In the Spirit of Community

Girl Scout Troop 120 is taking action at Pond Cove
By Allison Blackstone and Jess Proctor

Earlier this year, the 16 Brownies of Girl Scout Troop 120 brainstormed, planned and executed their Community Take Action project - a snack bin to benefit their peers at Pond Cove. The idea was born when we developed a list of potential projects - one of our girls having noticed that some students in her classroom were coming to school without snacks.

Partnering with school nurse Erin Taylor, the girls created a list of healthy snacks and used their hard-earned money from cookie sales to purchase them. Math skills were put to good use as they figured out the cost per piece, and working hard to stretch their $100 budget as far as possible. Under the guidance of Principal Manjourides and Assistant Principal Forrey-Pettit, we installed the snack bin in Nurse Taylor’s office in March, letting teachers know that these snacks were available to their students without them.

It was an immediate success. The bin had to be refilled a second time, and it was empty again by the time school was out for the summer.

Paid parking at Fort Williams to be subject of September 17 workshop
By Kevin St. Jarre

A subcommittee of the Fort Williams Park Committee has submitted a blueprint to the Town Council for how a pay/display parking system might work for the park. The subcommittee estimated that more than a quarter of the million passenger vehicles enters Fort Williams Park each season, and that 60 percent of the vehicles were from away. The fee structure proposed by the subcommittee was projected to produce $1 million dollars in revenue for the town.

The subcommittee’s proposal, complete with recommendations for implementation and enforcement, estimated revenues and a map depicting pay/display unit locations, will be reviewed by the Town Council at its workshop September 17.

The plan was developed by a three-member subcommittee of the Fort Williams Park Committee at the request of the council. The group met three times in July and presented it to the full park committee Aug. 7 and the council received the report at its meeting August 13.

Under the proposal, 10 seasonal, cashless, pay/display parking meters would govern 270 spaces in five “premium” lots, with 144 spaces for free and overflow parking.

“A key aspect that I don’t think we asked was how much it’s going to cost to set this up,” said Town Councilor Chris Straw.

The plan includes offering a “Patrons of Fort Williams Park” seasonal pass for Cape Elizabeth residents at $5, and $15 for outsiders; with a $2-per-hour, 2-hour minimum daily metered parking fee. Sliding savings will exist for longer stays.

The subcommittee is further recommending the pay/display equipment be outsourced, rather than purchased or leased. Enforcement would also be outsourced, supplemented by park rangers.

“There are multiple facets to this,” said Town Manager Matthew Sturgis, affirming his recommendation to refer the report to a workshop.

This is not the first time pay-to-park has been proposed for Fort Williams Park, but two previous times the issue was soundly voted down at referendum, both in 2006 and 2010, by residents of Cape Elizabeth.

Those Town Councilors who responded to the subcommittee inquires made clear that each was only speaking for him or herself, and not for the rest of the Town Council.

Town Councilors Penny Jordan and Sara Lennon both said they are still in information gathering mode, and that it might be premature to make a responsible and informed decision yet. Lennon said, “I am looking forward to our workshop on the 17th to learn more and hear from other councilors.”

Councilor Straw, again emphasizing that he was only speaking for himself, said, “I would direct you to my prior comments on the issue. In particular, in 2010 I opposed mandatory fees and urged that the issue be sent to the voters. Since that time, the volume of visitors to the park has increased significantly and on busy days we are now straining the capacity of the park with visitors parking on the grass and sidewalks because the designated parking is full. We need a solution to this problem and I remain open to alternative options if people have them.”

Straw said he would be in favor of trying out a system of pay-to-park, and then after a trial, sending the issue back to referendum. He said, “Absent a working alternative solution, I am currently in favor of a trial period for up to two years in order to collect real world data so that the voters can make a fully informed decision on whether to permanently charge fees. I will not support the purchase of permanent equipment during this period.  And if the trial should involve leased equipment or outsourcing to a vendor. Moreover, I only support seasonal fees with areas of parking farther from the Headlight remaining free.

After this trial period, the Town has my word that I will introduce a motion to send the issue to referendum.

Fully Involved: A View Into CEFD, Fire/Police
By Mara DeGeorge

The Cape Elizabeth Fire/Police team from left to right: Joyce Kennedy, Charlie Kennedy, Jim Fox, Therese Fox, TJ Whitcomb, Patty Whitcomb and Lisa Moulton.

The Cape Elizabeth Fire/Police is responsible for safety at emergency scenes. They respond to 75-100 calls annually, assisting the Police and Fire Departments with traffic control for incidents such as downed wires, car accidents, any major fire, fire alarms, rock rescues, shoreline services, and any other need that requires additional hands. With two police officers on duty, it is necessary to have more assistance to alleviate the burden.

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Anne Carney ‘has what it takes’

We’re living in contentious times when divisiveness has overtaken respectful disagreement and debate to solve critical issues in Maine. I believe Anne Carney, who is running for Representative in the State House, has what it takes to forge common ground with legislators from all parties and representatives throughout Maine.

Anne’s work as a volunteer attorney for Pine Tree Legal has taught her to all corners of Maine, hearing concerns which are not that different from what Anne told me Cape voters expressed to her during the primary this spring: the inability to fund treatment for those devastated by the opioid crisis; funding for education at all levels to protect Maine’s economic future; access to affordable healthcare, particularly for children; protection of Maine’s rich natural resources; sensible gun laws; and how to accomplish these goals without increasing the local property tax burden, especially for seniors on fixed incomes who find it increasingly difficult to live in a community like Cape Elizabeth.

