

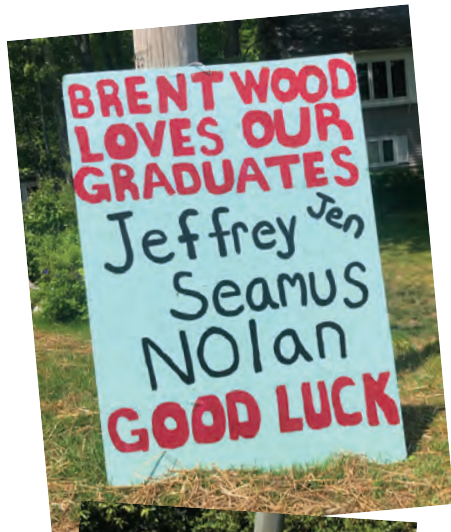
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Cape Unity Rally held on sports field at CEHS, opportunity for voices to be heard

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Marta Girouard

Attendees listening to speakers at the Cape Unity Rally held on June 7.

Protests have spread across the country and around the globe following the killing of George Floyd by former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. Floyd, an African-American man, died after Chauvin knelt on his neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Chauvin did not get up when Floyd, who was handcuffed, said he could not breathe. Chauvin remained on Floyd's neck for three minutes after the man had become unresponsive and another officer could find no pulse. Two other officers were atop Floyd's legs and

back, while a fourth stood nearby and did nothing.

Even in the midst of an on-going pandemic, calls for reform led to protests filling the streets first of major cities, and then smaller ones, and now even normally quiet towns have begun to hear the voices of people who want not only law enforcement to change, but who want to see widespread systemic changes in education, employment, healthcare and fundamental cultural changes in how people

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Cape Diversity Coalition revitalizing its efforts

The Cape Diversity Coalition emerged a few years back to encourage the town council and the town to address the immigration issues at that time. To highlight the value that diverse people and perspectives bring to a community. The Coalition was successful in getting a resolution passed for the town, convening meetings with the Police Chief and hosting a couple of community conversations.

In light of recent national and local issues, the Coalition feels it is again time to revitalize our efforts, seek community engagement and find ways to address the issues of systemic racism in our society and community.

From housing to employment to education to healthcare to justice it is clear our systems in this country are not equitable.

Our freedoms are not equally shared, our opportunities not equally available, our lives not equally valued. Even when it comes to our health. COVID is highlighting how people of color are more affected and have higher mortality rates. This is not right and this should not happen in the United States of America.

So, Cape Elizabeth, will you join the Cape Diversity Coalition and find ways to address diversity in our community. Will we look at ourselves and our biases, work to change the systems of oppression, work to ensure our children receive an education that truly reflects our history and prepares them for the future, and work to ensure our justice system is fair and equitable.

Cape Diversity Coalition
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'Will you act?'

Are you outraged by the riots happening across our country? Are you upset because of the root cause or the uprising?

Do you recognize white privilege? Do you see how people of color are disadvantaged in our society? Do you care?

Are you willing to honestly acknowledge that our systems and policies advantage the white people? As mom to two teenage sons I worry about many things, but I don't worry that they will be harmed by those meant to protect them. They can walk, drive and shop without the worry of someone taking their life because of the color of their skin.

What is our school district doing to address what our students are learning and how they see the world? What's in the curriculum, what books do they read? Our children will grow up to be the leaders of tomorrow. How will they lead? Will they perpetuate the inequities, or help dismantle our racially biased institutions?

What are our housing policies? Are there low-income options, section 8 vouchers, habitat for humanity projects? Is this a place that people of color would want to be? Are we a welcoming community?

What are our hiring policies? Where do people of color work in our community? Are they in our schools or town office? Are they in positions of power or in low-income roles like CNA and laborers?

Martin Luther King said "a riot is the language of the unheard." Are you listening?

Are you outraged? Will you act?

Maureen Clancy

Opinions matter, but so do facts

I am writing to provide accurate information regarding the proposed School Board budget in response to a recent letter to the editor. The proposed increase is 3.79%. When the School Board and Town Council collaboratively combine budgets the overall impact for citizens is a 0.9% increase.

Student enrollment in 2000/2001 was 1736. It is currently 1552, a decrease of 184 over 20 years. There was a peak when Cross Hill was built and enrollment has declined slowly since then, but is steady now. A projection study done this spring shows an increase next year. Over 20 years, federal and state mandates have dramatically increased and we are legally obligated to provide more services for students that require new positions. Student to teacher ratio is not the same as 20 years ago.

We value our employees and Governor Mills designated all school employees essential workers. She directed all districts to pay their employees per their contracts for the remainder of the school year.

In context, the Board member's quote mentioned by the citizen was expressing how hard the teachers are working to maintain an education for our students in difficult circumstances. They see students struggle more than usual and work hard to help them.

The projected costs to reopen the schools are extremely expensive. These costs will have to be absorbed in the proposed budget, along with any possible curtailment of state subsidy. Asking the Board to further lower its expenditures would endanger our ability to open Cape schools in the fall.

Heather Altenburg
 School Board Chair

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Millett ‘seeks and accepts input’

Senator Rebecca Millett has served the citizens of Maine and Senate District 29 with distinction the last eight years. Her service has promoted a safer and healthier environment, improvements in our schools and enhanced opportunities for the disabled. As a physician and environmentalist I have seen her work in a thoughtful and collaborative fashion to improve the lives of Mainers even during a challenging time in the legislature. She is respected for her intellect and honesty, hard work and thoughtfulness. She seeks and accepts input from her constituents, responding promptly and personally to inquiries.

Additionally, she sponsored and presented LD 1312, the so-called “red flag” bill, to temporarily remove firearms from a home where there is a threat of harm, either to their owner or others.

As an emergency physician, I see the tragedies unfold from mental illness and domestic violence. As a long time gun owner, I also understand the concern about second amendment issues. Rebecca walked this fine line with respect, an open mind and an overwhelming desire to improve the safety and lives of Mainers.

For these reasons, I am thankful for her years of service in the Senate and encourage you to join me in supporting her candidacy in the July 14 primary for the Democratic nomination for House District 30.

Tony Owens, MD

Monaghan ‘will create positive changes’

The COVID 19 pandemic has challenged and changed many aspects of our world. Millions have lost jobs, fallen ill, missed countless opportunities, affecting everyone. It’s also provided a new platform for citizens to speak up. People are demanding change, making millions realize we need leaders who support, listen and strive for changes in the world to benefit all races, ages and genders.

We need representation in our politicians; someone who is willing to talk to us and actively listen. We need a candidate who will fight for our voices and stand up for change. I believe Kim Monaghan will do just that for our state. Kim has been a family friend for as long as I can remember. She has always been a proactive thinker who sets goals and sur-

passes them. Kim understands the big picture. She not only thinks in the present but also in the future. She thinks of long-term ways to protect future generations, creating a better world. Kim will proactively work to ensure my generation and the next will be heard and protected. I can’t wait to stand by her side and see her plans come to life.

This is a pivotal time in our country and every vote has a crucial impact. I’m excited to elect a woman like Kim who I know will create positive changes. She is a progressive thinker who will make lives better in Maine. I urge everyone on July 14 to vote for Kim Monaghan.

Mary DiPietro, CEHS ‘15

Greene ‘will get things done’

We are supporting Sari Greene for the Maine Senate to represent District 29 – Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and part of Scarborough. Sari is new to politics but not new to Maine businesses or community organizations. We have known Sari for years and are excited she wants to dedicate her many talents to serving our community and state. Sari is an entrepreneur and an internationally recognized cybersecurity expert. She founded Sage Data Security and grew the company to a national success. She is a tireless advocate and volunteer for literacy, and service organizations such as the SPCE Rotary, the South Portland Food Cupboard and Hands-Across-the-Sea.

Sari’s platform is straightforward. Stabi-

lize, recover and grow the Maine economy by removing innovation roadblocks, encouraging entrepreneurs and capital investment, and supporting our small business community. Invest in our future by implementing renewable and affordable energy options, assuring broadband Internet access to all, offering recent graduates who are in service jobs student debt forgiveness, making health insurance portable, investing in public education and boosting the Rainy Day Fund.

We are thrilled to support Sari – she is smart, tenacious and a proven leader. She will get things done! Please learn more at www.Sari2020.com.

Kathy Barber & Mark Dvoroziak

Carney is ‘deeply engaged on the issues’

I’m writing in support of Anne Carney’s candidacy for the Maine State Senate in District 29, representing Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and part of Scarborough.

