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In the Spirit of Community

Cape Schools, abundance of caution: what went right

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth Schools were closed Feb. 26, "out of an abundance of caution," according to the initial communication from the department. At 5:46 a.m., Feb. 26, this message went out to the community:

From the Office of the Superintendent of Schools: *Cape Elizabeth Schools are cancelled Monday, February 26, 2018 out of an abundance of caution, while officials work through an issue that was brought to their attention last night.*

The concern arose on Sunday night, Feb. 25, when a parent and student shared information with Cape Elizabeth Principal Jeffrey Shedd.

In a Feb. 27 statement to students and staff, Shedd said, "In reaching out to me, they did the right thing. Before the hour was out, I had heard similar though not quite so detailed reports from a number of other families. The concern was raised by Snapchat videos featuring what appeared to be an angry young person, a junior in our school, with at least temporary access to weapons. At no time in the videos was there any specific threat made to the school or any individuals or groups within the school."

Shedd then contacted police and Superintendent Howard Colter, and an effort began to locate the student.

The next day, on Monday, Feb. 26, the beginning of the school day was fast approaching and Colter was faced with the decision of whether or not to close the school. Since the police were still in the process of attempting to find the student, Colter made the decision to cancel classes.

Cape Elizabeth Police Department, working with the information they had, then followed a lead and worked in conjunction with South Portland police to locate the student. The 17-year old student was arrested, around 6:30 a.m. that same morning, by Cape Elizabeth police at a Minott Street apartment building in South Portland without incident.

He has been charged with misdemeanor terrorizing and released into the custody of a parent that lives some distance from Cape Elizabeth. Because he is a minor, his name is not being released.

Shedd said, "The student has been ordered not to be on school grounds or at any school event. The student faces serious disciplinary and legal consequences."

Later that day, just after noon, a follow-up message, signed by Colter and Shedd, was sent out explaining in further detail what had happened, and what measures had been taken.

As a precaution only, a Cape Elizabeth police officer was in the hallways on the first day students returned, Tuesday, Feb 27. The officer is a familiar face to staff and students, as he has routinely visited and chatted with students and faculty.

Shedd also made clear to students that help was available if they needed it. "If you are in need of special attention or support today, our school counselors and social workers have cleared their schedules. Feel free to report to the School Counseling office, and you will receive the attention you need," he said.

In a time of heightened anxiety concerning school safety, when everyone is reminded that if they "see something, say something," Principal Shedd summed up the response of all those involved this way, "The system worked . . . People with concerns and specific information shared those concerns. The police acted. Precautions are in place."

All attempts have been made to have things return to normal within Cape schools, but later that week, there continued to be an affect. A dance and a rally scheduled to occur only days after the school closure, were postponed. Some students expressed frustration at this decision, but in an email sent to them by Shedd, they were told the dance would be held shortly before April break.

School Board Chair Susana Measelle

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CEHS girls' swim team and boys' alpine ski team are Class B state champions



Photo by Fran Tighe

Congratulations to the defending champion Cape Elizabeth High School girls' swim team, who have won the Class B state championship again. From left to right are: Christina Pinette, Katherine Concannon, Milo Cook-Sharp, Daphne Te Boekhorst, Caroline Mahoney, Caitlin Cornel, Emma Frothingham, Zoe Evans, Corinne White, Olivia Tighe, Hope Campbell, Avery Palma, Maddie McCormick, Maria Smith, Hannah Liess, Alicia Lawrence



Contributed photo

Congratulations to the CEHS boy's alpine ski team, who recently won the Class B state championship. Pictured are: Devon Lathrop, Bear Huffard, Angus Fiutak, Ian Geikie, Nicky Martin, Killian Lathrop, Gannon Stewart, Sam Dresser, Duncan Geikie, Wylie Fiutak

Annual Lobster Stew Supper a success



Photo by Kelly Orzel

The 3rd Annual Lobster Stew Supper brought smiles to many faces, including Norah Schroder, Ethan Helis, Emery Helis, Jennifer Helis and Jason Helis, who enjoyed lobster stew, pickles, chowder crackers, biscuits, and pie at the event. Held on March 4 at Purpoodock Club, the supper is a community event that supports local agriculture. The stew is homemade (secret recipe!) and a multitude of people and businesses donate the lobster, pies, and side dishes. In addition, numerous volunteers also contribute their time to help make this event possible.

Planning Board postpones consideration of cell phone tower

By Wendy Derzawiec

For the second time in as many months, the Planning Board postponed consideration of a new cell phone tower on the William H. Jordan Farm on Wells Road at the request of the developer.

Global Signal Acquisitions IV, LLC, also known as Crown Castle, asked the board to table consideration of a 180-foot monopole tower proposed for a ledged area of the farm. The application also asks for a permit to reconstruct part of an access road within the buffer of a critical wetland.

The board unanimously agreed at their meeting Feb. 26 to table until March 20. "They are actively working to revise their plans and have asked for additional time to get them ready," said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. The board deemed the application complete last November, held a public hearing in December, then tabled the application in January, also at Crown Castle's request.

Fence OK'd for Shore Road homestead

In other matters, the board approved a request from Alex and Brianne Fisher to build

a fence around the perimeter of their property at 1200 Shore Road. The lot is accessed by an easement from the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, which owns the surrounding land.

In 2015 the board granted a permit for the Rudolf F. Haffenreffer IV Trust, then owner of the lot, to build a private accessway in the easement, provided no vegetation is disturbed outside the building envelope. The board's Feb. 26 approval will allow the fence, provided the couple install flat granite boundary markers to prevent encroachment, and agree not to place future buildings within 10 feet of the edge of the building envelope, also to prevent encroachment.

Contractor Ben Trout, representing the Fishers, said the split-rail fence is meant primarily to corral the horses the couple plan to have on the property. They have already started clearing for a single-family home, taking advantage of natural ledge at the edge of the building envelope, so the board's 10-foot stipulation will apply to a planned barn and any future construction.



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Support for Anne Carney

We support Anne Carney for State Representative. Like Anne, we are attorneys. Much of our combined legal careers have been spent working with disadvantaged populations. Anne spent 18 years practicing law at a well-regarded Maine firm. Then she felt a strong draw to help people who could not afford legal counsel. In Maine, there is a tremendous need for volunteer attorneys. Anne Carney is that unusual attorney that goes above and beyond her professional responsibility. From 2009-2017, Anne served as an In-House Volunteer Attorney at Pine Tree Legal Assistance, aiding those Maine residents who were unable to pay the fees to hire a private attorney. In her 8 years of volunteer work, Anne represented over 1000 Pine Tree Legal clients. She also provided staff and volunteer training in employment law and wrote client education materials on employment topics that benefited all of the people of Maine.

Anne championed important federal litigation that improved the working and housing conditions for migrant farmworkers in Maine's blueberry harvest. Anne's volunteer work shows her strong commitment to justice—and has provided her with the insight into the barriers to accessing justice, from the perspective of those dealing with economic pressures, health issues, language barriers, and other challenges. Anne will bring to the legislature, legal expertise, compassion, and a strong record of service. Perhaps most importantly, Anne is a keen listener; if you have something to say, she wants to hear it, and will respect your position. Please cast your vote for Anne Carney in the Democratic primary in June.

Jamie Wagner
Jennifer Bailey

Support for Mary Ann Lynch

I am writing this letter in support of the candidacy of Mary Ann Lynch for the Democratic nomination for state representative.

