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Two candidates in Democratic primary race for Maine House District 30

By Kevin St. Jarre

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Rebecca Millett
www.rebeccamillett.com



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In these very difficult times, why are you running for office?

After serving for eight years as your State Senator, I'm running to represent Cape Elizabeth in Maine's House of Representative because now more than ever we need experienced legislators to bring Maine safely through the health and economic crisis we face. My primary focus will be rebuilding every sector of our economy with an eye on the future: renewable energy, workforce development, affordable childcare and a healthcare

system accessible to all Mainers.

In addition, several initiatives that are now underway will carry into 2021, such as my effort to limit toxic emissions from above-ground storage tanks and a long-overdue reform of special education services for our 0-5-year olds. These are unprecedented times. We need real leadership representing our community during this crisis. With eight years in the legislature, I have the experience, relationships and expertise necessary to navigate through difficult times and tough decisions.

People are more divided than ever, it seems. Is there any way to bring people back together?

After having thousands of one on one conversations with residents of our community, I find we have more in common and shared beliefs than what is portrayed by the media. Helping our elderly stay safe and healthy in their homes, making sure our children have strong educations, working to keep property taxes affordable so residents can stay in their homes are just some of the common themes I have heard across the political spectrum. I see this in the State House as well. Working with my legislative colleagues in committee,

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Profiles of Democratic primary candidates for Maine Senate District 29

By Kevin St. Jarre

Three people are vying to be the Democratic candidate in the race for Maine Senate District 29, a seat held for the last eight years by Sen. Rebecca Millett. Their profiles are presented here as answers to identical questions presented to them, with the same amount of time to respond, and they appear in alphabetical order.

Anne Carney
www.anneformaine.com



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In these very difficult times, why are you running for office?

I'm running for State Senate to deliver real, concrete good for our community and for Maine. We face enormous challenges: responding to a pandemic that has upended

our physical and mental health, our jobs and businesses, and our children's education; eliminating systemic racism; and mitigating climate change that threatens our very existence. In the face of these challenges, I am the candidate who can deliver on the things that matter most to our community and our state. In the House of Representatives, I've passed bills to overcome disparities and expand access to healthcare, and will continue to work for universal healthcare. I've made Maine's workplaces safer and fairer, passing job accommodations for pregnant workers, paid time off, veteran's leave and many other important laws. A top priority next session is to identify improvements to our unemployment system so it meets the needs of today's workforce and businesses. I passed an important environmental law to clean up the oil terminals and tanks in South Portland and along Maine's coast. Next session, my environmental work will focus on air qual-

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CESD transportation scheduler delays retirement to see dept through fall challenges

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Pat Fowler, who was due to retire from the Cape Elizabeth School District, but will delay to see the Transportation Department through the coming fall, is seen here as part of the June 4 cap and gown delivery. Those pictured are, from left to right, Jeff Shedd, Marie Cross, Nate Carpenter, Dave Brown, Tom Kohan, Pat Fowler and David Galvan.

Pat Fowler, long time transportation scheduler for Cape Elizabeth School District was planning to retire effective June 2020, but has decided to stay until November 1 to help get transportation off to a good start. Considering how complex the issues might be, whatever plan is put into place when schools reopen, her experience will likely be much needed.

She started working with CESD in September 1993 as the Cape Elizabeth Middle School attendance secretary. "During the summers I worked for Community Services at the Day Camp desk. In March of 1995, I moved to Community Services as the receptionist," Fowler said. Shortly thereafter, she went to work as the transportation scheduler.

Fowler said the best part of the job is how challenging it is. "The people, and all the families I work with, and scheduling transportation- every day brings a new challenge. New Kindergarten students, and nervous parents, excited about riding

the bus to school for the first time. Making sure everyone gets safely to school each day no matter what is going on. If a bus driver is out sick, how will I cover the runs? What field trips or athletic events are scheduled? Last minute changes to a schedule . . . I love jigsaw puzzles, and that is what each day is. How to make all the pieces fit together. I work with the best group of bus drivers and they just make whatever is needed work," she said.

When asked why she has delayed her retirement until November, Fowler said, "Given the uncertainty of what the transportation schedule will be at the start of the new school year, this was the right decision for me. Having lived in Cape almost all my life, I am familiar with the town, the roads, and a lot of the people and most importantly the bus drivers. If we have to change bus stop locations, or add stops, or additional runs, I know the town. We have about 1560

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Care to share some fresh catch?



Photo by Marta Girouard

A seagull watches a couple of fisherman intently, hoping for a piece of the catch, without having to do any of the hard work.



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High-speed internet 'is an absolute necessity'

On July 14 I'll be voting "Yes ON 1," the High-Speed Internet bond referendum providing \$15,000,000 funding for high-speed internet infrastructure in unserved and under-served areas.

In Cape Elizabeth we are so fortunate to have high speed internet for decades now, and we can't imagine living in our community without it. Or, perhaps, fortunate is the wrong word. It is an absolute necessity, this year more than ever, that to run a business, to work from home, to attend class, to shop, to have access to telemedicine and to avoid social isolation, we must have high speed internet.