Even before the current pandemic crisis hit, our state was facing a confluence of challenges in the areas of jobs, housing, education, affordable health care, elder care and climate change. The COVID-19 emergency and ensuing public health, economic, and social impact will only further increase the need to have elected officials that can work cooperatively to take on these challenges with sound judgment, experience, innovation and empathy.

Over the last few years, I’ve gotten to know Anne through my position here on the Town Council — first, through her advocacy work to protect our open spaces and natural envi-

ronment; and more recently as our representative in Augusta, where she’s shaped important policies and delivered meaningful legislation that has had a positive impact on our town and the district. As I’ve worked with Anne, I’ve found her to be a thoughtful listener, deeply engaged on the issues, and someone who works constructively, even with those who don’t always share her opinion — and those are just a few of the things that will serve her well in the senate.

I’m happy to support Anne, and hope you’ll join me. And please remember to vote on July 14 or by absentee ballot. (Information about requesting an absentee ballot can be found at www.capeelizabeth.com or by calling the Town Clerk’s office at 799-7665).

Jamie Garvin

Then and Now: Cape in the movies

By Jim Rowe



Photo of card from the collection of Jim Rowe

This 1911 postcard shows Maiden Cove (aka Casino, aka Cape Cottage) Beach and the cliff at Bass Head, where some early films of the Lubin Studios were believed to be set.

Thanks to the research of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society member Peter Benoit, we learn that our town was a magnet of sorts for the film industry back in the medium’s early days.

In 1914, “Hearts of Oak” was at least partially filmed here. In one scene of the movie, a planned explosion of derelict sloop “Excalibur” detonated prematurely at or near treacherous Watts Ledge off the eastern shore of Richmond’s Island during a storm. Actors and film crew members had to be fished from the ocean, possibly by the men of the Two Lights Lifesaving Station!

“Excalibur,” (erroneously identified as the “Excelsior” in William Jordan’s “A History of Cape Elizabeth, Maine”) had disappeared from shipping records ca.1913 and may have been deemed “expendable” for film purposes. “Hearts of Oak” director Wray Physioc was understandably not thrilled with some of the footage from the outer Cape and he later directed more takes at the site of the real-life wreck of the schooner Charles F. Buckley in New Jersey. There was also a “cliff climbing” scene in the movie that was believed to have been filmed at Bass Head, Cape Cottage. The film is considered “lost,” though, and it cannot be confirmed which of the Cape Elizabeth scenes were actually used in the final version.

Students of cinematography will no doubt recognize the name Siegmund Lubin. Lubin, a Polish immigrant and optometrist by training, is considered a pioneer of American filmmaking. He established Lubin Studios in Philadelphia, which quickly became known as “Lubinville.” His company produced several movies here in Cape Elizabeth: “The Doctor’s Debt” (at Maiden Cove); “A Romance of the Coast” (at Beckett’s Castle, et al); and “The Last Rose of Summer” (possibly at Bass Head, Cape Cottage). In 1912, Barry O’Neill, the managing director of the Lubin enterprises, brought a company of 30, including Harry Solter and his wife Florence Lawrence to the Cape. They reportedly spent 13 weeks at a cluster of cottages near Maiden Cove that became known as “Lubinville-by-the-Sea.” “The Lifesaver” (at Two Lights Lifesaving Station); “The Romance of Pond Cove;” and possibly others were set here. Ms. Lawrence is widely considered to be the first true movie star. Unfortunately, these films, too, are considered “lost.”

It’s too bad. One could almost hear the celluloid clickety-clacking through a projector and see the images twitching and lurching on the screen at a Cape Elizabeth Old Film Festival.



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News from the Cape Elizabeth School Board

By Heather Altenburg

June 4 was a first in Cape Elizabeth. Principal Shedd, Vice Principal Carpenter, Tom Kohan, David Galvan and David Brown along with tremendous organizational power from Pat Fowler and many volunteers from Project Graduation, went by school bus to every senior's home for a special delivery. As a surprise, they dropped off a cap and gown, a goodie bag with gift certificates, t-shirt and a road sign and gave a virtual high five to every senior.

Another sign of adapting to life during the Coronavirus is witnessing the signs lining the road along Town Hall with each student's name. There are also traditions that have withstood the virus. The famous painted rock on 77 is now covered in handprints from seniors, orchestrated with social distancing in mind.

As we drive around town and see the support and some of the ways we are honoring our seniors, we are also a nation in pain over the killing of George Floyd and the oppressive, systemic racism that continues today.

We are hurting from the stories of fear and loss being shared by people of color. We are witnessing, yet again, another uprising and call for justice, equality and understanding. At the forefront of many conversations is "Black Lives Matter," talk of working together to root out racism, bigotry and hate. This conversation must continue and the justice being called for is long overdue.

I believe the students graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School this year have the compassion and leadership to make changes and to help heal our coun-

try of wounds that were inflicted hundreds of years ago.

I believe that there is an opening right now and our graduates will fill that opening with change and hope. The world is challenging them to understand our differences and celebrate our unique individuality as valuable parts of the whole. Cape Elizabeth seniors are prepared to engage and have their voices be heard. They have received their gowns, will be honored in a graduation in August and will lead us into a future that lifts people up, regardless of skin color, and be the change that is needed.

Congratulations to the class of 2020! May you take on the world with your hearts, passion and acceptance for all.

Policy Update

The Policy Committee met via zoom virtual meeting on April 28 to review and discuss the following policies:

IKF - Graduation Policy

ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students

JS - Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Response

At the May 12 regular business meeting of the School Board, the board voted to adopt the revisions to IKF Graduation Policy.

The Policy Committee met again on May 26 to review and discuss JLCA - Physical Examination requirement and Sharing of Information Between Home and School, and to continue discussions on ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students and JS Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Response. The committee also considered ACAA-R - Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure.

The committee considered updates to JLCA to address challenges associated with student physical examination requirements given the COVID 19 limitation on in person doctor visits.

Given the newly adopted Federal Title IX regulations, which will become effective in August of this year, the committee is aware that future revisions to ACAA

and ACAA-R will be required in the near future.

For the time being, at the next regular business meeting the committee will propose immediate changes to the ACAA-R Procedure to clarify the treatment of confidential information shared with certain staff members with their own professional obligations of confidentiality, given the district's legal obligations.

Policy ACAA and JLCA were brought before the full School Board for a vote at the June 9 regular business meeting.

All policies are posted on the CESD website in the School Board section policy tab.

Policy committee meetings are open to the public, including students.

Budget Update

COVID 19 has had a major impact on the FY21 CESD budget. While our bottom line numbers have not changed, what we will need for our teachers and students has changed quite a bit.

Our goal is to get students back in the classrooms with their teachers, but we have to do it safely, and that is going to be costly. There are multiple scenarios and contingency plans in the works. Everything depends on the structure of our reopening plan, and what happens throughout the school year.

At this time, the predicted additional cost for reopening Cape Schools, following CDC guidelines, is roughly \$275,000. A few examples of additional expenditures include: personal protective equipment, such as masks for staff and students; increased custodial services and supplies for sanitization; plexiglass barrier installation in certain spaces; additional bus runs/routes.

We will also continue to deliver food to our students in need throughout the summer and into next school year whenever distance learning is in place.

Where will this money come from? The School Board has not changed the FY21 budget to request tax payers raise additional funds to cover these COVID-19 related costs.

There is also a real concern that the state of Maine may curtail school revenue, so we have to prepare for that scenario as well.

The superintendent and administrators will work within the budget to absorb those necessary costs, but that means cuts elsewhere in the budget. Examples of how they might do that include: freezing spending on books and supplies, deferring some maintenance projects, leaving some staff positions unfilled, pausing programs for a year, possibly restricting bus service to K-8 students only and possible staff furlough days.

We have qualified for approximately \$23,000 through the CARES Act for FY20 COVID-19 related costs. The superintendent and business manager are doggedly researching and applying for any and all grants for FY21.

As a reminder, the School Board requested over half a million dollars in cuts to the original request budget before approving it and presenting it to the Town Council in late April. The board lowered expenditures significantly and was able to increase revenues as well.

The board believes this budget reflects the community's commitment to excellence in education and obligation to meet the needs of all students while working within this difficult and somewhat unpredictable financial atmosphere.

The combined total tax impact, town and school - what a citizen actually will see on their tax bill - is .9%. An updated pro forma with this information, prepared by the town manager, is available on the town of Cape Elizabeth website.

