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In the Spirit of Community

Planning Board to hold public hearing on road extension, votes on limited car sales recommendation

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing May 15 on an application to extend a portion of Aster Lane toward South Street to accommodate a new home at 8 Aster Lane.

Applicant Margaret Birlem is looking to extend the road 80 feet to provide frontage for the home, but a lot hinges on whether a chain currently blocking South Street from Aster Lane will stay where it is, be moved, or disappear all-together.

"I think we have sort of a chicken and egg problem here," board member Peter Curry said at the meeting April 23. "If there is to be no barrier, then the probability of additional traffic may suggest a need for a traffic study ... if there is some type of barrier or discouragement of through-passage then I think it's probably not required."

The chain, its location or the lack thereof, would also determine whether an additional turnaround for emergency vehicles is needed, and whether Birlem's request for a road width of less than the

standard 22 feet is granted.

Current plans do not include the chain barrier, which was placed by Cape Elizabeth police after a home was constructed at 5 South St., across the street from Birlem's property. The private South Street was approved by the board as a legal accessway for the home in 2004, but the approval did not include the chain, said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara.

"Subsequent to the Planning Board approval there were some concerns raised about people getting lost and driving (from Aster Lane) on South Street, and the police chief decided that the chain across the end of South Street would be installed," she said.

The subdivision that includes Aster Lane, approved in 2006 as "Spurwink Woods," was controversial at the time and prompted a townwide referendum to limit the creation of short-cut streets be-

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Food waste collection begins at Recycling Center May 1



Photo courtesy of James Green

Deposit compostable material in the orange-lined bins in front of the blue single-sort compactors beginning May 1

The town of Cape Elizabeth is excited to announce that residents will soon be able to bring their food wastes to the Recycling Center for easy and hassle-free composting.

Composting allows us to reduce our solid waste disposal costs—meaning that every bit of food scrap you put in the compost pile saves taxpayers some money. Right now, the town pays \$70.50 per ton of waste sent to ecomaine. Food waste composting is \$50.00 per ton, and recycling is FREE. That means when you toss a banana peel in the trash can, you're basically throwing a nickel in there too.

Aside from the monetary benefits to our town, composting diverts landfill ash and produces sustainable biofuel power as well as organic farm fertilizer right here in Maine. Simply collect your

household food waste (see list below) in a lidded container and empty it into the green collection bins with bright orange liners, located just in front of the blue recycling containers.

The program begins on May 1, so look out for those green bins.

Residents can compost:

- Fruits & vegetables
- Rinds, peels & cores
- Coffee grounds & filters, tea bags
- Bread & baked goods
- Pasta, rice & grains
- Dairy products
- Eggshells
- Meat & fish scraps and bones
- Paper napkins, cups, and plates
- Cut flowers

Do NOT Compost:

- Plastic
- Metal
- Wax Coated Packaging
- Styrofoam
- Tin Foil
- Condiment Packets
- Bulky Wood
- Leather
- Hygiene Products
- Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail

Have a question about composting or what can be put in the bins? Check out the Cape Recycles homepage: https://www.capeelizabeth.com/services/utilities/cape_recycles/home.html for more information, including an A-to-Z Recyclopeda.

Local farms grow into spring

By Marta Girouard



Photo by Marta Girouard

Jim Cox waters the annuals at Dun Roamin Farm, a flower operation he and his wife Evelyn have run for the last 30 years. Their flower stand opens each year around Mother's Day and is open through July. To see what other farms are up to this spring, check out pages 11 and 12.

Fully Involved: A view into CEFD, the WETeam boat purchase

By Mara DeGeorge



Contributed photo

Fort Williams technical rescue training session preparing to raise the litter and attendant

The WETeam, or Water Extrication Team, is one of the five Fire Department companies, specializing in water incidents on the coast and inland Cape Elizabeth.

Over the years, a significant increase in coastal visitors, along with commercial boat and pleasure craft traffic, began to strain the resources of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Maine Marine Patrol, and our

own local rescue services. Finally, on the night of November 14, 1988, the inadequacies of our existing coastal rescue capability abruptly came to light. The fishing vessel Judy and Betsy, while making for her home port of Portland, came aground on Trundy Reef, a ledge outcropping that had claimed

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School Board should participate in joint workshop

The Cape School Board has so far refused to participate in a joint workshop with the Town Council on school transparency and financial management, claiming the Board is the governing body for the schools and the Council's authority is limited to school budget approval.

The Board is correct that the Town Charter gives "general management, care, conduct and control of the schools" to the Board, which logically includes finances. But the Charter gives all other powers, including Town financial responsibilities, to the Council. The school budget is a part of the overall Town budget.

While the Board approves a school budget in the first instance, the Council not only must approve the school budget before it goes to the voters for final approval, but can send it back to the Board if the Council believes the budget is not in the Town's best interest. And the Board's \$27 million school bond issue currently being considered also has to be approved by the Council before being sent to the voters. Bottom line: both bodies have authority and responsibility here.

While the School Board should exclude specific personnel matters, it would be prudent to participate in a joint workshop on transparency and financial and budget management. The Council shouldn't send any school budget or bond issue to the voters unless it gets satisfactory answers to the financial and budget questions it has, for which it is clearly responsible under the Charter. The taxpayers and voters deserve no less.

David Plimpton

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Support for Mary Ann Lynch

I am writing to endorse the candidacy of Mary Ann Lynch, our former Town Councilor, who is running in the Democratic primary for the State House of Representatives. I have known Mary Ann since 1978 when she was a key campaign staffer for Governor Joe Brennan. When I ran for Congress two years later, I chose her to be my campaign manager. Then she went on to become a terrific lawyer.

Mary Ann has every characteristic we should be seeking in our elected representatives. She is very smart, diligent, and has excellent judgment. All who remember her service on the Cape Town Council know she distinguished herself because she is a good listener, respects everyone's point of view, and keeps in close touch with constituents.

She has spent the last decade as the administrator for the Maine Judicial System and its liaison with the Maine Legislature. She knows the system and she knows how to get things done in Augusta.

From the day she is sworn in as our representative in Augusta, she will be a leader and a very effective advocate.

Please join me on June 12 in voting for Mary Ann Lynch, a Democrat who will make a difference in the legislature.

Harold C. Pachios

Support for Anne Carney

I have been lucky enough to know Anne Carney for more than 25 years, as a friend and attorney. For more than 10 years, she was one of my legal partners. Now she wants to use her impressive skills as Cape Elizabeth's House Representative. She will be a force for real change in Augusta.

Anne's opponent in the Democratic primary focuses on two "issues" in opposing her: experience and public campaign funding.

First, Anne is ready to lead on day one. She has always been a fierce advocate for her clients, including her pro bono clients at Pine Tree Legal Assistance. Her leadership at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust led to increased access to, and protection of, our unique natural resources. Her experience and advocacy will benefit all Cape's residents.

Next, I want my candidate to have skin in the game and not rely on taxpayer dollars. Anne's difficult choice to use traditional campaign funding demonstrates her commitment to the job.

Anne is the best candidate. She is a veteran community leader. Vote for her on June 12 and tell five of your friends to do the same.

Jonathan Brogan

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Please consider a donation towards site renovations

The Courier is refreshing our website and we are seeking the community's financial support to make it happen. Can you 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; we exist to serve the entire community. So to keep our advertising rates low and continue not to charge for many of the services others do, we need to step-up our game. We don't want to change a thing about the paper – just create a more useful online presence for our readers and advertisers.

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

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



Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Remembering Alice Lothrop

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy of Ancestry.com

The Lothrop family ca. 1934: Alice holding baby Ann; Alice's husband Eaton S. Lothrop, Sr.; and their son, Eaton S. Lothrop, Jr.



Photo courtesy of Findagrave.com

Eaton and Alice's gravestone in Portland's Evergreen Cemetery

Alice Winslow Sweetser Lothrop was the itinerant music teacher for Cape Elizabeth schools for several years in the 1950s and 60s. She would travel from school to school, classroom to classroom with her carton full of flute-o-phones, rhythm sticks, tambourines, triangles, cymbals, jingle bells, cowbells, wood blocks, maracas, and of course her trusty pitch pipe, all of which would help her students perform "beautiful" music.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Lothrop (a widow) was also a homicide victim at her residence here in Cape Elizabeth on February 12, 1972. She was 68 years old. Her home was in our neighborhood and her sister and brother-in-law lived next door to the

house where I grew up, so I knew her quite well.

For many years, her name appeared on a lengthy list of unsolved homicides at the Major Crimes Unit of the Maine State Police. A recent check no longer had her name on the list. Possibly her case was solved, or perhaps enough time has elapsed that any suspects are now presumed deceased and interest has waned accordingly.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Lothrop touched many young lives here in Cape Elizabeth, and the horrific news of February 12, 1972 rocked our town. Gone but not forgotten.

We Support Anne Carney Please Join Us

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Letters

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Support for Richard Rottkov

I'm urging all South Portland and Cape Elizabeth District 32 Democrats to vote for Richard Rottkov on June 12. Richard has proven his commitment to our community and shown his range of interests. He has served on boards and committees and done volunteer work for booster clubs, environmental groups, political organizations and the City of South Portland.