Greene has 'critical experience and skills'

I write to lend my voice in excited support of Sari Greene to be our Democratic nominee for Senate District 29 representing South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and part of Scarborough. It was my honor to hold the very seat that Ms. Greene seeks. I make this heartfelt endorsement with a nod to the past and more importantly - an eye on our shared futures.

Ordinarily, it is not my practice to publicly endorse in a primary as I have tremendous respect for all willing to make the commitment and do the work required for this level of public service; but these are not ordinary times, and Sari Greene has unique, timely, critical experience and skills that will be welcomed by her Senate colleagues.

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary leadership. We need those who represent us to know that we are counting on them to work together to take concrete actions on our be-

half. Our problems are urgent, and require demonstrated ability to listen, understand, communicate, and execute, while at the same time holding to one's deeply held democratic values. Sari Greene is that leader.

Sari Greene has demonstrated that she knows the importance of healthy lives AND livelihoods that sustain, and she knows that Maine cannot have one without the other. I cannot imagine anyone I would trust more to effectively represent us in these tumultuous and uncertain times.

Please join me in voting for Sari Greene to be our Democratic nominee for Senate District 29.

Jessica D. Simpson

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Lynn Bromley

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Our teachers 'never turn their backs'

In a recent editorial in The Cape Courier (June 3 edition) it was suggested we should abandon our responsibilities to pay our teachers and school staff as a result of COVID-19 which I believe is grossly irresponsible and short sighted.

These are difficult times but running and hiding should not be an option. As a town, we will look back on these events and should only want to remember leadership at its best, not worst and fully support our teachers and staff as a community. Our teachers contribute so much to the development of our children and never turn their backs or ignore their responsibilities, so why should we. The June article based its argument on school budgets increasing ~62% from 2006 to 2020 but failed to mention that the town municipal and county budgets also increased ~87% during the same time period.

A great school system is a key contributor to the success of our children and their future as well as ensures Cape Elizabeth as a leading community to live and work, benefiting all.

Jonathan Baldwin

Thank you, CEPD

I would like to thank Police Chief Paul Fenton and all the members of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department for a job well done at the recent events here in town. Their professional demeanor and conduct showed how fortunate we are to have these individuals protecting and serving all of us in Cape Elizabeth.

Joe Foley

Let's 'improve our schools instead of focusing on budget lobbying'

Once again we voters are asked to participate in the ritual of approving the School Budget. As usual Cape voters fall into the more-is-better or the keep-costs-down camp, or those who somewhat casually decide based on most recent information they came across.

The problem is that there is no clear, easily digestible information about the proposed budget and its implications. Even the Town Council feel they do not understand the budget and are simply passing this problem onto the voters. Since we'll never do "zero-based" budgeting, we need to publish a list of proposed changes from the last year that include:

- What is being reduced and why
- What is being added and what would happen if the changes are not funded

Additionally any contingency funds should

be delineated and monitored throughout the year.

I will not comment on this year's budget proposal because the reasons for the increases are not clear to me. But one thing I can say is that the relative quality of our school district has declined over recent years and instead of being #1 or 2 in Maine we are #4 or 5 (depending on sources of rankings) and I would not attribute it to insufficient funding or declining intellectual capability of our student population. So whatever budget we approve, the School Administration and the Board have a real task at hand: improve our schools instead of focusing on budget lobbying.

Piotrek Stamieszkin

Huge thank you to our pool staff

The Cape Elizabeth Community Services and the pool staff deserve a huge thank you for all they do to ensure we have safe and equitable access to one of our most treasured town resources: our pool. To a person every staff member is conscientious, courteous and kind. The safety protocols you have put in place are thoughtful. The sign-up process is

fair and equitable. There's no play book on how to manage everything during this once in a lifetime (hopefully!) global pandemic, yet they've created a fabulous system from scratch. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff. Thank you.

Jo Morrissey

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Then and Now: Cape Elizabeth's contribution to American independence... an exercise in (flawed) assumption

By Jim Rowe



Photo by Diane Brakeley, Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

The gravestones of Cape Elizabeth Revolutionary War veterans Ezekiel (left), and Nathaniel Jordan on Sawyer Road.

To mark the bicentennial of America's War for Independence in 1975, the Town of Cape Elizabeth copyrighted a short publication entitled "Cape Elizabeth and the American Revolution." The bibliography and appendices are actually longer than the ten pages or so of narrative text.

The thing that really caught my attention in this booklet was Appendix II, in which those Cape Elizabeth men who were killed in the war are listed. Each name had a story. Each man had a family. The cost of the Revolution in lives lost was acutely felt here in the newly incorporated (1765) District of Cape Elizabeth, just as it was in cities, villages, hamlets and farms throughout the colonies.

What was that cost?

I thought it would be interesting to apply an admittedly suspect set of assumptions to the known fact. This is what I came up with:

Fact: According to "Cape Elizabeth and the American Revolution," 47 mariners were lost at sea in the Revolutionary cause; 19 soldiers were KIA; and six were MIA- presumed KIA, for a total of 72 townspeople lost.

Assumption #1: According to the first semi-reliable U.S. Census of 1790, the total population of Cape Elizabeth was 1356. If we assume that 10-15 years earlier ("the war years"), the number was roughly the same, then let's assume a town population of about 1350.