As background, I have been involved in the Democratic Party for over 40 years, a Cape resident for 25 years, and a strong supporter of our school system including serving on the School Board for 6 years.

Now, more than ever, it is critical that we Democrats nominate a "pragmatic democrat"—someone who has the ideals of the party (strong public schools, clean environment, equal rights, etc.) but who also has the pragmatic skills essential to actually get something done in our 2 party Legislature—listening, negotiating, and compromising.

As members of the same Portland law firm, I watched Mary Ann's skillful work for many years in Augusta as a member of our firm's legislative advocacy group. Her many legislative accomplishments involving difficult and contentious issues, while remaining respected and liked by both parties, is the very definition of a pragmatist.

In particular, several years ago I formed an advocacy group to lobby the Legislature

regarding the then pending school consolidation law. Mary Ann voluntarily assisted, and her skill, knowledge, and experience regarding legislative strategy, advocacy, and drafting was essential to successfully obtaining an exemption for Cape.

Finally, Mary Ann's pre-existing legislative experience, and substantial contacts in Augusta, will allow her to be effective right from the start, unlike most freshman representatives, which is a key benefit for Cape as representatives are term limited to only 4 years.

David Hillman

Thank you for the puzzles

Thank you to the kind-hearted person who shares puzzles, through the Cape Swap Shop. I'm certain the person must be a woman, however; and since I do not know your name, my friends and I refer to you as the puzzle lady. You so kindly take excellent care of your puzzles and package them up with the pieces inside a zip lock bag, sometimes separating the border pieces into a separate bag.

I share the puzzles with many friends, who enjoy them especially during the winter months of cabin fever. Those friends pass them to other friends, return them to me, and I return them to the Swap Shop for others to enjoy.

So, thank you for taking the time to deliver the puzzles to the Swap Shop. We all want you to know that we look forward to finding a new puzzle, like a surprise gift, and that they are greatly appreciated and being enjoyed by many.

Stephanie Betzold

Efforts have not gone unnoticed

The work of our citizens and our local government has not gone unnoticed.

We would like to express our gratitude to our Town Council, Conservation Committee & Matt Sturgis for their due diligence in providing a safe space for citizens to work together and express their thoughts, concerns and ideas for meaningful solutions regarding public rights over our shoreline access paper streets,

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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?

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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!

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Then and Now: Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

By Marta Girouard



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

The new "modern fire building," at Pond Cove, dated October 10, 1954. The photo was likely taken for the opening celebration.



Photo by Marta Girouard

The Cape Elizabeth Fire Department, present-day

Fully Involved: A view into the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

By Mara DeGeorge

How much do you know about the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department? Most residents say they know very little. Members of the Department say they knew very little until they joined the Department. In a new monthly series, Fully Involved: A View Into CEFD, we hope to bring you some news about the Department and give you a glimpse of what goes on, starting with a brief history and snapshot of the training for new firefighters.

According to Jim Rowe, a Cape Elizabeth historian, fire protection was originally provided by South Portland. CEFD was first established in 1916 as a volunteer hose company in the Mountain View Park section of town. Over time, more engines were added to the fleet and a second hose company was established in Town Center in 1923. It was originally housed in the basement of Town Hall, and what is currently CEFD Town Center station was the Public Works garage. There were approximately 25 firefighters and they were compensated on an hourly basis for their work fighting fires, similar to the way Cape firefighters are compensated today.

Rowe says, "As it is elsewhere, firefighting in Cape Elizabeth has long been a proud, multi-generational family tradition...volunteerism and community at their finest. My Dad was an officer in the department for many years and his dedication to public service throughout his life set a wonderful example for me to follow. The camaraderie and esprit de corps in firefighting are very special."

Colette Howe
Claudia Dricot

Fast forward to today. CEFD has approximately 60 members on the roster across five companies, including 35 members in two Fire Companies, five members in the Ambulance Company, 12 members in the WET Team, and ten members in the Fire Police. Interesting to note is that 14 of the 16 Engine 1 members live in South Portland, in contrast with Engine 2, whose members all live in Cape Elizabeth.

Only one member, Chief Peter Gleeson, is a full-time employee of the Department. All others are paid on-call members who break away from what they are doing to answer emergency calls.

New Members Needed

Chief Gleeson, who has been a member of CEFD since 1976, starting at the Cape Cottage Station, says that fewer and fewer of our newer members are CE residents. He explains, "Our current model of members who have served on the Department for 30+ years is unsustainable. The Department needs new members, and I'd obviously like more Cape



Photo by Rob Kamilewicz

Members of the Fire Fighter 1&2 course outside the station, next to a model home built with sliding compartments to show effects of ignition, oxygen, ventilation, and backdraft.

residents to join, but I recognize the intense training commitment against many residents' already busy work and family commitments is a challenge." People also may hold a false belief that they can't possibly have "what it takes" to be a firefighter or rescue worker.

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by way of the recent professionally facilitated paper street public forums. It is clear our local govt brought deliberate thoughtfulness & leadership to the process.

The significant majority of public forum citizen attendees expressed views & considerations in support of paper street acceptance.

Thank you to the Citizens of Cape Elizabeth who participated in these forums, sharing, learning and listening to each other thoughtfully & respectfully.

Thanks also to those who have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate democracy at its best, by standing up and making sure that your voices are heard.

Please continue to support this effort by attending relevant future Town Council meetings and workshops.

Thanks for filling the room and staying the course to ensure that our Town does all possible to preserve and protect the town's rights over these valuable shoreline access paper streets now, and for future generations to enjoy.

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Chief Gleeson points out that nothing could be further from the truth. He says, "The most important qualifications above all else include a strong desire to help people and give back to the community. If somebody has that, they could be a good fit for the department. We can provide the training and the gear."

Some new members come to the Department by way of the Student Program. Historically, CEFD participates in an annual high school career day to recruit student members, and adult members come by way of word of mouth. New members must be a minimum of 16-years-old, and are limited on functions until they turn 18, including no burning buildings or medical calls with trauma. Interest and numbers have declined in recent years. Some presume this to be a result of increasingly busy personal lives and demanding work schedules, but this is potentially more due to residents' lack of knowledge of the Department and its need for new members.

This year, consistent with the varied demographics of the Department, there are six new members, ranging from an 18-year-old college bound Cape Elizabeth High School Senior to a Cape Elizabeth mother of three. Citizens interested in learning more about joining the department are encouraged to visit cefd.org or call 207-799-6409.

New Recruits in Action

The six new members are being exposed to all facets of Firefighting and Rescue in the Fire Fighter 1&2 course, which meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from February through May, plus one full Saturday each month. The course covers topics such as Orientation and History of the Fire Service, Firefighter Safety, Fire Behavior, Prevention, Emergency Medical Care, and much more. It is an intense, rigorous training program, both physically and mentally, filled with excitement

and teamwork. The new members are eager learners who bring energy and enthusiasm to their new pursuit. Jake Thomas, a 30-year-old South Portland Construction Estimator says, "This has been an incredible experience so far. I've always wanted to be a firefighter, in any context. But when your Company is made of friends - those that truly want you to do well, coupled with approachable leadership, it's a place you want to grow and develop." Nicole Penley, a full-time nursing student who came by way of the Student EMT program, says, "I've seen a lot of bookwork and lecture material throughout my college career, so it's truly something special to be able to say that I learn so much more from the hands on skills derived from the fire department veterans. You don't get that educational opportunity that often. This is what makes good firefighters; not the book work nor the lecture materials, but rather the rare opportunity to develop crucial skills through the dedication and experience of others."