Richard Rottkov is a fair and open-minded individual. He will consider every issue carefully and free of the political biases that are currently shaping legislation in Augusta and nationally. He is a man of great common sense, an excellent listener and communicator. As a former journalist and current educator, Richard Rottkov can look at issues from many angles and can express his thoughts so that people on both sides of the political aisle can hear and respect him.

Please vote on June 12 and please vote for Richard Rottkov for State Representative District 32.

David Brenner

Allocate spending to support schools

As the town council nears the date to make a decision that could impact our student's education, I must ask the question: Why has the town's legal services budget line item increased by almost 67 percent? As we are navigating a significant decrease in our state education funding, our town is continuing to allocate unneeded and unnecessary dollars to support legal expenses. I am aware of the lawsuit between homeowners and the town over a 900 ft trail in Shore Acres, a trail that the town conservation committee has no plans to develop. The Cape Courier has covered this issue on many occasions. In a recent edition, one former lawyer was quoted saying that this particular lawsuit could cost the town \$250,000. Our own town's lawyers have said that a lawsuit of this magnitude will cost the town hundreds of thousands of dollars. Is this where we, as a community,

Concerns are longstanding

Thank you for your attention to my memo and research. In the spirit of fair and balanced reporting, I wish to share the following: My concerns are longstanding. I met with Susana Hubbs in 2015 to discuss concerns about ease of access. I also highlighted the need for clear, open communication between CESB and the community, in the spirit of mutual support and understanding. I did not feel my concerns were taken seriously, so I chose to not pursue the matter.

There is no protocol for citizens to voice their concerns. I am not required to attend a certain number or type of meeting, or express my interest in any demonstrable way, to be

want our money to be spent? For a 900 ft long trail?

With \$250,000, six teacher positions could be saved. Necessary school programs could stay a part of our children's curriculum. Our school is being surpassed by neighboring districts and our children's education will be impacted. The town is now embroiled in a legal matter of an unneeded, unnecessary cause. During this difficult, current fiscal environment it would be prudent for our town council to reassess its current legal service's budget and look at how that money could be spent in helping our children and our schools. The Cape schools are an integral reason why many people choose to live in Cape Elizabeth. Let's allocate spending to support that.

A concerned parent

heard and taken seriously. I have chosen to be selective in what I speak up about. The issues of numerous executive sessions, administrative turnover and the audit could not be ignored (I actually had to limit the amount of information in my memo). The Town shares the business office with the School District, and pays for the audit, so it seemed appropriate to approach the Council.

Ms. Hubbs states that "administration have not yet had an opportunity" to "fully review" my "complaints". CESB has finished their budget, yet still no answers to my queries. How much time do they really need? If my concerns are so unfounded, why have they not been addressed? My memo and supporting documentation were sent on April 8.

Transparency and accountability are essential to good governance.

Janet Villiotte

Support the proposed budget

As a student in this community it is my right to get the best education for my future role in society. A solid school budget is a way for us pupils to get the education and opportunities to discover different interests in our school careers and to succeed. If we cut down our school budget, especially extracurricular activities, it will have detrimental effects to my education. Which could affect my ability to get into the college of my dreams, Harvard.

Without approving the proposed budget, there will be cuts to music, foreign language and most worrisome, technology, which let's face it...it's the future. All of these activities can help kids like me get into better colleg-

Our Children and Schools Deserve Our Support

I am writing to encourage Cape Elizabeth residents to support the School Board and its proposed 2018-2019 budget. My family relocated to Maine 10 years ago. We looked at several lovely coastal towns and chose Cape for one primary reason - exemplary schools.

After attending several meetings and asking questions of both the School Board and Superintendent Coulter about this year's budget, I'm very impressed with their thoughtfulness and dedication to the children in our community. Cape Elizabeth's high home values mean that we are receiving less and less funding from the state (a complicated formula based on home valuation). In just the past 3 years we have received a total of 63 percent less (\$2,135,151) state revenue in support of public education. Couple that with dramatic increases in health insurance rates, the result is an inevitable increase in the overall cost of providing our children with an amazing education.

According to the Superintendent, if Town Council does not support the proposed budget, we can expect it to have a 'devastating' impact on our schools. We will have fewer teachers and higher student/teacher ratios, as well as significant programming and curriculum cuts in a system that is already working at full capacity.

Please be part of the process. Contact the School Board and ask questions. Write your Town Council members and let them know how you feel. Attend the Town Council Budget Hearing on May 7, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Our children and our schools deserve our support.

Terri Patterson

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es and some, like sports, can also help kids stay on the right path and stop them from getting into trouble, liking vaping etc. And what about the loving role models that are our teachers? Without the proposed budget, 10-15 of them could lose their jobs.

And let's not forget the biggest problem. Property value. Without a great education system, your property value will decline. This affects everyone, whether you have a kid in school or not.

My parents picked Cape Elizabeth when we moved because of the school system, and now with the budget cuts, the school value will go down and your property value will go down with it. With these cut downs what will be the outcome? It's not good.

Please don't play with my future! Please support the proposed budget.

Madalyn, 7th grader

Thank you for the School Board's commitment

After reading the article that highlighted some complaints by a Cape Elizabeth resident regarding the school board, I was struck by how hard our school board members work. One of the complaints included excessive executive meetings, numbering 31. In my mind that demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to their job and I feel the need to say thank you to the school board members for all their time. I had no idea that their volunteer position required that amount of commitment. Thank you for all you do while juggling busy family lives and jobs.

Laura Mcgrath

Town seeking to fill full-time opening at Recycling Center

The Town of Cape Elizabeth has a full-time opening for the position of Recycling Center Attendant.

Duties include assisting in the daily operations of the Recycling Center; which includes, but is not limited to; inspecting in-coming materials, cycling compactors, explaining regulations, scheduling container pulls, and performing manual tasks, as required. A commitment to customer service, the ability to communicate well orally and the ability to work independently is mandatory. Knowledge of Maine DEP Solid Waste Regulations is desirable, along with the ability to conduct, and account for, financial transactions.

Applicants with previous work experience in solid waste, recycling and/or materials handling are desired. Ability to obtain certification as a Transfer Station Operator as defined by the Maine DEP is required. Weekend and holiday work is required along with the stamina to stand for extended periods of time. Applicants shall apply in writing on, or before, May 18 at: Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department, 10 Cooper Drive

The Town of Cape Elizabeth offers a competitive salary and fringe benefit package. The Town of Cape Elizabeth is an EEOC.

Residents asked to remove standing dead trees

On behalf of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, residents who own property with standing dead trees next to town rights of way – such as public roads, open space or trails – are being asked to remove those hazards.

“These trees pose high potential risk to town rights of way, infrastructure and public safety. Removal is requested as soon as possible,” said Cape Elizabeth Tree Warden Todd Robbins.

In order to determine whether you may have standing deadwood on your property, citizens should become familiar with their property lines. Residents may contact Robbins with any questions regarding their property lines as they relate to removal of trees.

In October, a storm hit Maine that toppled thousands of trees, which included an unprecedented number of deciduous trees. Oaks and maples took the hit extremely hard.

This was especially evident in Cape Elizabeth. Normally in a storm with such high winds, the damage incurred is mostly soft wooded trees and dead wood. Spruce would typically pull up from the roots, pine trees break and dead trees may fall.

The oaks and maples in Cape Elizabeth are reliant on ledged soils and are stressed from several consecutive years of drought and numerous years of winter moth defoliation. These factors have led to oak and maple mortality throughout the town and figures to increase over the years to come.

Much of this mortality can be seen from Rt. 77, between the two Old Ocean House entrances. It also extends the entire length of Old Ocean House Road.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping to keep Cape Elizabeth beautiful. Todd Robbins can be contacted at 207-756-4113 or todd.robbs@blackpointcorporation.com.

CELT programs in May

Nature Walk— Vernal Pools and Wild Flowers in Robinson Woods

Learn more about Cape Elizabeth’s natural habitats and their unique flora and fauna from Cape naturalist Tony Owens. Sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, this walk will increase your awareness and appreciation of the varied open spaces here in Cape Elizabeth. The walk will be held rain or shine so dress appropriately with footwear for wet walking. Group size is limited.

Tuesday May 15, 9-11 a.m.
Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk
Cost is \$6 per person

Little Explorers (ages 3-5 with an adult)

Children and caregivers will spend an hour exploring the natural wonders of the Maine woods in spring during this Cape Elizabeth Land Trust event. Join CELT volunteer, Lisa Gent on a gentle hike through Robinson Woods where we will explore the habitat around us while we search for birds, reptiles and amphibians, mammals and plant life. Lots of hands on explorations and games included! Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

Wednesday, May 23, 9-10 a.m.
Meet at Robinson Woods parking lot Shore Rd. Cost is \$6/family

Native Plants Nature Walk – Robinson Woods

Join The Wild Seed Project’s Heather McCargo to learn about plant life in Maine. The Robinson Woods is a beautiful forest with a variety of interesting native plants. In

this walk, we will learn about some of the wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees native to Maine. Heather will talk about which species are adaptable to gardens and developed landscapes, the threats to their survival, and inspire you with their unusual reproductive strategies and edible and medicinal properties. Learning to recognize the native species in our midst is the first step to advocating for their preservation.

Please dress appropriately with footwear for possible wet walking.

