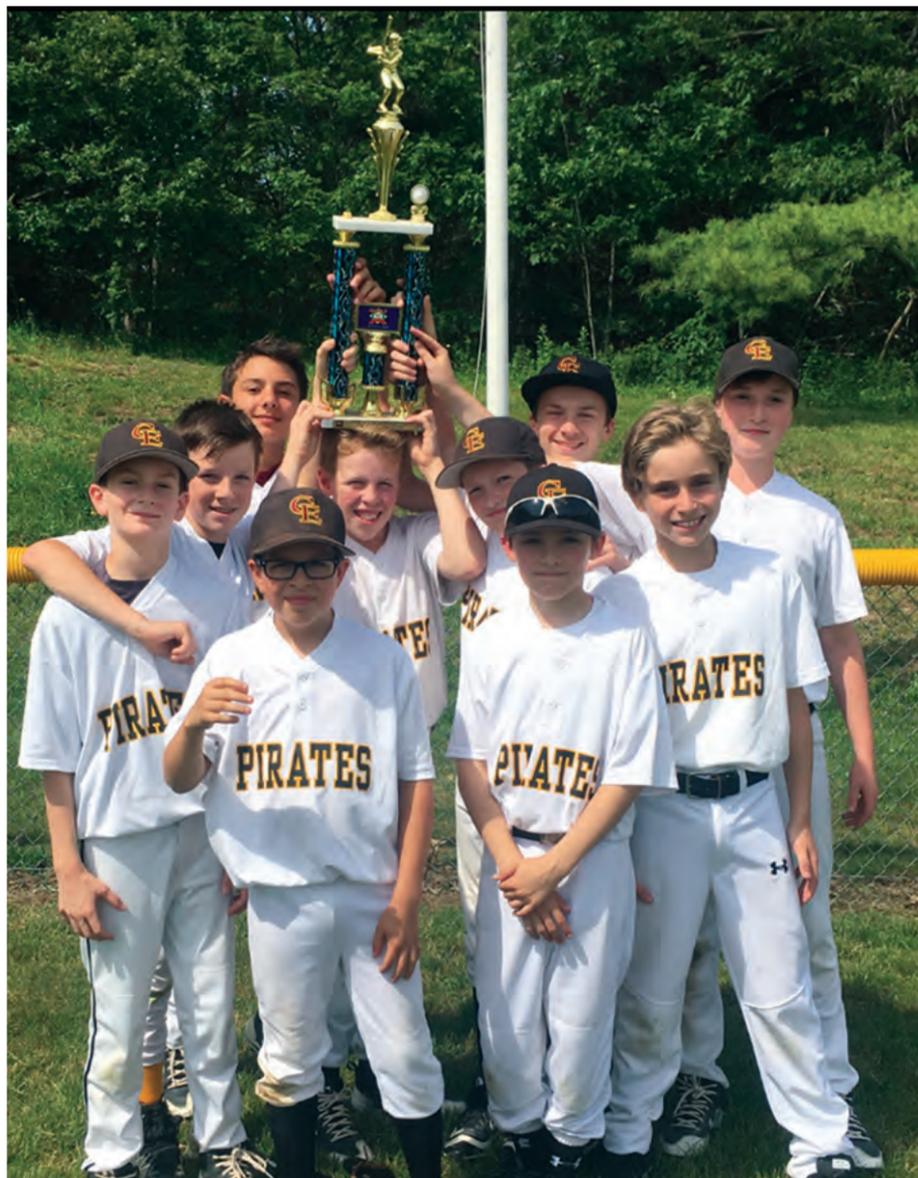


Photo by Lynne Cross

**Above photo:**

Cape Elizabeth Little League - 9/10 Cubs Withe Division Championship  
The Cape Elizabeth Little League 9/10 Division Championship was played June 19th at Lower Lions field with the Cubs (9-3) facing the Tigers (6-6). Brady Inman took the mound for the Cubs and pitched a complete game 1 hitter. The Tigers were the first to score and played hard throughout. Cubs took the Championship 9-2.  
Front row: Jimmy Hollowell, Mason Cross, Ben Agrodnia, William Chiang, Tucker Clark, Zach van Huystee, Brady Inman. Middle Row: Tyler Granata, Calvin Powers, Erik Schmitz, Leo Cole. Back Row: Coaches - Mike van Huystee, Mike Hollowell, Jay Cross, Chris Inman (missing from photo: Henry Trowbridge)

**Left photo:**

2017 Cape Elizabeth Little League Majors Division Baseball Champions – Pirates Team  
Front row: Tate Mosher, Andrew Libby  
Middle Row: Curtis Sullivan, Will Clancy, Colin Blackburn, Sam Bischoff, Will Fougere  
Back Row: Antonio Dell Aquila, Colin Willets, Will Bowe  
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Ben Carroll keeps the ball safe from a member of the opposing Clippers, while Jeb Boechenstein looks to support his teammate.