The citizen referendum vote on the school budget is scheduled for July 14. Please vote!

If you would like to learn more about the CESD budget, please go to the school department website and click on the budget link.

Upcoming meetings:

6/23 - 3:00 p.m. - School Board Policy Meeting via Zoom

7/14 - 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. - Election Day

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'A business as usual budget is irresponsible'

I write regarding the school budget. The budget, prepared in February, proposes a 6% increase in spending and adds new staff positions, despite declining enrollment (from a high of 1847 students in 2006 to 1567 today, and projected to decline by 15 more students next year while staff has increased from 145 to 163.5 positions in the last 20 years). This information can be found in the budget materials provided by the superintendent to the school board, and is the information upon which they relied in creating the budget. https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/584435/Student_enrollment_Oct_1_FY20.pdf

The school budget assumes an increase in state aid. With a projected significant state

budget deficit, an increase in state aid is unlikely. Despite entreaties from the Council, the school board has, to date, done nothing but double down and "readopt" a business as usual budget in late April.

Our schools will face challenges to re-open safely for the children in the fall. We need innovative leadership to address CDC Guidelines, which measures we hope will be temporary. Given the current economy and the need for creative, temporary solutions to provide a safe environment for children, a business as usual budget is irresponsible. The budget needs to be redone to prioritize COVID protection, instead of business as usual.

Mary Ann Lynch

'I'm listening'

How do we, mostly white Capers, meaningfully support the efforts of Black activists to achieve justice while deepening our own humanity? I have gleaned counsel from Black writers and community organizers.

First, challenging the impulse to be upset by the term "racist" when directed our way. When directed at me, my first response now is: "I'm listening." By doing so, I've learned my white defensiveness is one key tactic, usually unconscious, to retreat—insulted and offended—away from social justice work. I'm racist when I get defensive first, also when I act out my white privileges and entitlements without welcoming them being called out.

I live in the legacy and presence of white supremacy: I'm witnessing the pain and stamina in people enduring systemic police violence. I choose to move toward the pain,

to build my stamina; I'm racist if I don't move toward it. As with its opposite, being antiracist manifests in action, not identity—action that is accountable to people I unwittingly harm with my unearned advantages. A tremendously helpful discussion of this and much more is in "How to Be an Antiracist," by Ibram Kendi. He successfully battled stage four cancer in 2019 while writing the book. His inspiring words about survival lift humanity up.

Especially lately, I experience the necessity of being less isolated and feeling less helpless. Challenging defensiveness, reading Kendi's book (also on Audible), watching I Am Not Your Negro (again), and plugging into the Cape Diversity Coalition is justice work that's good for the soul!

Paul Seidman

Black Lives Matter in Cape Elizabeth

Three years ago, we moved to Cape with our three young children. We are writing to lend our White voices in support of Black Lives Matter and to commend those who organized the demonstration for Black Lives Matter that took place at Hannaford Field on June 7.

In the strangest of circumstances, we found ourselves proud to be part of the Cape community. Standing on that field with so many families: some Black, some Brown, but mostly White, was emotional. We were young and old, most everyone wearing masks; many holding stark signs reading Black Lives Matter. We listened to a panel of passionate speakers composed entirely of people of color. Hearing the experiences

of our neighbors of color was gut wrenching and saddening. Listening to those voices, which are too often silenced was an essential step in confronting the racism existant within our town, state, country and ultimately ourselves. The moment was unbelievable. It left us hopeful that this movement for Black lives will gain traction in our town.

As the speakers called on us to do: White people of Cape, use your privilege to interrupt institutional racism; amplify the voices of our Black, Brown, and Indigenous brothers and sisters; let's educate ourselves on race-related issues; attend anti-racism trainings; and contact the Superintendent regarding a comprehensive Black History curriculum and the hiring of teachers of color.

Chriss Sutherland and Molly Angie



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Cape Elizabeth High School announces Top Ten Percent of Class of 2020

Margaret Brewer



Parents: Biz and Chip Brewer
Activities: Cape Elizabeth Girls Soccer, Volunteer Club, York Equestrian Team (Co-Captain '19-'20), Spotlight Dance Company, Voice Training with Jaye Churchill
Honors: National Merit Finalist, U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, National Honors Society member, Western Maine Conference Athletic Recognition Award: All-Academic team (Soccer)
Future plans: Barnard College

Chloe Butzel - Valedictorian



Parents: Jessica and David Butzel
Activities: Student advisory council, Pond Cove mentoring, varsity cross-country, outdoor track, math team, environmental club, upperlinks, world affairs council, Wayside Soup Kitchen volunteer, Welcoming the Stranger volunteer, other community service
Honors: Valedictorian, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Harvard Book Award, Maine Principals' Association Award, Excellence in AP Statistics, Excellence in AP French, Excellence in Precalculus, Excellence in Sophomore English, AP Scholar Award, Cross-Country Freshman of the Year Award, WMC All-Academic Cross-Country Team, National Honor Society, Maroon Medal Society
Future Plans: Middlebury College

Genevieve Depke



Parents: Claire and Bowen Depke
Activities: Cross Country, Outdoor Track, Cross the Bridge, WAC, National Honors Society, Natural Helpers, Upper-Links, Peer Mentor and Tutor, Environmental Club
Honors: WMC Citizenship Award, Passion Citizenship Award, Bates College Book Award, Biology Award for Excellence, Photography Award for Excellence, Maroon Medal Society
Future Plans: Attending Barnard College Columbia University to study biological sciences on a pre-med track.

Alex Hansen



Parents: Jennifer and Robert Hansen
Activities: Jazz band, Tennis, World Affairs Council, Model UN
Honors: Best soloist at Berklee High School Jazz Festival, Team captain of tennis team
Future Plans: Studying music performance at University of Miami

Meredith Hetrick



Parents: Eileen & Joseph Hetrick
Activities: Model UN, World Affairs Council, Environmental Club, Cross Country, Outdoor Track, Mentor Program, National Honors Society & Upper Links
Honors: 10th grade Latin Award, Maroon Medal Society (2019)
Future Plans: Dickinson College majoring in biology or neuroscience

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Although the senior class didn't get the event that was planned, your generous donations helped to put together some surprises with their cap and gown delivery. The remaining donations will help ensure a spectacular graduation in August.

Continued from page 6 Connor LaBonty

Maximo Kesselhaut



Parents: Carmensol and Matt Kesselhaut

Activities: Summer Research Fellow at The Jackson Laboratory; Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra; Portland Youth Wind Ensemble; Stock Market Club (Co-President); Varsity Tennis; Science Club; Great Pond Water-Quality Testing; Science Bowl Team (Captain); Math Team and Maine State Math Meet; Coding Club; Quiz Bowl Team (Captain); TA/Peer Tutor; Mentor at CEMS Maker-Space.

Honors: US Presidential Scholar Candidate; World Food Prize GYI Delegate; National Hispanic Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction; Yale University Book Award; National Honors Society; Maroon Medal Society; All-State Band; All-State Orchestra; Maine District 1 Honors Band; WMC All-Conference Award in Tennis Doubles; CEHS Excellence Awards in Physics, AP Statistics, Architectural Drafting, Chemistry, World History II, US History, and AP Spanish VI.

Future Plans: Yale University to study Biology or Bioengineering



Parents: Tammy LaBonty, Andrew LaBonty

Activities: Coding Club (co-president), Robotics, Concert Jazz Band, Repertory Jazz Band, Jazz Combos, Science Bowl, Natural Helpers, Tennis, Golf, Nordic Skiing.

Honors: CEHS Excellence Awards in AP Stats and BC Calculus, Rensselaer Book Award, Rensselaer Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Math and Science, National Merit Letter of Commendation, Maroon Medal Society, AP Scholar with Distinction

Future Plans: Dual majoring at RPI in computer science and computer systems

Sydney McFarland



Parents: Jennifer and Peter McFarland

Activities: Soccer, Concert Jazz, jazz combos, Math team, Beekeeping club, Portland Youth Wind Ensemble

Honors: Columbia University book award, National Honors Society, District 1 Honors band 2016-2020, All-State Band 2018-2020, Excellence in math awards, Excellence in Digital Design, AP Scholar

Future Plans: Attending University of Vermont Honors College studying Bio-chemistry

Lilia Membrino



Parents: Mark Membrino and Bobbie Manson

Activities: Mock Trial captain, Soccer, Swim team, Teachers' assistant for math and science, Volunteer club

Honors: National Honors Society, academic awards in Physics, PE II, and Image Management

Future Plans: Majoring in Computer Science and Physics at Northeastern University.