Thursday May 24, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Meet at the Robinson Woods Kiosk
Cost is \$6 per person

Medicinal Herb Walk: Robinson Woods

Join Mischa Schuler, owner of Wild Carrot Herbs on a walk through Robinson Woods. As the plants awaken to spring, we will visit with these extraordinary beings in their young stages of growth - learning to recognize their patterns across the refreshed landscape. Our evening will be rich with herbal folklore and inspired by the moon and setting sun.

Thursday, May 31, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk
Cost is \$6 per person

Please register for the above programs through Cape Elizabeth Community Services <http://www.capecommunityservices.org>. Call Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for more information 767-6054

Participants who register at least 48 hours in advance of the program will receive notification of changes or cancellation.

MARY ANN LYNCH

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- Nine years as legislative liaison for the Maine Courts
- 7½ years on the Cape Town Council (2 terms as Chair, and 2 terms as Finance Committee Chair).
- 17 years as a lawyer in the private sector

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Your priorities are Mary Ann’s priorities:

- Support public education by working to increase state aid to our schools and enacting a more reliable and stable funding formula
- Protect our natural beauty and clean environment
- Support universal health care
- Work to enact common sense gun measures, including banning assault weapons, bump stocks and high capacity magazines, and eliminate loopholes in background checks

Money and Politics: *As a Clean Election Candidate Mary Ann will not be indebted to any special interests and will put the interests of the people of Cape Elizabeth and Maine first.*

My Promise to you *is that I will always listen, be accessible, and work diligently to find bi-partisan solutions that help Maine prosper.*



Mary Ann and her husband, Gregg Ginn, have lived in Cape for 34 years where they raised their sons, Matt, Doug and Liam, who attended Cape schools.

Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard in Augusta. Elect Mary Ann Lynch for State Representative.

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Thomas Memorial Library presents a Danish-inspired Spring Sing, hosts Maine author Brad Rau, offers film screening of 'Just Eat It.'

ADULT PROGRAMS

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, May 9
9:30-10:45 a.m.
The morning book group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For May, we are reading Chris Bohjalian's *The Sandcastle Girls*, a Novel. All are welcome to join us!

Senior Tech Time

Wednesday, May 9
10:45 a.m. - noon
Senior Tech Time meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you have questions about any of the technology in your life - web, email, iPhones, iPad - come in and we'll do our best to help you.

Sing Your Way to Happiness

Thursday, May 10
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Denmark is one of the happiest places on earth. One of the reasons may be their cultural insistence that everyone sing. Not as presenters. Not because they have raving talent. But just for the fun of it. A recent study of people who sing in large groups found that not only does singing make people happier, it also makes them feel more connected to the world.

This May, we are delighted to have musician, actor, and theatrical director Vincent Knue connect us to the world with a Danish-inspired Spring Sing. Vince will accompany us on his ukulele as we sing from words projected up on the big screen. We're going to have a blast belting out classics like "This Land is Your Land," "King of the Road," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and many more.

Can Mainers be as happy as Danes? Let's give it a try as we experience the joy and laughter of singing with others with the wonderful coaching of Vince Knue.

Writer's Accountability Group (WAG!)

Wednesday, May 16
10:30 a.m. - noon
TML's Writer's Accountability Group meets on the 3rd Weds of each month. Please join us to discuss the art and craft of writing and share your work if you like. TML is here to help you get your WAG going!

Author Event: The Life of a Literary Forager

Thursday, May 17
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Maine author Brad Rau, a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 1997, joins us in May to talk about how he fuses elements across genres to create whimsical fiction that incorporates comedy, philosophy, b-movies and musical influences. He'll share anecdotes about his successes and the long succession of failures he encountered along the way to being an "overnight" success.

Brad will read from his latest work, "Caveman at the End of the World," which has gotten terrific reviews and was selected as a finalist for IndieReader's Best of 2017 for Science Fiction.

Evening Book Group

Thursday, May 17
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
The evening book group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. For May, we are reading Anita Shreve's *The Stars are Fire*, based on the 1947 fires that burned along the Maine coast from Bar Harbor to Kittery. All are welcome to join us!

Songwriting Workshop

Tuesday, May 22
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.
We've extending our Songwriting Workshop for two more months. If you have a song you're working on, bring it in and Jud Caswell will help you craft it into a gem. All song writing styles and abilities are welcome in this safety zone for creativity.

Film: Just Eat It!

Thursday, May 24
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Did you know that 40 percent of the food produced for humans in the U.S. is wasted every year? That's enough to fill the Empire State Building nearly 100 times. Meanwhile, Maine ranks first in New England in terms of food insecurity, including for children, and the state struggles to manage the costs and impact of our municipal solid waste stream, 43 percent of which is organic material.

Join us for a screening of "Just Eat It," a documentary film about food waste. Following the film, Todd Martin from the Natural Resources Council of Maine's (NRCM) Sustainable Maine Project will lead a discussion. Todd is committed to helping individuals, communities, and the state adopt practical measures to address the massive food waste problem because it will help protect our environment and it makes economic sense.

This event is sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee.

Altered Book Club

Thursday, May 10, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Join Kiah on the second Thursday of every month to turn discarded books into works of art! Open to adults and older teens.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

Morning Book Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Evening Book Group

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Knitting Group

Meets every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Democracy Cafe

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Writer's Accountability Group

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Senior Tech Time

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

New! Anime Club

Mondays, May 21
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Come hang out with friends while we watch, craft, and generally geek out over all things Anime and Manga. Open to ages 13 and up. No registration required.

Tabletop Gaming Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Come learn and play new and challenging board and tabletop games. Open to ages 11 and up.

Creativity Lab

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Drop in and make something. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Crafternoons

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Join Kiah and Alyssa in a different craft project after school. Come in and see what we're up to! Open to ages 11 and up.

Game On!

Fridays, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Play board games, card games, and Wii U games after school! All ages welcome!

Animal Advocates Club

Thursday, May 24
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Middle school students work with the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland on education and service projects to help shelter animals. This will be the last meeting of the year!

Dungeon Master Class

Thursdays, ongoing
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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Dragons! Open to ages 16 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. You can register at the library on online at the library's website.

Altered Book Club

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

In addition to our many regular weekly story times, which you can find listed on our website, we have a few special events coming up!

Rag Doll Workshop with author Karen Richards Toothaker

Saturday, May 19

3-4 p.m.

Author Karen Richards Toothaker returns for a second a presentation of her book, "The Rag Doll Gift," followed by a ragdoll-making workshop. All materials will be provided, but if you have special fabric that is meaningful to you that you'd like to use for your doll, please feel free to bring it. For families with children ages 5 and up. No registration necessary.

"All Aboard! Train Day at TML" : Tuesday, May 22

Join us all day for a celebration of trains! The Maine3Railers Model Railroad Club, the oldest and largest club in the state dedicated exclusively to the enjoyment and advancement of the 0-Gauge, 3-rail, model railroad hobby, will set up a model train village in our Community Room from 9-3 p.m.

The library will also host a train-themed story time during the day with a drawing for tickets to ride the Downeaster, and other fun train giveaways including conductor hats. Jud Caswell will host a special train-themed Musical Story Hour as well. Please visit our website for the complete schedule and details!

New art piece by local sculptor installed at Thomas Memorial Library



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If you're driving by Thomas Memorial Library, check out the new statue recently installed in front of the building. Sculptor Jac Ouellette, owner of Anviljac Studios, created the piece. Ouellette was introduced to Cape Elizabeth resident Bev Sherman a few years ago. Sherman and George Morse were coordinators of this project on behalf of the library. The piece is an 8 foot steel sculpture and was installed by the Anviljac team: Celine Godin, Penny Pollard, Yvette Pratt, Betsy Dawkins, and Jac Ouellette. "They are the rest of the Anviljac team that helps me at the drop of a hat. They are

always behind the scene doing the heavy lifting, literally," said Ouellette." Pictured above is Betsy Dawkins(left) Jac Ouellette (right) in front of the statue.

Road closures on June 3 for Cape Challenge

Ocean House Road (from the high school entrance to Scott Dyer Rd.), Scott Dyer Rd., and Brentwood Rd will be closed to all automobile traffic from 9:30-10 a.m. on Sunday, June 3 due to the Cape Challenge 5K Race, 1 mile Dash and Kid's Fun Run.

For more information on the race, visit <http://runinarace.com/CapeChallenge/index.html> or if you have any questions, contact Kate Litton at <mailto:k8langer@hotmail.com>.

Lindenau receives Honorable Mention in PAYBACK Challenge

Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF), a non-profit committed to ensuring that all students leave high school with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly complex financial world, is pleased to announce that Cape Elizabeth High School student Jade Lindenau received an Honorable Mention Award in their inaugural PAYBACK Challenge.

This essay contest attracted over 500 submissions from students in all fifty states. After playing the award-winning game, PAYBACK, students wrote a 250 word essay with the following prompt: "How could you use the online game, PAYBACK, to have a conversation with your parent/guardian about paying for college?"

Teachers from over 500 classrooms nominated the best student essays, which were then reviewed by NGPF staff. Each of the 150 Honorable Mention winners will receive a \$500 award from NGPF to be used for educational purposes.

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CEHS Project Graduation sends heartfelt thanks to community



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Derek Dresser Blues Band

It's a warm and fuzzy feeling when you see your community turn out to support a fundraiser. Many who attended do not have seniors who will benefit from the event. Staff and faculty from CEHS took time out to show their support. It is a testament to our wonderful community.