A player from Yarmouth seems oblivious to the challenge coming from behind with Tate Perkins, Noah Bates and Owen Thoreck in pursuit.

## Teacher wins award; nominated by former student

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Janna Robinson

CEHS alumna Natalite Gale stands with her former teacher, Sarah Harrington, whom she selected as worthy of an Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Educator of Distinction Award.

CEHS graduate Natalie Gale was awarded a Coca-Cola leadership scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 earlier this year. Only one of 150 students nationwide to win the prize.

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Gale chose Cape Elizabeth High School Social Studies teacher, and club advisor, Sarah Harrington.

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# Cape resident Julie Laukkanen, abstract painter and photographer

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth resident Julie Laukkanen, is an abstract painter and photographer.

"I especially enjoy plein air painting so it's great to be able to be outdoors again. The light is just so incredible this time of year," Laukkanen said.

Typically she works on five or six paintings at the same time. Laukkanen said, "Currently I am working on an abstract landscape inspired by pine trees near the water, some florals, and a birch forest scene. I am also continuing to photograph our beautiful surroundings in Cape Elizabeth, especially at the water's edge."

Gillian Ross is co-owner of Blink Gallery in Lexington, Massachusetts, which represents Laukkanen. When asked to describe her style, Ross said, "For me, what makes Julie's work distinctive is that it always feels fresh and light, with spontaneity in the brushwork. Her images have a unique balance - they suggest energy, yet a feeling of tranquility; vibrancy, yet a feeling of peacefulness... and even though usually semi abstract, evoke an appreciation of the natural world."

Emily Passman, one of the artists Julie

studied under, said, "Julie's brushwork and color choices have a sense of immediacy and color freshness. I know Julie's work because in many instances the colors she chooses might otherwise look too bright, with almost a state of whimsy in a depiction of nature, but her fresh style takes these colors and holds them accountable to capture that fresh statement on nature!"

Laukkanen said, "My style tends to be abstract but typically you can see the source of my inspiration such as the ocean, trees, or flowers."

With her photography, Laukkanen has stayed true to her roots. She said, "I have been serious about photography since high school and worked in a camera shop after school and in the summers. Surprisingly, I am still interested in many of the same themes: architecture, landscapes, flowers, and children. I especially enjoy macrophotography, shooting things up close... I love taking photos of things that most people just pass by without noticing, such as raindrops on a leaf."

Laukkanen said she is newer to painting. "I began seriously painting only ten years ago. I was inspired to paint by my then-teenage daughter who immersed herself in



Painting titled "Starting Over" is 40 x 30 by Julie Laukkanen.

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painting, printmaking, stained glass and ultimately, ceramics. She was having so much fun and I realized I had never even tried any of those art forms since middle school. So, I signed up for a painting class and as soon as I picked up a brush, I was hooked. Now painting has become my second career. I started with oil paints but realized that I preferred quicker drying acrylics," Laukkanen said.

Her perspective changed recently. For years, she worked on large canvases, but a recent injury forced her to work in a different way. Laukkanen said, "I broke my knee and suddenly I was unable to stand up to paint or do anything else. But I could sit

in my wheelchair at a table and paint small. Suddenly 8" square canvases allowed me so much freedom. I was so grateful to be able to paint small."

Artists who have influenced her art include Gerhard Richter and Georgia O'Keeffe. She said, "[They] are two artists that have perhaps most influenced my work. Richter's large-scale, abstract paintings had such a deep, profound impact on me that I had an urge to paint and to paint in an ab-



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stract manner. I love his use of color, the juxtaposition of colors and his mark making. I try to be similarly fearless with color and I regularly explore mark-making even though my techniques are very different than Richter's. Like O'Keeffe, I enjoy painting and photographing just a portion of a flower for

# Enjoying the outdoors in Cape Elizabeth

By Marta Girouard



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

*Fields at Robinson Woods, one of the many wonderful green spaces within Cape Elizabeth preserved by organizations such as CELT.*

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) was formed in 1985 to help preserve natural areas of scenic beauty for future residents and visitors to explore and appreciate. Since then, CELT has permanently protected over 650 acres of land for public benefit.

