Third time’s the charm for the annual New Year’s Day Dip

By Kevin St. Jarre

Town Manager Matt Sturgis announced on Jan. 16 that Kathleen Rafice has been named director of Community Services and Fort Williams Park, effective immediately. The Cape Elizabeth native, who now lives only five minutes away in South Portland, had been the adult program coordinator, and she has served as the interim director of Community Services since July when the former director, Russell Packett, could not continue due to illness. Sadly, Packett has passed away since.

Rafice began working at Community Services in 2011, after decades in the insurance industry. She said, “I was born and raised in Cape and graduated from CEHS. After leaving my last profession I had to reevaluate and decided I wanted to work more closely with people. I have an education background, a love for fitness and enjoy working with people of any age group as felt Community Services was a perfect fit. I have coached and substitute taught in Cape prior to joining Community Services, and held different positions within our department. I work with some great people in similar roles from surrounding communities, and we have collaborated on some wonderful activities and trips that we would not have been able to do on our own. I hope to see that continue while expanding our community involvement.”

While initially, the newly created director position for Fort Williams Park was to be a separate position, Sturgis decided to combine the position with the director of Community Services position. Four applicants were interviewed before Raftice was selected. Rafice has said she is excited about the new role, and although the complete job description has yet to be finalized, duties laid out by Sturgis indicate Raftice will be expected to manage, supervise, develop, implement and coordinate the activities and operations of all Community Services facilities and Fort Williams Park.

Rafice said she already sees her first steps forward with regards to Fort Williams Park. “As far as Ft. Williams, I am in the fact-gathering phase. I am attending meetings and listening to the issues and concerns from as many as I can,” she said.

The issues facing Raftice are wide-reaching including ever-increasing numbers of visitors, issues of safety, acting as a friendly-faced liaison between those who maintain the park and those who use it, and the sharing of the park between various groups, such as dog owners and those pushing to limit their access and use of the park.

Visitors and Cape residents all have their favorite parts of the park, and Raftice is no different. “My favorite part of Ft. Williams is the ease of access to the views of the ocean. I could not imagine not living by the ocean. I love the Cliff Walk,” she said.

While Raftice will be the contact person for the park, she will continue her work to grow Community Services as well.

She has enjoyed her work at Community Services. “I have been able to see and see service daily from the preschoolers to our aging population. I feel very fortunate to have a great staff that I love working with. We have fun while getting things done and every day is different. I really enjoy going to work!”

Rafice said they always keep their eyes open for additional opportunities. “We are always open to new ideas and offerings. I am particularly interested in building our involvement in community events, [including] but not limited to] more offerings and participation from our seniors. They are a wonderful group who deserve our attention. I have really enjoyed working with them and hope to continue my involvement.”

Mary Ann Lynch announces run for Maine House of Representatives

By Marta Girouard

On January 27, at the William Jordan Farm on Wells Road, Mary Ann Lynch, a lawyer, former businesswoman, and former Cape Elizabeth town councilor, kicked off her campaign for state representative. Town Councilor Penny Jordan endorsed Lynch, as did former School Board member and town councilor, Jim Rowe, and former Conservation Commission member, Garvan Donegan.

Lynch is running as a Democrat for a seat that will be open in November 2018, when Representative Kim Monaghan, whose service is limited to the four terms she will have completed, comes to an end.

With a large crowd in attendance, Lynch described her experience on the Town Council, where she championed the Shore Road Path, and worked on the high school renovation and kindergarten wing construction. She said, “While there are often no easy solutions, you can accomplish much by reaching across the aisle and working with others on your shared values.”

Lynch worked for Governor Joseph E. Brennan for 2 years prior to law school and worked in the private sector for 17 years after law school. Most recently, she worked in the Maine Judicial Branch for 9 years as liaison to the Maine Legislature and public spokes-person. She resigned from her position to run for the Legislature. From 2001-2008, Lynch was on the Town Council, where she served two terms as Chair of the Council, and two terms as Vice-Chair.
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**Support for Mary Ann Lynch**

I support Mary Ann Lynch’s candidacy for the Maine House in the June primary. Cape Elizabeth has a tradition of exception- al representation in Augusta. In this era, we need legislators who know how to get things done, who understand and act upon their constituents’ priorities and who respectfully work with others who may have varying views.

Mary Ann knows your priorities. When we met during her service on the town council, she often reminisced about her childhood in Newark, NJ. She valued education more than anything else seeing how it had enabled her to be successful after growing up in a large financially struggling family. She wanted all families to have the same opportunities.

She supported initiatives to preserve open space from one of her first meetings as a member of the town council when she approved stewardship principles for town open space. The Shore Road Path was her dream and upon her departure from the council she had laid the groundwork and funding mechanisms that led to its construction. It was not easy but her inspiration got it done!

She championed efforts for Cape Eliza- beth to be one of the initial communities in Maine to have online car reregistrations and to move what was a separate May municipal election to November. I could write of countless examples on her results oriented leadership to make government better serve people. Mary Ann would be a great legisla- tor for all of us bringing new ideas and en- ergy to Augusta.