Assumption #2: Approximately half of Cape Elizabeth's population was male (675+/-). With very few notable exceptions, it was men who did the fighting in the American Revolution.

Assumption #3: Excluding the high infant mortality rate at that time (approximately 15%), the average life expectancy for American males would have been in the mid-50s (source: internet). Let's use

55.

Assumption #4: Males' ages were evenly distributed (on average, a fraction more than 12 males were at each age- 1 through 55 at any given time ($675 / 55 = 12.27$)).

Assumption #5: Males between the ages of 16 and 45 were considered "fighting age." Assuming that all males of fighting age joined the war in 1775, then 12.27×29 years of "eligible-aged" fighters = 356.

So at the beginning of the war, based on full participation, we assume that 356 Cape Elizabeth men were "in the fray" (an admittedly flawed assumption, but useful for this discussion). If we add 12 males each year for the nine years of the war, to account for new "of age" recruits ($9 \times 12 = 108$), then we assume that a total of 464 ($356 + 108$) Cape Elizabeth men may have participated in war activities (again, assuming full participation).

Grand conclusion: If 72 of the above assumed 464 participants died, then Cape Elizabeth lost a minimum of 15% of its ablest males via acts of war.

If we further assume the likelihood that a full complement of age-appropriate men did not in fact enter the war, due to: non-sympathetic politics (the Revolution began as a minority movement); disability; the "essential" nature of their livelihoods at home; or for some other reason, then the ratio of deaths to participants would have been considerably higher.

I absolutely yield to revision by actuaries, statisticians, social historians or anyone else with even a modicum of logic here, because I am none of those things. I nevertheless found the numbers, however (in)accurate, to be very sobering.

Cape Elizabeth did its part!

Letters continued

Millett is a 'collaborative doer'

I hope you'll join me in voting for Rebecca Millett on July 14 to make her the Democratic (and overall best!) candidate for District 30 in the Maine Legislature.

Each time I've gone to Rebecca on a variety of matters, she has attentively listened. When she says she needs a little time to digest and look into something, that's what she's doing. I know this because when she does get back to me – and that always happens, and in a timely way – it's obvious that she's sunk some significant time into thoroughly considering the issue's many angles.

I started paying closer attention to who was doing what for Cape Elizabeth and Maine as a whole when I became publisher of The Cape Courier in 2009 (through 2015). Rebecca has stood out because

she educates herself, inside and out, on everything. She's a collaborative doer who has poured her energy into issues of greatest concern to Mainers: education, the environment, healthcare. In the Senate, she's been able to move bills into law, regardless of which party was in the majority. I know she'll be just as effective in the House.

Now, more than perhaps ever, we need strong, capable, principled people helping our state get back on track. Rebecca is that kind of leader, and we'd be lucky to have her representing us again.

Please keep a good thing going for Maine by voting for Rebecca Millett.

Patricia McCarthy

Carney has played a 'leadership role' for healthcare and environment issues

As an emergency department doctor, and a father of three, I strongly endorse Anne Carney for the Maine State Senate based on the leadership role she has played, and will continue to play, on two issues: healthcare and the environment.

As a physician who is often on the front line in emergent care situations, I fully agree with the statement Anne makes on her website (anneformaine.com) that "Healthcare touches every aspect of our lives."

Her leadership in the Maine House has, just in the last year, helped pass legislation that extends MaineCare protections especially to Mainers of lesser means, prevents discrimination in providing women's reproductive healthcare, makes prescription medications more affordable, responds to the opioid crisis, and increases the access of Maine's children to qual-

ity healthcare.

Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we rely on legislators like Anne who recognize the strain it places on our local healthcare systems and who fight to fund and otherwise enable those systems to meet the crisis.

As a father, I particularly value Anne's insistence that the environment continue to be a top priority, as it has been throughout her career, going back to and beyond her decade-long service on the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust.

I enthusiastically support Anne Carney as a Democratic candidate for the Maine State Senate. Please vote in the July 14 primary.

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Absentee voting 'is more essential now than ever'

In the past few weeks, we have seen how important current events have driven Americans across our state to use their voices to express their political beliefs. This has highlighted the importance of using these voices this year to vote in our state's elections.

The Maine State primaries are scheduled to take place on July 14. Given the public health circumstances, absentee voting is more essential now than ever. Here in Maine, we have an in-person absentee voting period beginning 30 days prior to elections, that allows our voters to enjoy the security of voting in person while maintaining safety measures and reducing crowds on election day. As a result of the pandemic however, there are drastically different opportunities for in-person absentee voting available in towns

across the state, resulting in limited access to this right for some Maine voters. The Secretary of State Matt Dunlap has held that opening hours for absentee voting is at the discretion of town offices and here in Cape Elizabeth, we are not even being offered the opportunity to vote absentee in person. This is preventing voters from being able to vote in-person, as required by law, in the 30 days leading up to the election.

The state must set a standard for absentee in-person voting as soon as possible, to provide clarity and expand the ability to vote. Maine has consistently turned out some of the highest voting rates, and we must continue to allow our citizens to use their voices.

