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 Snapshot videos featuring a person walking into a Minott Street apartment building. At 5:46 a.m., Feb. 26, this message went out to the community.

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.

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 -see SCHOOL CLOSURE page 7

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 ledge 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 26. “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. Haffnerfer 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.

Planning Board postpones consideration of cell phone tower

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

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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 public 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 is that unusual attorney that goes above and beyond her professional responsibilities. 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, legislative 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 a 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

Your Paper Needs You! The Courier is rehuling 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 advertising dollars more and more to produce the same paper you know and love. But unlike other papers, the Courier is a non-profit and exist to serve the entire community. So to keep our advertising rates low and continue to support 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

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.

Anne represented over 100 Pine Tree Legal clients. She also provided staff and volunteer training in employment law and wrote client education materials on employment topics that benefitted all of the people of Maine.
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Thanks to you the Citizens of Cape
Elizabeth who participated in these fo-
rums, sharing, learning and listening to
each other thoughtfully & respectfully.

Thanks also to those who have dem-
onstrated, 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 COUN-
cil 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
future generations to enjoy.

Thank you to the Citizens of Cape
Elizabeth Fire Department? Most residents
say they know very little. Members of the De-
partment say they knew very little until they
joined the Department. In a new monthly se-
ries, Fully Involved: A View Into CEFDF, we
hope to bring you some news about the De-
partment 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 Eliza-
beth historian, fire protection was originally
provided by South Portland. CEFDF was first
established in 1916 as a volunteer hose com-
pany 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 CEFDF 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, firefight-
ing in Cape Elizabeth has long been a proud,
multi-generational family tradition, volun-
teerism and community at their finest. My
Dad was an officer in the department for
many years and his dedication to public ser-
vice throughout his life set a wonderful ex-
ample for me to follow. The camaraderie and
esprit de corps in firefighting are very special.”

New Members Needed

Chief Gleeson, who has been a member of
CEFD since 1976, starting at the Cape Cot-
tage Station, says that fewer and fewer of
our newer members are CE residents. He ex-
plains, “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
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.

—see CEFDF page 4
Chief Gleeson points out that nothing could be farther from the truth. He says, “The most important qualifications above all 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 pressure to this 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 Tuesdays 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, hydrdraulics, 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.

-see FIRE page 15

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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 line-up for March features fiction author, Joan Dempsey, and poet Jay Franzen.

Joan Dempsey is the author of the novel, This Is How It Begins, which has been short-listed for the 2018 Santon 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, Alligator 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 Franzen lives in Wayne, Maine and is one of the organizers of the long-running Bokey 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 he 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.
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 need 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 they 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 a 2017 state aid cut of $1.15 million. The good news is that our enrollment has again dramatically decreased.

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Join the Spark of Learning & Make a Difference at CEMS

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 festivalsofcuriosity@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 disrupters?

**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 crowd-sourcing 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. How to draft a fantasy sports team. A fun way to entice students to geek out over math.

**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 demonstration to new health apps or smartphones that allow us to track health & wellbeing. What are some possible ideas for the future? How much should/can we trust 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 literary research project, or even a groovy fiction 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-
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 antici-pating the exhale of a deep breath, it’s imperva-tious 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 simultane-ously 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 stu-dents, 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.”

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 awe-some businesses, organizations, and individu-als 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 Dorf, Dr. Ecker, Author Fran Hodgkins, Dr. Gor-man, Engineers without Borders, Fort Wil-liams Park Foundation, Todd Gutten, Let’s Go 5-2-1-0 Program, Maine Medical, Author Dr. Marta Agrodnia, DVM, DACVS, Vicki Kennedy, Jeff Kennedy, Steve Seabury, Frank Stout, Doug Schauf, Guy Gledhill, Rusty Pillsbury, Mike Faulkingham, Women’s Fitness Studio, Veterinary Quick Care, Dr. Willens, and Woodward & Curran.

This project is made possible through the generous support of donors to the Cape Eliza-beth Education Foundation (“CEEF” which provided $1000) and from other thoughtful donations throughout our community. The Festival is a non-profit IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations are tax-deductible, and 100% of all fundraising goes directly to the event.

Thank you so much for your support!

The Cape Elizabeth High School concert jazz band won second place in its division (L5) at the Berklee High School Jazz Festi-val on February 10. The Festival was held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston and included ensembles 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 super-ior 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 saxo-phones: Nathaniel Clay, Alice Kenny, Ryan Oberholtzer, Caleb Weinstein-Zenser, Henry Rotty and Tony Inhorn; flute: Sydney MacFarland; trombones: Preston Stewart, Zach Merrill, Jack Sands and Dylan Foose; trumpets: Fiona Simpson, Sam Berman, Ben Payson and Hunter Grimes; guitar: Harry Baker; pi-ano: Alex Hansen; bass: Grace Roberts; and drummer Christie Gillies. The band was di-rected by Tom Lisotto.