Anne Carney will be your hard-working representative in Augusta with a deep appreciation of diverse Maine citizens and an ability to find ways for government to work for the people, and for you. Please vote on November 6 and join me in supporting Anne Carney for State Representative. Your vote matters!

Heidi Hansen

Rebecca Millett ‘represents with honor and honesty’

Please join me in voting to re-elect Rebecca Millett to the Maine State Senate. For the past six years, Rebecca has represented Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and part of Scarborough with honor, honesty and hard-earned policy expertise. She devotes herself to the values that our communities hold most dear: strong schools, a healthy environment, thriving small businesses and dignity for our vulnerable citizens.

Her achievements on these issues include securing $200 million in additional school funding, co-sponsoring the Maine Solar Energy Act and passing the Seed Capital Tax Credit for small businesses. Rebecca is a tough advocate but plays fair and treats all Mainers with the respect they deserve.

Both her work and work ethic have been widely recognized. In the past two years she received the “Legislator of the Year” award from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the “Friend of Education Award” from the Maine Education Association. We hope you will join us in supporting Rebecca Millett in November.

John Christie and Megan McConagha

Town Council’s efforts applauded

We applaud the Town Council’s recent work to help settle the ugly dispute in our neighborhood.

The storyline that the Shore Acres waterfront neighbors are making a land grab is 100 percent false. The (SOS) path proponents movement leader has made it her life’s work to disrupt the lives of these neighbors. It’s impressive to witness her abilities to stoke the resentments many Cape Elizabeth residents apparently have towards those who look successful. No doubt, they’ll dispute any settlement number, as it would end this “movement” (who needs upgraded schools, anyway?)

This movement has created a purpose for some people, and camaraderie gained in working with others on “a cause.” In this particular case, there is so much accessible ocean space in Shore Acres (all of the beach and Trudy Point, full use around Surfside Rd.) that the idea of forcing another path (less than 1,000 feet) in front of these houses is both completely unnecessary, and completely mean spirited.

I have lived in Shore Acres for 26 years. I walk daily and fish all summer (awesome some year, btw.) I rarely see any of the path proponents on the rocks and paths available, including before this dispute began. If they seldom use this path and has been, abundantly available, why do we need another costly, thoughtless path now? The answer is simple...we don’t.

It is our hope that this settlement will end the dispute and the path proponents can perhaps re-focus their talents and energy toward a cause that will benefit everyone.

Andrew Inglis

2018-19 school bus schedules have been posted

Bus schedules for Cape Elizabeth’s three public schools have been posted on the Cape Elizabeth School Department website. School for grades 1-12 will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Kindergartners will start on Friday, Sept. 7. Go to capeelizabethschools.org.

CEHPS to host Louise Sullivan on September 10

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will meet on Monday September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Community Services building at 345 Ocean House Rd. Our program features Louise Sullivan, who will speak about the early settlement of Richmond’s Island and surrounding area from 1628-1678 until the time of King Philip’s War. Great Walt Bagnall, John Winter and the Reverend Robert Jordan are key figures in the story of the origins of Cape Elizabeth, Portland and the land across the Spurwink River. Please join us and bring a friend or neighbor. All CEHPS meetings are free and open to the public.
Then and Now: Two Lights

By Jim Rowe

The first navigational aid at what was to become Two Lights was a very narrow rubble stone pyramid, 45 feet in height, constructed in 1811. The top half of the monument was painted black, the bottom half white, and a boulder adorned its peak: a simple design and largely ineffective, especially in times of limited visibility.

The first iteration of Two Lights came in 1828 with the erection of a pair of more traditional square rubble stone lighthouse towers. They were built concurrently. The reason for two towers was to give the High Head/Dyer’s Cove light distinction from other single-tower lighthouses along this stretch of the Maine coast. The rubble stone towers were replaced with brick-lined cast iron in 1873. The west light was extinguished in 1924 and is now private property.

It was popular American realist painter Edward Hopper who brought Two Lights to the world, through his many paintings of Cape Elizabeth Light (Two Lights). His 1929 rendition is perhaps the most recognized.

Assessor commits $19.02 property-tax rate for 2019

On August 3, Tax Assessor Clinton Swett committed a 2019 tax rate of $19.02 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, lower than the $19.18 anticipated when the Town Council adopted the budget in May.

Taxes were predicted to rise $1.18, or 6.6 percent, over the 2018 rate of $18, but the actual increase will be 5.7 percent. Swett attributed the difference to a higher town-wide valuation fueled by new home construction and renovations and to reimbursement for homestead exemptions. Assessing field work is typically not completed until July, Swett said, well after the budget is adopted in May and the school budget validated by citizen vote in June.

For a home valued at $300,000, the 16-cent difference in predicted tax rate is a $48 difference on the tax bill. The commitment is based on total taxable valuation of $1.74 billion.
Council sets public hearing on proposal to settle paper-street lawsuit

The Town Council will hold a public hearing September 10 on a proposal for the town to vacate a portion of Surf Side Avenue, an oceanfront "paper" public use on the Shore Acres subdivision, in exchange for a $500,000 payment and a commitment from abutters ensuring the residents of Shore Acres the continued rights they currently have.