Ella Briman

Monaghan has the 'key attributes to influence positive change'

When Kim Monaghan, a long-time friend, asked for my support, how could I refuse? As the former four-term State Representative, having already compiled a proven track record in an extremely divisive government, she has the key attributes for getting things done. She has the temperament, tenacity and mindfulness to influence positive change, once again, in Augusta.

The upcoming 130th Maine Legislature will primarily focus on recovering from the COVID pandemic, rebuilding the Maine economy and getting Mainers back to work. With over 30 years of professional and public service experience, Kim has the real and relative experience to take on this task and

represent Cape Elizabeth and Maine.

Kim's past work on two Legislative Committees (Legal Affairs, Workforce & Economic Future) is sure to play a role in Maine's recovery. With her experience working on Capitol Hill, in global trade exhibitions and Maine's Tourism industry, including Adjunct Professor in Tourism & Hospitality at USM, she will make a strong contribution to these committees in hopes of returning as a member.

Kim possesses a strong knowledge of Maine's business community, its politics and history. She has a reputation for her calm and approachable manner and is well-liked by her caucus and with members across the aisle.

While growing up here during the 60's and 70's, I can attest for the exemplary Monaghan family values that have helped define Kim's strong moral and character traits. Please give Kim Monaghan your support, and vote absentee. We need her during these challenging times.

Jack Lowe

News from the superintendent

By Dr. Donna H. Wolfrom

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff who work for the Cape Elizabeth School Department for their outstanding work in handling the many challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented, from the quick switch to remote learning, to keeping our buildings safe; from preparing and delivering food to families to keeping in contact with students and families.

While our plan was not perfect, staff remained flexible in their strategies and were dedicated to doing their best to educate and care for our students.

The Administrative Team spent some time recently, in the midst of students returning devices and books to school, the great 8th grade parade, and teachers preparing their rooms for the summer, to reflect on our experience with remote learning and the many challenges we faced.

At the top of the list for everyone was the dedication of our amazing staff, their creativity, and their commitment to our students. As we discussed things that we need to work on, items on our lists were improving our use of technology, developing consistent expectations around attendance, grading, engagement of students and assessment. Plans for professional development and discussions in these areas will be developed.

For the past month the Administrative Team has met twice a week to begin to formulate plans for educating our students in the fall. We have brainstormed bussing, scheduling, sanitization and many other topics in order to determine feasibility of plans and options that might work.

On June 26, a District Planning Team made up of the Administrative Team, several School Board members and parents, teachers representing every school, a school psychologist, a representative from the Transportation Department, an administrative assistant and our school nurses will meet via ZOOM to begin to review the options presented by the Administrative Team and to analyze other options that might surface.

This will be a recommending team who will study the work of the Administrative Team, review new ideas and de-

velop a plan for 100% remote learning, as well as a plan for a hybrid of in-school and remote learning, our two viable options at this point. The implementation of any plan will be dependent upon the Governor's orders which we know can be decreed, and then changed at any time between now and school opening.

The parent and staff surveys that were administered early this spring showed strong support for getting our students back in our schools. This will be an expensive endeavor as we work to follow CDC recommendations for social distancing, wearing face coverings, sanitizing our buildings, etc. We are committed to complying with these recommendations and to following the CDC's tool for making (re)opening decisions as we develop our plans. ([cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus))

I would like to thank Town Council for recognizing the financial impact of providing for these safety measures as we work to open our schools. The Council approved the school budget at their meeting on June 15 and the public will be asked to vote on the FY21 School Budget on July 14 at the Public Referendum.

As reported at the Town Council meeting, the impact would result in the estimated difference in total taxes for a \$300,000 home from FY 2020 to FY 2021 of \$54.00, an increase of \$.18 on every \$1,000. Support of the proposed FY21 School Budget is crucial to the re-opening of our schools. Please remember to vote on July 14. Absentee ballots are available.

Stay well, and have a wonderful summer.

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.

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Two referendum questions on July 14 ballot

By Kevin St. Jarre

In addition to primary races, there are two referendum questions appearing on the July 14 ballot.

Question 1:

“Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure for unserved and underserved areas, to be used to match up to \$30,000,000 in federal, private, local or other funds?”

According to ballotpedia.com, Question 1 would authorize \$15 million in general obligation bonds for the ConnectME Authority to provide funding for high-speed internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.

As of March 2020, the ConnectME Authority defined unserved areas as places where broadband service is not offered and underserved areas as places where less than 20 percent of households have access to broadband service.

The bond revenue would be used to match an estimated \$30 million in federal, private, local, and other funds.

Question 2:

“Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for improvement of highways and bridges statewide and for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects, to be used to match an estimated \$275,000,000 in federal and other funds?”

According to ballotpedia.com, Question 2 would authorize \$105 million in general obligation bonds for transportation infrastructure projects, including:

- \$90 million for highways, bridges, and MaineDOT’s Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) and

- \$15 million for multimodal facilities and equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation, and active transportation projects.

The bond revenue would be used to match an estimated \$275 million in federal and other funds.