Mike McGovern

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**Anne Carney: a track record of values-driven hard work**

I am supporting Anne Carney for Cape Elizabeth’s seat in the Maine House of Rep- resentatives. I have come to know Anne well over 30 years, through our time as young at- torneys at the same law firm in Portland, as mothers raising our children in Cape Eliza- beth, and as close friends.

Anne has a passionate commitment to public service. After leaving a lucrative private practice, where she concentrated on employment, civil rights and municipal law, Anne took her valuable skills not to another law firm or corporation, but to Pine State Le- gal Assistance, where she worked as an in- house volunteer providing free legal aid to Mainers near or below the poverty line. Pine State Legal Assistance honored her with its Award for Pro Bono Services in 2016; she likewise has been recognized for her volun- teer legal work each year by The Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program, created by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

In Cape Elizabeth, Anne has a track re- cord of values-driven hard work; at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, where she served as board president for three years; on the

**To dog owners who use our neighborhood**

As a fellow dog owner, I am writing today because of the lack of respect some of our neighborhood dog owners and others who use our neighborhood have.

The amount of dog poop I have seen while walking in our neighborhood is nothing less than disgusting. It only takes a minute to clean up after your dog. It is not only a cour- tesy, it is the law. No one wants to clean up after your dog, especially a non-dog owner.

I would also like to address the trend that seems to be getting to be out of hand--the notion that Columbus Road and outgoing streets are a dog park where you can take your dog off leash.

This is a reminder that Cape Elizabeth has a leash law. If you want to have your dog off leash, there is a great dog park at Fort Wil- liams for off-leash dogs.

I have been a dog owner for going on 14 years. I obey the rules by using a leash and cleaning up after my dog. It is quite annoying to get bombarded by an off-leash dog who’s owner does not have control over them.

Please show respect for our neighborhood and laws of our Town.

Tim O’Neill

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**Your Paper Needs You!**

The Courier is rehauling our website and we are seeking the community’s financial support to make it happen. Can contribute to our GoFundMe campaign to help us raise $10,000?

Why? Because like all newspapers, we are having to stretch our print ad- vertising dollars more and more to produce the same paper you know and love. But unlike other papers, the Courier is a non-profit; we exist to serve the entire community. So to keep our advertising rates low and continue not to change for many of the services others do, we need to step-up our game. We don’t want to change a thing about the paper – just create a more useful online presence for our readers and advertisers.

It’s going to be an expensive, complex project but there’s no doubt that it’s time to get creative and move this much-beloved institution into the digital age! Can you help us?

Funds will go towards hiring a web firm, staff training and website upkeep, and fees and maintenance of the new site. We appreciate your generosity - the Courier has been a staple of Cape Elizabeth for decades. Please help us keep it going!

[www.gofundme.com/capecourier](http://www.gofundme.com/capecourier)

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DEADLINE: Noon, Feb 9
Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Cliff House Beach

By Jim Rowe

Cliff House Beach is a town-owned property near the end of Sea View Road (off Shore Road in the northeast corner of town). The beach is accessed via a crumbling concrete staircase, for which the Town is now considering replacement options. The beach offers appreciable sand only at low tide, but nevertheless continues to attract visitors year-round for its outstanding views of the outer harbor, Casco Bay islands, and open ocean beyond.

The beach bears the name of a bygone hotel, which stood on the overlooking cliff at the end of today’s Montgomery Terrace. First built as Cliff Cottage in 1860, the building was destroyed by fire, and then rebuilt with two additions. The structure was renamed Cliff House in 1901. As did most of the several hotels which at one time dotted the Cape Elizabeth shore, the Cliff House succumbed to flames on June 13, 1914.

Letters

No one is trying to block shore access

You’ve likely heard of a controversy over so-called “paper streets” at Pilot Point Road in the Shore Acres subdivision. And you may have heard the false claim that homeowners on Pilot Point Road are seeking to block access to the shore in our neighborhood.

This couldn’t be more untrue. No one is trying to block shore access, for anyone. We are simply trying to maintain the status quo, as it was for more than 100 years, before this recent controversy erupted.

This issue has been contentious, plagued by misinformation, and has caused serious conflict in our neighborhood for more than five years. We’ve had strangers walk through our backyards while our children and grandchildren are playing. People have cut paths and discarded brush in our gardens. Angry strangers have even come to our homes to scream at us.

Enough is enough. After dozens of meetings, expert opinions, and countless hours of citizen and town resources, it’s clear at this point that only a Maine court can fairly adjudicate the legal issues and lay this matter to rest. Therefore, we are reluctantly seeking a court’s intervention to have this necessary legal determination made.

We believe the town’s claim to this century-old hypothetical street lapsed long ago. It is time for an official ruling to resolve this matter, so we can finally have peace in our homes.

For more information visit ShoreAcresPreservationCoalition.com to learn the facts about the “paper streets” issue.