Over the summer, we will be featuring some of these properties to remind residents or inform new ones of the many beautiful acres of land that is available to the public right here in town.

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The Robinson Woods I & II parcels comprise over 145 acres of contiguous woodlands, fields and ponds. Due to its rocky terrain, Robinson Woods I was not suitable for farming and much of the land remained in its natural state for hundreds of years, offering visitors opportunities to explore old-growth trees

and a variety of plant and animal habitats. The adjoining Robinson Woods II is more open, with twelve acres of fields, five acres of ponds and over 20 acres of wetland habitat providing excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. A third parcel preserved along with the original Robinson Woods is the two-acre Pond Cove parcel, providing beautiful ocean views from its stone beach.

Parking for Robinson Woods is available along Shore Road at the CELT kiosk. From the intersection of ME 77 and Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth, follow Shore Road 1.3 miles and the trailhead will be on the left.

Dogs are allowed off-leash at Robinson Woods II Pond Trail before 10 a.m. daily. Dogs are allowed off-leash at Robinson Woods I after 4 p.m. daily. Dog waste bags are available at the kiosk at Shore Rd. Please do not allow dogs to swim in ponds or streams.

# Peacejam raises funds for asylum seekers

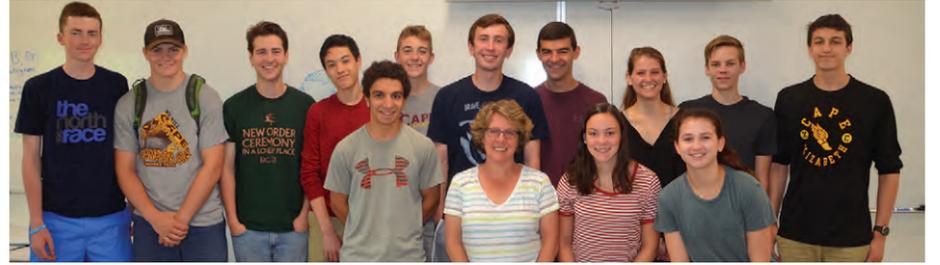


Photo by Bill Brewington

A student-run club at Cape Elizabeth High School, PeaceJam, recently raised over \$800 dollars for local charity Welcoming the Stranger, an organization which helps asylum seekers in the greater Portland area to adjust to the city and meet basic financial needs that they cannot afford, such as bus passes, application fees, snow boots, and many other things.

PeaceJam is an international organization dedicated to spreading the ideal of peace throughout the world by doing various service projects in communities.

The CEHS PeaceJam chapter was started in 2014 by a group of students and just finished its third year. Its main focus is running bullying prevention programs at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

The group does activities with small groups of seventh and eighth graders to get them talking and thinking about bullying in their school and lives.

However, for the end of the club's third year, the group wanted to bring in a speaker to the school and raise money for a charity. With assistance with the Cape Elizabeth-

South Portland Rotary Club, the group was able to bring in Marty Helman, a Rotary peace worker who has traveled the world working on peace projects, to speak to students at the high school.

Through a bake sale at the school, donations made at Helman's talk, and a generous contribution from the Rotary club, CEHS PeaceJam was able to raise over \$800.

When it came to choosing the charity to donate to, the group struggled to pick one, but ultimately decided on Welcoming the Stranger.

As PeaceJam club president Tony Inhorn explained, "We weren't sure which charity to donate to, but ultimately decided on Welcoming the Stranger after my Biology teacher Mr. Brewington told us about it because it was an incredibly worthwhile cause and a local charity, so we would see the results of our work in our own community."

The donation will be put to good use to help local asylum seekers, and the PeaceJam club will continue to work to spread peace in their community.

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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

## Monday, July 10

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

## Tuesday, July 11

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 12 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

## Wednesday, July 12

Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 p.m.,

## Thursday, July 13

Harbors Committee, 6:15 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

## Tuesday, July 18

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

## Thursday, July 20

Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library  
 Fort Williams Park Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

## Tuesday, July 25

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

## Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.  
 Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building  
 Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road  
 Cape Farm Alliance, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Community Center  
 South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.  
 Codependence Anonymous (CoDa) meeting 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Rd. (799-4599 for info)

# Cape Schools' Learning Technology plan for 2017-2020 emphasizes 'learning'

The School Board on June 13 adopted a revised technology plan for 2017-2020, this time calling it a "Learning Technology Plan."