Congratulations and thanks to Bob Malley

By Jim Kerney

Chair - Fort Williams Park Committee

August 1 will be a day of mixed emotions for many of us in Cape Elizabeth and certainly for the members of the Fort Williams Park Committee as it will be our first day without Bob Malley as head of Cape Elizabeth Public Works. Bob has been an incredible asset to our beautiful town for decades, and his retirement will mark the end of an era.

On behalf of the Fort Williams Park Committee, I want to thank Bob for his wonderful service to Cape Elizabeth. He leaves behind not only a spectacular town but a formidable job to fill by someone who hopefully will serve with the same spirit as did Bob.

Bob’s efforts over the years can best be summed up in three words: experience, passion and dedication.

The institutional knowledge that is banked in Bob’s mind of how, when and why things work the way they do in Cape Elizabeth has been cultivated over these

past four decades and will be most challenging to replace.

Being a resident of Cape Elizabeth has stoked his passion for making ours one of the prettiest towns in the northeast, and his dedication has kept our maintenance, infrastructure, schools and parks in excellent shape despite the incredible changes this town has faced.

All of this has been executed with a professional, sincere and pleasantly calm approach.

As a member of the Fort Williams Park Committee, I know that he has been instrumental in the maintenance, preservation and vast improvements that have been made to our park over the years. And while his experience, passion and dedication will all be missed, we also know that Bob will always be there to help.

Bob, thank you for everything you’ve done for all of us over these many years. Congratulations!

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Home improvement scams

With economic recovery checks arriving in bank accounts, scammers are lurking trying to separate recipients from their needed financial resources.

One way this is happening is shady contractors showing up at people’s front door offering to fix their roof or driveway at a discounted price. These scams usually start with a deep discount and a down payment and then the friendly contractor disappears.

Beware of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happen to be in your neighborhood. And always get at least three bids and check references.

Do me a favor scam

The current “new normal” of so many people working from home has opened a wide window for scammers. They are

taking advantage of so much work and decision-making being conducted by e-mail.

One such scam involves a “boss” emailing to ask an employee to help purchase gift cards, and once purchased, to share the information on the cards. It’s only later the employee realizes that the boss’s email address was spoofed, and the money is long gone.

There are variations on the theme, and a recent episode of AARP’s The Perfect Scam podcast shares how this happened to Shark Tank’s Barbara Corcoran.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you’ve fallen victim.

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we have deep policy discussions and strive to find our way to unanimous votes as often as possible. There are differences of course and some politicians stand ready to exploit and inflame them for their personal gain, but maintaining civility goes a long way to keeping interactions respectful and productive. As a state senator and public leader, I have long believed in the need to treat my colleagues and those that I represent with civility and respect. As an invited guest in our town's classrooms, I always endeavor to highlight the importance of decorum in our legislative chambers and committee rooms, debating policy points and refusing to make it personal. I am determined to uphold our democratic values and institutions.

Shortfalls in state funding of things like infrastructure and schools is sure to be a huge issue in the coming year. What do you see as the path forward?

In order to help Maine emerge from the pandemic and regain its economic footing, the state will need to strategically utilize its Budget Stabilization fund and budget savings from this session, CARES Act and future federal aid packages, and its strong bonding capacity while supporting workers and businesses in safely reopening. When the legislature adjourned mid-March, we increased Maine's Budget Stabilization Fund to an all-time high of \$257 million and left \$193 million in the General Fund in anticipation of an economic downturn due to the pandemic. While that puts us in a good position to begin to address the economic fallout of the pandemic, I recognize it may not be enough. As Senate Chair of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, I co-authored a letter to our Congressional Delegation with the House Chair requesting that federal pandemic aid be allowed to replace lost state and local revenue

so as to avoid painful cuts to our schools and services which in turn could further deepen a recession. The same night we adjourned, we passed a budget with an increase of state funding of schools to nearly 52 percent of total cost of education (up from 46 percent when I first began serving in the Senate). I am determined to protect the hard-fought increase in state support for our schools. Maine continues to enjoy high bond ratings which keep our interest rates low. Currently Maine is below the national average for state and local interest payments, so we are well poised to increase our use of bonds for infrastructure investments. Clearly the State House must lead collaborative efforts to help Maine businesses and nonprofits safely reopen and rebuild consumer confidence to reboot our economy and state revenues. The Governor's Economic Recovery Committee is a good start and should provide practical recommendations for possible executive and legislative action.

Anything you'd like to add?

I am moved by the public outcry and sustained protests across our state and our country. I am hopeful and inspired to work even harder to push for policies that change our systems to eradicate marginalization of any community, any person, any child. Should I have the honor of returning to work in our State House, I am committed to leading efforts that invest in and reform our housing, judicial, environmental and educational systems. I support Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross' proposal to send every bill through a racial impact analysis, similar to the existing fiscal analysis, to ensure that any proposed legislation doesn't create additional racial disparities. We must seize this moment for real change—and continue to listen and include every voice in our work for justice and equity. I would be deeply grateful to earn your vote so I can continue to improve our state for all children, families and communities.

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In these very difficult times, why are you running for office?

In November, 2019, I was the first candidate to announce my run (again) for State Representative. Having served four terms under divided government, I'm pretty good at adjusting with difficult times. I've spent many years in public service; it's been a major purpose in my life and an honor serving the Cape Elizabeth community and the State of Maine.