Shore Acres Preservation Coalition

Pilot Point Road residents sue town over paper street running through backyards

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth residents living on Pilot Point Road have filed a lawsuit against the town, and are seeking a declaratory judgment that they own land along the shore. The land in question includes what is known as a paper street, an extension of Surf Side Avenue that was never developed, that runs between their homes and Broad Cove. The plaintiffs suing the town are Imad and Hulda Khalidi, David and Kara Leopold, Andrew Sommer and Susan Ross, Stewart and Julie Wooden, and Rock Dam Development LLC, which is a limited liability company reportedly held by members of Jay Chatmas’ family.

Last fall, 752 residents signed a petition asking the Town Council to accept paper streets “so they will be protected forever and for all Cape citizens to enjoy.”

The Town Council had to choose whether to vacate its rights to the paper streets, accept the streets as real town ways, or further extend its right to accept the paper streets sometime in the future. This last option would mean the council was opting to punt, and take up the decision again at a later date. In essence, it meant the street would remain a so-called paper street.

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Residents asked to remove standing dead trees

On behalf of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, residents who own property with standing dead trees next to town rights of way – such as public roads, open space or trails – are being asked to remove those hazards. “These trees pose high potential risk to town rights of way, infrastructure and public safety. Removal is requested as soon as possible,” said Cape Elizabeth Tree Warden Todd Robbins.

In order to determine whether you may have standing deadwood on your property, citizens should become familiar with their property lines. Residents may contact Robbins with any questions regarding their property. In October, a storm hit Maine that toppled thousands of trees, which included an unprecedented number of deciduous trees. Oaks and maples took the hit extremely hard.

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Residents should review property tax exemptions

By Clinton Swett
Cape Elizabeth tax assessor

Cape Elizabeth property owners - did you know that you can reduce your tax bill by applying for the Homestead Exemption, Veteran’s Exemption and Blind Exemption, if you qualify? Contact the Assessing Department at 207-799-1619 and we will check to see if you are already receiving these exemptions. If not, we can send you the appropriate application or you can download it from the Town’s website (www.capeelizabeth.com/services/tax_assessing/exemptions.html). Friendly reminder that applications must be submitted to the assessor on or before April 1. The Homestead Exemption is for homeowners that have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1, may be eligible for up to a $20,000 reduction in their permanent property valuation (adjusted by the town’s certified sales ratio, may be less than $20,000).

Veteran’s Exemption is for veterans who were honorably discharged and the owner is 62 years of age or if a widow/widower (who has not been remarried) of a qualifying Veteran; proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214, is required. If they own a residence in Cape Elizabeth on April 1 of the tax year, they may be eligible for up to a $6,000 reduction in valuation, also adjusted by the town’s certified ratio. Blind Exemption, an exemption up to $4,000, is for homeowners who have been declared legally blind by their physician. Deadline for filing application is April 1. All exemptions remain with the property until the owner sells or changes their place of residency. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, email or stop by the Assessing Office. Clinton Swett is the Town Assessor and can be reached at CLINTON.SWETT@CAPEELIZABETHMOR or 207-799-1619.

R ea, Bruns awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships

Two Melvin Jones Fellowships were announced at the January 2 meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club. They were awarded to Dana Bruns and Max Rea “For Dedicated Humanitarian Services.” The club sponsored the awards and donated $1,000 for each awardee to the Lions Club Foundation. These donations and others from around the world provide $1,000 for each awardee to the Lions Club International Foundation. These donations and others from around the world provide

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This was especially evident in Cape Elizabeth. Normally in a storm with such high winds, the damage incurred is mostly soft wooded trees and dead wood. Spruce would typically pull up from the roots, pine trees break and dead trees may fall. The oaks and maples in Cape Elizabeth are reliant on ledged soils and are stressed from several consecutive years of drought and numerous years of winter moth defoliation. These factors have led to oak and maple mortality throughout the town and figures to increase over the years to come.

Much of this mortality can be seen from Rt. 77, between the two Old Ocean House entrances. It also extends the entire length of Old Ocean House Road. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping Cape Elizabeth beautiful. Todd Robbins can be contacted at 207-799-4113 or todd.robbins@blackpointcorporation.com.
Cape school volunteers recognized

By Susana Massele Hubbs
Chairwoman, Cape Elizabeth School Board

Due to a glitch with the video recording schedule, the January 9 School Board Regular Business Meeting was not recorded for viewing on the Cape Elizabeth Public Access Channel, as is normally the procedure. One of the items on the agenda, however, deserves attention and repeating — the recognition of several long-term volunteers at the Cape Elizabeth High School.

Principal of CEHS, Jeff Sheed, requested that time be given during the school board meeting to allow for some teachers to recognize several community members that have donated significant amounts of time, energy and expertise to our students.

Mary Page, Social Studies Teacher and Mock Trial Coach, thanked retired attorney, David Hillman, for his 11 years of working with CEHS Mock Trial Team — which just won its 8th straight State Championship in December. Mr. Hillman has spent hundreds of hours over the years helping students not only prepare for mock trials, but increase their “critical thinking skills, composure under pressure, and self-confidence.”