The proposal would mean that the town would forfeit the possibility of developing a walking trail or any other public use on the unconstructed portion of Surf Side Avenue, as envisioned in the 2013 Greenbelt Plan, but would also ensure the residents of Shore Acres continue to have the access rights that they currently do.

The proposal would also mean an end to litigation brought by the abutters - Imad Khalidi, David Leopold, Kara Leopold, Andrew Sommer, Susan Ross, Stewart Wooden, Julie Wooden and Pilot Point, LLC - in response to the town’s 2016 decision to extend Surf Side Avenue's status as a paper street, along with 31 other paper streets in town.

A paper street is a street that exists on a subdivision plan but has yet to be accepted by the municipality as a public way. The municipality has the right to extend their paper streets for the next 20 years, with the current extension lasting until 2037.

However, the abutters, in their lawsuit filed in January, contend that because the town failed to accept the Surf Side Avenue since it first appeared on the 1911 Shore Acres subdivision plan as "null," law allows facing decks, landscaped gardens and other backyard extensions for more than 20 years, the town no longer has any claim to the street.

Councilors set the hearing on the settlement proposal at their meeting on August 13. Town Council Chair Jessica Sullivan emphasized that the council's action was only to schedule a formal hearing, "by doing so we are not initiating the vacation process," Sullivan said.

The draft settlement was crafted at a mediation session on July 19 among the plaintiffs and attorneys for the plaintiffs and the town, with Councilors Sara Lennon and Jamie Garvin, Council Chair Jessica Sullivan and Town Manager Matthew Sturgis representing the town. Councilors held an executive session July 30 where there was consensus to schedule the public hearing, and to vote at a separate meeting some time after the hearing but before the October Town Council meeting. The $500,000 settlement would be placed in the Land Acquisition Fund for future purchase of open space elsewhere in town.

10 speakers at the August 13 meeting, mostly residents of Shore Acres, said they opposed the settlement, some referring to petitions with more than 1,400 signatures demanding the town accept the street for public use. Others who spoke said the settlement should do more to continue the rights of subdivision residents to access Surf Side Avenue.

Hearing set to establish standing Energy Committee

The Town Council will hold a public hearing September 10 on a proposal to establish an Energy Committee.

A new standing committee to focus on renewable energy was a recommendation of the Alternative Energy Committee 2016, an ad hoc committee that met that year to explore opportunities for alternative energy for municipal and school buildings and vehicles.

The recommendation was for the ad hoc committee to continue as a standing Renewable Energy Committee to assist in implementing recommended projects and to educate the town and schools on the merits of those projects and of renewable energy in general.

The council’s ordinance subcommittee initially considered combining these tasks with those of the Recycling Committee, but later decided that a separate standing committee was preferable. The committee voted unanimously July 30 to recommend the new committee to the full council.

"During the Ordinance Committee review and discussion, the renewable was dropped as the intent is to be able to review all forms of energy use, and not focus on only renewables," said Town Manager Matthew Sturgis.

Establishing the committee requires an amendment to the town’s Boards and Committees ordinance, which requires a public hearing.

Immediately following the hearing, the council is expected to vote on the amendment, which, if approved, will go into effect in 30 days.

One of the Town Council’s goals for 2018, under the heading “Sustainable Community,” is to “align committees with the long-term mission of sustain- ability and renewable energy.”

GPS-boosting antenna approved for Town Center Fire Station

The Town Council on August 13 gave Town Manager Matthew Sturgis the go-ahead to allow Leica Geosystems Inc. to install a “SmartNet” GNSS antenna on the Town Center Fire Station.

“What this antenna does is improve GPS signals to much greater detail... so it would go from, say, an accuracy of, say, 30 feet down to an accuracy of less than three feet,” Sturgis said.

The agreement approved by the council calls for Leica Geosystems to pay $1,500 annually to the town to use the location.

The fire station was attractive because of its stability and location. “In the past they have done in different communities is they would try to find buildings that are of substantial construction that they know are not going to be changing any time soon, that are fairly centrally located as well as have a decent geographical area that they can represent this from,” Sturgis said.

The device, about the size of a wi-fi hub on an aluminum pole, will boost GPS signals for use by people who are doing mapping, surveying, construction and/or engineering, Sturgis said.

The fire station hosts other types of antennas, and the fire chief will have a say on where this one is located, Sturgis said. The $1,500 fee is typical for installations like this, but Sturgis agreed with Councilor Chris Straw's suggestion to monitor the going rate for possible increases in the future.

Town employees recognized

Police Dispatcher Ed Hunt was honored for his 45 years of service to the town at the annual employee recognition and luncheon held on August 16 at Fort Williams Park.

Strout has said his family is doing estate planning and that removing some of the tower overlay zone from the underlying residential zone will facilitate possible residential development in the future.

also recognized were Webmaster Wendy S. Derzewicz, 20 years of service; Equipment Operator Todd J. Hubbard, 15 years; and Assessing Codes Planning Office Manager Kevin Kennedy, who began his career in 1973, is the longest-tenured town employee and was one of 16 employees honored at the event.

Recognized for 30 years of service were Public Works Department employees Al J. Ward, department clerk; Kenneth O. Young Jr., equipment operator and Police Sergeant Kevin D. Kennedy; Rachel Q. Davis, children’s librarian at the Thomas Memorial Library, was honored for 25 years of service.
Residence burglarized, vandalism to siding of home reported, trailer left parked on private property

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

7-30 An officer responded to a residence in the Woodland Road area for a well-being check. The possible theft of an order from Amazon was reported.