Two amazing bands made up of Cape Elizabeth residents donated their playing time for Project Graduation. They created a happy and upbeat backdrop for friends, family, and neighbors to catch up. Together we raised over \$600. Thank you to all who were able to attend and support Project Graduation, and to Easy Day for donating the venue and making a contribution. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Earthtone String Band and the Derek Dresser Blues

Band for their support. We highly recommend them for your next event.

STRIKE OUT Breast Cancer

The CEHS Baseball and Softball teams are having their annual Coaches vs. Cancer home game on May 21 at 4:30 p.m. Yarmouth High School will be the opponent for both teams. The baseball game will be at Holman Field and the softball game will be at Capano Field. The community is invited to come watch the teams do their part to STRIKE OUT Breast Cancer. Donations will be accepted for The American Cancer Society during the games.

CEHS student Grace Roberts semifinalist in U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Joanne Lee

CEHS senior Grace Roberts has been named a semifinalist in this year's U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Grace Roberts, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School, has been named one of 630 semifinalists in the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from nearly 5,300 candidates expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2018.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 54th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achieve-

ments, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

Her selection came as a surprise to Roberts. "I was actually on vacation when I learned of my selection as a semifinalist. It's safe to say I was extremely surprised when I discovered an email from the United States Department of Education in my inbox. There, the

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achievement was detailed and list of other semifinalists was released," she said.

She knew that she was being considered to be one of the 630 semifinalists, but never expected to have passed the initial nomination round. Roberts said, "I knew I had been one of 5,000 or so nominees across the country for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, based on a letter I'd gotten in the mail in January. I didn't believe anything else would come of it. I was happy just to be chosen as a nominee—and so am all the more grateful and humbled to be a semifinalist."

Asked what the keys to her achieving so much have been, Roberts said, "I have never really considered myself as having achieved much more than any other high school students—especially those at Cape Elizabeth High School. I mostly just try to spend my time doing what I'm most passionate about, which has varied a lot over the years, leading me to become involved in so many different activities and providing a lot of opportunities. For a while, I was certain I wanted to be a molecular biologist, which led me to study striped bass for six weeks. I also wanted to be a writer at one point and so followed that pathway and wrote a book. It's certainly taken a lot of hard work, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of my family and friends. Most importantly, though, it has been the help of my mock trial team and coaches, particularly Mary Page and Dick O'Meara, who have helped to shape and strengthen my character. Without them, I'm not sure where I would be."

Looking forward at potentially progressing even further in the process, Roberts said, "I'm so excited that I might have the opportunity to represent Cape Elizabeth in Washington. I am so humbled by the honor and hope to give back to this community which has given me so much."

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields.

Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. All Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C. in June for the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

For more information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, parents and students can call the U.S. Presidential Scholars Office at 507.931.8345, or send an e-mail to PSP@scholarshipamerica.org.

Football players assist with storm cleanup



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Cape Elizabeth High School football players volunteered to do hours of post storm cleanup in the Lawson Road neighborhood, returning hundreds of pounds of rocks to the beaches, making dump runs with debris, etc. As a show of appreciation, the neighbors all pitched in and made a donation to the CE football boosters, which supports football in Cape Elizabeth for all ages. Pictured from left to right are: Gus Huffard, Matty Laughlin, Sean O'Sullivan, Bear Huffard (& Sully Huffard), Ethan Convey, Louis Daukas and Matt Conley.

CEHS post-graduation plans

The Cape Courier traditionally publishes post-graduation plans for members of the Senior class. Information can only be published if submitted to the Courier by students or their families. The format for submissions goes like this:

Jane Doe, daughter of John and Sally Doe, will be attending The University of Maine in Orono, Maine.

When plans are finalized, please send to Debbie Butterworth at dbutterw@maine.rr.com by June 1.

CEMS music concert is May 15

The Cape Elizabeth seventh and eighth grade chorus and concert bands will perform Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. The concert is free to the public.

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Cape Athlete Profile: Robicheaw whipping them in there

By Kevin St. Jarre

Jessie Robicheaw is a junior at Cape Elizabeth High School and one of the stars of the softball team. She is a pitcher and first baseman, and this is her second year as a captain.

This year, the team is poised to do big things. Robicheaw said, "So far we have only played in a few games, but we are looking strong. For the past two years we have been a young team that is usually in the middle of the heat points. This year we have a number of strong returning players who are all looking to make an impact. I know that as a team we all want to make playoffs and make a strong run, especially because we got eliminated in the first round last year. I look forward to the season ahead and seeing how we do."

She said she enjoys playing with all of the girls on the team. Pressed to choose a couple teammates that she is particularly enjoying this young season with she said, "I work especially well with Anna Torre and Elena Keller. Anna is a senior and we have been playing together since Little League. We are co-captains this year and have been friends for a long time. She is a solid hitter and 3rd baseman who we can always count on to keep our team energized. Elena is our team's catcher. She is a sophomore with lots of experience, and it is her second year catching for us on varsity. We work very well together, and the team benefits from her ability to keep the atmosphere light in the dugout with her

jokes. While these are only two of my teammates, our entire team is very close and one of the more fun teams I have been a part of."

Robicheaw had been playing softball for about 11 years. "I started in Little League and when I reached the age of 10, I began playing for an ASA travel team called Southern Maine Flame. Playing travel softball exposes you to a different level of play that is more competitive and fun. This year I switched to an organization called Lady Mavericks based out of Scarborough." Robicheaw said her new organization has helped her in my college search, and her coaches have helped her train through the fall and winter.

As with many athletes, there were family ties to their sports of choice. "I started playing softball because both my parents and my brother played either baseball or softball. It is important to have people you are close with who can help you improve your game," she said.

Having family cheering you on can be just as important. "Both of my parents, my brother and my grandmother are my biggest supporters. They come to all the games they can, and always give me helpful advice. My dad is a huge part of my training and practicing throughout the year. He will throw batting practice for me, catch for me at my pitching lessons, and help me with my fielding. As I mentioned before, it is very important to have people you are close to who will help and support you throughout your career, and my dad is definitely one of those people,"



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Jessie Robicheaw is a junior at CEHS and a pitcher and first baseman for the girls' softball team. This is her second year as a captain of the team.

Robicheaw said.

Sometimes the most challenging aspect of a sport has less to do with actual play. Robicheaw points out that weather can be a difficult part of playing softball. "Playing conditions can vary from being 100 F to 30 F. Both circumstances are difficult to play in for different reasons. When it's extremely hot, you become fatigued much quicker but when it is cold, you have to wear lots of layers and your muscles get cold and tight," she said.

In addition to family, there is of course the influence of coaches. "Coach Hendrickson has been a big part of my high school career," Robicheaw said, "We work very well together and when I have a question, or anyone else on the team does, he is more than happy to answer it and demonstrate a scenario if necessary. Coach is also very flexible. There have been numerous occasions where I have brought up an idea about either the lineup or pitches and he is more than happy to hear it out. Coach has been coaching for a long time and knows a lot about the game, so I consider myself and my team very lucky to have him as our coach."

It is the cohesiveness and camaraderie of the team that Robicheaw likes. "I really enjoy softball because it is a very lively team sport," she said, "What makes a good softball team is teammates who know how to work together and help each other when needed. What I like about competing in sports in general is being competitive and being a part of

a team. Each team I have been on has been a different experience, which has helped me grow as a person and a teammate. I think it is important to be a part of a team or club at some point in your life because it teaches you how to interact with people you may not otherwise."

Asked to give three pieces of advice to younger softball players coming up, Robicheaw offered this:

- 1) Keep practicing and working hard in the off-season
- 2) Watch college softball on TV, because you can learn a ton from watching them play and seeing different techniques.
- 3) Have fun playing and bonding with your team, because during the season they will be like family to you.

Forced to pick another sport, Robicheaw said, "If I wasn't playing softball in the spring I think I would play tennis. When I was younger I took some tennis lessons and really enjoyed it."

Some athletes hang up their cleats after high school, but Robicheaw would like to keep competing. "Yes, I would like to play softball in college. I have been looking at different college teams for a while now, and have narrowed it down to a number of Division 2 and 3 schools in the New England area, along with some in Pennsylvania and Connecticut."



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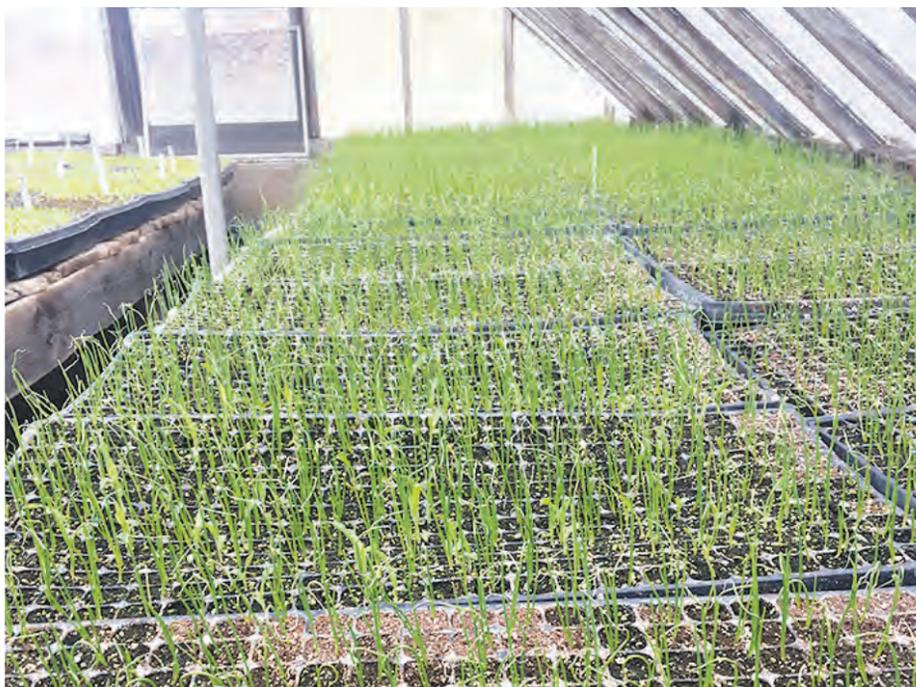
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It's been a busy spring at Down Home Farm, where seven calves were born in the last month, and amongst them, two sets of twins.