Evan Thayer, Science Teacher and District Robotics Director, introduced and recognized Eric Jensen, retired engineer, for his contribution to the Robotics Team over the last 11 years. During this time, Mr. Jensen has also given hundreds of hours of his time working with students to develop mechanical and coding skills, and critical thinking skills. Through his mentorship, Cape Robotics is now “building engineers” with students in grades 5-12.

Lastly, Dr. Michael Efron gave thanks to retired engineer, William Gross, for his nearly 8 years volunteering in our 9th grade physics classes. Mr. Gross volunteers three out of four classes every week to work with freshmen who need additional support grasping the concepts of the physics curriculum. With his help, many students have developed their “reasoning abilities” and gone on to thrive in future science courses.

As a School Board member, parent, and community member, I too want to thank ALL of our volunteers for enhancing and expanding learning opportunities for our students. The value of mentoring and supporting students is priceless and benefits not only our children, but also our community. I encourage those who have ever considered getting involved to do so. No matter the amount of time you might have to offer, no matter which skill you may bring to the table, it does make a difference. Education comes in many shapes and sizes. Thank you!

Cape school volunteers recognized

Penny J. Jordan elected President of Maine Farm Bureau

Penny J. Jordan, a fourth-generation farmer in Cape Elizabeth, has been elected President of Maine Farm Bureau.

Jordan grew up on the farm she currently operates alongside her brother, Bill J., and sisters, Pam and Carol Anne. In 1999, Jordan had the opportunity to re-join the family business – Jordan’s Farm, a 60+ acre mixed vegetable/market farm. She worked with her father, Bill Jordan Sr., and her siblings to transition Bill Jordan’s passion, the farm, to the next generation, and fulfill Bill Jordan’s dream – that his farm would always be a working farm and remain a significant part of the community.

Jordan was instrumental in starting Cape Farm Alliance, a community based organization whose focus is ensuring the viability of farms in Cape Elizabeth. She has been a member of the Maine Farm Bureau since 2009 and on the board of Cumberland County Farm since 2011. In addition, Jordan serves on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. Jordan is also active in hunger prevention programs in Southern Maine and is a panel member for the Farms for the Future program. Jordan knows Maine’s agriculture industry is poised for growth and success and wants to be part of the ever growing cadre of passionate people who are seizing this opportunity. Penny believes that taking action to ensure the long-term viability and profitability of our farms is one way to attract the next generation to the farm and grow agriculture in Maine.

Maine Farm Bureau (MFB) is a grassroots organization made up of farmers who work together through county meetings and voting to identify key issues that are lobbying for in Augusta and Washington D.C. Their goal is to advocate policies and practices that create growth and prosperity for those who harvest everything from land and sea.

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Registration for the 2018 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open at www.cape-ll.com through Tuesday day, Feb. 27th.

CELL provides T-ball, softball and baseball opportunities to Cape children, ages 4-14. Late fees will be charged after Feb. 27th.

CEMS Spelling Bee Winners

The 2018 Cape Elizabeth Middle School Spelling Bee was held January 9, and it was an impressive academic competition. The championship word was given in the 21st round, and spelled correctly by 6th grader Isabella Ferriter (pictured right). Ryan Strack (pictured left), 8th grade, was the second place finisher. Bella is last year’s CEMS School Champion, and will be representing the school along with Ryan at the 2018 Cumberland County Spelling Bee. The county bee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the middle school cafeteria.

CEHS musicians and singers selected to participate in regional performances

Cape Elizabeth was well represented at two recent musical events. Nine CEHS musicians were selected through an audition process to participate in the District I Honors Music Festival, which was held January 19-20 at Noble High School in North Berwick. Sydney McFarland (flute), Daphne te Boekhorst (flute) Maximo Kesselhaut (bassoon), Jack Sands (baritone), and Zach Merrill (trombone), performed in the festival Concert Band. Choir students Isabella Eremita (alto) Emma Ouellette (soprano), and Olivia Ouellette, (soprano) performed in the festival Treble Choir, and Emma Frothingham (alto) performed with the Mixed Choir. They joined other students from across southern Maine for this festival.

Six CEHS band students were selected through a statewide audition to perform in the Jazz All-state Festival held in South Portland. Musicians included (L to R): Paul Misterovich, percussion; Harry Baker, guitar; Christie Gillies, percussion, Anna Stevens, vocalist (alto). Zach Merrill, trombone; and Nathaniel Clay, alto saxophone.

SCHOOLS

Assessments are planned in mid-March, and team practices begin in April. Opening ceremonies are planned for April 28th. The season will run through June. Go to www.cape-ll.com or email: president@cape-ll.com for more information.

Volunteer coaches and team administrators are needed for the season. If you’re interested, please indicate it on the registration. Also, we are in need of Board members.