Jim Rowe isn't only a Cape Historian. He sums up his experience nicely. "Following college, I served on the CEFD for about 10 years in the 1970s-80s. It was one of the most important experiences I have ever had. Not only did I learn about fire science, the tactics and strategies of firefighting, post-fire investigation, lifesaving techniques, hydraulics, operating expensive equipment, the importance of teamwork, etc., but I also learned a lot about myself."

Long-term dedication of veteran members, new members, consistent training, rich history, strong community involvement, and members' great sense of pride in the Department and the Town make the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department what it is today. Look forward to Unmasked: A View Into CEFD next time, as we feature the new WET Team boat purchase.

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Appletree School families from all over the world



Contributed photo

During the Winter Olympics, Appletree families shared flags from their countries including Argentina, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Sweden, South Korea, and the USA. We also participated in our own winter games; events included snowshoeing, luge runs, sledding with jumps, and tag.

Local Writers at The Local Buzz

On Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 4-5 p.m., Local Writers at The Local Buzz will continue its monthly reading series featuring Maine writers reading original prose and poetry. The Local Buzz café and wine bar lineup for March features fiction author, Joan Dempsey, and poet Jay Franzel.

Joan Dempsey is the author of the novel, This Is How It Begins, which has been short-listed for the 2018 Sarton Women's Book Award. She was the recipient of a significant research grant from the Elizabeth George Foundation to support her work on This Is How It Begins, a grant that took her to Warsaw for a month, and to Washington, D.C. for ten days to study in the archives at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Joan is the winner of the 2017 Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award from Poets & Writers Magazine, and was named by Poets & Writers as one of "5 more over 50" Writers to Watch. Joan received her MFA degree and teaching certificate in creative writing from Antioch University Los Angeles. Her work has been published in The Adirondack Review, Alliga-

tor Juniper, Obsidian: Literature of the African Diaspora, and Plenitude Magazine, and aired on National Public Radio. She lives in New Gloucester, Maine with her partner and their family of animals.

Jay Franzel lives in Wayne, Maine and is one of the organizers of the long-running Bookey Poetry Series at the Harlow gallery in Hallowell. He has received poetry grants from the Maine Arts Commission and the St. Botolph Foundation. His poems have appeared in the literary journals Animus, Beloit Poetry Journal, Cafe Review, Off the Coast and Puckerbrush Review. He is the author of two chapbooks, Walking Track published by Moon Pie Press and Animal Wisdom published by Sheltering Pines Press, where it was also a finalist in the Sheltering Pines Chapbook Contest. He has worked with at-risk youth for over 30 years, and currently teaches in Winthrop, Maine.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.localbuzzcafe.com.

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School Board begins discussion on 2018-2019 budget

The Cape Elizabeth School Board has begun working on the 2018-2019 school budget. During these workshops the Board, the School Department, and the public examine and discuss the costs associated with our schools and the various revenue streams we have to fund them. This year the costs are relatively flat, but financial support from the State of Maine has again dramatically decreased.

As is common in public school departments, the vast majority of Cape's school budget is personnel costs that are locked by contractual agreements with staff. Cape Elizabeth is comparable with surrounding school districts with personnel costs at or above 80% of the budget in each of the last five years.

Thus, even in a year when staff headcounts are held steady there will be increases in overall personnel costs due to contractual benefit costs and salary increases. Our excellent staff includes teachers, education technicians, administrators, bus drivers, administrative assistants, custodians, food service, and maintenance. Understanding that staff is our most significant budget driver, the Board is incredibly thoughtful about making sure the school department is staffed appropriately.

Staffing is a major factor of our budget, and enrollment drives our staffing. But it's not all about the numbers.

Enrollment is a major topic of conversation throughout the year, and certainly during budget season. A major concern as recently as three years ago was declining enrollment in our schools. During that time of decline, which spans a decade, the number of staff decreased, including teachers and administrative assistants in particular. However, certain staffing levels remain relatively constant regardless of enrollment size, like nurses and custodians. The good news is that our enrollment has stabilized over the past several years, showing an average change of four students district-wide per year. Current projections for enrollment are essentially flat for next year.

The schools are staffed based on two criteria: the needs of the students and community expectations. Our primary consideration around staffing is student need – support and services for those with disabilities, for those who are struggling, for those who excel and need a greater challenge, and everyone in between – the schools must meet the needs of all students. The long-standing community expectation of excellence in our schools is another critical consideration. Cape Elizabeth citizens value high quality education for their students and expect that their tax dollars support high-performing schools. Regardless of the number of students attending our schools, figuring out how to staff classrooms and buildings isn't as easy as dividing the total number of children by a target class size number. It is much more complex than that.

Like all Maine public schools, the funding side of the equation is comprised of community tax revenue, state educational subsidies, a scant amount of federal funds, and various grants. Cape Elizabeth's 2018-2019 state subsidy is projected to be \$875,000 lower than this year. This massive cut in state aid comes on the heels of equally big cuts this year and last. State aid is based on two key factors: 1) the total amount the state allocates for education and 2) the state education funding formula. This formula get adjusted nearly every year and includes a variety of factors including student enrollment, staffing levels, and local property tax values. Changes to the formula this year include an increase in the expected local mill rate combined with a big increase in the state's property valuation for Cape Elizabeth. Thus there is a significant reduction in state funding.

How do we meet the needs of all Cape

Elizabeth students and meet the expectations of Cape Elizabeth residents while facing such funding challenges? Please join the conversation!

Upcoming Budget workshops and locations:

Thursday March 8: Continuation of department presentations, Q & A; CEHS Library

Tuesday March 20: Budget updates and Q&A; CEHS Library

Tuesday March 27: Answers to outstanding questions and Board straw poll; CEHS Library

All workshops are held at the CEHS Library, starting at 6:30PM, and are taped for future viewing. Budget documents can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabetschools.org/budget/>

Basketball Bonanza to be held on March 26

All Middle School and Travel Girls and Boys basketball players will be playing versus the Middle School teachers and staff on March 26.

Doors will open at 5:30pm, with the National Anthem at 5:55pm. The first game (girls 8th grade team vs. female teachers and staff) tips off at 6pm, and the second game (boys 8th grade team vs. the male teachers and staff) tips off at 7pm.

There will be give-aways, and half time "shoot-out" competitions for those in the stands! The event benefits the 8th grade graduation celebration.

Thompsons to hold reception honoring their son

In honor of their son Timmy Thompson, who passed away in 2004, Nancy and Tim Thompson invite you to a reception on Thursday, March 29 at the Purpoodock Club to celebrate Timmy and learn more about the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.

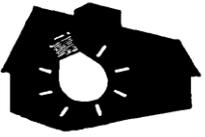
All five of the Thompson's children attended Cape Elizabeth schools and the Thompson's have remained active within the school district and with CEEF, including awarding the annual Thompson Award through the foundation to a distinguished Cape faculty member.

"Tim and I believe strongly in all that CEEF has accomplished and are proud to have Timmy's memory associated with the foundation. Our intention is to kick-off six weeks of fundraising to benefit CEEF in Timmy's memory."