7-31 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area regarding a fraud report.

8-5 An officer met with a resident of the Cape Elizabeth area regarding a well-being check.

8-7 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a trailer, Old Ocean House Road, $148.

8-8 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a trailer, Route 77.

8-10 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a trailer, Spurwink Avenue, investigation.

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FIRE CALLS

7-31 South Portland mutual aid, $148.

8-1 Cooperator, drive alarm.

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RESCEUE CALLS

There were 10 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 11 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation:

Back to School Season

August is winding down, which means the back-to-school season is upon us. With every change in season comes a potential for new scams. Scammers know that this is a time when there is an increase in the number of purchases being placed for kids and grandkids. In this scam, they will send emails with a subject line such as “re: shipping info.” The subject line looks as though a company is sending confirmation of shipping details. But in reality, these types of emails may contain links to websites that download malware on unsuspecting shoppers’ computers. Keep your computer and your information safe by deleting vague messages from companies from whom you have not ordered or from email addresses you don’t recognize. And be sure to keep your firewall and virus protection software up to date.

Targeting Small and Local Business

Individuals are not the only victims of scams. Scammers also target many small and local businesses, which costs them an estimated $7 billion a year, according to the Better Business Bureau. From receiving bills for supplies that nobody ordered and being threatened to pay it or paying for services that the business could otherwise get for free, there are many ways businesses may fall victim to a skilled scammer. The Federal Trade Commission and the Better Business Bureau recently partnered to help stop these scams. Small businesses are a vital part of our economy, employing residents and offering services to the local community.

Just like it is for individuals, a costly scam can be detrimental to the financial wellbeing of a small business.

We have an oral surgeon, former VP of a bank, nurse practitioner, former pharmacy tech, former Press Herald employee, Anthem employee.

There were many events and scenes at which Fire/Police assisted Kennedy remembered. “When Obama came in 2012 to South Portland, we helped direct traffic at all intersections. In the 1998 ice storm, we spent the night in Gorham. In 1996, we assisted at the gas explosion at Portland Welding. We also direct traffic for the Beach to Beacon, Memorial Day and Family Fun Day parades, Tri for a Cure and other 5K races,” he shared.

He continued, saying, “The work we do is all about scene safety. We want to protect first responders and the general public. We need to make sure everyone goes home. Sometimes that means closing the road. We realize that makes things inconvenient at times, but it’s necessary.”

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Cape Volunteer Profile: Frank Strout
By Jane Vaughan

For Cape Elizabeth native Frank Strout, volunteering is part of the spirit of Cape Elizabeth. "There are a lot of people in Cape who volunteer, and that’s just what they do. It’s just part of their DNA in a town like this," he said.

Strout has been, or is currently, involved with multiple organizations in town, including the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) and the Cape Farm Alliance. After growing up in a family that was passionate about working in the community, he explained that his volunteer work was not surprising. “My dad was part of the Conservation Committee for the town, so I always saw his passion for wanting to maintain open space and access to the shore line and all of that. So [volunteering] was natural," he said.

It started with the Land Trust, which Strout joined in 1988 as part of the Land Committee. He spent much of his time working with local farmers and, after 29 years there, stepped off the board last year. “What’s unique about the Land Trust,” he explained, “is you have a lot of people with a lot of different skills that make it work as well as it does, which is really incredible.”

In 2001, Strout helped found CEEF — and also served on the board for four years — after Superintendent Tom Forcella suggested creating a program dedicated to raising money for projects that were not in the school budget. Strout thought the idea was "brilliant." “A student could apply for funds for whatever they were pursuing and didn’t have to worry about the town and the town budget. It was tremendously successful,” he said.

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50th reunion of 1968 Cape Elizabeth High School baseball team champions

On the same July weekend in 2018 that six men were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, most of the 1968 Cape Elizabeth High School championship squad gathered at Holman Field for its own celebration.

Fifty years and one month earlier, the Capers beat visiting Greely 2-0 behind the three-hit pitching performance of Pete Dresser to clinch their second straight Cumberland County Conference title.

The game ended in dramatic fashion, when a relay from right fielder Steve Hill to second baseman Dave Fink to third baseman Dave Averill (Casco) and left fielder Bill Orcutt (Cape Elizabeth). Other players in attendance were Everett Johnson (Cape Elizabeth), Tom Tinsman (Cape Elizabeth), John McGinty (Cape Elizabeth), and Jim Landry (Greensboro, North Carolina). The men also paid their respects to assistant coach Leroy Rand, who coached many of them in soccer and basketball and died in 2008 at age 74, along with Appleton and Steve Searway, also deceased.

After catching up in the dugout, the men convened in the third-base dugout overlooking their old field to swap stories and share news about their current whereabouts. Dresser, a Maine Baseball Hall of Fame member, later pitched in the Chicago Cubs organization after attending the University of New Hampshire. He traveled from Melbourne, Florida, to attend. Fink lives in nearby Vero Beach, Florida. Catcher Steve Perry (Napa, California) and first baseman George “Herb” Gonyer (Tucson, Arizona) also made it back. It was a shorter trip for Hill (Scarborough), center fielder Dave Averill (Casco) and left fielder Bill Orcutt (Cape Elizabeth).

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After catching up in the dugout, the men proceeded to re-enact the final play from 50 years earlier before retiting to a luncheon at the United Methodist Church.