The plan, required by the state Department of Education, focuses not so much on bits-and-bytes as on the learning they support. "It's more about curriculum," said Noel Harroff, technology coordinator for the school department.

School Board, systemwide staff and representatives from all three schools have been working on the plan since the 2015-16, Harroff said, coordinating with then-curriculum director RuthEllen Vaughn on a learning model that is still developing, Harroff said.

The revised plan draws on input from a variety of stakeholders, beginning with staff and student surveys, followed by committee meetings convened by assistant principals at each school.

### The plan outlines five goals:

Increasing staff professional develop-

ment for technology.

Training teachers to use Common Sense Media and similar curriculum to teach cyber safety to all students.

Utilizing Learning Management Systems (such as Google Classroom and eBackpack) to enhance collaboration among teachers, students, administrators and parents.

Repurposing our traditional computer labs and increasing the integration of technology in the classroom.

And, maintaining and sustaining technology infrastructure and equipment for students and staff.

The vote for the plan was unanimous, but board member John Voltz suggested future versions say how goals will be tracked, and how often the plan will be updated.

The state requires local school districts to submit three-year technology plans as part of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

## CHANNEL 3

## CABLE GUIDE

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene  
 July 8, 9, 15, 16, 23 & 23 - 9 a.m.  
**Town Council (live)**  
 July 10 - 7 p.m.  
**Town Council replay**  
 July 11 & 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
 July 15 - 10:30 a.m.

**Planning Board (live)**  
 July 18 - 7 p.m.  
**Planning Board replay**  
 July 19 & 20  
 July 22 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Board of Zoning Appeals (live)**  
 July 25 - 7 p.m.

# Work on school instruction policies ahead for fall

Curriculum policies will be a focus of the School Board's policy subcommittee when it resumes work in the fall.

The School Board on June 13 took a first look at proposed revisions to policies governing curriculum development; promotion, retention, and acceleration of students through the grades; and proficiency-based graduation requirements.

Barbara Powers, chair of the policy committee, credited Director of Teaching and Learning Cathy Stankard for offering language that reflects current practice and matches state education policies.

In a related matter, the School Board on May 9 received a draft statement of graduation standards in eight content areas that High School teachers believe Cape Elizabeth students should attain upon graduation.

The draft was also reviewed by Middle School teachers and align with Maine Learning Results, said Stankard at the May 9 meeting.

The major change proposed for the promotion, retention and acceleration of students policy shifts the decision of holding back students from the principal to a team of educators and the student's parents, Powers said. "We really talked about the fact that in those rare cases of retention you really need a full team consensus," Powers said. "You need to have parents comfortable with the recommendation the team has made," she said.

A team would also be responsible for final decisions on accelerating students, but principals would have more of a say in those decisions, Powers said.

# Family Fun Day at Fort Williams Park



Photo by Tim Girouard

Another Family Fun Day, another huge success. This was the 34th annual Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day Celebration, including a parade, fun activities, exhibits, a variety of musical entertainment and vendors offering delicious food. The Casco Bay Wind Ensemble performed in the evening right up to the fireworks. All this fun and again, no admission fee.

# Strawberry Festival queens



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Having fun at the fest are Angela Ross, Tara Bucci and Joanne Matusko.

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# Reliving good times at the Totem Pole

By Marta Girouard



Contributed Photo

On June 1, Cape Elizabeth High School seniors and residents at Kindred Living at Village Crossings were transported back to the 1940s at the Senior-to-Senior Prom. Held at the facility, it was organized through the Senior-to-Senior program, a volunteer outreach initiative between high school students and seniors in the community.

The theme for this year's prom was the "Totem Pole Ballroom," inspired by the real one, which a number of residents had been to and enjoyed reminiscing about. The Totem Pole Ballroom was a part of Norumbega Park, a recreation area and amusement park built in 1897 and located in the Auburndale section of Newton, Massachusetts. In 1930, the Totem Pole opened and many famous musicians appeared at the venue over the

years. The park closed in the fall of 1963 and the Totem Pole shortly after.

Kindred Living at Village Crossings resident Scotty went to the Totem Pole a few times in the 1940s. "My favorite part of the Senior-to-Senior prom was listening to the band play jazz and reliving music of years past," she said. "The high school students did a great job putting this event together."