Ellen Jordan, CEEF's Executive Director, noted that "the Thompsons have had an amazing impact on our students and teachers with their generosity. We are touched by their continued involvement and look forward to all the possibilities that come with it."

If you are interested in attending the reception on Thursday, March 29 or would like to make a donation to CEEF in Timmy's memory please contact Ellen Jordan at info@ceef.us or mail a donation to CEEF PO Box 6225 Cape Elizabeth ME 04107.

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The 3rd Annual Cape Elizabeth Middle School Festival of Curiosity will take place on Friday, June 1, 2018. The Festival focuses on inquiry-based learning experiences and consists of more than 50 hands-on STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities intended to spark curiosity in young, inquisitive minds. Students are encouraged to nourish their natural curiosities and explore the world they will inherit as future leaders and problem solvers. The

Festival tailors the educational experience for maximum engagement.

This event is a collaboration of talent and the exhibits will be lead by community and business leaders from around the state. The list below highlights some of the activities we would love to offer at the Festival this year. We are still looking for experts, techies, tinkerers, hobbyists, geeks, and artists to lead these workshops/activities to make our wish list become a reality. If a topic resonates with

you as something you could teach, then please contact us at festivalofcuriosity@gmail.com.

Discuss The Future of Medicine

Looking for an expert to discuss with 8th graders how medicine has evolved over the last 100 years and how it's likely to change in the future. Discussion topics could include: what likely will be our next medical fight or will we finally achieve perfect health? How have surgical instruments evolved, and how will they likely change in the future?

Explore Challenges as Emerging World Citizens

Looking for an expert to discuss with 7th graders how technical innovations have impacted the quality of life for people across the globe. Explore global issues students will possibly face (e.g., rising sea levels, access to freshwater, diminishing resources, food scarcity) and how industry and technology may impact us globally.

How Technology is Changing the World

Looking for an expert to discuss with 6th graders how technology is changing the world, and whether we are indeed changing the way we live. Will we change so much in the next 100 years that we won't recognize society of 2018? And what new technologies are industry disruptors?

How to Moonwalk

Feedback from students after the Festival last year included offering more stations that involved movement, so this year we are looking for a Hip Hop Artist to teach students how to moonwalk.

Create a MADLib Story

Looking for a writer to work with 8th graders to create a story about their CEMS experience. This story will be converted into a MADLib format, and with the use of crowdsourcing technology, we will create our own unique MADLib story to be read at the end of the Festival or their graduation.

Semi-Conductors

Looking for someone to explain the importance of semi-conductors to students. How do they work, and why are semi-conductors important? We have two of the world's premier semiconductor manufacturers located in South Portland.

Gene Editing

Looking for a bioengineer to teach gene editing! We want students to learn how to edit bacterial genomes possibly using the CRISPR cas-9 technology. It's all the buzz

in the science world with its unique ability to enable geneticists to edit parts of a genome by removing, adding or altering sections of the DNA sequence.

How Satellites Work

With all the exciting news about SpaceX, we would love to show students how satellites work. If anyone has a connection to satellites or desire to build one (mock or real) with students, please let us know! This activity has a lot of potential, and we would love to brainstorm ideas with you on how best to approach it.

Personal Health Apps

Looking for a someone to demonstrate new health apps on smartphones that allow us to track health & wellbeing. What are some possible ideas for the future? How much should/can we trust the information smartphones provide?

Leadership Skills

Looking for someone to work with students to help them shape their identity. In the age of social media and digital persona, how can we help students stand out as their unique self and discover their leadership style via social media through role-playing and identifying leadership traits?

Physics Design Challenges

Looking for an expert to lead a structural design challenge. We would like students working in teams to design and build structures using diverse materials that maximize strength, stability, and other forces. We're open to ideas but would love an engineer to come help lead this hands-on activity.

The F.o.C. Podcast

With podcasts becoming increasingly popular, we're looking for an expert to host a podcast during our Festival of Curiosity (a.k.a. The F.o.C.) to demonstrate to students how to produce and air a show.

Biking

Middle school students are often becoming increasingly interested in biking. We want to give students an introduction to the various types of bikes available (e.g., mountain, fat tires, and road) and what are the mechanisms that keep them up on the bike and the scientific principals behind working the gears.

Urban Farming Challenge

Looking for a permaculture expert to lead an activity on urban farming challenges of integrating land, resources, people and the environment through mutually beneficial systems as seen in diverse natural systems.

Outdoor Survival

Looking for an interesting Maine Guide to excite students about wilderness and most importantly how to use their wits to survive should something unforeseeable happen. If our funding allows, we would love for students who attend this session to compile a safety kit they can pop into their pocket along with tips and a checklist on how to stay safe if lost in the woods.

Fantasy Sport Team

Looking for someone to teach students how to analyze the numerical strengths of professional sports players to best understand how to draft a fantasy sports team. A fun way to entice students to geek out over math.

Literary Talent

We would love to show students how the literary world complements STEM. If you have a connection to a Sci-Fi story, or a non-fiction research project, or even a groovy topic that will get their creative juices flowing, please let us know.

Whew! As you can see, pulling off this one-day event is a massive undertaking, and it takes a lot of collective brainpower. Luckily, we live in one of the best-educated commu-

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School Closure

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Hubbs, and Vice Chair Heather Altenburg, sent a message to CEHS employees on behalf of the board that read, in part, "I want to thank you for doing what you do and the way you do it - every day - for the students at CEHS. On Fridays such as these, where you begin anticipating the exhale of a deep breath, it's imperative that you know you are truly appreciated. The several weeks leading up to today have been extremely demanding and complex for all of you. They have required you to reflect calmness, compassion, and consistency to our students when they have needed it most. This is no small feat. Especially, when you are simultaneously trying to process heartbreaking and threatening events yourselves. Thank you for continuing to do what you do and doing it so well. I know it is not easy, but I know it makes a difference. Children model what they see and from what I have witnessed in my own home, the students under your care are most definitely keeping calm and carrying on. Thank you for being there."

In the previously mentioned email to students, Shedd wrote, "The safety of students and staff are, as always, the #1 concern of our school administrators and teachers. Although this is the first year in a long time when I have not had a child in the school, I can tell you I would feel perfectly comfortable having a child of mine in the high school now. Mr. Carpenter does have a child here. If you have particular concerns or have heard rumors that are particularly concerning to you, please contact us."

Festival

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nities in Maine. We're confident we can find the talent needed to produce a jaw-dropping, hands-on learning experience that will forever spark an interest with our middle school students. Please help us by letting us know if you're one of our missing talents. We are also open to hearing new topic ideas, so please share your suggestions with us. (festivalofcuriosity@gmail.com)

Your involvement will not only make a difference with students, but we're happy to share your generosity with the community by proudly displaying your business logo in our student handout (given to every CEMS family) as well as promoting your involvement on Facebook and in community news. You will also be rubbing elbows with these awesome businesses, organizations, and individuals who have already committed to joining us this year: Art with Bike Art, Architect Kevin Brown, Cape Chiropractic, CELT, Author Mary Cerullo, Curious Creatures, Russ Dorr, Dr. Ecker, Author Fran Hodgkins, Dr. Gorman, Engineers without Borders, Fort Williams Park Foundation, Todd Gutner, Let's Go 5-2-1-0 Program, Maine Medical, Author Genevieve Morgan, Morris Farm, NERACOOS, PATHS, Sail Maine, SidexSide, Surf Camp Maine, Surfriider, Southern Maine Astronomers Club, The Telling Room, Thomas Memorial Library, Tidal Maine, Turning Point Cycle & Fitness Studio, Veterinary Quick Care, Dr. Willens, and Woodard & Curran.