People are more divided than ever, it seems. Is there any way to bring people back together?

Education. Taking the time to really understand the meaning of Black Lives Matter, sexual and gender equality, racial discrimination among Maine's Native Americans and new immigrants.

Listening. I learned to listen when I sat on the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation selection committee. It opened my eyes and ears and reminded me that, like most in Cape Elizabeth, I'm a privileged white woman, and things have worked out a lot better for me than for those of color, race, sexuality, gender and ethnicity.

Shortfalls in state funding of things like

infrastructure and schools is sure to be a huge issue in the coming year. What do you see as the path forward?

The next Legislative session will focus primarily on the recovery and rebuilding of Maine's economy due to COVID-19. State funding for infrastructure and schools will be a big issue, but so will getting Mainers back to work. Hard choices are going to be made, and priorities will need to be set. Governor Mills will submit a budget, legislators will also submit bills and the Appropriations Committee will consider most, if not all of the proposed legislation. I think we, as Mainers, need to be prepared for what's coming down the road, and that road could mean two-to-three years of funding shortfalls. I expect the Governor and lawmakers to make sure that funding is distributed equitably, and that lawmakers and Governor Mills will work together to build a path, with adjustments, towards the future.

Anything you'd like to add?

The next Legislative session will focus primarily on the recovery and rebuilding of Maine's economy due to COVID-19. In my four terms as State Representative, I sat on two Legislative Committees (Legal Affairs, Workforce & Economic Future) that will surely play a role in Maine's recovery, and I hope to return back to one or both Committees. Combined with my work experience on Capitol Hill, in global trade exhibitions and Maine's Tourism industry, I will work with lawmakers and Governor Mills in a positive and productive manner, building a path forward and allowing Cape Elizabeth - and Maine to be looking towards the future.

This has been a long Primary campaign, and I thank Cape residents for hanging in there not only during a pandemic, but also to months of campaign calls, emails and FB/ Insta ads taking over their feeds. Hope you had a chance to read my letters of support. They came from people of all ages and different backgrounds. Just about all of them were first-time letter writers to the Courier.

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I have been able to bring people together in the Legislature by reaching out to colleagues, listening, and finding shared values. My bill to extend Maine's Children's Health Insurance Program to the full federal match had bipartisan sponsorship and passed the House and Senate with bipartisan votes. My bill creating job accommodation rights for pregnant workers had bipartisan sponsorship, passed the House and Senate unanimously, and became law in 2019. The oil terminal clean-up bill I sponsored, which makes oil companies responsible for clean-up costs, passed the House and Senate by unanimous consent and is now law. There certainly are deep disagreements on many issues, but I'll continue to overcome divisiveness by working together across parties whenever possible.

Shortfalls in state funding of things like infrastructure and schools is sure to be a huge issue in the coming year. What do you see as the path forward?

Maine's bond rating remains stable despite the pandemic, and voters often support bonds for infrastructure. I'm in favor of putting bonds for transportation infrastructure, broadband, and major construction related to protecting coastal communities from effects of sea level rise to the voters for approval.

Funding for schools will continue to be a challenge in Maine and nationwide. Maine's Department of Education has done well to use federal funds to close gaps in technology and internet access for students. We have a good plan in place for monitoring and adjusting the budget as we get data about revenue and shortfalls in Q1 of the 2021 budget, and a full year to understand and address funding needs. In the short term, Maine's \$1.25B allocation under the CARES Act will help bridge the shortfall, and that's why I've been advocating for Congress to allow those funds to cover state and municipal revenue loss. Longer term, the job training and workforce development programs I've been working on in the Legislature will diversify Maine's economy, support increased economic security for our people and return us to the revenue we experienced before the pandemic.

Anything you'd like to add?

My work in the House of Representatives demonstrates what kind of senator I'll be. As an experienced lawmaker and lawyer, I have powerful tools Maine's Legislature needs as we recover from the pandemic, eradicate systemic racism and do the hard work to mitigate climate change. Through my roles in business and conservation organizations, I have the leadership skills required to be a senator – directing the work of a committee and ensuring that legislators and the public alike are treated fairly and respectfully. I listen, understand and deliver concrete change.

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In these very difficult times, why are you running for office?

Our future is going to be different than any of us planned for. We need to reimagine how our businesses, schools, healthcare system and government services will operate and what they need to succeed. At the same time, we need to stabilize our economy, recover and build a bridge to growth. We cannot be rooted in the past. The pandemic has laid bare inequities in our economy and our healthcare and education systems that we have a responsibility to fix.

I am running because now more than ever, we need legislators who have business leadership experience combined with innovation, education, workforce development and technology expertise. I will bring those skills to the State Senate infused with democratic values. I built a company that lifted everyone up. It's time we do the same across Maine.

People are more divided than ever, it seems. Is there any way to bring people back together?

Our country is crying out for leadership at all levels of government that transcends partisan politics and self-interest. This is the moment for each of us to step up, show up and advocate for social justice. It is beyond time we honestly address the issues of racism, sexism, xenophobia, and poverty. Yes, I believe we can bring our communities, our state and our country back together if we are willing to inspire each other, be held accountable for our actions, be transparent, be civil and very importantly, elect leaders who are serious about doing the hard work necessary to create a country where everyone has an opportunity thrive.