Zach Merrill



Parents: Sara and Peter Merrill

Activities: Concert Jazz band, Ultimate frisbee, Science Bowl, Model UN, World Affairs Council, Coding club, Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra

Honors: All State Band all 4 years, All State jazz band 3 years, Williams book award, Maroon medal society, National honors society

Future Plans: Attending Brown University with plans to study physics and astronomy

Jack Sands



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Congratulations!

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Capetoons: Social 3-Distancing at Kettle

By Jeff Mandell



Sometimes, you need 6 feet of separation in all 3 dimensions to be safe.

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Parents: Brenda Sands and Jeff Cain

Activities: Concert Jazz Band, jazz combo, World Affairs Council, Interview Committee to hire band director, Science Bowl Team, Quiz Show Team, Varsity Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Teacher's Assistant in the Achievement Center

Honors: National Honor Society, Maroon Medal Society, Dartmouth Book Award, District Honors Band, Jazz All-State Honors Band, English Writing Academic Award

Future Plans: Providence College, Liberal Arts Honors Program

Honors: State Department Yes Abroad Scholar (spent senior year in Philippines), Model UN All-American team, Lincoln Douglas Debate Novice State Champion and 3rd Varsity State, NCFL and NSDA national qualifier, National Speech and Debate Association Academic All-American, National Scholastic Silver Medalist in Poetry, Telling Room Young Emerging Authors Fellow (published poetry collection), Maroon Medal Society, Summa Cum Laude National Latin Exam, Brown Book Award, CEHS Awards for Excellence in World History, Latin I, Theatre, French IV and AP English

Future Plans: Yale University

Raina Sparks



Parents: Jim Sparks and Kathleen Curry-Sparks

Activities: Debate (captain), Model UN (head delegate) Cultural Communications Club (President), Spread the Love Club (Co-Founder, Co-President), Theatre Council, varsity field hockey, World Affairs Council Leadership Team, Bartleby, Maine Youth Environmental Association (Outreach Coordinator), head debate coach at Boys and Girls Club, Maine People's Alliance Intern

Helen Vaughan



Parents: Tom and Carol Vaughan

Activities: Cross country, tennis, Bartleby writing club, Pond Cove mentor, World Affairs Council, founder of Beekeeping Club

Honors: Girl Scout Gold Award, Maine State Junior Beekeeper, Maroon Medal Society, National Honors Society, Wellesley Book Award, and Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award

Future Plans: Attend Middlebury College in February to study environmental science and/or biology. In the fall I hope to work on an organic farm.



Contributed photo

Caps and gowns were delivered to graduating members of the Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2020 by school bus. CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd, Assistant Principal Nate Carpenter, School Resource Officer David Galvin, and other members of the faculty and staff boarded a school bus recently and drove around the community making the deliveries. Shedd wrote that he was especially impressed with bus driver Dave Brown who drove for six hours, and who showed great enthusiasm for the kids and for the community. Brown remembered high school students whom he hadn't driven for years, Shedd said. Transportation Supervisor Pat Fowler went along as well, and had organized the entire trip to each seniors' house. According to Shedd, Fowler's knowledge of the neighborhoods and streets in Cape Elizabeth "is incredible. She was our navigator."

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There will be strawberries!

By Tina Fischer



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While the experience will be different than in years past, Maxwell's Farm will be open this year for u-pick, but with new rules. Above, employees Anna Gardner (left) and Liz Brewington (right) pictured with ripe berries bound during a previous u-pick season.

Wondering about whether the pandemic will derail strawberry season on the Cape? Fear not — our farms have plans in the works to allow for safe, socially-distanced picking.

Lois Maxwell Bamford reports, "Despite the fact that people are dealing with COVID-19, the plants are healthy, berries are forming and we hope to see everyone out in the fields when the berries are ripe!" Expect picking at both Maxwell's and Jordan's farms to begin late June.

Lois said Maxwell's Farm is following guidelines set by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the CDC, specialists at Cornell University and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation. "We want our employees to be safe while still

providing a safe place for our customers to pick strawberries; we thank everyone for their understanding and cooperation in this."

New rules at Maxwell's will include:

- Customers will be required to wash their hands or use sanitizer before entering the fields.
- Masks are mandatory; no exceptions.
- Only new containers the farm provides can be used; no containers from home will be allowed.
- The six-foot rule for safe distancing will be used both in the field and in the check-in/checkout lines.
- Customers will be assigned a row in which to pick.
- EATING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN

CEHS senior recipient of Mainely Character Scholarship



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CEHS senior Isabel Berman was recently the recipient of a \$2,500 Mainely Character Scholarship.

Isabel Berman, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School, is the recipient of a \$2,500 Mainely Character Scholarship sponsored by Biddeford Savings Bank.

Each year, more than 200 seniors from high schools across Maine apply for scholarships awarded by Mainely Character and its partnering sponsors. Applicants provide personal stories that demonstrate the four aspects of character: Integrity, Concern, Responsibility and Courage. Applications are panel reviewed and selections are made following a personal interview and reference checks.

According to Biddeford Savings Bank's Scarborough Branch Manager Lori Boucouvalas, "Isabel is an impressive young woman; she chooses to be a positive influence for others."

Isabel listens to student concerns such as eating disorders and substance-use and offers resources for help. When Isabel saw many of her peers becoming addicted to vaping, she knew she had to act. She created "The Truth," a video about the dangers of vaping, including its impact on juvenile brains. "The Truth" premiered at Cape Elizabeth High School and is now part of the middle school health curriculum.

Isabel will study neuroscience at the University of Vermont in the fall.

THE FIELD.

• Tuesdays from 7 - 8 a.m. will be reserved for seniors and immunocompromised individuals.

• Preferred methods of payment are debit or credit cards.

Lois adds, "We'll need to limit the number of customers in the field, so we ask that people do not plan a group event for picking. Also, we're asking parents to make sure that their children understand and are able to meet these guidelines before deciding to come. This is for everyone's safety. We love our customers and are excited to be able to provide them with delicious, fresh berries!"

As always, the Strawberry Hotline will have updates on which fields are open, when: 799-3383.

Jordan's Farm expects to employ similar guidelines for picking at its strawberry field on Wells Road. Visit the farm's website and Facebook page for more details. Penny Jordan notes that the farm stand on Wells Road will, as usual, have pints and quarts of picked berries, often before u-pick opens up. "Maine rhubarb too, to go with those berries for pie! And we have our own strawberry vinaigrette."

The farm market at Alewife's Brook Farm will also have berries for sale, along with Caitlin Jordan's popular strawberry jam, but Alewife's does not plan to open its fields for u-pick this year.

Judy's Pantry- a community feeding itself

Please note that our hours of operation have changed. We are now operating a curbside distribution at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3-4 p.m. Prior registration is necessary. Please contact Beth Owens: bethowens1@gmail.com.



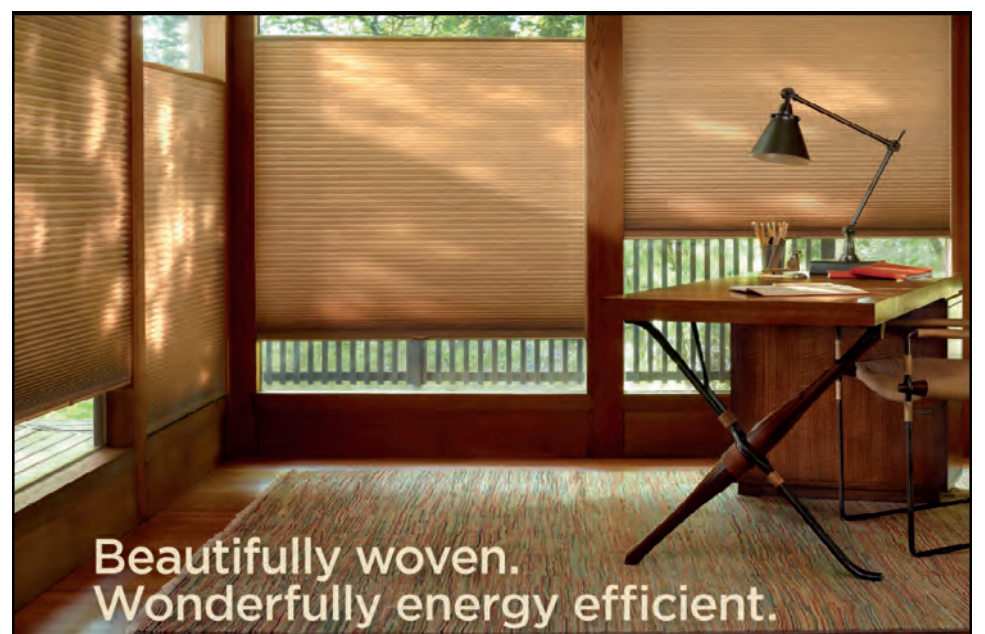
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Where are they off to? CEHS graduates have plans