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CEHS Earns Honors at Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival

The Cape Elizabeth High School concert jazz band won second place in its division (L5) at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival on February 10. The Festival was held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston and included ensemble schools from across the U.S. The Berklee festival is held annually and is the nation's largest high school jazz festival.

In addition to the ensemble award, Alex Hansen, sophomore pianist, received the superior musicianship award. This distinction was earned by only one musician in each of the 13 divisions across the entire competition.

The band's members include saxophones: Nathaniel Clay, Alice Kenny, Ryan Oberholtzer, Caleb Weinstein-Zenner, Henry Rutty and Tony Inhorn; flute: Sydney MacFarland; trombones: Preston Stewart, Zach Merrill, Jack Sands and Dylan Foote; trumpets: Fiona Simpson, Sam Berman, Ben Payson and Hunter Grimes; guitar: Harry Baker; piano: Alex Hansen; bass: Grace Roberts; and drummer Christie Gillies. The band was directed by Tom Lizotte.

The band premiered three arrangements

written for them by former Cape Elizabeth Middle School band teacher Terry White: "Bright Mississippi" by Thelonious Monk, "Pulsacion #1" by Astor Piazzolla and "Beautiful Love" by Victor Young.

The concert jazz band will also be performing at the CEHS band concert on March 15 and the Jazz Cabaret on March 23. For more information about these events, please visit the Cape Elizabeth Music Boosters website at www.capemusicboosters.org.



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Pictured above is the CEHS concert jazz band



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Harry Baker (guitar) and Christie Gillies (drums) rehearse prior to the performance.



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Pianist Alex Hansen was honored with the superior musicianship award for the L5 division.

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Pond Cove accepting kindergarten registrations

Pond Cove School is accepting kindergarten registrations for 2018-19. If you have a child who will turn five on or before October 15, 2018 he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten at Pond Cove this fall. The registration packet is available to download at: https://pondcove.cape.k12.me.us/files/docs/forms/new_families_packet.pdf or you can stop by the school office and pick up a hard copy.

Registration papers should be turned into the office as soon as possible, but no later

than March 30, 2018.

Early registration will help the school to plan for the incoming kindergarten class. More information is available at 207-799-7339, or by email, pcoffice@capeelizabethschools.org.

Parents of children attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the office if their children will attend first grade in the Cape schools next year.



Photo by Joanne Lee

Cape Elizabeth freshman varsity team player #3, Nathan Mullen, goes in for the shot at the Class B South Boys Basketball Regional Final held on February 24 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. The team had a great season (Record 13-8) but unfortunately came up short in the championship game against Wells.

Parents, staff upset that Cape Schools Special Education director not re-hired

By Marta Girouard

On February 13, the Cape Elizabeth School Board unanimously approved interim Superintendent Howard Colter's recommendations for contract renewals for the 2018-19 school year. Jessica Clark, director of special education for the school district, was not on that list of names. Clark signed on with the district in July 2016, and her contract was up for renewal, but Colter did not recommend that. The superintendent has not elaborated on why he did not nominate Clark for another contract with the district, stating that he cannot comment on personnel issues.

Parents and staff alike expressed their surprise and displeasure at Colter's decision and many showed up at a school board meeting on February 13 in support of Clark. Renewing her contract would have brought some continuity to a district that has seen four dif-

ferent Special Education directors since 2007.

Jon Delisle, a special education teacher at Pond Cove Elementary, was hoping for a different outcome to the situation. "Mrs. Clark's constant commitment to student success and desire to work as a team was truly inspiring. I am very grateful to have been able to work with Mrs. Clark and can honestly say, in my professional and personal opinion, the next district she works for should consider themselves extremely fortunate," said Delisle.

According to the Cape Elizabeth School Board, Clark submitted her letter of resignation on March 1 and will be leaving Cape Elizabeth at the end of this school year. "Ms. Clark has been credited for greatly improving the services offered to students, families and staff within the Special Services Department;

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Cape Elizabeth bird report: late winter 2018

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

No matter the season, Cape Elizabeth is a treasure trove for birders. February 2018 yielded reasonable numbers of Pelagic Alcids along the shorelines of Cape and Scarborough – Dovekies and Thick-billed Murres in particular. Harlequin Ducks (Two Lights and Fort Williams, Common Eiders, at least one King Eider (Dyer Point), Black and White-winged Scoters (Crescent Beach), Pintails (Ferry Beach), Red-breasted Mergansers, Red-necked Grebes, and numerous Common Loons.

Although this winter will not match the mega-irruption winter of 2013-2014, Snowy owls have been spotted with some frequency up and down our coastline, including Higgins Beach, Dyer Point and Two Lights State Park. Brown Creepers and Golden Crowned Kinglets could be seen and heard during most days this winter in Robinson Woods I & II.

Impressive numbers of non-migratory Eastern Bluebirds have made it through another winter. Overwintering Gray Catbirds were spied in Delano Park, Pond Cove, Kettle Cove and Prout's Neck.

Noteworthy indeed is the local population of Carolina wrens, seen and heard in Pond Cove, along Julie Ann Lane, Gull Crest, Cranbrook and a duetting pair on Hannover Cove Road! Pileated, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers are all regular winter residents, as are the increasing number of Red-bellied woodpeckers choosing to not vacation south. Purple

Finches and Red-breasted Nuthatches have been noticeably absent when compared to this time last year.

As for raptors, a Merlin was seen perched atop the rocky bluffs along the Pond Cove shore line. Four boisterous adult Bald Eagles gave chase over Richmond Island and Crescent Beach in late February. Additionally, Sharp-shinned hawk sightings have been relatively frequent this winter.

Spring Migrants are beginning to show up. Song Sparrows and good numbers of male Red-winged Blackbirds arrived the last week in February - staking out their territories along the Scarborough Marsh and Gull Crest wetlands, as did Common Grackles - announcing their arrival with croak like whistles and iridescent bluish hoods. Very early arriving - February 22nd - American Woodcocks were displaying deep within the Gull Crest Marsh.



Photo by Martha Agan

Pictured is a tufted titmouse, a small songbird from North America, and a species in the tit and chickadee family

March Naturalist's Corner: looking for harbingers of spring

By Erika Carlson Rhile

March 20: 1st day of Spring/Vernal Equinox - today there are equal amounts of night and day throughout the world.

March 31: Full Moon, Blue Moon - Since this is the second full moon in the same month, this is referred to as a Blue Moon. This year is particularly unique in that January and March both had two full moons while February had no full moon.

Seen and heard around Cape Elizabeth:

Pairs of foxes have been spotted, and their telltale "skunky" musk smell let's us know they are mating. The breeding season for foxes is generally from March through April with an average litter size of 3-5 pups.

The familiar peent call of the male American Woodcock is being heard in fields around town. The American woodcock is known by a host of colloquial names, the most common being timberdoodle. Other colorful nicknames include Labrador twister, bogsucker and mudsnipe.

Red winged blackbirds are active in the marsh behind Crescent Beach.

Want to attract bluebirds? They love dried (and live!) mealworms.

The first frogs will begin to emerge. Wood frogs are adapted to cold; listen for their duck-like calls from ponds.