Shortfalls in state funding of things like infrastructure and schools is sure to be a huge issue in the coming year. What do you see as the path forward?

The two greatest challenges facing Maine right now are intertwined – public health and economic disruption. As we move through this pandemic, we need to recognize and acknowledge the hardship, respond strategically and prepare for the possibility of additional waves. We need to lobby the federal government hard for funding to insure that the promised safety net is intact. If necessary, we should tap into the State's "Rainy Day" reserve to fund public education. Now is the time to take advantage of historically low bond interest rates to fund infrastructure projects including Internet access. While we await a vaccine, continued emphasis on safe distancing, testing and contact tracing is essential as well as ensuring worker safety. At the same time, we need to encourage private investment here in Maine to prepare our workplaces and our workforce for the new economy.

Anything you'd like to add?

As we traverse this pandemic, working together, we are going to have an opportunity to rebuild our state in ways that can benefit all of us. A Maine that is more resilient, equitable and sustainable. Restoring and rebuilding our economy must be a priority. If we don't, vital programs including public safety, children's healthcare, elder services and climate action will be underfunded, or worse, unfunded. My experience and expertise have prepared me for this challenge. I look forward to working with community leaders and activists, educators, healthcare workers, the business community, non-profit organizations and everyone and anyone who wants to lend their voice to charting our post-pandemic future.

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Capetoon's 2nd Anniversary: Selfies with lighthouses at Two Lights State Park

By Jeff Mandell



Many people come to the park for selfies with the lighthouses, and are disappointed to learn there none in the park. Perhaps cutouts of the lighthouses at the entrance might help.

Introducing a new artist to the Cape Elizabeth community

By Roger Bishop



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Cape Elizabeth artist and resident Christina Watka Halchak specializes in large-scale installation art.

Not long ago I had the pleasure of meeting a new Cape Elizabeth artist, Christina Watka Halchak. Her work fascinated me, and I thought the residents of Cape Elizabeth might also enjoy her art. So, I asked if she would share her story and her perspective on her art.

I will begin with Christina's own words as they appear on her website. "Christina Watka is a Portland, Maine based installation artist who specializes in large-scale installation art. Watka's installations evoke naturally dynamic patterns found in swarms, flocks, cells, constellations and topographical maps. Her work often captures the natural light in specific spaces by using low-relief sculptural undulations that ebb and flow in a visual conversation about density, structured chaos, lightness and air." (www.christinawatka.com)

It took me awhile to understand her description but once I viewed her unique creations, it was obvious that her form of art provides a wonderful and different perspective not often found in traditional art forms.

As a young woman growing up all over the U.S. from California to Massachusetts, and finally here in Maine, she knew that she wanted to be an artist leaning towards a flare in color and design. She decided to pursue

her formal education at the New England School of Art and Design in Boston, Massachusetts. She graduated in 2009 with a BFA in Fine Arts. Shortly after graduation an opportunity presented itself for her to join the Anthropologie brand as a window display artist. While working for the Anthropologie stores in the greater Boston area, she started developing relationships with local interior designers and art galleries in Boston. In 2011, she created "Undulating Thumbs" at a design studio and shop in Boston called Twelve Chairs, which she believes launched her work. That work was the platform for her "Murmurations Series" which she still offers in her portfolio.

But at that point she wanted something else from her art. She moved to New York City as a window display artist but changed paths to join a reputable floral design company called Poppies and Posies as a creative coordinator, specializing in largescale floral installations for weddings and events. This afforded her the flexibility to stretch her creativity while also pursuing her own studio artwork on the side. It just so happens that her boyfriend at the time was a young jazz musician who also wanted to move to New

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Local musician Spencer Di Palma working on new album

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Spencer Di Palma is a multitasking musician and resident of Cape Elizabeth who is currently working on a new album.

Cape Elizabeth resident and musician Spencer Di Palma is multifaceted; he writes music, sings, and plays both guitar and bass. He mainly focuses on alternative and punk rock, and Di Palma keeps busy at his art.

He said, "I'm working on many huge new projects, but right now I'm focusing on stepping out of my comfort zone with my new demo album 'Shiroi.' It's miles away from my punk rock album 'Drop D' and it's all about drawing emotion out of the listener."

A primary characteristic of his music is how simple yet effective it is. "Music to me is putting together a scene. When I write my songs, I picture a scene in my head. The bass could be how the sky looks, the guitar could be what season it is, the vocals could be the temperature outside. Individually, they're all pretty simple, but when they come together you can see this image in your head. It's really easy for me to put myself somewhere else when I listen to music and I really wanted to highlight that with my songs," Di Palma said.

He is relatively new to guitar, but he's made real progress. Di Palma said, "It's been almost two years since I started to play

guitar and write songs, so a lot has happened in a short time. The largest change has to be the move from writing ideas in a notebook to actually recording ideas in multi-track recording software so it can eventually be released. The thought of releasing my music for the world to hear would have terrified me even just a year ago."