“It’s an amazing crew,” said Hill, who delivered an emotional recitation of the famous monologue about baseball marking the passage of time from “Field of Dreams.”

Paid Parking
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to referendum as part of a regular election unless there is overwhelmingly clear consensus from residents supporting ongoing fees.

There are those who do not want the issue sent to referendum again and want the Town Council to simply decide and say that it is the Town Council’s duty to make a decision.

Straw said, “For those who view a referendum as the Council shirking its responsibility, I would simply note that for almost 200 years it has been our tradition in Maine to have issues of great import decided by the community as a whole and, although we no longer have a ‘town meeting’ form of government, this core principle remains enshrined within our Town Charter.”

Town Council Chair Jessica Sullivan, again speaking only for herself and not the other Council members, said, “I do not know whether or not the council will decide this pay-to-park issue or send it to referendum again. It is my opinion that soon the Town Council will have the information it needs to make a responsible decision on this critical budget issue.”

In response to residents having twice voted that they did not want paid parking, Sullivan said, “The town council is responsible for the municipal budget and overall tax rate; the costs of Fort Williams Park constitute a significant portion of the municipal budget. I do not recall that the usage and high costs to our taxpayers of maintaining Fort Williams Park were issues around either the 2006 or 2010 referendum. There seemed to be a sort of ‘it’s our gift to everyone’ sentiment at that time. Since then, however, the increasing demands and financial realities of Fort Williams Park along with its costs to Cape Elizabeth taxpayers have become very concerning. The use, number of people, cars and buses coming into Fort

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Hollyday and Villiotte represent Cape on USTA U18 Intermediate team

CEHS sophomore Blair Hollyday and freshman Tommy Villiotte represented Cape on a United States Tennis Association U18 Intermediate team this summer. They won the Maine State Championships and participated in the New England Sectionals tournament at Smith College, where they placed third.

Portland Plastic Pipe team wins 2018 championship

The Portland Plastic Pipe team, who completed the season 22-1, beat the Pleasantdale team on August 8 at the South Portland Wainwright facility with a score of 11-6 in the championship game to win the 2018 crown.

The Portland Plastic Pipe team has won the championship five out of the last six years with a record of 122-7 and has won it four straight years.

The team is made up of players from Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Portland, Westbrook, Gorham, Windham and Augusta.

Marcel Da Ponte new Head Coach of Coastal Maine Aquatics

Coastal Maine Aquatics, a USA Swimming youth club that trains at both the Cape Elizabeth High School and South Portland Community Center pools, has hired Marcel Da Ponte to be its next Head Coach.

A graduate of Ball State University in Indiana, where he was a member of the varsity swim team, Da Ponte began his career coaching in his native South Africa before moving with his family to the United States.

Most recently, he served as Head Coach of Northwest Arkansas Aquatics, a 240-member USA swimming club based in Bentonville, Arkansas. Da Ponte officially joined the club on August 1.

Da Ponte succeeds Matt Vogel, the two-time Olympic gold medalist who is retiring from full-time coaching after a 37-year coaching career, the last three with CMA.

“Marcel and his family join us,” CMA Board President Mike Mahoney added. “He brings to the team a fantastic combination of coaching expertise and wonderful enthusiasm for the sport of swimming. We would like to thank Coach Vogel for his many contributions to CMA as head coach and wish him the best in retirement.”

Operating for over 25 years, CMA offers a broad range of programs nearly year-round for young swimmers, from a swim school, where young athletes learn the fundamentals of the four basic strokes, to advanced training for future collegiate swimmers.
FarmDrop connects communities with local food  
By Marta Girouard

Six years ago, FarmDrop.org was started in the Blue Hill local food community with the goal to empower communities to eat and think locally. It was created and customized by George Hurvitt and (mother) Mary Alice Hurvitt as an easy-to-use online sales platform for direct-to-consumer producers. The original founders managed the online channel until 2015, when the non-profit public health organization Healthy Acadia took over the management and adapted it to meet its food security mission.

With the goal in mind to make the platform available to more communities and create more connection to local food, Cape Elizabeth resident Kelin Welborn and Hannah Semler, originally from Blue Hill and now part-time Bowdoinham resident, became involved with FarmDrop. In the beginning of 2018, Kelborn and Semler launched a new platform for FarmDrop and replicated it to Mount Desert Island’s MDI FarmDrop. Their Downeast Maine site manager Healthy Acadia is a non-profit whose mission is to empower people and organizations to build healthy communities. In July, FarmDrop launched in Portland as a FEEDKIDS Member, a project of Full Plates Full Potential that addresses child hunger.

The Portland site has 12 different producers, with about 50 total in all three locations, and hopes to grow to 12-17 per site. “Our online platform offers local producers lower overhead costs compared to prepping, transporting and setting up shop for a farmers’ markets, with increased year-round sales potential, and reduced waste. FarmDrop’s value proposition becomes a competitive solution for the local food economy, benefiting local food security projects with a hybrid food systems solution,” said Welborn. Added Semler: “We want to bring that viability to where customers are looking: online. We are also a mission-driven company that wants to directly affect food security and child hunger, and are always looking for ways to benefit the organizations that support these needed causes.” FarmDrop charges customers a 10 percent service fee that goes to support food rescue and gleaning, as well as other food security projects. In Portland, that 10 percent will be going towards FarmDrop’s business model to ensure the sustainability of the project in its start up phase, while in Blue Hill and Mount Desert Island, it will continue to support food security projects of Healthy Acadia.