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raising the morale of Special Educators as a whole; and rightfully reinforcing that Special Education is an integral part of our school system. The entire School Board is extremely grateful for the positive changes Ms. Clark is responsible for and wish her the very best," stated Cape Elizabeth School Board Chairman Susanna Measelle Hubbs.

Clark did not reply to the Courier's request for comment, but in an email to the Courier, her husband Richard Clark wrote that "The very real and significant physical and emotional toll that Jessica has felt has served as a wake up call to her and others is that the notion, despite the moral obligations the school district has to their children, this same obligation may not always be afforded to those responsible for the children." Clark went on to state that no reason had been communicated to his wife either prior or after the decision to not move forward with a contract renewal had been made. Less than a month before, he said that Clark's request for contracted tuition assistance to earn her doctorate degree had been approved, and the money appropriated into the budget for next year. "Had her performance or any issues arisen that would have threatened her employment, I find it hard to believe that this would not have been the time to address them," he stated.

Jennifer Brooking is facilitator of the Cape Elizabeth Special Education Parents Group

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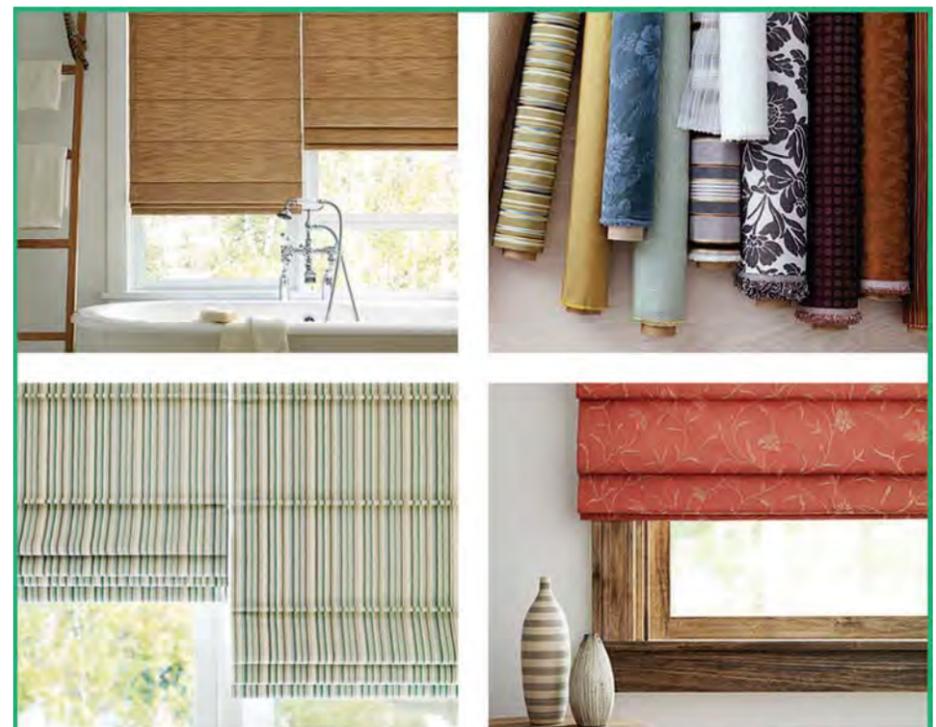


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New owners at horse boarding stables on Route 77

By Marta Girouard

Folks driving down Route 77 recently may have noticed a new sign up at the corner of Spurwink Avenue and Ocean House Road for horse boarding stables. Formerly known as the Walnut Hill Equestrian Center, Zack and Brittany Petsinger are the new owners of the property and after completing some renovations, have opened up the stables for horse boarding. They have renamed the property to Cape Ledge Farm, due to the fact that a large part of it, including the foundation of their home, is situated on a mound of ledge.

Set on eight acres, the barn has 22 stables for horses as well as two riding arenas, one outdoor and one indoor. The Petsingers live on the property with their three children, Ashlynn, 6; Gunnar, 4; and Xander, 2. Other "residents" include their two dogs Foxy and Ginger, two goats, one who

just gave birth to a kid with the second goat due to give birth soon. Forty chickens and four male ducks round out the crew.

The Petsingers are no strangers to the area. Brittany is a graduate of the former Catherine McAuley High School in Portland. Zack moved to Cape in the second grade and graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School, where he was heavily involved in the carpentry program. That interest in woodworking and construction motivated him to start his own company in 2007, Birdseye Construction, where he focuses on construction and property management. In 2008, he also joined the US Navy Seabees and is in the New England battalion called Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27. Having completed numerous deployments in the US and abroad, he is an E-6 First Class Builder and does concrete and framing as

well as large construction.

Zack and Brittany married in 2010 and moved to Buxton, where they started raising their family. When the opportunity came up to own the property on Route 77 that had been vacant for two and a half years, they couldn't pass it up. "Brittany and I have always wanted to come back and live in Cape and this was our opportunity," said Petsinger. With family close by, they are excited to be back in the area where they grew up and that their children will be going through the Cape school system.

The Petsingers encourage anyone interested in learning more about, or visiting Cape Ledge Farm, to reach out to them via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Cape-Ledge-Farm-197377300676595/>

Shore Things is now fox + doe

By Marta Girouard

Cape Elizabeth resident Sandy Shapiro-Hurt and South Portland resident Brigid O'Reilly have leased the space on 1232 Shore Road that many residents previously knew as Shore Things. The two women have worked together producing events in the past and have decided to take on a new venture together.

The store will be called fox + doe. The name is a personal tribute to Shapiro-Hurt's grandmother and daughter (both of whom were nicknamed Doe) as well as a nod to the wildlife of Shore Road. Residents may notice the signs dotted along the stretch of road that recognize the crossing of fox and deer.

"Brigid and I are both passionate about the recycling of goods, and the environmental benefits of it. Many women buy a new dress for an event, wear it once and don't know what to do with it from there," said Shapiro-Hurt. "We love the idea of items having new life infused in them with the concept of consignment."

The shop will focus on selling a curated collection of boutique consignment clothing, accessories and shoes, in addition to new clothing, jewelry, shoes, gifts, and housewares. The owners are also very excited to be working with local artisans and will have their products available at the shop.

fox + doe welcomes those who would like to consign to stop in for "drop off" hours, Wednesday through Saturday 10-5 beginning March 7. Grand opening of the store to the public will be Saturday, March 31. For more information,

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Courier at the Olympics and in schoolrooms of Tanzania



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Hillary and Tom Egan (pictured on left), summer residents of Cape Elizabeth, are pictured reading the Cape Courier while visiting a restored palace site in Seoul, South Korea. The Egans were visiting Seoul before traveling to PyeongChang with their sons Guy and Graham for the 2018 Winter Olympics and to cheer for Clare Egan (CEHS '06). Clare is a member of the US Women's Olympic Biathlon Team and the US Women's IBU World Cup Biathlon Team.

Charlotte and Olivia Urbanek (pictured seated left) would like to thank all those members of the community who responded to their appeal for books for the Rift Valley Children's Village in Tanzania. Charlotte, accompanied by her grandmother, taught journaling and assisted with English classes over a period of two weeks. They delivered two full duffel bags of books and Olivia and her mother added two more when they traveled to the Village themselves, well over 100 pounds of books. Visit www.tanzaniachildrensfund.org for more information.