CEHS students Samika Sherry and Rachel Stanhope also had a great time at the prom, but they had just as much fun with the pre-party preparations. "Prior to the prom, we got ready by doing hair and makeup with the residents," Sherry said. "We also had dance lessons and residents showed us steps from when they went to the Totem Pole," added Stanhope.

## Paving underway

Recycling Center upgrade project is going well, on schedule, and should be completed by the first week in August, said Public Works Director Robert Malley.

Base paving has started around the new stationary compactor locations and in the new parking lot for the Swap Shop.

The base paving will accommodate a revision to the current temporary traffic pattern, which will be modified in the next few days. The new compactors will arrive on site the week of July 12 for installation.

"We have sincerely appreciated everyone's patience during the site improvements," Malley said.

## Donation yard sale

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will hold its 7th annual "Donation Yard Sale" on Saturday, July 15th from 9AM-2PM at 499 Ocean House Road. All items are donated to the church and are made available to buyers on a "set your own price" basis. Bring the family - there will be something for everyone. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and balloon animals will also be available. At the conclusion of the yard sale, unsold items will be donated to other charities. All proceeds will be supporting camp scholarships for teens. We welcome donations. For more information, please contact the church at 799-3692 or office@capenazarene.org.

## SERVICES

### Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)  
799-3692

www.capenazarene.org

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
Services streamed live or on demand:  
watch.capenazarene.org

### Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road  
799-8396

www.ceumc.org

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

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

29 Ocean House Road  
767-5000

Sacrament Meeting:

Sunday, 9-10:10 a.m.

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

Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon

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

### The Church of the Second Chance

Greater Portland Christian School  
1338 Broadway, South Portland

641-3253

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

### Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook St., South Portland  
879-0028

www.bethaam.org

Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Family Shabbat Services:

Second Friday, 6:30 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of South Portland

879 Sawyer St., South Portland  
799-4565

www.spfbc.com

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

### Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland  
799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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### Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

885 Shore Road  
799-4014

www.stalbansmaine.org

Sundays: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

Celtic Service: Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

Nursery: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

### Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church

8 Two Lights Road

799-5528

www.saintbarts.com

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Monday & Tuesday Masses: 8 a.m.

### First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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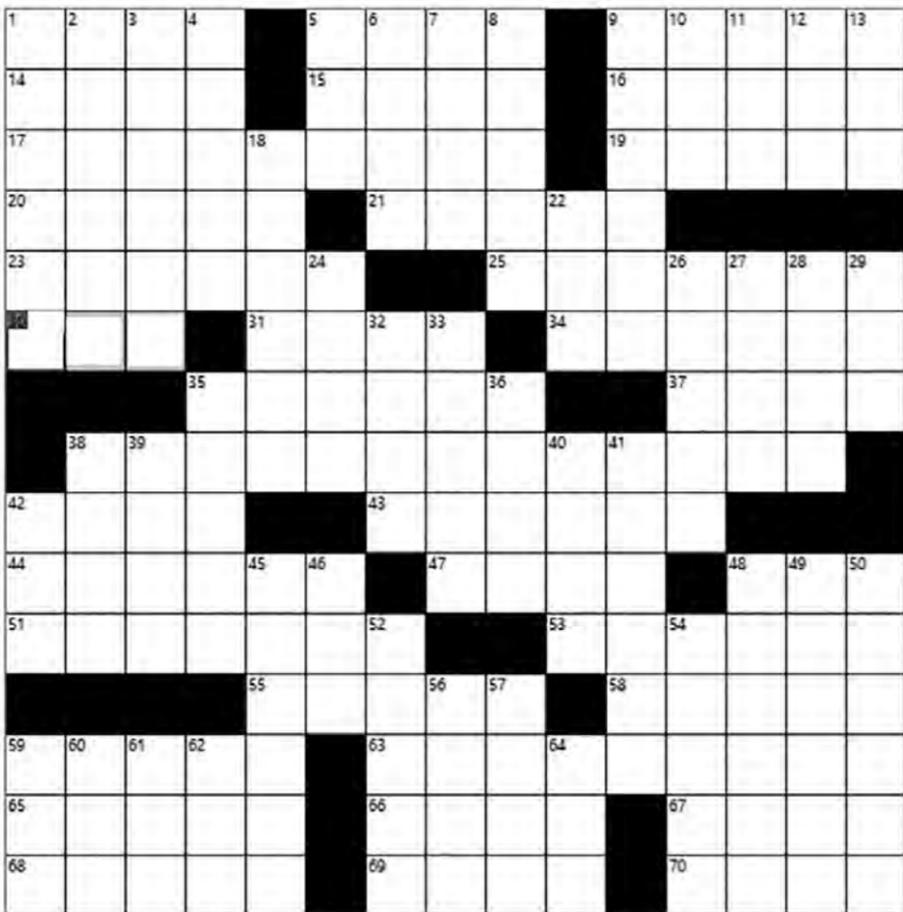
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## ACROSS