If you're interested in becoming a board member, please email president@cape-ll.com
High school theater launches original adaptation of Dickens classic

By Kevin St. Jarre

Actors Arsen Schwindel as Smike, Gus LaRou as Nicholas Nickleby, and Anthony Inhorn as Wackford Squeers

Each new year at the high school, there is much anticipation for the announcement of the year's One Act Festival show. This year, it is “The Tragedy and Triumph of Smike: A Friendship Wrought from Misery,” a world premiere.

No one has ever heard of this show because it is newly adapted by Aynne Ames from Charles Dickens’s “Nicholas Nickleby.”

This classic Victorian novel alerted English society to the plight of neglected children who endured wretched conditions in “public schools” run by the likes of Wackford Squeers and his cruel wife, with his cane and her foul-tasting medicines.

The novel, published in the 1840’s, is largely credited for closing many schools that were little more than workhouses for exploited children. Child labor laws were passed to protect orphans and children of the poor.

Having directed forty annual One Act Festival shows since 1977, Richard Mullen, the director of Smike, said, “That it never gets old because each year we strike off into unknown territory. Smike will do that with its blend of melodrama, comedy, and pathos—all typical of Dickens style.”

“The Tragedy and Triumph of Smike: A Friendship Wrought from Misery,” will have local performances, opening on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets at $5 will be available at the door.
On January 11, the Cape Elizabeth High School VEX Robotics Team hosted twenty-six 5th and 6th grade students, and their families, for the end-of-semester “VEX IQ All Teams Tournament.”

The high school students, along with school staff and parent volunteers, met weekly with the middle school students since September as they designed, built, and tested their VEX IQ robots for this year’s “Ringmaster” challenge.

For the competition itself, the high school students ran the event, including operating tournament management software, refereeing, judging, emceeing, and deejaying to provide an authentic robotics competition atmosphere.

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The high school students, along with event emcee Tony Inhorn (2nd from right) calls play-by-play and Dylan’s teammate Aidan Mansmann looks on.

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Meet CELT’s new Board President, Elizabeth Goodspeed

By Erika Carlson Rhile

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Alex Glidden, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School, has been a goal-scoring beast of why the team has been so successful thus far this season. "Currently the team is 9-1-1, and we have some big games coming up to really see what we’re made of," Glidden said.

He humbly shares the credit with his teammates, and athletes sometimes can sense when they are part of something special. Glidden speaks of two teammates in particular in a way reminiscent of the famed Conheeds of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team. Glidden said, "I’m on a line with Phillip Tarling and Ryan Collins. I honestly feel like we are one of the best lines in the league. We have been on the same line now for almost a year. Our chemistry is amazing and we always know where to find each other on the ice. Sometimes I won’t even look up, I’ll just throw the puck over by the net or down the corner and it’ll go right on their stick."

Glidden has played all four years on the varsity team for CEHS. "In my opinion, our hockey team is unlike any other sports team at Cape Elizabeth. We are like a second family to each other. We spend three or more hours together a day. I think that what really helps out our team is that most of us were already friends coming into high school. We’ve been playing with each other for years already. Every freshman grade that comes up is welcomed by team, and instantly gets along. Everybody has respect for one another," he said.

He started playing hockey when he was only 4 years old and played for an organization called Casco Bay hockey. "I played for them all the way up until playing for Cape’s high school team," Glidden said.

His father provided a doorway into the sport. "My dad used to do the clock for the Portland Pirates, which used to be an AHL team, at the now Cross Insurance Arena. I believe that is how I got the love for the game. Being up close to these players, being able to talk to them and hear their stories about how they got where they were. This was where my passion came from."

Like most sports, knowing that your teammates will all hold up their end is key. "Hockey is a team sport and you need to have trust that everyone on your team will do their jobs. You can have one guy who gets all the goals but at the end of the season that team will not be holding up the trophy. The thing I love most about our team is that we are all there for each other. If someone is having an off night, we have other guys to help pick the team back up and finish the job," Glidden said.

Of course, as is often the case, behind a successful athlete there is often an inspiring coach. Glidden said, “Coach Buotte has been one of the best coaches that I have ever played for. At the start and end of each season he has these 1-on-1 meetings with each player, and will basically go over the goals for the year and how it’s going to get accomplished. Personally I like to set high goals for myself because I know that I can work hard enough to accomplish them. Sometimes during the season I will be getting frustrated because I can’t find a way to put the puck in the net, or I’m trying to force my passes. Last year Coach Buotte came over to me and said, ‘Once you stop trying to put the team on your back, you will start putting the team on your back.’ I’ve always stuck to this ever since he said it. I don’t overthink things; I just play the game that I love to play and things just work out."

Glidden still gets a rush out of sports. He said, “I love the competitiveness of sports. I love having the adrenaline pumping through my blood. The thing that I love most about hockey is that it’s a fast-paced game, and anything could happen. Things change so quickly, and there is some sort of a danger playing hockey; I don’t know what it is, but I love it.”

As for advice Glidden has for younger players coming up:
1) Start practicing now and don’t stop practicing. The thing that I regret the most is not shooting enough pucks in my driveway. Shoot as many pucks in a day that you can, even if only a few. You’d be surprised at how much it will help.
2) Have fun. There is always time in this sport to just play with your friends and have fun.
3) Play every shift like its your last.