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 “Beau-tiful Love” by Victor Young.

The concert jazz band will also be per-forming 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 web-site at www.capemusicboosters.org.

CEHS Earns at Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival

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

Plinant 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@capeelizabeth.schoools.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.

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 different Special Education directors since 2007.

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;” said Delisle.

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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.
Cape Elizabeth bird report: late winter 2018

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

No matter the season, Cape Elizabeth is a treasure trove for birders. February 2018 yielded reasonable numbers of Pileated and Downy Woodpeckers, along the shorelines of Cape and Scarborough – Dovekie 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 1 & 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, Gulf 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.

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 Gulf Crest wetlands, as did Common Grackles - announcing their arrival with croak like whistles and iridescent blueish hoods. Very early arriving - February 22nd - American Woodcocks were displaying deep within the Gulf Crest Marsh.

March Naturalist’s Corner: looking for harbinger of spring

By Erika Carlson Rhile

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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. See and heard around Cape Elizabeth:

Pairs of foxes have been spotted, and their telltale “skunky” mask smell lets 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.

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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 Susan Messelle Hubbard.

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 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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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 stalls 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 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.

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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.

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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 duffle bags of books and Olivia and her mother added two more when they traveled to the Village themselves, well over 100 ponds of books. Visit www.tanzanianchildrensfund.org for more information.

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 Egan’s 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.

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.

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.

Garfield named to Dean’s List

Dr. Krasner travels to Haiti as part of HWB

Garfield named to Dean’s List

- Check out more Neighbors news on page 16
ADULT PROGRAMS

Senior Tech Time

Wed, 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 Daval 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! Jean and John will perform a lively, fun-filled repertory of Irish songs filled with striking vocals and penny whistle.

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 Sinabaldi 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 p.m. – 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 dream.

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, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Play old favorites and new board games.

Creativity Lab

Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join Alyssa and Kiah for a different craft project each week.

Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join a campaign run by teens for teens.

Game On!

Fridays, 3:00 – 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, Kiensten 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 to 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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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, $7,000 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.
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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, Oldighthouse Road, $148
2-7 Portland resident, improper auxiliary lighting, missing amber light, Shore Road, $306
2-8 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
2-15 Winthrop resident, speeding (45/30 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 (46/30 zone), Sawyer Road, $200
2-21 West Gardiner resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Sawyer Road, $250
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 Demnison, Ken Bergman, accident on Orchard Road
2-18 Duane Pieniazynzki, Bruce Garrow, accident on Shore Road
2-22 David Starbuck, Melissa Hoffman, accident on Kanabind 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
There were 25 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 5 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 5 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.
**CAPE CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, March 14**
Town Council/School Board Workshop, 7:30 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 Road

**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

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**CABLE CHANNEL**

**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
Small Group Study: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
First Baptist Church of South Portland
879 Sawyer St., South Portland

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**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@vcree.com

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**Pond Cove Cove seeking gardening assistants**
The Pond Cove 2nd grade team is looking for volunteers for 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 June. If interested, please contact: Julie Robbins- jrobbins@capeelizabethschools.org

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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**
Chairman 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, 300 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew’s Church, 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban’s Church.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Easter Brunch by the sea**
Sunday, April 1 – 10:30am-3pm
Enjoy a sumptuous brunch complete with spectacular ocean views.

- Three-Course Prix Fixe Sample Items: Pastry Platter Per Table (Pastries, Jams and Butters)
- Smoked Salmon
- Belgian Waffle
- Braised Lamb
- Pan Roasted Scallops
- (all adults & kids 5-12, $3)

**Reservations required**
207.799.3134 or InnbytheSea.com

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**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**
499 Ocean House Road (Route 77) 799-3392
www.capeznarene.org

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

**Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church**
280 Ocean House Road 799-8396
www.ceumc.org
Chapel Service: 8 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
Child care & Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
29 Ocean House Road 767-5000
Sacrament Meeting: Sunday, 9:10-11 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m.
Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon
Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon

**The Church of the Second Chance**
Greater Portland Christian School 1338 Broadway, South Portland 641-3253
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Congregation Beth Ha’am**
81 Westbrook St., South Portland 879-0028
www.bethaam.org
Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.
Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of South Portland**
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**Holy Week and Easter Services at FCC**
The 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 Meeting House Choir, ASL Interpreted
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship with Meeting House Choir

For more information, please visit the church website www.fcucc.org or e-mail the church office at office@fcucc.org.
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Food drive planned for March 18

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Calls: 1100 calls annually, 75% medical
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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.

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Happy Birthday!

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.

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Jennifer DeSena, Broker/Owner/Realtor

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 Craftsman 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.

Mitchell Joins Malone Commercial Brokers

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 codes. Mitchell moved to Maine in 2002 and is involved in various community organizations. He resides in Cape Elizabeth with his wife and children.