Garfield named to Dean's List

Caroline Garfield, CEHS graduate and daughter of Angus and Cynthia Garfield, has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. Garfield is in the five-year masters of architecture program, and will be double majoring in architecture and sustainable real estate development. She recently returned from a semester abroad in Rome.

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Dr. Krassner travels to Haiti as part of HWB



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Pictured above is Devra Krassner, naturopathic doctor, who recently returned from volunteering in Haiti. Dr. Krassner traveled to Port-au-Prince, where she helped train local doctors and other health care professionals in the use of acute care homeopathy. She also treated many children and adults. She was excited to be part of Homeopaths Without Borders' (HWB) successful effort to make homeopathy, an effective and inexpensive form of medicine, available to Haitians. Dr. Krassner, Past President of the Maine Association of Naturopathic Doctors, practices with the Integrative Health Center of Maine in Portland.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Senior Tech Time

Weds, March 14, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Senior Tech Time meets the second Wednesday of every month from 10:30 to noon. If you have tech questions, we're here to help you in any way we can – working together as a group, and addressing individual questions. Bring your questions. Bring your devices. Let's dig in!

Don't Get Scammed!

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Detective Mark Dorval and Community Liaison Officer David Galvan join us in March to discuss current scams facing our community, ways to prevent being victimized, and steps to take if you fall for a scam. The officers will discuss clever ways scammers try to separate you from your money. And they'll discuss red flags to look for and what to do when you get a suspicious call, piece of mail, or email. This is a great opportunity for our community to get information and to ask questions. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Glenshane Irish Folk Duo

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
We're delighted to welcome Jean and John Nesbitt, the Glenshane Irish Duo, to help us celebrate the week of St. Paddy's Day! John and Jean will perform a lively, fun-filled repertoire of Irish songs filled with striking vocal harmonies, and accompanied by a mix of instruments including guitar, bass, harmonica, and penny whistle.

In addition, John's humorous storytelling

and Irish wit will delight you.

Writer's Accountability Group

Wednesday, March 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-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.

A Celebration of Maine Birds: Photos and Stories from a Birder's Big Year

Thursday, March 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
How many species of birds can you see in a year in Maine? Josh Fecteau sought to answer that question in 2017. In this program he'll share photos and stories that take you on a statewide journey of avian appreciation. Along the way, he'll pass on some of his essential bird seeking strategies on the off-chance you catch the birding bug!

Stories from the History of the Red Sox

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
How does a fan with a passionate love for baseball brush with some all-time greats? Author, Educator, and Speaker Ray Sinibaldi will reveal all when he joins us in March to celebrate Opening Week of the 2018 baseball season. Ray will talk about how he came to write his most recent book on the history of the Red Sox, he'll share how and where he gathered the photos, and he'll include a few stories about the making of the Ted Williams Statue, Babe Ruth's Banner, and more.

Songwriting Workshop

Thursday, March 29, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Our new songwriting workshop continues in March with local songwriter and performer Jud Caswell. Jud will begin each session with a short discussion of some of the elements of songwriting craft and move on to sharing

songs. Feedback will be focused on questions or concerns raised by the songwriter, with discussion focused on issues of craft and technique.

Participants should bring a song that is "in process" for feedback and support, along with 10 copies of lyrics to share. We'll have a sign-up sheet when you get here and will have time each night to share 6 or 7 songs. Come a little early if you want to make sure to get on the list!

The goal of the workshop is to provide a safe place for songwriters to grow their ability. Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome!

Now What? A Talk by Author Monica Wood

April 3, 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.
We are over-the-top excited to have Maine author Monica Wood join us at TML in April. Monica will talk about the role of failure in any creative life, and how failure can both crush and reinvigorate an artist's dreams.

Her favorite quote to go with this talk: "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."
~ Winston Churchill

TEEN PROGRAMS

Book Talks

Mondays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Talk with Alyssa and other teens about the books you are reading, and books you want to read!

Tabletop Gaming Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Play old favorites and new board games.

Creativity Lab

(for elementary and middle school students)

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Drop in and make something with Rick!

Crafternoons

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Join Alyssa and Kiah for a different craft project each week.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Join a campaign run by teens for teens.

Game On!

Fridays, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Play board games, card games, Wii U games, and more!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Our winter story times end on March 17, but begin again with the same schedule on March 26. We have a few special programs during the week of March 19 - 24 in place of

some of our regular story times (see below); please check our website for other program listings during that week.

Stay, Play, and Learn

for families with babies and toddlers 1 - 3 years old

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

March 13 - April 10

Our regular Stay and Play program has some special guests! Bring your child for some unstructured playtime, and chat informally with a different guest each week about any questions you may have about your child's health and development. On Tuesday, March 20, Karen Richards Toothaker will be there to answer questions about how children learn through play, and on March 27, Kiersten Ellis will be on hand to discuss early childhood development. In April, a speech pathologist and a dentist will be our guests. No registration necessary!

Springtime Dance for Preschoolers with Karen Richards Toothaker

Wednesday, March 21
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Bring your preschooler for some fun movement and dance activities with early childhood specialist Karen Richards Toothaker. If the weather is nice, we'll dance outside! No registration necessary.

Toddler Diet and Nutrition, with Leslie Oulette

Friday, March 23
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Leslie, a registered dietitian, will offer advice about toddler nutrition, tips on introducing new foods to toddlers, and other topics related to feeding toddlers. Chat with Leslie while your children play! No registration necessary.

Storysharing: Reading without Words, with Pam Leo

Saturday, March 24
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how to read a wordless picture book to your child? Pam Leo will discuss the wonderful world of wordless books and demonstrate how to share those books with children. She will then offer parents and children a chance to practice reading some wordless picture books together. Suitable for parents with children from birth on up! No registration necessary.

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Library

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Author event: Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree, with Sandy Shapiro-Hurt

Saturday, March 31st
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Cape resident Sandy Shapiro-Hurt will share her newly published picture book, "Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree" in a special story time for ages 3 and up. Book sales and a book signing event will follow. All are welcome to come help celebrate Sandy's first picture book!

The Farm: A Child's Invitation to Art, with Marie Ahearn

Every Saturday in March
Interactive art exhibit: 9:30 - 12:00 a.m.
Hands-on art activity: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

This fun interactive exhibit is perfect for ages 2 - 6. Come play on the farm, and make some art!

Clark

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and has three children who attend school in the district, two of whom receive services in special education. According to Brooking, there have been a lot of positive changes in the special education department since Clark became the special education director. "We had a much needed behaviorist join the district after years of advocating for the need. We had a functioning life skills class come back that was dissolved under past direction. Special Education staff feel valued, listened to and respected," said Brooking. "I feel that the superintendent and school board have listened to staff and parents and do value our special education department and the needs of our children," Brooking stated and she hopes this positive direction will continue even though Clark's contract renewal has not been granted.

Officers respond to subjects fighting in a parking lot, \$7000 demanded in a scam call

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 2-5 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check
- 2-7 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights area regarding a suspicious person complaint.
- 2-8 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance
- 2-12 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 2-13 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an ID theft complaint. Someone had attempted to take out a loan using the victim's personal information.
- 2-14 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who had received a scam call. A male caller claiming to be a court appointed attorney advised that her grandson was being held and needed \$7000 bail money and was asked to wire cash.
- 2-15 An officer responded to the Starboard Drive area for a well-being check.
- 2-18 An officer responded to the Starboard Drive area for a well-being check.
- 2-20 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 2-23 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 2-24 Two officers responded to a residence in the Two Lights Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 2-24 Two officers responded to a business in the Ocean House Road area for a report of two subjects fighting in the parking lot.
- 2-24 Two officers responded to a residence in the Two Lights Road area for a domestic disturbance.