Glidden said if he were not playing hockey, he would probably have gone out for indoor track. As for his hockey future, Glidden said, “Yes, my goal is to play college hockey. To do this though, I’d have to play on a junior team which would help me decide which college team to go play for.”

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where participants agree, disagree and are open to negotiation. Any Cape resident may attend these discussions.

The residents suing the town, however, point out in their lawsuit that the paper street has been available for acceptance by the town since 1911, and to date the town has not accepted any portion of it. In the meantime, as the filing points out, those residents have owned the land down to the "low water mark" and have built on that land, including a "wood deck and brick patio," "a fenced-in garden area," lighting, irrigation system, stairways, rock landscaping and a stone wall, fencing and an established hedgerow that bisects the paper street.

Those suing the town are requesting the court declare that the town has no rights over the disputed land, that the town lost any right to use the land as a road or even a trail when the abutting landowners opened used the land for more than 20 years, that the abutting landowners own the land where the paper street is, and that the town should reimburse the plaintiffs for any costs they have incurred in this matter.
Local artist Amanda Edwards, one piece at a time

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth’s Amanda Edwards is a glass mosaic artist. Her glass mosaic, “Sunrise at Portland Headlight” has been juried into a mosaic art exhibition at the Somerville Museum in Somerville, Massachusetts. The show will run from Feb. 22 to April 7 with an opening reception on Feb. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Edwards’ mosaic will be part of an exhibition of contemporary mosaic works.

She is currently working on a mural for the Ronald McDonald House of Portland. “For the project, I’ve gotten 55 additional artists to contribute small mosaic pieces to the mural, which I’m piecing together to create one big cohesive mural. It’s a combination of mosaic and painting,” Edwards said.

She recently also completed a mosaic mural for the West Bath Elementary School, just up the coast here in Maine. Edwards said, “[I] was a piece designed to be a celebration of diversity and immigration in our country and our state. Last year I designed and created 45 individual mosaic pieces for the new PICU at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital in Portland.”

Edwards’ style is recognizable by its movement, the use of colorful art glass and swirls. She said they “are never planned but somehow make it into about 80 percent of my work.”

As with many artists, recognition has brought opportunities and change, but some things remain steady. “Being awarded with a commission for a 5-story mosaic mural for the Boston Children’s Hospital opened up the art world more for me, and gave me stronger footing. That said, my inspiration has always stayed the same. Although the size of some of my work has gotten larger, it’s all still rooted deeply in my love of nature, our incredible environment here in Maine, and created to bring joy,” Edwards said.

For many artists, the meeting of the business of art and creative work can be a challenge to navigate. Edwards said, “It took me a while to find balance in the business of the art world. I’m very protective of that balance now. I had to become okay with saying ‘no’ to some commission work that had me straying too far away from my artistic voice. If I didn’t love what I’m creating, neither my customer nor I will be happy. It took me time to realize that my inner joy was a critical part of creating my art.”

She said she is most inspired by artists who “do or did fabulous things with color, or those who are wildly creative with their subject matter. Marc Chagall is at the top of my list for his use of dream-like color.”

As for young upcoming artists in her field that she admires, she said, “There are too many to mention! The mosaic world is a tight-knit and wonderful community to be a part of!”

Mosaic art can, at times, be tough to find in the brick-and-mortar world. “Aside from various social media sites, it’s not too often that I come across mosaic art in the real world. At least, it’s less common than other art forms. I always keep my eye out for public installation work. It’s worth a trip to New York City just to see the mosaics down in their subway system. I’m hoping to get down there soon to see the many new additions happening right now.”

She finds inspiration all around her every day. Edwards said, “We live in a magical place that is really every artist’s dream. From the ocean, the rocks, the beaches, marshes, forest, ponds, trails, fields, old trees- we are all surrounded by so much beauty. I actually keep a notebook full of ideas in my studio, because really the ideas just never seem to stop.”
Thomas Memorial Library offers privacy and security in digital age talk, celebrates Harry Potter, and hosts entrepreneur

**FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES**

The Atlantic Puffin with Sue Schubel  
February 8, 2018  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

“Seabird Sue” Schubel is the Outreach Educator for Audubon’s “Project Puffin.” “She has been researching puffins and other sea-birds since 1984 in Maine, California and the Galapagos.” We are excited to have Seabird Sue with us to share her expertise and insights about Maine’s puffin population. (This program is part of our Maine Wildlife Lecture Series, and was rescheduled from January due to a snowstorm.)

**Warm Winter Camping**  
Saturday, February 10  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Does “warm winter camping” seem like a paradox to you? If so, come find out why the words “warm” and “winter” aren’t mutually exclusive! Join veteran winter campers Tony Owens and Chris Bond as they share tales from their many years of winter trips from the Allagash to the Penobscot, using traditional equipment, wooden snowshoes, toboggans, cotton tents, and wood stoves. They will share tips on equipment, safety, and trip planning. Bring a sandwich and enjoy your lunch outside with a cup of cider hot from the stove and was rescheduled from January due to a snowstorm.