- 1. Cape Courier publisher, Kim \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Wile E. Coyote's supplier
- 9. Instrument for Earl Scruggs and Steve Martin
- 14. Old (Ger.)
- 15. Meadows
- 16. Academy Award
- 17. With 63 Across, beautiful nearby attraction
- 19. One of the Stooges
- 20. More healthy

- 21. Embarrass
- 23. Optometrist, for short
- 25. Southernmost part of Me.
- 30. In the cable industry, NESN is considered one of these
- 31. Auto parts store in Mill Creek
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_-Tully, longtime local funeral home
- 35. Old name for a suitcase
- 37. South Portland bowling spot, \_\_\_\_\_ Day
- 38. With 63 Across, beautiful nearby attraction
- 42. Fortune teller
- 43. Portly
- 44. Good sense
- 47. Baby powder
- 48. Vim and vigor
- 51. Ram, Brothers, and Richmond, \_\_\_\_\_ off 17 and 38 Across
- 53. \_\_\_\_\_ Breeze, Caribbean style restaurant chain
- 55. Lingering reminders
- 58. Having more 55 Across perhaps
- 59. Cape Courier editor, \_\_\_\_\_ St. Jarre
- 63. Baxter is one also
- 65. Notice (Sp.)

- 66. A type of lily
- 67. Ford SUV
- 68. Extend your subscription
- 69. French river that flows to the North Sea
- 70. Plant, as a lawn

## DOWN

- 1. "O Pioneers!" author, Willa \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Every time
- 3. Some cars are this
- 4. Fished like Keith Jordan
- 5. A type of 7 Down taught at 6 Down (abbr.)
- 6. Jeff Shedd is principal here, the best in Me.
- 7. Department at 6 Down
- 8. Assignment for English students at 6 Down
- 9. Maurice Ravel's most famous piece
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ rule; usually
- 11. Big ATM maker
- 12. Cape bakery, The Cookie \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Suffix with direct-
- 18. Richie Rich's robot maid and others
- 22. Popular LL Bean product
- 24. A type of 7 Down taught at 6 Down (abbr.)
- 26. Work the dough
- 27. Prefix with -kle or -ker
- 28. Singer Peter or comedian Daniel
- 29. Wise?
- 32. Old Orchard Beach feature
- 33. Often \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. Small Nissan
- 36. Blues and soul singer, \_\_\_\_\_ James
- 38. Average scores
- 39. Tangible
- 40. Word with tulip or light
- 41. Enclose, often for protection
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 45. Where you might ski
- 46. UPC for drugs and medicines
- 48. Memorial Day event
- 49. Come forth
- 50. Not on the road
- 52. In "Mark Trail," Rusty's Dalmatian
- 54. Wishes
- 56. GPS directions
- 57. Wise
- 59. Keystone Kop's kruiser?
- 60. Cape residents Bette Davis and Gary Merrill film, "All About \_\_\_\_\_"
- 61. No. on your registration
- 62. Suffix with advert-
- 64. Rocky peak

## Laukkanen

Continued from page 12

example, and often, much larger than life as she did. There is a softness to much of her work that I am also drawn to, especially with my photography."

She adds, "I always enjoy looking at children's art because they are so free when they create art. For the youngest ones, it's all about the process and not the end-product. They are free to explore and mix materials together and not worry about breaking any rules because there are none at their age. For me, that's a hard place to go but I try to let go of my expectations and create because it really is all about the journey."

Laukkanen also finds inspiration right here in Cape Elizabeth. "There is such a diverse environment here to feed my soul and provide plenty of inspiration for both painting and photography. Everywhere I walk in town there is boundless beauty -- from the moss-covered wood fence where pink roses peer out to the old barn with chipping paint to the abstract patterns in the sand left by the seaweed and the surf."