Photo by Marta Girouard

Down Home Farm also welcomed piglets to the farm family recently. Although shy at first, they warm up fast to neighbors dropping off food scraps.



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Onions getting their start in the greenhouse at Jordan's Farm. They will be ready for transplanting, along with lettuce, in a couple of weeks.



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Workers at Maxwell's Farm take on the tedious job of putting a row cover on some of the strawberry plants in an effort to hurry them up.

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Fuego (left) and Sebago (right) enjoy the spring weather in the pasture at Cape Ledge Farm, where they are boarded along with three other horses.



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At Green Spark Farm, organic farmers Austin and Mary Ellen Chadd and their crew are busily harvesting lettuce, rappini, Swiss chard, kale, Asian greens, arugula, radishes, and salad greens. With the excellent spring weather, they started transplanting their first crops outdoors in the fields of April 23, and are potting up and tagging organic vegetable seedlings, herbs, pollinator plants, and perennials for home gardeners in preparation for the upcoming Seventh Annual Organic Plant Sale running 9a.m.-3p.m. on these Saturdays: May 12, 19, 26, and June 2.



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Garlic is coming up at Alewife's Brook Farm. Other veggies are growing in trays in the greenhouse.

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May, the Month of Flowers

By Amy Melissa Witt



Bleeding Heart flower

Photo by Amy Melissa Witt

May is a magical time of year in our woods, backyards and gardens. The April showers have set the groundwork for nature to take off and really blossom. What can we expect to see or experience during this spirited month?

Many song birds continue to arrive back to the area to breed and set-up nesting sites. Watch for Baltimore Orioles, Gray Catbirds, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Warblers, and others.

Besides songbirds, our backyards and woodlands will be filled with all kinds of chatter and activity created by skunks, fox, woodchucks, red and gray squirrels, chipmunks, moles, snakes, salamanders, frogs, toads, spiders, and a variety of insects (including our native bees). It is exciting to observe and learn from these critters. They all have important roles in the ecosystem.

You will start noticing a wide variety of colors and experiencing wonderful fragrances as the trees, shrubs and perennials begin to bloom. What a show they will create.

Garden flowers that make their appearance in May include Tulips (*Tulipa*), Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*), Iris, Poppies (*Papaver*), Peony (*Paeonia*), Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum*), Euphorbia, and Bluestar (*Amsonia hubrichtii*). Shrubs and trees in bloom include Forsythia, Weigela, Lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*), Spiraea, and Azalea, Oak (*Quercus*), Magnolia, Cherry (*Prunus*), and Apple (*Malus*).

Enjoy a walk on one of Cape's fantastic woodland trails and you might see Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*), Yellow Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*), Bluets (*Houstonia coerulea*), Common Shadbush or Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), Starflower (*Trientalis borealis*), Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*), Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*), Hobblebush (*Viburnum lantanoides*), Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), and native cherries – Black (*Prunus serotina*), Bird (*Prunus pennsylvanica*), and Choke (*Prunus virginiana*).

May is a very energizing month. Take advantage and be inspired. Use all of your senses to witness the activity and be attuned to what is going on around you. Join in the action through gardening, nature walks, bird watching, or going on a picnic at one of our wonderful parks. Whatever you do, being out and connected to nature will surely enrich your life.

Amy Melissa Witt is a Horticulturist and Director of Earth Walkers, www.earthwalkers.me, a company based in Cape Elizabeth that provides nature

based educational programs, event planning, and garden consulting services. She can be reached at amyearthwalkers@gmail.com.

Join Amy and photographer, Mike Leonard for Picture Perfect Plants on Monday, June 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Children's Garden at Fort Williams. Amy will introduce you to the garden plants and Mike will show you how to make your best shot using your phone or camera. Register online at Cape Elizabeth Community Service www.capecommunityservices.org.

Birding Report for April 15-30

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

Throughout the last two weeks of April it was possible to find isolated pockets of spring migrants throughout Cape Elizabeth. There was an early female Scarlet Tanager first seen on April 18 (Pond Cove tangles and coastline) along with an unexpected Red-eyed Vireo, and good numbers of Pine Warblers. Pond Cove's pocket beach foreshore with giant rafts of seaweed is a honeypot for wary travelers, especially in the early spring when insects are harder to come by.

Barred owls have been seen and heard in Robinson Woods. I had our first Eastern Towhee (male) at our feeders on the morning of April 23. Thrushes, primarily the Hermit but also the Wood and close cousin Veery are passing through en route to their breeding grounds.

On the last days of April the following birds were seen and heard – Palm Warbler, Yellow-rumped / Myrtle Warbler, Pine Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Barn swallows were a welcome sight, with their fluid wingbeats, dips and dives. I also was very pleased to observe an Osprey sitting quietly, high upon a snag in Pond Cove, intently watching a male wood duck that showed up with a splash. Pine Warblers quick trill melodies echoing throughout groves of ancient pine trees.

May Naturalist's Corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile

• May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Maine with 1,769 cases reported in 2017. Wear protective clothing and an EPA-approved tick repellent to avoid ticks.

• Robins are plucking earthworms to feed their young; adults prefer fruit.

• Whippoorwills were once common in Cape Elizabeth. Recent loss of habitat from suburban development, use of insecticides, and natural forest succession are the primary cause of the whippoorwill's decline in the Northeast. Considered a species of special concern in Maine, you may be lucky enough to hear it sing, "Time for bed, time for bed, time for bed."

• Gray treefrogs typically emerge from their winter burrows in April and breed in May. Males will attract a female with their loud trilling calls.

• May 29 is the Full Flower Moon



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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, May 9

Community Services Committee, 6 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center
 High School Government Class Candidate's Night, 7-8 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Saturday, May 12

Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Recycling Center (Recycling Committee will be present)

Sunday, May 13

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 17

Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library
 Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 22

School Board Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons
 School Board Workshop, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons
 Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Ongoing each week

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

Cape Elizabeth observance of Memorial Day to be held on Monday, May 28

Memorial Day in Cape Elizabeth will be observed with a parade, followed by a ceremony at the War Veteran's Memorial on Scott Dyer Road in front of Pond Cove Elementary School. This is an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance of those who have died serving our nation.

The parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Parade participants are asked to gather at the intersection of Fowler Road and Rt. 77 at 8:30 a.m. The parade route begins at that intersection, continues north on Route 77, turns left onto Scott Dyer Road, and ends at the Memorial. A brief ceremony and laying of the wreath will be held at the Memorial after the parade.

The parade will include members of the Cape Elizabeth police, fire and rescue departments, the Water Extrication Team, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Middle School Marching Band, Boy Scouts and

Girl Scouts.

Veterans and active-duty personnel are invited to march. We encourage anyone who has a family member on active duty in the armed services to notify Jim Huebener at 207.767.1754 or jhuebener56@gmail.com so they can be recognized. Groups interested in marching should also contact Jim Huebener.

The 2018 Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal is Robert C. Crane, a U.S. Army Air Force B-17 pilot during World War II.

Following the ceremony, residents and guests are invited to an Open House at the Town Center Fire Station.

The event will be canceled only in the event of rain. The cancellation will be announced on the Cape Elizabeth town website by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the parade. No alternate location has been set.

Planning Board

Continued from page 1

tween developments. A gate on Chicory Way was approved as part of the subdivision to block a potential short cut between Spurwink and Mitchell roads, but that is the only gate or chain approved by the Planning Board, O'Meara said.

Steve Bradstreet of Ransom Consulting, engineer representing Birlem, said the new Aster Lane extension plan does not include the chain at South Street. "Based on conversations with the town and with the fire chief, that is not preferred at all," he said.

Victoria Volent, a Planning Board member, said she did not see a need for Birlem to submit a traffic study because an Aster Lane-South Street connection would be a short cut only for the few residents living there. "If there is signage that is put up saying this is not a through street, that this is a private street for residents only - there's other ways to take care of that and then it becomes law enforcement," she said.

Other board members said they wanted to visit the site before deciding whether a chain, traffic study or turnaround was warranted. Jonathan Sahrbeck, another board member, said if there is a chain he would call for a traffic study, especially since neighbors brought the situation to the board's attention.

Volent also said she had concerns about drainage.

The board deemed the application complete on April 23 and scheduled a site walk for April 30.

Limited car sales recommendation OK'd

In other matters, the board voted to recommend changes to the zoning ordinance that would allow auto-repair shops in the business district on Shore Road to also sell up to three vehicles on site, as long as the sale was related to the repair business.