**For Adults**

**Altered Book Club**  
FOR ADULTS  
Wednesday, February 8  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join Kiah every second Thursday of the month to turn discarded books into works of art! We will provide the books and craft supplies, but please feel free to bring in your own or use ours. This month: Make a decorative birdhouse out of pages of print. For adults and older teens. No registration necessary.

**Democracy Café**  
Tuesday, February 13  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Thomas Memorial Library Democracy Café is open! Mark Hews joins us in February as a co-facilitator. Mark was hired by the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) to spearhead the Maine chapter of their Revive Civility program. NICD is committed to bringing a series of tools and resources to people and communities to help them overcome the degradation of our public dialog. Mark will tell us more about this group and we’ll do a short exercise on civility. Then we’ll dive into our next group-selected topic: “What can we learn from other forms of government around the world?” How is our democracy supposed to work, and where are we veering off course? We hope you’ll join us in February to share, learn, and connect, to help make our world a better place to live. No registration necessary. For more details, please visit the library’s website.

**Senior Tech Time!**  
Wednesday, February 14  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We have set up time each month for seniors to come in to get help with technology questions. If you have tech questions, we’re here to help in any way we can – working together as a group, and moving the discussion to our library computer terminals if that helps. Bring your questions. Bring your devices. And let’s dig in!

**Privacy and Security in the Digital Age: How We Got Here, Where We’re Going, And Future Threats**  
Thursday, February 15  
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

John Doughty and Rob Simopoulos join us in February to talk about “Privacy and Security in the Digital Age: How We Got Here, Where We’re Going, and Future Threats.” The concept of “privacy” has undergone significant changes in the digital age and in many ways it can be argued there is no privacy in the digital sphere. While the founding fathers granted citizens significant protections in the Constitution which guaranteed the right of privacy, the events of September 11th unleashed what some view as a “dreaded” of unwarranted privacy intrusions. This program will look at the history of governmental digital surveillance and how it grew into the large program it is today, as well as what steps individuals and small businesses can take now to reduce the threat of being a victim of a cybercrime.

**Writer’s Accountability Group**  
Wednesday, February 21  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TML’s new Writer’s Accountability Group (WAG) meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From future writers who haven’t found the time to get going, to published authors looking for inspiration for their next book, we’re here to support you in a relaxed, library setting. All levels of expertise and genres are welcome to share ideas about writing, editing, and publishing; share snippets of your work with a creative, supportive group; connect with other writers who are as passionate about the craft as you are; give yourself a deadline each month to show up with your latest work; and have fun!

This month we’ll also be talking about the ins and outs of blogging, including simple ways to set up a blog. Please join us to help get your WAG going!

**The Unexpected and Awkward Journey of Making the First Million Dollars in Sales**  
Saturday, February 24  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ray Chang, owner and CEO of Motorsport Labs, joins us to tell his story of being an unexpected entrepreneur, and his awkward journey in making his first $1M in sales. Ray promises you’ll laugh, learn, and take home tips that will help and inspire you on your own entrepreneurial journey! Ray Chang mixes an entrepreneurial spirit with the competitive nature of a basketball player and the hunger of a foodie. He is the CEO of the Motorsport Lab, a $3M super-car experience agency dedicated to designing and implementing purposeful interactions for consumers and businesses through the world’s most iconic vehicles.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Morning Book Group**  
Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Evening Book Group**  
Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Knitting Group**  
Meets every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

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Harry Potter Celebration Week!
It’s been 20 years since the American publication of the beloved Harry Potter series, so we’re celebrating! Winding down the Winter Wizard Reading Tournament, we will have various Harry Potter activities and programs planned for the week of February Vacation, including a Harry Potter Escape Room (Tuesday Feb. 20 from 3-6 p.m. 2 sessions), Live Maine Owl presentation (Thursday Feb. 22, 6 p.m.), and a Potter Party after school on Friday, Feb. 23. Please visit the library’s website for complete details!

FOR CHILDREN
Note: Our regular story times will continue to take place during February school vacation week. Please visit the library’s website for the complete schedule.

Animal Advocates Club
Thursday, February 15
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. Felicia Mazzzone from ARLOGP will talk about why spaying or neutering pets is important and work with club members on projects to help spread the word and, as always, she will bring a live animal friend from the Animal Refuge League to visit. For grades 5 - 8. Please register on the library’s website.

Geology is a Piece of Cake, with Katie Coppens
Wednesday, February 21
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Learn about minerals, rocks and fossils using delicious layers of cake! Maine author and educator Katie Coppens will share information from her book “Geology is a Piece of Cake” in a fun hands-on presentation using samples of both rocks and cake. The book is full of easy recipes depicting accurate scientific principles concerning rock formations, fossils, tectonic plate movement and more. Learn about minerals, rocks and fossils using cake (which kids will get to eat)! Please call the library or visit the library’s website to register.