Eric Barber, child of Kenneth Barber, Amy Partridge Barber will be attending Colgate university

Jack Bassett, child of Kim and Joel Bassett, will be attending the United States Naval Academy

Sydney Black, child of Kim and David Black, will be attending UNH

Josie Boeschstein, child of Bill and Jo Boeschstein, will be attending Stonehill College in Massachusetts

William Brenneman, child of Beth and Kyle, will be attending Lawrence University

Margaret Brewer, child of Chip and Biz Brewer, will be attending Barnard College

Chloe Butzel, child of Jessica and David Butzel, will be attending Middlebury College

Hajan Car, child of Keyla Alston Griffin, will be attending Duquesne University

Andrew Carroll, child of Sara and Charlie Carroll, will be attending Johnson and Wales

Karli Chapin, child of Kurt and Carrie Chapin, will study and play lacrosse at Roger Williams University

Joe Clancy, child of Maureen Clancy, will study Investigative Services at the University of New Haven

Emma Clarke, child of Sue Clarke and David Clarke, will be attending Connecticut College to continue Track and Field

Liv Cochran, child of Amy and Robert Cochran, will be attending University of Vermont

Darcy Cochran, child of Gwynne and Bob, will be attending Southern New Hampshire University and running on their track and field team

Liam Concannon, child of Tim and Jen Concannon, will be attending the University of Vermont to study business

Aidan Connor, child of David and Nicole Connor, will be attending Wheaton College in Massachusetts

Charlie Dall, child of Molly and Bob, will

be attending the University of Vermont for Mechanical Engineering

Genevieve Depke, child of Claire and Bowen Depke, will be attending Barnard College Columbia University

Jackson Dresser, child of Derek and Nikki Dresser, will be attending Colorado College

Olivia Emery, child of Karen and Peter Emery, will be attending Boston University

Isabella Eremita, child of Nicholas and Kristine Eremita, will be attending Clarkson University and majoring in both mechanical engineering and aeronautical engineering

Millie Erickson, child of Liana and Mike Erickson, will be studying at Indiana University (Bloomington)

Anna Flaherty, child of Carolyn and Dan Flaherty, will be studying Business at the University of Vermont

David Frost will be attending SMCC, EMCC or traveling

Christena Gikas, child of Bob Gikas and Dianne Reynard, will be attending Ohio State University

Tim Gilda, child of Brian and Margreet, will be attending college

Violet Grimsley, child of Darcy Willette, will be attending Bucknell University

Alexander Hansen, child of Robert and Jennifer Hansen, will be attending the University of Miami

Seamus Healy, child of Stu and Kate Healy, will be attending Holy Cross

Meredith Hetrick, child of Joseph and Eileen Hetrick, will be attending Dickinson College

Leah Holmes, child of John Holmes and Amy Holmes, will be attending Keene State College

Quincy Johnston, child of Arthur and Charlene Johnston, will be studying Plumbing and HVAC program at SMCC

Shane Kennedy, child of Chelsea Rourke and Patrick Kennedy, will be attending the

University of Maine, Orono

Maximo Kesselhaut, child of Carmensol and Matthew Kesselhaut, will be attending Yale University

Killian Lathrop, child of Melissa and Bill Lathrop, will be attending The Bryant University

Aidan Lee, child of Brian and Joanne Lee, will be attending Florida Southern College

Jacqueline Lombardo, child of Amy and Jeremy Lombardo, will be attending Providence College

Allie Lynch, child of Chris and Laura Lynch, will be attending the Freeman College of Management at Bucknell University

Caroline Mahoney, child of Andrea and Michael Mahoney, will be swimming and studying at Bucknell University

Jaya McClure, child of Jacqueline Nedwell and Philip Nedwell, will be attending the University of North Carolina Charlotte

Sydney McFarland, child of Peter and Jennifer McFarland, will be attending the University of Vermont

Ryan McKean, child of Melanie McKean, will be attending James Madison University

Lilia Membrino, child of Bobbie Manson and Mark Membrino, will be studying Computer Science and Physics at Northeastern University

Zach Merrill, child of Sara and Pete Merrill, will be attending Brown University

Amanda Mikulka, child of Tom Mikulka and Melissa Beall, will be attending Cornell University to study Animal Science

Jonas Moon, child of Kenny and Irene Moon, will be attending Northern Arizona University

Julia Mukai, child of Laurie Small and Eric Mukai, will be going to the Pratt Institute to study 2D Animation and Illustration

Kaitlin Norrad, child of Julie Norrad and Michael Norrad, will be attending Ferrum College

Isabella O'Donovan, child of Rita Ready and Kevin O'Donovan, will be attending the Culinary Institute of America

Noah Olsen, child of Erik and Joanne Olsen, will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology

Corina Page, child of Claire Ramsbotham and Mike Page, will be attending UMass Amherst

Ben Payson, child of Celine Mainville, and Catharine Payson will be attending UVM

Caroline Pellegrini, child of Carl and

Beth Pellegrini, will be attending the University of New Hampshire

Christiana Pinette, child of Drs. Michael and Sheila Pinette, will be attending Lehigh University

Zoe Preble, child of Jeff Preble and Mary Casey, will be attending Northern Arizona University

Catherine Raupe, child of Caroline Conaty and Ed Raupe, will be attending Trinity

-see GRAD PLANS page 15

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

"Sextortion" scams spike

The FBI warns "Sextortion" scams have been increasing during the pandemic.

The bad actors behind the attempted extortions typically email people and threaten to release sexually explicit photos or videos of them to their friends, family and other contacts — unless the target pays big bucks.

Targets are accused of visiting adult websites, cheating on spouses or being caught in another compromising situation. Crooks may say: "I had serious spyware and adware infect your computer" or "I have a recorded video of you".

Federal authorities advise targets never to pay the extortionists — because one payment invariably triggers demands for more cash. The payment of extortion money "will facilitate continued criminal activity, including potential organized crime activity and associated violent crimes."

Many of the crooks demand payment in Bitcoin. The virtual currency "provides a high degree of anonymity to the transactions," the FBI notes.

- An 85-year-old man in Illinois said he'd been contacted by email — five times — with threats that the crooks would release video of him watching porn if he did not cough up \$2,000 in Bitcoin.

- An 80-year-old man in Massachusetts was told the crooks would expose compromising pictures of him unless he forked over \$2,000 in Bitcoin.

According to the FBI, the bad actors add a "higher degree of intimidation" to sextortion scams by noting in the emails some personal information about the recipient, such as a user name or password, usually obtained from a big corporate breach.

The FBI's Internet Complaint Center's annual report for 2019 says 43,101 people reported being victimized by extortion in general, with overall losses of \$107.5 million.



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Cape Elizabeth birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

With the waning of peak migration and summertime close at hand, most songbirds have reached their breeding haunts or are already on the nest. In the tops of our taller trees the gentle, high-pitched song of the Blackpoll warbler could be heard throughout the first week of June. This bird makes the longest fall migration over water of any other songbird, equivalent to three days and nights of nonstop airtime. From data gathered through bird banding we have learned that Blackpolls migrating from South America to far western Canada have longer wings than their counterparts that nest in southeast coastal Maine.

Across the more interior intact sections of Cape Elizabeth, Black-throated Greens, Ovenbirds and Pine Warblers are still making themselves known as are Veerys. Of the thrush family, the Veery's breezy spiraling song is enchanting as it echoes across the understory. Also, still abundant in our damp deciduous and mixed woods is the American Redstart. Males display black and flame colored plumage as they flutter and dart. The Common Yellowthroat, another wood warbler with a personality of its own has secured its respective territories across the most of Cape. The male Common Yellowthroat dons a broad black mask which is contrasted with a bright yellow nape, crown and throat. This warbler is a particularly curious little fellow and the birds distinctive witchety-witchety-whitchety call notes often reveal its presence.