The change was requested by the owner of Cape Elizabeth Service Center at 560 Shore Road, located in one of the town's two Business A districts. The Town Council will consider the board's recommendation before scheduling a public hearing.

Cell tower tabled again

The Planning Board on April 23 approved a number of other items, but tabled a request for a 180-foot communications tower on the Jordan Farm property on Wells Road to its May meeting.

It's the third time the application has been postponed, at the request of applicant Global Signal Acquisitions IV, LLC (Crown Castle), since it was last considered in December. No reason was given for the most recent request to table, but Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said at the board's last regular meeting in February that Crown Castle was actively working to revise plans and wanted additional time to get them ready.

The board on April 23 did approve:

- A 90-day extension of the private-accessway permit granted in December to Peter Weare to create a lot behind his property at 69 Beach Bluff Terrace. The permit was extended to July 22.
- A permit for the town of Cape Elizabeth to install up to 600 feet of boardwalk in a wetland on the Cross Hill Trail. Jim Tasse, representing the town's Conservation Committee, said the boardwalk would protect muddy trail areas as well as the surrounding, private property that hikers are using to avoid the wet ground.
- A new buffering plan for the Hidden Court subdivision that replaces three trees removed from the buffer with six new ones. Margaret Angell, owner of the subdivision lot 2 Old Ocean House Road, explained that a contractor had removed the trees from the no-disturb buffer after their roots were damaged by excavation and further by a wind storm.

CABLE GUIDE

Town Council Budget Hearing replay
 May 9, 12 & 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 May 13 - 10:30 p.m.
 May 14 - 2 p.m.
High School Government Class Candidate's Night (live)
 May 9 - 7 p.m.
School Board replay
 May 10 & 11 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 May 12 - 10:30 a.m.
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
 May 12, 13, 19 & 20 - 9 a.m.
Town Council (live)
 May 14 - 7 p.m.

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Planning Board (live)
 May 15 - 7 p.m.
Town Council replay
 May 16 & 17 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 May 19 - 10:30 a.m.
Planning Board replay
 May 18 & 19 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 May 20 - 10:30 a.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals (live)
 May 22 - 7 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals replay
 May 23 & 24 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 May 26 - 10:30 a.m.

Tickets available for CEHS Class of 1998 20-Year Reunion

The Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1998 is planning a summer reunion for all members of the class.

On Saturday, July 21, the Class of '98 will host two events: A daytime event from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Two Lights State Park for members of the class and their families, and an evening event for adults at Rising Tide Brewery from 8 - 11 p.m.

Tickets and more details are available on the class reunion Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CEHS98/>

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Local band formed by CEHS students and alumni is a ‘Capitol’ idea

By Kevin St. Jarre



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A local band, called Capitol, has released a single on Spotify and Apple Music, titled, “Almost There.” The band is made up of Cape Elizabeth High School senior Christie Gillies (drums) and junior Harry Baker (guitar), and CEHS alumni Will Steidl (trombone and vocals), Declan McCormick (bass), Sam MacDuffie (tenor sax) and Katie Oberholtzer (lead vocals). Capitol expects to release its first EP around June 1.

The band Capitol, consisting of Cape Elizabeth High School alumni and two current CEHS students, reunites for the summer as their first single, “Almost There,” drops on Spotify and Apple Music.

In addition to “Almost There,” Capitol expects the rest of their EP, “Meet the Band,” to be released sometime around June 1. All of the songs were written, recorded and produced by band members Will Steidl, Christie Gillies, Declan McCormick, Sam MacDuffie, Harry Baker and Katie Oberholtzer. These young musicians each hold many accolades individually. Putting them together brings an impressive show indicative of a much more mature company. They combine

soul, R&B and jazz to create a unique and beautiful sound.

Capitol first came to life in 2014 as a jazz combo. The group of all boys and one girl connected and was known as Pookie and the Boys. Soon they played

on the streets of Portland, which lead to many gigs around the Portland and Boothbay Harbor area. In 2017, Oberholtzer joined the group as lead vocalist. She brought them to a whole new level and with that the group decided they needed a new name. They chose Capitol as a nod to one of their favorite standing gigs on Capitol Island, off of Southport.

Gillies, a CEHS senior, plays the drums, and has been for eight years. For her, the best part of the experience is the collaboration with her band mates. “My favorite part of playing music is the connections you experience with the other people you’re playing with. We’re expressing things we could never put into words- yet understanding each other. We make each other laugh and smile and it becomes a very spiritual experience. When Capitol first started playing together, we played music as much as we could. This was mostly during lunches at school, late night jam sessions, and on the street. We’re all so in love with music that whenever we get back together we always surprise, amaze, and challenge one another,” she said.

The band is comprised of the two high school students and the remaining members who attend various universities. Gillies point to the diversity in ongoing experiences as a strength, saying, “Personally, I love how we’re all so different - different ages, different schools, different experiences- but that contributes beautifully to the style of our band. Plus we’re all so close it feels like a family; whenever we’re all together it feels like home.”

The way they get along and describe each other really does sound like siblings. Gillies speaking of her band mates said, “Sam has never once showed up on time to anything but he makes everyone laugh, so we forgive him. Will definitely keeps us on track and makes things happen. Katie is always in a good mood. Harry and Declan are usually cracking up in

the corner about some note, but then come up with something that sounds really cool. I’m like the little sister who always get picked on.”

Gillies also points out that the band has no single leader. “Anyone who has ever worked in a group knows it always needs a leader and I think my favorite part of everything we do is that we don’t have just one. Everyone picks up a task that needs to be done and the work is naturally divided between us. It’s fantastic. We all take on responsibilities and make decisions together. We also write all of our music together,” she said.

The band plans to record new tracks soon and the music that they record this summer will probably sound a little different than the album that they are about to release, recorded last winter. Gillies explains, “That’s just part of us constantly growing as musicians and constantly immersing ourselves in music. Our band doesn’t fit into one particular genre. The EP that we’re releasing is a balance of soul, jazz, and R&B, but we play everything from classic rock to funk to hip-hop. We all listen to a lot of different types of music and we mix different feels into music that sounds good to us.”

Please get in touch with Christie Gillies at (christie.gillies@gmail.com) for band information or bookings. Facebook: Capitol aka Pookie and the Boys Instagram: @thebandcapitol.



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The Annual Student Art Show for Cape Elizabeth High School will be on display May 7 through 11. The exhibition features artwork created by students at CEHS during the 2017-18 school year, including photography, drawing, painting, ceramics, and sculpture. Located in the auditorium lobby, the show is open to the public during after school hours. The poster features artwork by students Saleema Shir and Annika Demeter.

FAQ for June 12 Primary

On Tuesday, June 12, Maine's four qualified parties (Democratic, Green Independent, Libertarian and Republican) will be holding primaries to select party candidates for placement on the General Election ballot in November.

In addition, there will be a State Referendum ballot and local school budget ballot.

Maine has a "closed primary" system which means, unless a party opts otherwise, only those voters enrolled in one of the four-parties are eligible to participate in the party Primary for which the voter is enrolled. For the June 12 Primary, the Green Independent Party has opted to allow Unenrolled voters to participate in its Primary.

What is an Unenrolled Voter?

A qualified resident who has registered to vote however not enrolled in one of the four qualified parties recognized in Maine. If a voter chooses not to enroll in one of the four qualified parties, they are Unenrolled.

What is an Enrolled Voter?

A qualified resident who has registered to vote and enroll in one of the 4 qualified parties recognized in Maine.

Which Ballots Will Voters Receive?

Unenrolled Voters

Unenrolled voters will receive the State referendum ballot and the local school budget ballot. For the June 12 Primary, the Green Independent Party has opted to allow Unenrolled voters to participate in their Primary.

Enrolled Voters

Voters enrolled in a political party will receive the Primary ballot for the party in which they are enrolled, the State referendum ballot and the local school budget ballot.

Are there any restrictions on changing parties?

Changing parties means a voter who is enrolled in a political party requests to change to another party.

A voter who is Unenrolled may request to enroll in a political party; this is not considered a change.

If a voter is enrolled in a political party and they have been enrolled a minimum of three months, they can request to change to another party or withdraw from the party to Unenrolled.

A change from one party to another takes 15 days to become effective, therefore a voter must go to Town Hall and complete an application to request a change no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25 in order for the change to be effective for the June 12 Primary.

There is also a 15-day waiting period for a voter who requests to withdraw from a party; the voter is ineligible to enroll to a different party for 15 days.

If a voter is Unenrolled they may enroll in a political party anytime up to and including the day of the election. Once enrolled, they must remain in the party a minimum of three months before they can request to withdraw back to Unenrolled or change to another party.

Thomas Memorial Library Survey results

In February and March, the Thomas Memorial Library did an online and paper survey to help celebrate our second year in the new building. Our goal was to ask current patrons, and those who don't use library services, for ideas on how we can improve our building and our service.

Most respondents (84 percent), come to the library at least one to two times a month. The primary reason they visit is to check out adult books (80 percent), but many also stop in for DVDs (37 percent), to attend adult programs (37 percent), and to attend children's programs (22 percent).

The primary reasons our patrons access the library online is to renew books (66 percent), search the online card catalog (66 percent), and to put books on hold (57 percent). Many people don't access the library on-line, and many didn't know we post regularly to our Facebook page. If you've never checked out our website, www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org, we hope you will! There's a lot of library business you can manage from home or at work.