Missing canoe found, suspicious vehicle located and moved along
Reported by Debbie Butterworth

Accidents
1-9 Mary Larkin, accident on Ocean House Road
1-10 Peter Hort, Ann Torre, accident on Fowler Road
1-10 Lynn Lovett, accident on Dennison Drive
1-12 Matthew Morrison, Saylor Wood, accident at CEHS
1-15 Roger Prince, accident on Bowery Beach Road
1-17 Lauren York accident on Bowery Beach Road

Fire Calls
1-12 South Portland mutual aid
1-13 Overlook Lane, investigation
1-14 South Portland mutual aid
1-15 Bowery Beach Road, fire alarm
1-15 Starboard Drive, fuel leak
1-18 Astor Lane, CO2 alarm
1-20 Lindenwood Road, CO2 alarm
1-20 Linwood Street, fire alarm
1-20 South Portland mutual aid
1-22 South Portland mutual aid

Rescue Calls
There were 14 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 8 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Scam Alert Bulletin Board
Reported by Janieca D. Simpson

Tech support scams
Tech support scams happen over the phone and online. Typically, the goal of the scammer is to take control of your computer remotely, tell you that you have viruses that can be fixed for a fee, then get you to fork over your credit card number. If you get a tech support call out of the blue, hang up. Also, avoid clicking on pop-up notices that say you have a problem with your computer. If you are experiencing a technology problem, call your computer’s operating system tech support.

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Cape Elizabeth Lions Club invites you to attend their Pancake Breakfasts and Spaghetti Dinners. Dates for Pancake Breakfasts are: February 11 and March 17, Spaghetti Dinners at their clubhouse at Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road.

**Lions Club to hold Pancake Breakfasts and Spaghetti Dinners**

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club invites you to attend their Pancake Breakfasts and Spaghetti Dinners at their clubhouse at Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road. Proceeds benefit maintenance of the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse and Cape Lions Charities. Dates for Pancake Breakfasts are: February 11 March 17. 5:00-7.30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12.

**CEUMC to hold J Jazz Sunday**

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold Jazz Sunday on Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. service. On this final Sunday before Lent, live Mardi Gras-style music will be played before, during and after the service. The public is invited to attend. An 8 a.m. chapel service will not take place on Jazz Sunday.

**Cape Elizabeth schools seeking tangible resources**

The Cape Special Olympics Team is looking for a pair of cross-country skis for an athlete who will be competing in the Winter Games at Sugarloaf. The athlete is about 4’10” and weighs 80 pounds. If you can help out with the need please contact Cameron Rosenblum at crosenblum@capeelizabethschools.org or John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org to arrange for pickup.

**Small Trampolines**

The OT Department is in need of small size trampolines for indoor use. If you are able to donate one of these please contact Maureen Cabot at mcabot@capeelizabethschools.org or John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org to arrange for pickup.

**Tennis Balls**

We can always use tennis balls for the legs of desks and chairs in order to preserve the shine on the floors and keep classrooms free of that horrible furniture sliding noise. If you are able to donate any amount of used tennis balls, please contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org for a pickup.
How can I help? Is organizing your home on your 2018 to-do list? Are you ready to purge and donate? Are you moving and need help packing or unpacking? Do you need someone to run errands, arrange for deliveries and home repairs, house sit, chauffeur to appointments or airport, or plan small events? Even laundry and ironing. Call Cathy – right here in Cape. 385-506-5795

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Dr. Timothy Mitchell initiated into Fellowship in ACS

Cape Elizabeth resident Dr. Timothy Mitchell, of Southern Maine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was recently initiated into Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in San Diego. Dr. Mitchell received his undergraduate degree in 1986 from Boston College. He then graduated from Harvard Dental School in 1991, and Harvard Medical School in 1993. After a residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, he joined SMOMS. In addition to being in FACS, he has been involved in many professional organizations, and is a dedicated professor at the University of New England College of Dental Medicine.

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Blair Carpenter of Cape Elizabeth from the Class of 2019 was named to the Fall 2017 Honors List at Pomfret School, in Pomfret, Connecticut.

Madeline Stephen, CEHS Class of 2017, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2017 semester at Providence College in Providence, RI.

Dr. Mitchell initiated into Fellowship in ACS

Brydson earns USTFCCA All-Academic

Eva Brydson, a 2015 graduate of CEHS and daughter of Todd Brydson and Rachael Flaxman, earned USTFCCA (US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association) All-Academic Honors for her fall semester and cross-country season. In order to be named USTFCCA All-Academic, student-athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher and finish in the top 25 percent at their respective regional championship meet. A junior at Connecticut College, Brydson is an architectural studies and art history double major, and is captain of both her cross-country and track teams.

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Pictured is Ayden Diamond holding the Courier while visiting the Cape Town Company Gardens with Table Mountain in the background. Diamond and his family recently returned from a trip to South Africa, where they visited relatives and checked in on their restaurant, Mama Africa Restaurant in Cape Town.

Capers make Dean’s List

Jack Tierney, CEHS Class of 2018, has been named to the dean’s list at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year.