“We have created a business model where FarmDrop will be able to replicate and ‘pop-up’ in communities everywhere, and have started here in Maine where we live and have roots so that our foundation is strong,” said Welborn. “Hannah and I both have a core passion of how to create a more sustainable food system, creating less waste while creating more food security. FarmDrop is a model of social enterprise that not only drives us all towards a story of hope, where local food economies sustain the fabric of community life, but it also directly empowers small farms to continue to preserve our land’s agricultural heritage. With small-scale farms and food producers at the center of our mission, we can support local non-profits whose mission is aligned with the future of communities.”

FarmDrop connects communities with local food.

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Capetoons: Off Leash at Fort Williams
By Jeff Mandell

Free from the annoying animals at the other end of the leash, many Cape residents enjoy some “me” time to read, chat, eat a lobster roll or watch their charges play with Frisbees.

Capetoons is created by Cape Elizabeth resident Jeff Mandell, who has decades of experience writing and drawing humorous pieces for publications throughout northern New England.
These four softball players represented Maine in the Eastern Regionals in Orange, Connecticut and are part of a core of nine players who look to make an impact.

Schwartz, Clara Parker, Kathryne Clay and Esme Song. Cape Nine are a softball force in high school softball for years to come. The four pictured are, from left, Dana Schwartz, Clara Parker, Kathryne Clay and Esme Song.
**Winnick Wander re-opens, ribbon ridden through**

By Kevin St. Jarre

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to recognize the donations and improvements to rebuild the Winnick Woods Trails.

The trails are open to everyone and are used by bikers, runners and people walking their dogs, and they are even used at night. Town Planner Maureen O’Meara said, “People even use the trails at night, looking for owls.” O’Meara pointed out that the trails “had gotten root-bound here in Maine. There’s a lot of machine-built trail being built everywhere, including states really close to us, like Vermont and New Hampshire, so when the opportunity came up this winter, Jim talked to me about an opportunity to do something in Winnick.”

However, when an opportunity for grant monies fell through, Wright said, “So I stepped up and said I’d put up the seed money, and that I would talk to friends I ride with, the Dawn Patrol,” a group aligned this year, and Jamie was able to step up and said he’d put up the seed money. Speaking of Jamie Wright, of Gorham Bike and Ski, Tassé said, “The stars just lined up” calling Nellis “the guy with the mini-excavator, along with Torri Rosu-Myles, Andrew Labonte, Bill and Melissa Lathrop, Matt and Courtney Campbell, Phil Coupe and Alexa Pappas, Joe Cardin, Hal and Bridget Kingsbury, and in central Maine, such as in the Bangor area.

Tassé concluded by thanking volunteers, including a long list of Cape Elizabeth High School students and graduates, and then he introduced Wright. Wright said, “I’m fortunate enough to work in an industry where I’ve ridden my mountain bike all over the United States, and we’re a little bit behind here in Maine. There’s a lot of machine-built trail being built everywhere, including states really close to us, like Vermont and New Hampshire, so when the opportunity came up this winter, Jim talked to me about an opportunity to do something in Winnick.”

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee, led off a brief introduction thanking donors, including Gorham Bike and Ski, who contributed to the re-opening of the Winnick Woods trail system.

The ribbon cutting was nothing of the sort. Rather, Tassé led a long line of cyclists through the ribbon and descended into the newly rehabilitated trails. The Winnick Woods Greensbelt Trail has a small parking lot and a rehabilitated potting shed which houses maps. The trailhead is slightly below grade on the right side of Sawyer Road, one third of the way from the intersection with Fickett Street on the way to Eastman Road.

**Open Lighthouse Day is September 8**

Maine’s Annual Open Lighthouse Day is Saturday, September 8 with lighthouses open for free tours from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism and the American Lighthouse Foundation, attracts between 15,000 to 18,000 visitors each year and offers the general public the opportunity to climb and learn about over two dozen historic Maine lights. For a list of the 2018 participating sites, visit: http://www.lighthousefoundation.org/maine-open-lighthouse-day.

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**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Astronomy 101 with Ron Thompson**
- **Tuesday, August 28**
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Learn astronomy basics, including how and what to view in the night sky. Attendees will also get a hands-on introduction to the library’s new Orion “Star Blast” telescope and have the opportunity to be among the first library users to borrow it. Our host, Ron Thompson, is an expert in his field and is part of the Southern Maine Astronomer’s organization.

**Cape Elizabeth Garden Club: Create Art and Whimsey in Your Garden**
- **Tuesday, September 4**
- 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club is pleased to present author and gardener Lisa Colbern to talk about inventive ways to make a diff erence and connect with Ruby, a red-tailed hawk.

**Acupuncture**
- **Tuesday, September 11**
- 6:30-8:00 PM
- This month, we’ve invited author David Sanford to join the Democracy Cafe to help lead a discussion on “How to build a loving world.” David has a book coming out in January on this topic and is happy to get the conversation started with our group. The Democracy Cafe is a great place to share ideas, to listen and to ponder. We hope you’ll join us this month in a place where all opinions are respected and all voices are heard.

**Morning Book Group**
- **Wednesday, September 12**
- 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Our morning book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We hope you’ll join us for our September discussion of “News of the World; A Novel” by Paulette Jiles. All are welcome.