She said given anywhere to paint, she'd stay in Cape. "I am exactly where I'd like to be to create art. We have beautiful sunrises, sunsets, the sea, the woods, rolling hills, working farms, marshlands, four seasons. It's ideal. However, I have to admit that I also love being in Paris -- for the amazing museums, galleries, public art installations and the creative energy. There really is no place like it in the world," she said.

Laukkanen currently has a solo show called "A Splash of Color" featuring more than 50 paintings and photographs at Life-works Chiropractic Center in Falmouth, now through August. The general public can view the art exhibition by appointment by calling 781-7911.

"My website is [www.LaukkanenStudios.com](http://www.LaukkanenStudios.com) and I am new on Instagram, @fearless-withcolor. I am also represented by Gallery Blink in Lexington, Massachusetts," she said.

## Bringing nature home

Eric Topper, education director at the Maine Audubon Society, will speak at 7 p.m. July 18 at the Thomas Memorial Library in a public event sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club.

Topper has more than 20 years of experience teaching and managing environmental education programs for all ages. He oversees all educational programs at Maine Audubon, including school programs, camps, family events and trips.

His talk will be based on "Bringing Nature Home" for Maine Audubon's latest initiative based on Doug Tallamy's book "Bringing Nature Home." He will explore the plants, practices and perks involved in restoring native food webs in our gardens, yards and communities.

While the program is free, the Garden Club will be collecting voluntary contributions for the club's annual scholarship for Cape Elizabeth High School graduates.

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**Strawberry Festival lobster bake and local pig roast at Shady Oak Farm**



Photo by Kelly Orzel



Photo by Martha Agan

Yellow pond lilies at Great Pond. Also known as cow-lily or Spatterdock, it was long used in folk medicine, with the root put on the skin or the root/seeds eaten for a variety of ailments. The seeds can be ground into flour. The root is edible too, but can be incredibly bitter in some plants. It is becoming more difficult to find as land use has been damaging its habitat. Luckily, Cape Elizabeth has a long history of preserving places like Great Pond and providing habitat for these sorts of plants and the animals they support.