We were surprised when we asked about acquiring additional museum passes that many patrons didn't know this was a service we offer. We got a number of great suggestions for additional passes, but for now are happy to help you with free admission to the Tate House, Portland Museum of Art, Maine

Maritime Museum, and Portland Observatory. Each of these passes is good for a day and can be booked in advance. We also have two passes to Maine State Parks which will get you into most of the big parks in the state. The park passes can't be booked in advance but are good for a three-day window.

Changes we are considering from input we got on the survey include:

- Extending our Saturday hours to be open all day, year-round (we are currently only open half-days in the summer).

- We got a number of requests for additional magazine titles and more audio books which we're looking into, though many patrons mentioned being able to access pretty much anything through inner-library loans.

- We got a number of great suggestions for programs at the library which we are busily sorting out, including planning more programming during the day for those who can't get to the library on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

- We loved all of the input about museum passes you'd like access to and are checking out costs and availability.

- We hear you about providing more quiet space at the library and are working to figure out our best options there.

We'd like to extend sincere thanks to all who participated. If you have additional input, please don't hesitate to stop by and share your areas with our library staff.

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Scam Alert Bulletin Board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

FTC Data on Scams

Each year, the Federal Trade Commission releases a data book on consumer complaints and scams as reported to the agency in the prior year.

The top complaint for 2017 was debt collections, followed by identity theft and imposter scams. The report reveals that younger people were more likely to become victims than people age 70 and older, but older victims lost a lot more money. Also of note – 70 percent of reported scams happen over the phone, suggesting that screening your calls is a good practice.

FTC Imposters

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is experiencing a big uptick in complaints that scammers pretending to be the FTC are calling, emailing, texting and faxing, and are either claiming the targets have won a big prize or that they are in trouble and have to pay delinquent accounts.

In fact, the Department of Justice recently announced that two scammers impersonating the FTC were found guilty of bilking victims out of more than \$10 million. Know that the FTC does not contact consumers to ask for payment, and it does not run sweepstakes or lotteries. If you experience this scam, report it at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

Spring is here: time to clean up the yard

The Recycling Center will be open for the disposal of brush, leaf and yard wastes on the Sundays listed below. As a reminder, items intended for the Compactors (single-stream recyclables & household refuse) will not be accepted. Fees will be assessed on all applicable items.

SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 13:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Intoxicated person at Fort Williams located and removed, several burglaries reported

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 4-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Starboard Drive area for a well-being check.
- 4-9 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding the theft of a bicycle. The bike is described as a mountain bike, gray in color with a red stripe.
- 4-10 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 4-12 An officer met with a resident of the Scot Dyer Road area regarding a missing persons report. The missing person was later accounted for.
- 4-12 An officer met with a resident of the Ram Island Farm area regarding a burglary complaint.
- 4-13 An officer met with a resident regarding an ID theft complaint.
- 4-14 An officer responded to Fort Williams for a report of an intoxicated subject sitting in a car drinking beer. Subject was located and removed.
- 4-15 An officer, while on routine patrol, checked on a vehicle with five occupants parked at Kettle Cove after hours. A small amount of marijuana was confiscated from one of the occupants.
- 4-19 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that a person known to the victim stole the victim's debit card and used up all of the available funds.
- 4-20 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 4-21 An officer received an LG smart phone that had been found along a walking trail that led to a party site at Gullcrest. The phone has been tagged and placed in lost and found at the police station, and Public Works contacted to clean up the trash.
- 4-23 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a burglary complaint. Owner had come home from vacation to find the front door open. Nothing appears to be missing at this time.

JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 4-14 Speed, 74/45 zone, Route 77, \$278

ARRESTS

- 4-17 Windham resident, domestic assault, Preble Street
- 4-20 Waldoboro resident, warrant, Salt Spray Lane
- 4-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, refusing to submit to arrest, Carriage Hill Road

ACCIDENTS

- 4-22 Lydia Summers, accident on Brentwood Road

FIRE CALLS

- 4-10 Structure fire, Ocean House Road
- 4-10 Ocean View Road, furnace problem
- 4-11 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-12 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-13 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-14 1813 Stonybrook Road, cooking fire
- 4-15 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-16 Spurwink Avenue, tree across roadway
- 4-16 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-16 Scott Dyer Road, tree on power line
- 4-16 Autumn Tides Road, fire alarm
- 4-16 Shore Road and Oakhurst Road, power lines down
- 4-17 Oakhurst Road, line down
- 4-17 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-18 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-19 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-20 Avon Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 4-21 Ocean House Road, line down
- 4-22 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-22 Brentwood Road, car accident
- 4-22 South Portland mutual aid
- 4-23 Birch Knolls, grass fire
- 4-23 Shore Road, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 11 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two runs to Mercy Hospital. There were nine patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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WETeam

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New WETeam boat, a 6.5m (21.3 ft) military-spec Zodiac, fiberglass hull, RHI, with a T-top. The cabin is not enclosed, but provides operators protection from the elements. Its electronics include side scan sonar, capable of seeing debris and divers underwater. It has a Forward Looking Infrared Camera (FLIR), which is capable of seeing radiating heat from a bobbing swimmer.

many vessels in the past. The trawler soon capsized with three men still aboard. The fishermen climbed onto the sides of the vessel and held on precariously waiting to be rescued.

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Police, Fire and Rescue services worked closely with USCG personnel, but the vessel had grounded approximately 125 yards from shore, surrounded by diesel fuel, deck equipment, and sections of rope and nets. The position of the vessel made it impossible for the Coast Guard to get near it with rescue craft, and rescuers on shore were unable to negotiate the five foot surf to secure a line or assist the fishermen who were holding on. None of the rescuers had proper rescue gear (helmets, gloves, foot gear, goggles) and all were exhausted by their efforts, without having reached the vessel.

Finally, a local fisherman and firefighter brought his flat-bottomed skiff around

Trundy Point, and knowing the rock formations, was able to position his boat and bring the men aboard to safety. They were transported to a Portland hospital via a Coast Guard rescue boat, and the next day the Town agreed to formalize what would become the Water Extrication Team, providing equipment, rescuers, and training.

The original WETeam was administratively under the Police Department and worked closely with the individual fire companies and the rescue company. All of the companies eventually transitioned from separate volunteer organizations to units under the present Fire & Rescue Department. Currently 15 members, including Fire and EMS, train monthly with drill activities related to time of year (ice, surf, boating, and people on the rocks nearly year round).

The WETeam has had the benefit of participation of many local residents and could not respond without them. A huge asset to the WETeam has been local lobstermen and fishermen, given their extensive knowledge of the coastline topography. And while the Coast Guard brings expertise in search and rescue, USCG personnel rotating in and out every three years rely in part on the knowledge possessed by locals, including those

working a lifetime on the waters.

Andy Strout is a longtime member of the WETeam and a CEMS physical education teacher and coach. He tells his story that as a member of a multi-generational Cape family of lobstermen, he loves the opportunity to serve his community in another meaningful way. He says, "I've had many of the children in my classes of most of the guys I've worked with. I enjoy giving back to a town that has given me so much."

Types of Rescues

Surface Water Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Ocean Rescue, High Angle Rescue

The "missions" of the WETeam are comprised of water Search and Rescue (SAR), including assist with recovery when requested, or support diving and other operations. This includes open water boat search, shoreline search by land/water, surf rescue by swimmer deployment, and incidents involving ponds, swift water, or ice. Many water incidents involve the use of technical rope skills to retrieve people in distress, deploy equipment (such as smaller inflatable boats) and rescuers. The WETeam's command vehicle transports equipment, monitors the boat position by radio and Automatic Identification System (AIS), and can provide a command or communications post as needed for various SAR, event or exercise needs. The WETeam provides service during organized swims, triathlons, flotilla parades as a safety boat to participants, and assists in enforcing exclusionary or safety zones. As safety is in numbers, the WETeam works closely with their municipal partners, UCSG and Auxiliary, Marine Patrol and others involved in a response. Strout adds, "Whether by shore side or water side, considering depth or proximity to the coastline, we often go beyond what the USCG will not take on as a risk for our rescue missions."

Typical calls for service, which may be routed through Portland Dispatch, USCG, or mutual aid requests from Scarborough or other local agencies, include PIW (person in the water) or MOB (man overboard) distress calls; vessels in distress (taking on water, run aground, medical or incapacitated); boats under power unattended where the operator may have fallen out; assistance requests such as engine is out but in danger of grounding on rocks; boarders or swimmers fatigued and having difficulty returning to shore due to wind and surf, or lost boards; and falls through ice while attempting to retrieve pets.

Many WETeam rescues are vivid to members like Strout. He recalls a sleeting, freezing November rescue of a Lifeflight

aircraft that had run out of fuel and crashed on Green Island, out of the WETeam's immediate rescue area. "Joe Mokry and I worked on that rescue from start to finish. We found the pontoons of the helicopter before we found the pilot, and we had to switch out crews two times because of the frostbite risk."

WETeam Vessels

The first WETeam boat was purchased in 1994. It has been a reliable rescue boat for several years. There have been upgrades made to retrofit it over time, but it was time to replace it, seeking improved features and technology. The original boat was purchased through fundraising by the WETeam, later equipment purchases jointly with the town, and the replacement boat was funded in the town budget. Andy Strout was excited to share his experience of joining three or four of his teammates in designing the new boat. He praised Jim Fraser's knowledge and technological expertise in that effort. New and old vessels alike, the equipment is ready to be used in rescue missions.