Other mentionables across town include many hundreds of Cedar Waxwings could be found throughout our woodlands, perhaps mother nature's way of helping protect our treasured oak trees. Waxwings are almost always zeroed in on berry yielding trees, the exception being during peak spring inchworm periods where they feast on these destructive pests. Waxwings also love blossoms which contain the plant embryos that are a rich source of nutrition. Furthermore, while we do see Cedar Waxwings throughout the year in Cape, the masses of birds that are seen in spring are most surely migratory flocks from far away. Be sure to listen for their high-pitched flight calls which seem to ebb and flow across the upper canopies of our forests.

Starting in early June the intermingled songs of both the House Wren and Carolina Wren can be heard in many of our neighborhoods, including Brentwood, Cranbrook, Delano Park and Winnick Woods. As of June 1, a very busy House Wren has been con-

structing several nests on our property including the wren house I had built. The male will often craft several nests, called true "dummy nests" which are loosely constructed and lack the egg cup line of grass, feathers, fur and moss. This is done for a few reasons, including signaling possession of a territory and simultaneously making possible nesting sites less appealing or unavailable to competitors. When a female arrives, she will choose the cavity that suits her best and then reconstruct the nest with all the comforts she requires.

On June 2 around dusk I heard what I thought was the buzzy peent call of a American Woodcock approaching overhead; turned out to be a Common Nighthawk. These medium sized crepuscular birds are of the nightjar family. While they may sit motionless all day, come dawn or dusk they take to the wing to roam the skies in search of insects.

On the 6th of June early in the day, my wife, son and I were wandering the bushy meadows of Pollock Brook Preserve when a small flycatcher caught our eyes. The first thing that we noticed was the flycatchers voice which is described as a "sneezy fitz-bew". Through hearing its song, we were able to rule out other flycatchers such as the Eastern Phoebe, Least Flycatcher and Eastern Wood-Pewee. Other variables such as location, timing of spotting/arrival, the bird's posture and observed behaviors all pointed to one very special little tyrant, the Willow Flycatcher! The Willow Flycatcher is very challenging to identify and the best time to look for them is late May through June when the males arrive and are singing. Interestingly, before 1973 the Willow Flycatcher and the Alder Flycatcher were considered the same species and went by "Traill's Flycatcher" which was named by John James Audubon who used the last name of a dear friend and fellow bird lover.

Later that day my wife arrived and quickly proclaimed "There is a King Eider down in Pond Cove!" Having missed the only sighting of a King Eider this past winter off Dyer Point and Two Lights State Park I frantically jumped on my bike and arrived just in time to see this majestic duck before it disappeared along the rocky shoreline. Seeing a male King Eider in our local waters in late spring is such a treat as this bird typically retreats to the high artic this time of year. Arguably no other waterfowl is more elegantly adorned as the King - with black and white feathers, soft greenish face and a striking orange plate above a rich red bill.

Turtle Crossing

By Alden Hughes

It is currently turtle egg-laying season. Female turtles, especially, are going to be crossing roads frequently as they have to get to their spot to lay eggs. Turtles are commonly hit by cars. The picture on the right is of a female eastern painted turtle that was hit by a car in my neighborhood.

My neighbor, David Steinbrick, and I found her. We were going to put her in near a pond but we decided against it because she was quite injured. We called the Maine Audubon for guidance on what to do. They said to put it in a warm ventilated box. We did that and checked on the turtle the next morning. It was in worse condition. We called the Maine Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick. I brought the turtle there and they took her in. Sadly there was nothing they could do for her, however, they were going to check for eggs. If she has eggs they can extract them and hatch them. Once they hatch they can bring the baby turtles back to where we found their mom. Turtles all have a strong GPS in their

head that will guide them back to where their mom laid them. If you find an injured animal you can call the Maine Center for Wildlife at (207)-361-1400.

Please drive slow and if you see turtles in your neighborhood you can put up some simple turtle crossing signs.



Photo by Alden Hughes

Cape Elizabeth resident Alden Hughes would like to remind drivers to watch for turtles crossing the road.

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Thomas Memorial Library update

Summer Reading Program Begins In July

During the months of July and August, young readers are encouraged to join Thomas Memorial Library's annual summer reading program. This year's theme is "Farm to Fable" and takes on a new and exciting format around the summer themes of growing ideas, poetry gardens, nature exploration and mindfulness. Readers will receive a summer adventure journal, postcard and reading log to get them started! Look for details on registering at the library's website to be posted soon. The library will also be offering a "Make Your Own Summer" journal program for adults and teens, providing journal prompts and opportunities to share your creativity with the community. We are also planning a Community Read. More information will be coming soon.

Library Begins Curbside Pick-up--By Appointment Only

Library cardholders can now request library materials online and schedule a time to pick them up. Returns must be placed in the library's book drop. All returned materials will be quarantined for three days before being checked in and made available for borrowing. For more information, please visit the library's website or call the library at 799-1720.

Summer Reading Programs to Begin at the End of June

The library will offer its summer reading programs for all ages, but in a modified form. Complete details will appear in the next issue of The Cape Courier.

Virtual Programs Continue

New Program: Guerilla Poetry Whoop

Thursday, June 11, 2020: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Guerrilla poetry involves publishing poetry in unexpected and unconventional ways in unexpected and unconventional places.

A group of gorillas is called a band or a troop (less common is a "whoop" of gorillas.)

So what is a Guerilla Poetry Whoop, you ask?

An unconventional group of poets and poetry enthusiasts here at Thomas Memorial Library who will be gathering regularly to share our favorite poems and poets with one another in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. In addition to reading and discussing poetry, we'll also be brainstorming and collaborating on creative ways to put poetry out into the wider world for everyone to enjoy. Would you like to join our whoop?

The group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please register on the library's website so we can send you the Zoom link to join. And please bring two to three favorite poems that you'd like to share with the group.

Working with Your Thoughts to Treat Anxiety and Depression: Cognitive Skills, with Rachel Weinstein

Tuesdays, June 23
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We tend to talk to ourselves more harshly and negatively than we talk to anyone else in our lives. This causes us pain—but it's something that we can learn to change. Cognitive therapy is based on the fact that we can't change our feelings—but we can change our thinking habits and how our thinking creates and affects our feelings. Rachel Weinstein will be teaching us how we can use cognitive skills to notice when our thinking is contributing to anxiety and depression. Register in advance to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

Ongoing Virtual Programs for Adults

E-ldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

WAG: Writers Accountability Group

Thursday, June 11
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cultivating Mindfulness, with Ann Gosling

Fridays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CEHS announces scholarships for Class of 2020