**Meet Ruby, the Red-Tailed Hawk**
- **Thursday, September 13**
- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- It is migration season and that means the hawks are on the move! Have you ever watched hawk migration from the many amazing vantage points in Maine? It is a sight to behold. Hawks are some of our most common wild neighbors, often sighted on fence posts or soaring on the thermals. Come and learn more about your amazing wild neighbors.

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**Crafternoon Summer Workshop: Tie Dye**
- **Thursday, August 30**
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- BRING YOUR OWN white item of clothing! Must be cotton. Other supplies will be provided.

**Teen Reading Buddies**
- **Our Teen Reading Buddies program continues into the school year. Children who would like one-on-one reading help (or, for pre-readers, one-on-one read aloud time) can make an appointment to meet with one of our high school volunteers at the library. Each Teen Reading Buddy keeps his or her own appointment calendar, which you can access on the library’s website by visiting the Children’s Program page. Teen Reading Buddies’ schedules vary from week to week, but they may have available times after school and on Saturdays throughout the school year.**

**Coming up! Early Release Adventures**
- **On early release Wednesdays, the library will offer a special program for ages six to 12 from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. On the first early release day of the year, Wednesday, September 19, the library is offering Cordage & Carvers, with Rewild Maine. Participants will make a variety of items from natural fiber cords harvested from local plants. Advance registration is required. More information about this program, and all the library’s upcoming after school programs, can be found on the library’s website.**

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CELT September Programs

Great Maine Outdoor Weekend Cross Town Walk

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) Executive Director Cindy Krum, a representative from the Town of Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission and CELT past Board President Kathleen Janick for the annual Fall Cross Town Walk. Beginning at Portland Head Light, located at Fort Williams, this walk will traverse over seven miles of both the Town of Cape Elizabeth and CELT trails highlighting Cape’s great places. This walk offers a unique overview of Cape’s diverse ecosystems, including Spurwink Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately three and one half hours and includes a picnic lunch at Kettle Cove. Hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after the picnic. Snacks, drinks and lunch provided. Participants should be 12 years or older; please call about younger ages.

Date: Saturday September 29
Time: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Meet at Portland Headlight in the dirt parking lot closest to the lighthouse.
Cost: $10 per person

In the Thick of It; Maine’s New England Cottontails

Come celebrate Great Maine Outdoor Weekend with Andrew Johnson, young forest habitat specialist and wildlife biologist, for a one and a half hour walk at Kettle Cove State Park on Sunday, September 23 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Participants of this Cape Elizabeth Land Trust sponsored event will enjoy learning about the state-endangered New England cottontail, the conservation effort taking place to recover the species here in southern Maine and what you can do to help!

Cape Elizabeth is home to the largest known population of New England cottontails in Maine. The cottontails’ range has declined by 86 percent over the past 50 years due to loss of large thicket and young forest habitats. Come learn about where they live, what other animals also need these thickets and what we are doing to help cottontails rebound in Maine.

Location: Kettle Cove State Park
Date: Sunday, September 23
Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Cost: $6

Mushrooming in Robinson Woods

Join mushroom expert Dan Agro of AgroMyco on an edible and medicinal mushroom foraging walk. Topics for discussion are the best times of the year to find local medicinal and Edible mushrooming weeks of August.

I. A common yellowthroat female with a crab apple tree in our yard. A family of blue jays in it as of August 19.

II. Semipalmated sandpipers and black-bellied plovers along Crescent Beach. There are also spotted sandpipers and greater yellowlegs along the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.

III. A single Carolina Wren has just started singing weeks of August.

IV. A very large Blue Jay family with eight young offspring has occupied the Blue Jay box that I had built two springs ago (last season the bluebirds checked it out but never nested) have young bluebirds in it as of August 19.

V. A single Carolina wren has just started to visit our yard. I do hope that he or she will stay for a while. Also, on more than one night I have heard barn owls calling along Shore Road.

As for shorebirds, there are good numbers of semipalmated and black-bellied plovers along Crescent Beach. There are also spotted sandpipers and greater yellowlegs along the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.

I am also very pleased to report that the bluebird box that I had built has been occupied by a pair of bluebirds that have nested in it more than once. This is a great sign of the health of the local bluebird population.

Fort Williams

Williams Park have all increased dramatically since 2010. We are averaging about $250,000 annually in costs to run Fort Williams Park after any revenues; since the last referendum in 2010, Cape Elizabeth taxpayers have spent about $2 million-8 years x $250,000- to keep Fort Williams Park open while letting millions of non residents use it for free.”

Sullivan said she is responding to her constituents concerns. She said, “Our own townspeople have been complaining that they find it difficult to use the park because it is so crowded. Fort Williams Park has never been free to Cape Elizabeth taxpayers, and our property taxes continue to climb. Next year’s overall tax rate is 6.5 percent; how many more such increases can our taxpayers bear?”

The tax rate for fiscal 2019 is actually set at 19.02 mills, which would amount to 1.902 percent, but it does represent a 6.6 percent increase in property taxes. This was in large part due to a reduction in state funds to reduce the local cost of education.

Sullivan continued, “In its role of setting taxes and town budgets, the Town Council is being responsible to our taxpayers by considering asking that the millions of visitors to Fort Williams Park pay some kind of user fee such as a parking fee. For local comparison, let’s remember that Maine charges fees at all state parks and Portland charges for street parking to help offset the costs of maintaining infrastructure and assets. With its due diligence, town council has been studying town and FWP finances in great detail. Also, the Town Council has created a mission and vision statement for the park to guide stewardship and management for years to come; this naturally includes financial management. Going to referendum is an option, however, I believe that the town council will have enough information to make the important revenue generating decisions it needs to make, in order to protect this fragile park for future generations and to responsibly consider its impact on taxes.”