SUMMONSES

- 2-6 Waterboro resident, attaching false plates, Highland Ave

- 2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, operating without a license, Ocean House Road
- 2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Oakhurst Road, \$148
- 2-7 Portland resident, improper auxiliary lighting, missing amber light, Shore Road, \$306
- 2-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Scott Dyer Road
- 2-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77
- 2-14 Brunswick resident, uninspected vehicle, Old Ocean House Road, \$148
- 2-16 Winthrop resident, speeding (43/30 zone), Shore Road, \$152
- 2-16 Windham resident, failure to maintain control of vehicle, Route 77, \$143
- 2-16 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$186
- 2-20 New York resident, operating without a license, Shore Road
- 2-21 Gorham resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$200
- 2-22 West Gardiner resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$230
- 2-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$148
- 2-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$85

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 2-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Farm Hill Road, \$186
- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault
- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal mischief
- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, obstructing report of a crime
- 2-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Shore Road, \$230

JUVENILE ARREST

- 2-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault, criminal mischief, obstructing report of a crime, Stonybrook Road
- 2-26 Terrorizing, South Portland

ARRESTS

- 2-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 2-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Scott Dyer Road

ACCIDENTS

- 2-6 Nicholas Freed, accident on Fowler Road
- 2-15 John Elwell, accident on Ocean House Road
- 2-18 Joshua Dennison, Ken Bergman, accident on Orchard Road
- 2-18 Duane Pietruszynski, Bruce Garrow, accident on Shore Road
- 2-22 David Starbuck, Melissa Hoffman, accident on Katahdin Road

FIRE CALLS

- 2-8 Starboard Drive, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-10 South Portland mutual aid
- 2-12 Rocky Hill Road, water problem
- 2-18 Woodland Road, arching power lines
- 2-18 Shore Road, car accident
- 2-21 Pulpit Rock Road, fire alarm
- 2-21 Woodland Road, low wire
- 2-21 South Portland mutual aid
- 2-24 Old Fort Road, cooking fire
- 2-24 Ocean House Road, investigation

RESCUE CALLS

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, March 14

Town Council/School Board Workshop, 7-8:30 pm, Town Hall

Thursday, March 15

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 pm, Cape Elizabeth Community Center
Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 pm, Thomas Memorial Library

Wednesday, March 17

Lions Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 pm, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Tuesday, March 20

School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30 pm, High School Library and Learning Commons
Town Council Workshop, 7 pm, Town Hall
Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, March 21

Town Council Workshop, 7 pm, Town Hall

Thursday, March 22

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 7 pm, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, March 27

School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30 pm, High School Library and Learning Commons

Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 pm, 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.

Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

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499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
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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:
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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

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Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon

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

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Saturday, 10 a.m.

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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

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Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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First Congregational Church of Scarborough

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883-2342

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Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Nursery Care

CABLE GUIDE

Town Council replay

March 14 & 15 - 2 pm & 8 pm
March 17 - 10:30 am

School Board replay

March 16 & 17 - 2 pm & 8 pm
March 18 - 10:30 am

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

March 17, 18, 24 & 25 - 9 am

CHANNEL 3

Planning Board (live)

March 20 - 7 pm

Planning Board replay

March 21 & 22 - 2 pm & 8 pm
March 24 - 10:30 am

Board of Zoning Appeals (live)

March 27 - 7 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals replay

March 28 & 29 - 2 pm & 8 pm
March 31 - 10:30 am

Pond Cove seeking gardening assistants

The Pond Cove 2nd grade team is looking for volunteers with gardening experience to work with teachers and students on planting projects. Activities include: advising teachers on best gardening practices and helping students transplant seedlings to raised beds. Anyone interested would need to be available over a two-week period of time in May and/or June. If interested, please contact: Julie Robbins- jrobbins@capeelizabethschools.org

Free pet First Aid presentation

The Veterinary and Rehabilitation Center of Cape Elizabeth is offering a free presentation on pet First Aid on March 15th at 5:30 PM. Open to the community. Would you know what to do in an emergency? Come learn some of the basics of emergency treatment and first aid for your pets. 207 Ocean House Rd, Cape Elizabeth, ME Please RSVP 799-6952 or info@vrce.com



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Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship

Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary worship

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday

6:00 p.m. Soup supper in Guptill Hall

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Drama

Easter vigil begins after worship service and continues until 6:00 a.m., Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Fort Williams

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship with Meetinghouse Choir, ASL Interpreted

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship with Meetinghouse Choir

For more information, please visit the church website www.fccucc.org or e-mail the church office at office@fccucc.org.

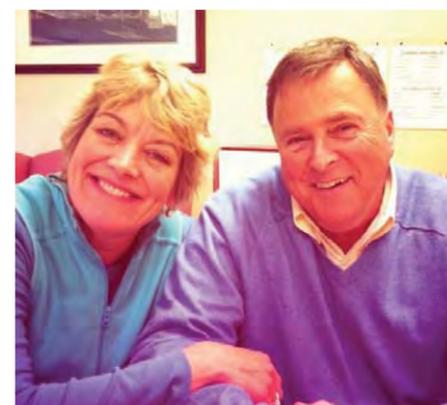


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On March 18, the High School & Middle School Community Service Groups will be collecting canned food for The Knights of Columbus at St. Bartholomew's Parish parking lot, 8 Two Lights Road, from 12-1 p.m.

Fire

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Third graders collect donations for Animal Refuge League



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Third grade students Cooper Justh and Hudson Charlebois collected sheets and towels from fellow Cape Elizabeth community members to donate to the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook as part of their community service project for Cub Scout Pack 30. They made a flyer and then sent them to friends and neighbors to arrange a collection time. They were able to collect enough sheets and towels to fill a pickup truck.

The Cape Courier travels to Ireland



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Cape Elizabeth Dan Morales-Walsh is pictured holding the Courier in Burren, Ireland. Morales-Walsh recently returned from a 5-week apprenticeship with several Master Craftsmen in West Yorkshire and Lancashire England, as well as Caithness, Scotland. The focus of his trip was to further his knowledge and skill in the craft of dry stone walling which is a major aspect of his business, Maine Stone Scapes.

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Happy Birthday!



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Seth White, a resident of The Landing at Cape Elizabeth, celebrated his 105th birthday in February, surrounded by friends and family. Mr. White has lived in Cape since the early 1940's, and has been a beloved resident at The Landing, formerly Village Crossings, for nine years. Mr. White was presented with the Boston Post Cane in 2015 by the Town of Cape Elizabeth. The Boston Post Gold Cane has been presented to the town's oldest resident since 1909, and Mr. White is the 22nd citizen of Cape Elizabeth to receive the award.

Mitchell joins Malone Commercial Brokers



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Brandon Mitchell, Associate Broker has joined Malone Commercial Brokers after several years in commercial real estate. Mitchell brings a background in commercial construction as a project manager with Ledgewood Construction, Landry-French Construction and PC Construction. He has first-hand knowledge and experience in land use regulations, zoning, site work requirements and building costs. Mitchell moved to Maine in 2002 and is involved in various community organizations. He resides in Cape Elizabeth with his wife and children.

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