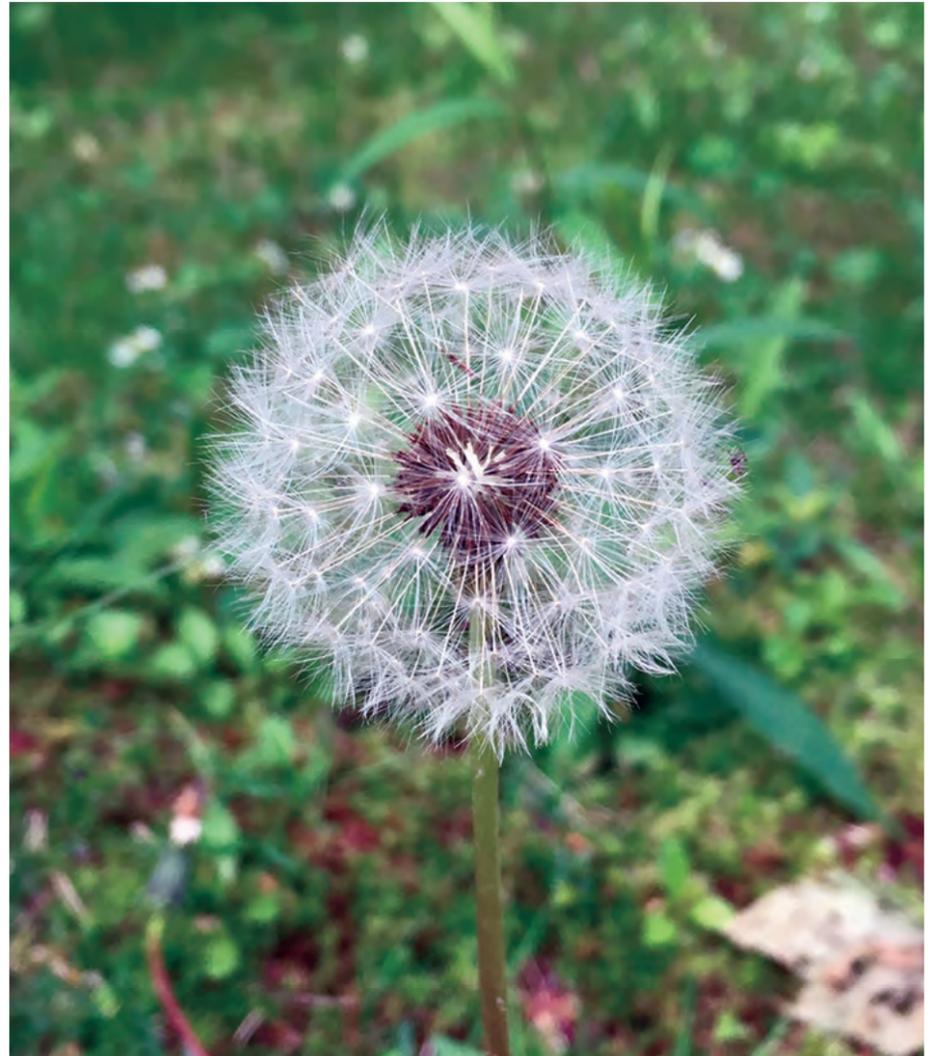


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A dandelion clock, with seeds ready to take flight.

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## Watch out for turtles



Photo by Theresa Fox

The turtle above is seen preparing her nest near Rte. 77. Witnesses watched and protected her as she lay eggs and buried them.

Turtles are out and about, and laying eggs. Nylah Lyman was driving on Shore Rd, near Pond cove, and spotted a turtle crossing the road. She pulled over to assist it, but before she could get to it, another car came along and ran it over, killing it. "It was so sad, and frustrating," said Lyman.

A few days later, Teresa Fox spotted another turtle drama unfolding.

Fox said, "A gentleman from Cranbrook stopped to help a large turtle near the road on Rte. 77. It was close to the road. I drove by and stopped to help. Turns out the turtle was laying eggs. We got to see her lay a dozen large white eggs! We kept her safe and kept her from trying to cross the road. We also fenced off the area where she buried her eggs so they won't be disturbed."

Drivers are reminded to be aware that the turtles are nesting, and to be on the lookout. In fact, a great deal of wildlife is on the move, and despite being a residential area, it is quite common to see foxes, possums, squirrels, and other wildlife, in addition to turtles crossing Cape roads. Be alert, and slow down.

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# Cape Elizabeth resident Lisa Wolfinger receives Gracie Award

Lisa Quijano Wolfinger was awarded a 2017 Gracie Award for her work as the creator and executive producer of PBS's "Mercy Street," an American historical drama series inspired by real people and events. The series goes beyond the front lines of the U.S. Civil War and into the chaotic world of Union-occupied Alexandria, Virginia, focusing on the many brave female volunteer nurses who risked their lives helping wounded soldiers.

The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation awards a "Gracie," named in honor of legendary comedienne Gracie Allen, in various news and entertainment categories. This year's winners include Savannah Guthrie, Drew Barrymore, Mariska Hargitay and Natalie Morales. A lifetime achievement award went to actress, dancer and director Debbie Allen. The Foundation's mission is to recognize outstanding programming created by, for and about women.

The award gala was held June 6 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Los Angeles.

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Cape resident Lisa Wolfinger was awarded a 2017 Gracie Award for her work as the creator and executive producer of PBS's "Mercy Street."

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## Named to Dean's Lists

### Colby College

The following Cape Elizabeth residents were named to the Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville, for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2016-17 year:

Anna E. Brogan, a member of the Class of 2017, attended CEHS and is the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Brogan. She majored in environmental policy and English with a concentration in creative writing.

Justin B. Cary, a member of the Class of 2017, attended CEHS and is the son of Peter and Janine Cary. He majored in government.

### Roger Williams University

Tyler Mercer, of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I.

### Stetson University

Conner Sullivan, a 2015 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and son of Joanne and Dan Sullivan, made the spring semester Dean's List at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

### Assumption College

Cape Elizabeth resident Teresa Haller has been named to the spring 2017 Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.

### University of New England

CEHS 2016 graduate Nicole Penley, daughter of Dawn Penley and Dave Penley, was named to the spring 2017 Dean's List at The University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, where she is majoring in Nursing.



Cape residents Isla Litton (7) and Kellan Litton (5) on their trip to the Grand Canyon in June.

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## Dean's Lists

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### University of New Hampshire

Elle Richards of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning High Honors for the spring 2017 semester. Richards is majoring in Sociology.

## Myerowitz is overall winner



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Dr. Zev Myerowitz Jr. of Cape Elizabeth crosses the finish line at the Patriot Half Ironman in East Freetown, Mass. He completed the 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run first overall and overall winner in the elite male category.



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