COLE AMORELLO MEMORIAL <i>Endorses Cole's Enthusiasm for Theater & Sports</i> Elijah Bason	CE LIONS CLUB <i>Distinguished Student</i> Aidan Connor, Jacqueline Lombardo	DURWOOD HOLMAN CHASE FAMILY FUND AWARD Sydney McFarland	FRED HILSE MEMORIAL <i>Contributions to the Music Program</i> Anna Dolly Nahimana
BASEBALL BOOSTERS <i>Character, Commitment & Community</i> Aidan Lee, Cole Hoffman, Lukas Stephens	CEHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION <i>Character, School Citizens, Academic Achievement</i> Olivia Cochran	FIELD HOCKEY BOOSTERS <i>Commitment to the Team</i> Isabel Berman	WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION SCHOLARSHIP <i>Maine Community Foundation</i> Violet Grimsley
BASKETBALL BOOSTERS, GIRLS <i>Contributions to the Team</i> Karli Chapin, Isabel Berman, Addie Whalen	CEHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION (UNsung HERO) <i>Constant Support of Classmates</i> Jeffery Supple	FOOTBALL BOOSTERS <i>Contributions to the Team</i> Matthew Laughlin, Ryan McKeen	SOUTHERN MAINE SWIM OFFICIALS <i>Outstanding High School Swimmer</i> Caroline Mahoney
KEVIN BRADY SPIRIT AWARD <i>Love of, and Excellence in, Soccer</i> Karli Chapin, Olivia Cochran, Andrew Carroll	CEHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL <i>Service to the School</i> Piper Strunk	GIRLS LACROSSE BOOSTERS Julia Thoreck	TIMOTHY HUNTER MEMORIAL <i>Excellence in Architectural Drafting</i> David Libby
COLDWELL BANKER <i>Entrepreneurial Spirit</i> Quincy Johnston	COLLEGE CLUB OF GREATER PORTLAND <i>Academic Achievement, School Citizenship</i> Julia Thoreck	BILL GROSS SCHOLARSHIP Maximo Kesselhaut	MARIAN F. JOHNSON MEMORIAL <i>Promising Future Teacher</i> Elena Keller
CE GARDEN CLUB <i>Commitment to the Environment</i> Helen Vaughan	AWAKENINGS THEATER AWARD Ian Provencier	KENNETH JORDAN HIGGINS MEMORIAL <i>Character, School Citizens, Promise of Success</i> Alex Hanson, Connor LaBonty, Helen Vaughan, Piper Strunk, Sam Whitney, William Breuneman	GLADYS JORDAN MEMORIAL <i>Honor & Industrious Student</i> Kilian Lathrop
JOSHUA KUCK MEMORIAL <i>Compassionate, Adventurous, Passionately Pursues Self-Improvement</i> Ben Payson	MUSIC BOOSTERS <i>Musical Interest & Ability</i> Alex Hanson	SOFTBALL BOOSTERS <i>Outstanding Contribution to the Team</i> Madison Gillespie, Christiana Pinette	BETTY KING MEMORIAL <i>Distinguished Student</i> Alex Norn
MICHELLE LEGER MEMORIAL <i>Achievement in Swimming</i> to be announced June 15th	MUSIC BOOSTERS (H. HANSON) <i>Musical Interest & Ability</i> John Sands	JIM SPAULDING MEMORIAL <i>Contributions to Boys Basketball Team</i> Jack Bissett, Liam Concannon, Nolan Smith	TIMBERLAKE/SHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP <i>Love of, and Excellence in, World Languages</i> Margaret Brewer
MACWHINNIE MEMORIAL <i>Outstanding Technology Student</i> Genevieve Depke	CLANCY PINETTE SCIENCE <i>Character, Respectful, Kind, Curious, Interest of Career in Science</i> Maximo Kesselhaut	PHINEAS W. SPRAGUE PROMISE AWARD <i>Outstanding Promise</i> Catherine Ravpe, Chloe Butzol, Isabella Eremita, Jack Fibich, Molly O'Sullivan, Raina Sparks	ANN WAEBCKER TECHNOLOGY High Standards & Achievement Zoe Preble
MAINE PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIP <i>Potential to Make a Difference in the World</i> Dolly Nahimana	RALPH POMARICO MEMORIAL <i>Exceptional Ability in Woodworking</i> Jack Bassett	PHINEAS W. SPRAGUE SCHOLARS <i>Serving Academic Achievement</i> Anna Flaherty, Caroline Pellegrini, John Clarke, Matthew Clark, Liam Concannon, Alexandra Lynch, Emily Ecker, Genevieve Depke, Meredith Hetrick, Anshika Erickson	WENTWORTH FILES MEMORIAL <i>Service to Community Youth</i> Kaitley Brown
SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL INSTITUTE <i>Promising Student</i> to be announced July 1st	KEITH SLEEPER MEMORIAL <i>Outstanding Contribution to the Theater Program</i> Caroline Mahoney, Raina Sparks	JOHNathan STANFORD MEMORIAL <i>Distinguished Student</i> Crepine Umuhoza	JOHN WILBUR MEMORIAL <i>Significant Contribution to the In-House Team</i> Jonas Moon
REYNOLDS E. MOULTON SCHOLAR/ATHLETE <i>Outstanding Athletic & Academic Ability</i> Jackson Dresser, Karli Chapin, Caroline Mahoney		SPICE ROTARY CLUB <i>Service to Community & School</i> Aidan Lee, Genevieve Depke, Isabel Berman, John Sands, Meredith Hetrick, Piper Strunk	

CEHS senior awarded Cape Elizabeth Garden Club scholarship

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club is pleased to award an \$850 scholarship to Cape Elizabeth High School graduating senior Helen Vaughn to recognize her outstanding academic achievements and to support her plans to study environmental science, biology and agriculture while attending Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont.

This annual scholarship was supported by the fundraising efforts of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club with proceeds from our Spring Bulb Sale as well as donations received in memory of the following members of the

Cape Elizabeth community: Norman Jordan, Jr., David H. Olney and Philip A. Ortolani.

Future memorial donations will be added to the club's fundraising efforts for the 2021 scholarship the club will offer to a graduating CEHS senior continuing study of a subject related to environment and agriculture at a four-year institution. The CEHS Guidance Department has information about applying for the scholarship. Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation to the CEGC Scholarship Fund should contact CEGC Treasurer Kathy Fabish at khfabish@gmail.com or 799-5886.

Dean's list announcements

Hunter Stephenson, son of Scott and Deborah Stephenson, and a 2017 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, made the dean's Llist for the second semester at American University in Washington, D.C.

Marianna Godfrey of Cape Elizabeth earned Faculty Honors for the spring semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

David Hare, class of 2022, from Cape Elizabeth was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Caleb Weinstein-Zenner of Cape Elizabeth was named to the dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts for the spring semester.

Albert Leblond of Cape Elizabeth achieved President's List status for the spring semester at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

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Large number of unemployment claim fraud in town reported

Reported by Marta Girouard

COMPLAINTS

- 5-19 An officer spoke with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding an ID theft complaint.
- 5-21 An officer spoke with a resident of the Two Lights Road area who had learned that someone had filed for unemployment benefits using the complainants personal information.
- 5-21 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Road area who had learned that someone had filed for unemployment benefits using the complainants personal information.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a dog at large complaint.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding several bags of trash that had been dumped illegally on his property.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a dog bite complaint.
- 5-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 5-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a custody dispute.
- 5-24 An officer meet with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 5-24 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 5-25 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 5-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area who reported he had been contacted by his bank. Someone had used the victim's social security number and attempted to wire funds from his line of credit.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who advised that someone had used her personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Acres area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Sawyer Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-26 An officer spoke with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-27 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file

- an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Fowler Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
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- 5-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Stonegate Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Oakhurst area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-27 An officer spoke with a resident of the Cross Hill area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Oakhurst area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a packet he had received in the mail. A letter advised that he had been selected as a "Secret Shopper" and enclosed was a check for \$2950 and was to be deposited into his account. After depositing the check he was to purchase a \$1000 Walmart gift cards and mail them to an address in Texas. He was to keep the remaining \$950 and he was to rate the quality of stores and his shopping experience and forward his report to an e-mail address. His bank did report to him that the check was fraudulent.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the

- Oakhurst area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer spoke with a resident of the Two Lights Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-28 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who advised someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Woodland Road area who advised that information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 An officer spoke with a resident of the Cross Hill area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-29 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-30 An officer observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a local business after closing hours. The officer found two juveniles in the car smoking marijuana. Parents were contacted and retrieved the kids and the car.

- 5-30 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Acres area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-30 An officer spoke with a resident of the Stonegate area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 5-30 An officer met with a subject who has Power of Financial Attorney for a local resident who was being scammed.
- 5-30 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer met with a resident in the Ocean House Road area for a theft report.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that sometime during the day a vehicle backed into her fence and damaging it.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Fowler Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-1 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.

FIRE/RESCUE CALLS

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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Meetings listed in physical locations below may be canceled or held as videoconferences. Cancellations and instructions for joining videoconferences will be posted on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

Wednesday, June 17

Community Services Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 18

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 p.m.
 Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m.
 Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 p.m.
 Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., via videoconference.
 Town Council Ordinance Committee, 7 p.m., via videoconference

Tuesday, June 23

School Board Policy Committee, 3 p.m., via videoconference
 School Board Workshop, 6:30 p.m., via videoconference
 Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

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 Tuesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

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

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 Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
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280 Ocean House Road
799-8396

www.ceumc.org

Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
 Child Care & Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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 Sunday, 10 - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Primary: 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit

1047 Congress Street, Portland
874-9779

www.HolySpiritPortland.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School for children: 10:00 a.m.
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 Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
 Family Shabbat Services:
 Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of South Portland

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Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Time is at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School is at 11:15 a.m.
 Sermon audio is available on our website

Promised Land World Reach Center

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Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
 Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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 Monday & Tuesday Masses: 8 a.m.

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

301 Cottage Road, South Portland
 799-3361

www.fccucc.org

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Preschool Child Care: 10:00 a.m.
 Game Room

First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough
 883-2342

www.fccscarborough.com

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Nursery Care

CABLE GUIDE

CETV CHANNEL 1302

Live broadcasts may not occur. CETV will replay meetings listed below if they are recorded as videoconferences, and they will be available on-demand at cvtv.capeelizabeth.org

Town Council School Budget Adoption of 06/15/2020

June 17 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 June 20 - 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board of 06/16/2020

June 18 & 19 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 June 21 - 10:30 a.m.