When asked what Council members might say to those who say that public hearings in Council chambers are not the same as a referendum question when it comes to learning what residents want, Sullivan said, “I would say that they are technically correct as far as the number of residents responding, although the trends in public opinion per political issue whether expressed at a public hearing or by referendum vote, may show similar results.”

The subcommittee’s proposed blueprint for fees and a map can be found online on the town’s website. A separate recommendation on fees for commercial passenger vehicles is expected to be on the Council’s next meeting agenda on September 10.
Troop 120

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mer. Tackling the issue of food insecurity is a key troop focus area, and the girls have already budgeted funds in order to continue the program for the 2018-2019 school year. The troop plans to fundraise to be able to provide more healthy snacks on a monthly basis and welcomes snack contributions from the community. If you would like to provide a snack, please reach out to Troop Leaders Allison Blackstone (ablackstone@mac.com) and Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall. From August 29 to September 15, and donate a snack, please reach out to Troop Leaders Allison Blackstone (ablackstone@mac.com) and Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall. From August 29 to September 15, and donate it.

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Sept. 1 - 10:30 am
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
Sept. 1, 2, 8 & 9 - 9 am
Town Council (live)
Sept. 10 - 7 pm

Coming Weekend at Church of the Nazarene

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will celebrate their 51st annual Coming Weekend Weekend beginning on September 15. The weekend kicks off with a picnic at noon on Saturday at the Two Lights State Park Picnic Pavilion. All in the community are invited to attend and share in food, fun, and fellowship. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, and side dishes. The weekend concludes on Sunday, September 16 with a 10:45AM worship celebration at the church, 499 Ocean House Road. Dr. Stephen Dillman, the superintendent of the Maine District of the Church of the Nazarene, will be the guest preacher. Feel free to bring family and friends to one or both events.

Strout

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Cape Farm Alliance, both as its treasurer, since its inception in 2007, and on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, a subcommittee of the Cape Farm Alliance. “I think of Cape Elizabeth as a farming and fishing community. That’s really where the roots are,” he said. He explained that the Farm Alliance works as an advocacy group to help local farmers by working with the town to address their needs. “The local farmers are the hardest working people I’ve ever known. I really admire how hard they work, and I also like the fruits of their labor,” he said.

After years of service, Strout has now decided to step back a bit, focus on his family and celebrate the upcoming birth of his sixth grandchild. He reflected that there is an incredibly strong culture of local volunteering in Cape Elizabeth. “There’s not anyone that’s hired to, as I say, keep the Cape the Cape. There are a lot of really terrific volunteers in town, and they don’t do it to get recognized. They do it because they’re passionate about it,” he said.

Cape Nine

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The pitching circle you feel alone, but then you realize you really aren’t. You have your closest friends, your teammates, and the places you’ve been, the experiences you never have guessed that I would’ve been on and off the field laughing, crying, being yourself and helping each other out. When I started softball seven years ago, I would never have guessed that I would’ve been on so many teams traveling so many miles with so many great people. In the end you won’t remember the score of your 21st game of the season or what you got for a hit in the seventh game. What you will remember are the places you’ve been, the experiences you have had and definitely the lifelong friendships that you have made.

Esme Song said, “It’s comforting knowing that I have a group of girls who I can count on in any situation. Ever since 2014, the nine or 10 of us have stayed together every season. From making our way to the Little League Eastern Regionals as first year all stars to two undefeated seasons in middle school, we’ve been back with even more spring. Sure, many of us are a part of other teams now, and we won’t always be playing together, but in the end these are the ones that I learned how to play softball with. With our history, the class of 2022 softball girls will always be a team.”

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In the Long Blue Line, Cape Elizabeth resi-

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Kennealy graduates from Bowdoin College

John Kennealy (pictured on left), son of Jack and Rose Kennealy, graduated from Bowdoin College in late May. Kennealy majored in Biochemistry and was a Captain of Bowdoin’s Track & Field team in both his junior and senior years.

Kennealy is taking a gap period before beginning graduate school and has begun a teaching fellowship at The Kent Denver School in Colorado.

Class of 2011 graduate flying high

Ensign Cyrus Wolflinger, CEHS Class of 2011, in front of T6 Texan2 immediately after having soloed in it.

Ensign Cyrus Wolflinger, pictured at Primary Flight training in Corpus Christie, Texas, which he is expected to finish next month. He has been studying and flying in simulators and smaller aircraft for over a year.

After Primary Flight training, he will move into specific aircraft he will be assigned to for Advanced Training. Following successful completion of Advanced Training, he’ll receive his Wings of Gold and join the Fleet.

Wolflinger is a CEHS Class of 2011 graduate. From there he graduated from Northeastern University in 2016 and from Officer Candidate School in 2017.

Rev. Neely celebrates final worship at Church of the Nazarene

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene said a loving farewell to their pastor, Reverend Brent Neely, on Sunday, August 26 with a final worship celebration followed by a potluck luncheon. Rev. Neely began to pastor the church on November 27, 2016, coming from Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nall Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri. After a recent time of prayer and discernment, he feels called to join his fiancée in Rochester, Minnesota and explore new ministry opportunities there. The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene wishes him Godspeed as they begin the process of calling their next pastor.