Safety/Prevention

The WETeam is crucial for a town with its considerable coastline. With its extensively trained members and its technologically advanced equipment, the WETeam is ready to provide Cape Elizabeth with strong service. However, there are efforts that swimmers and boaters can make to prevent needing these services, starting with use of flares, creating float plans, and labeling paddle craft with "IF FOUND" stickers.

Flares are a critical means of signaling for help when in distress. Lieutenant James Fraser says, "Flare sightings sadly and often turn out to be malicious and unnecessary discharge of the devices. The response to flares may be costly and dangerous, and we implore proper use and care of them."

Paddlers who have not returned home on time trigger family calls to begin a search. Fraser explains, "It is frequently miscommunication and lack of a float plan that are key factors. A float plan includes basics such as where you are going, where you are parked, what vessel you are in/on, when you plan to return, your cell phone number, emergency contact, medical conditions, etc." It is recommended that a copy be left with family and/or in one's vehicle.

When unattended paddle craft are found, such as kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard, it cannot be immediately determined if someone is in distress in the water, or the craft simply broke free or floated out. This type of call can and does cost tens of thousands of dollars in response (by boat, aircraft, etc.), but can be mitigated by having "IF FOUND" stickers with owner name and telephone number affixed to the craft.

Cape Elizabeth is fortunate to have a dedicated, strong WETeam to assist in keeping our coastline safe. Members may specialize as swimmers, boat operators, riggers or rescuers for technical rescue, as well as support in communications and equipment. Most members are proficient across many of the skills. New members are welcome with or without experience.

The WETeam is always looking for people interested in joining the effort. Fraser says, "You do not have to put out fires, but must be comfortable to work on the water,

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be an able swimmer or diver (we do not currently function as a dive team, but will support DT response when requested), spend time climbing rocks and hiking or dangling from rope, or just want to see if you can make a contribution and do something. We teach some core skills and let members become as involved as they wish."

Look forward to Fully Involved: A View Into CEFD next time, as we feature the Rescue Company.

A special note of Thanks and Credit to Jim Fraser, John Norton, and the late David Pickering, former CEPD Chief, for their contribution to this Fully Involved feature.

CEFD Fully Involved Fun Facts:

Members: 60+ across five companies: two Fire Companies (TCS & CCS), Rescue Company, WET Team, and Fire Police

Apparatuses: three engines (pumpers) Engine 1 @ CCS, Engines 2 & 3 @ TCS, two ambulances, one ladder truck, WET Team Command Van, WET Team Boat, Service Truck, Air Trailer

Calls: 1,110 calls annually, 75 percent medical. All types of Medical; Fire: CO, vehicle fires, wires down, boat fires, house fires, grass/woods fires; WET: Surface Water Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Ocean Rescue, High Angle Rescue

Dispatch: Portland Regional Communications Center (busiest 911 center in the state of Maine)

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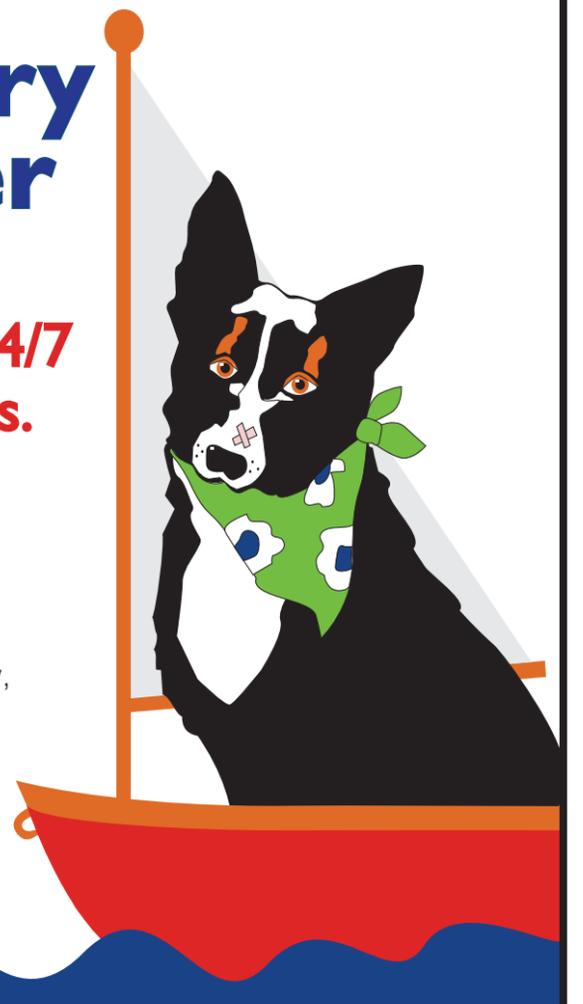
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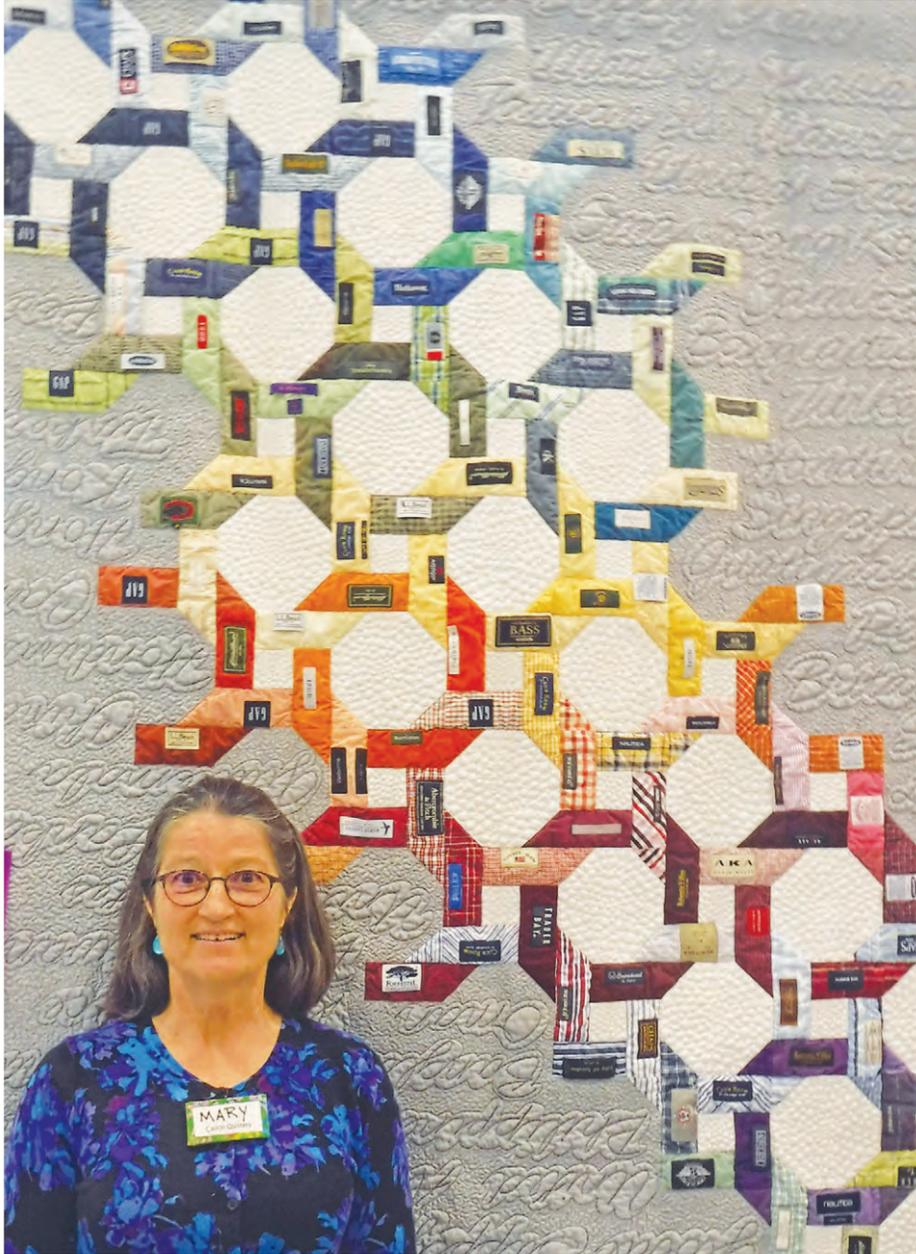


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Courier in the Sunshine State



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Pictured above, Cape Elizabeth resident Carol Sawyer recently visited Mary Kurucz on Singer Island, Florida. They enjoyed the Easter Service at Bethesda by the Sea with President Trump in attendance, and enjoyed Easter Sunday dinner at Renato's in Palm Beach.

On left, Cape Elizabeth resident, Mary Hodgkin was one of three Viewer's Choice winners at the recent Calico Quilt Show in Yarmouth. Many beautiful quilts were exhibited, showing many diverse styles and techniques.

Hodgkin won for her "Global Supply Chain" quilt, made with recycled shirts and shirt labels. The quilting includes 24 country names (on five continents) where the shirts were manufactured. The Calico Quilt Show is held in Yarmouth every even-numbered year, in April.



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