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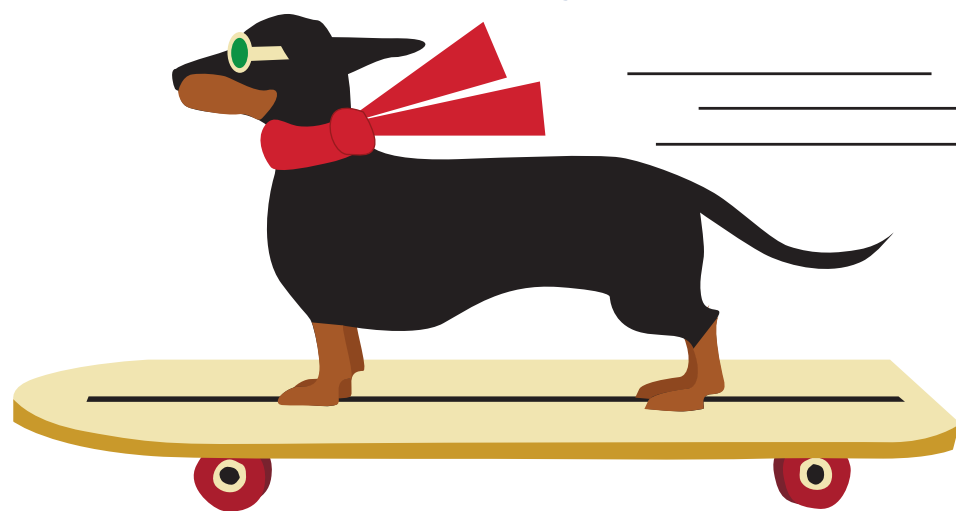
June 20, 21, 27 & 28 - 9 a.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals of 06/23/2020

June 24 & 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 June 27 - 10:30 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Emily Ham, a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, was awarded a master's degree in public administration on May 16 from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. The graduation was, of course, virtual.

"Emmy" graduated from high school in 2012 and from the University of New Hampshire in 2016. She taught English in Hyeres, France, in her first year after college.

Her graduate studies took her from California to Kenya and many places in between. She now lives in Monterey, working to increase affordable housing in that area as an associate with the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership.

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Grad plans

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College Connecticut and studying psychology

Jack Sands, child of Brenda Sands and Jeff Cain, will be in the Honors Program at Providence College

Nolan Smith will be attending Roger Williams University

Raina Sparks, child of Jim Sparks and Kathleen-Curry Sparks, will be attending Yale University

Sophia St. Jarre, child of Kevin St. Jarre, will be attending Maine College of Art

Elijah Strauss Rosen, child of Tom and Elizabeth Rosen, will be pursuing a gap year

Piper Strunk, child of Linda and Rory Strunk, will be attending Bates College

Jeffrey Supple, child of Christopher and Sherri Supple, will be attending Merrimack College majoring in history with a minor in pre-law within their honors program

Charlotte Thayer, child of Evan and Katharine Thayer, will be attending the University of Southern Maine

Crepine Umhuza, child of Constance Mukankiranuye and Faustin Nahimana, will be attending SMCC and majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Helen Vaughan, child of Tom and Carol Vaughan, will be attending Middlebury College

Addie Whalen, child of Cyndi and Joe Whalen, will be attending The University of Rhode Island

Finn Wolf, child of Greg Wolf and Sarah Soggs, will be attending Rollins College

College graduations

The following students graduated from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado: **Nicholas Boulos** of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a degree in Sociology

Wyatt Newhall of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a degree in an Independently Designed Major

Nathaniel Ingalls of Cape Elizabeth received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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'To serve your community, you need to hear your community'

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth Police Department's Chief Paul Fenton has been a member of his department for more than two decades, and took over in 2018 in time to lead it through perhaps the most complex period in the department's history. He spoke at the opening of the recent Cape Unity Rally, but only very briefly, saying he was there to hear the voices of others. Of the rally, Chief Fenton said, "[It] went well. It went great. It was a powerful event. It was a great opportunity for the community that I think felt the need to come together, but even in light of COVID they really managed that situation well, there was a lot of spacing, everyone stayed with their family, everyone was wearing a mask."

The peaceful exchange of ideas, the chief said, is necessary. "[The rally] was a great opportunity for some people to have their voices heard, and it was members of our own community speaking to our own community. I thought it was insightful, I think if whenever

bad things happen, and obviously there's a lot of anger out there, but I thought this was a very positive opportunity for people to be heard, in a peaceful manner, and I think that's what we need," Fenton said.

In these times, we need to come together, hear each other and work as a community on our challenges. He said, "We need unity right now. Not just in light of what's going on with police reform, but also with COVID and everything. We're very polarized, and I think we all need to heal together, and listen to one another and that was my role last night. I did speak briefly [at the rally] but for the most part I was there to listen. To serve your community, you need to hear your community, and that's what I was there to do, to hear people's experience. It was a great opportunity."

People have been emailing Chief Fenton with requests such as for training records, or policies and procedures, so the Chief thought

rather than reply to each request with yet another email, he called each individual, and said, "The issues I think you're concerned about, and that you're hoping to have addressed go way deeper than my training records or my policy, it goes down to the core of the culture of my department and the human beings that make up my department."

So, in light of that, and after talking to people, he decided to have a community forum. Because of concerns about COVID-19, he decided the most responsible way would be online. He said he knew it wasn't ideal, but he thought it would give people a chance to discuss these complex issues.

"It's important, if nothing else, that you feel comfortable with your police department. This is the same department that has received praise for community stuff, working through COVID . . . we're delivering food, we're delivering books, we're doing a lot of things," Fenton said.

Rally

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see each other.

One of those voices is that of Cassandra Nedwell. When the opportunity arose to hold a rally in Cape Elizabeth, Nedwell stepped forward to help organize it. She said, "Michelle Oliver questioned on the Cape POD Facebook page if it would be possible to have something in Cape to show support for BLM. I immediately jumped in because after speaking in front of the crowd in Portland I was feeling empowered and hopeful and like my voice mattered. It all came together so quickly it almost felt like a dream."

More than 100 people attended the Cape Unity Rally on Hannaford field at Cape Elizabeth High School, virtually all wearing masks, and trying their best to stay at least six feet apart although that was a bit challenging at the entry point to the field. Perhaps five times as many watched live on the Facebook feed. Many said that they would have attended in person if not for the risk of COVID-19.

People wanted to listen, to hear the voices of presenters, who both spoke and sang. Jonathan Sahrbeck, Cumberland County District Attorney and a Cape Elizabeth native, led things with a short statement, and was followed by Cape Elizabeth Police Department Chief Paul Fenton who spoke very briefly, saying that his real purpose in being there was to listen.

Nedwell and others shared what it is like to be black in America, and explained the rage and frustration behind movements such as Black Lives Matter. More than one speaker explained what it is like to be African-American even in Cape Elizabeth, such racism experienced in schools, both the overt use of racial epithets, but also the absence of sufficient curriculum. As one speaker put it, the sum of black history is not just colonialism and slavery. Another speaker said that he notices the looks he gets while he walks, and residents drive by, and how the drivers quickly look away when looks at them, and how people will move their purses to the other sides of their bodies when walking past him.

More than one speaker said the point is to share those truths that make people uncomfortable, so that change might occur.

Of the rally, Nedwell said, "For me the rally was a way to get people talking and feeling uncomfortable. I suspected there would not be a large turnout because my experience growing up in this town is, if you're not white you're going to have minimal support. It was honestly a little disappointing to see the amount of people that chose not to come. I think we stirred the pot a little and it's going to allow for the next steps in the community. Step two will be the protest on Wednesday. I hope that really shakes people up. Things are not going to change if everyone continues to be comfortable. And things need to change. We don't want apologies and we're not going to back down. We're going to continue to fight for equity and to normalize race so that our youth, the future, can rise and empower each other and be the change that this world needs!"

Chief Fenton, said about the rally, "Last night was a great opportunity for some people to have their voices heard, and it was members of our own community speaking to our own community. I thought it was insightful, I think if whenever bad things happen, and obviously there's a lot of anger out there, but I thought this was a very positive opportunity for people to be heard, in a peaceful manner, and I think that's what we need."

At the time the Courier went to press, Fenton was planning an online forum to discuss his department's culture, training, and policies in these complex times, and Nedwell encouraged people to support the community's youth and to join a march scheduled for Wednesday, June 10.

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