While he isn't opposed to turning the music into a business, that is not Di Palma's main objective. He said, "My main goal in sharing my music is to connect with people and to help them feel like they aren't the only one feeling strong emotions. It would be incredibly difficult to make money from music even if you were the best there was, especially with how the electronic and rap scene is taking over."

He found music as an outlet, and dove in. He said, "Freshman year of high school was a huge time for me. All these things were happening to me and I didn't know what to do with all the emotions that came with them. Then, as I tell people, I found nirvana in Nirvana. After a two-day binge of listening to all of Nirvana's records, I picked up a guitar to do it myself. Kurt Cobain is an

enormous inspiration of mine. They opened my eyes to bands like Mudhoney, The Vaselines and even Leadbelly."

As for newer bands that he admires, Di Palma said, "I very much love the upcoming bands Senium and Yantra. They are both new grungy kind of bands that haven't taken off yet but their music is amazing in my opinion."

Di Palma prefers live recordings of songs because he said they represent a more connected and emotional experience. "It's really hard to tell people just how hard it is to portray emotion in a recording as opposed to playing live," he said.

If he could wave a magic wand, he knows the one thing that would help him most with his music. "A band. Period. I've been on my own since I started because I can't find anybody who is dedicated enough to their music. I would kill for a drummer and/or bassist who played every day and actually loved do-

ing it," Di Palma said.

If he could go anywhere in the world, perhaps on a retreat, to focus solely on his music, he knows where he would want to go. "Currently, since I'm focusing on the slower music of my record 'Shiroi,' I would love to go to Japan. It's an amazing culture full of pride and it's such a beautiful, peaceful country. I think that would tie perfectly to the record and how I feel when I'm recording its songs," he said.

Obviously, because of COVID-19, it is difficult for Di Palma to perform live, but he is doing live Instagram concerts from time to time, and he said people can always hear his latest tracks from any of the following accounts:

- SoundCloud - Spencer Di Palma
- BandLab - Spencer Di Palma @spencer-dipalmamusic
- YouTube - Spencer Di Palma
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Artist

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York, so Andrew became part of her new adventure.

She attributes much of her success from establishing strong working relationships with art galleries, art consultants and interior designers. Christina's longest-standing relationship with Uprise Art, headquartered in Manhattan, sends her all over the world to install her artwork for private and commercial collectors. The interior design relationships provided her in-roads to creating private works.

One of her favorite pieces, which has special meaning to her, is "Murmuration IX," created for the Felicity House in New York City in 2015. Since then, she has installed much larger works in Dubai and beyond, but this job in New York City felt like a take off point for her because it was the first one that she was able to realize in such large scale.

Her more recent works includes the series "Lightness of Joy," which utilizes

mica and brass into suspended, kinetic sculpture.

When I asked her to describe her art, she said "...my artwork is largely inspired by nature, color and light. Also, simply, I am a mover-I like to be in motion, and I think my work reflects that. Whether in a kinetic hanging sculpture or a sweeping porcelain installation on a wall, the work feels like it could burst into motion at any moment."

So, how did she get to Cape Elizabeth? It was an old farmhouse that had a view of Spurwink Marsh and an attached barn that she envisioned as a "forever studio". Her (now) husband Andrew took a position with the Portland Fire Department as a firefighter/EMT, and Cape Elizabeth offered all they wanted. It will not be long before their son, Jack, will be off to Pond Cove. Twelve weeks ago, she completed another masterpiece. Twin girls, Lucy and Sunny now bring more light into her studio and life.



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CELT welcomes Lucy Tabb as stewardship intern



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Lucy Tabb is joining the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust stewardship team for the summer, thanks to funding provided by the Richard G. Rockefeller Conservation Internship.

Portland native Lucy Tabb is joining the CELT stewardship team for the summer, thanks to funding provided by the Richard G. Rockefeller Conservation Internship, a program coordinated by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. "I am thrilled to work this summer for the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust as the stewardship intern and I am eager to learn all of the ins and outs of what it takes to make a land

trust thrive," Tabb said.

Lucy is currently a senior at the University of Southern Maine pursuing a degree in English as a part of the Honors Program.

Outside of academics, she has held several jobs related to the outdoors, including working at Maine Audubon the past two years as an educator.

In this role, she worked as both a camp counselor for summer and vacation camps and led outreach programming for field trips during the school year. She has also worked as a trip leader at Warren Wilson College, leading backpacking and foraging trips for their student body.

Lucy plans to bring her knowledge of Maine's flora and fauna and her love of the outdoors to her work at CELT this summer.

She will be working with staff and volunteers on a range of projects related to land stewardship, including removal of invasive species, signage updates and management planning.

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Since its inception in 1985, the land trust has supported farmland conservation, working with farmers to preserve their legacies. CELT currently has easement agreements with the Wm. H. Jordan Farm and the Old Christmas Tree Farm that ensure those properties will be farms forever. With the recent

donation of the formerly active Turkey Hill Farm by Peter Eastman, the land trust also ensures that the public can enjoy the woods and fields that Peter loved so dearly.

"Piper Shores is excited to participate in this program again," said Marketing and Life Enrichment Director Andrea Killiard. "We have long been supporters of land conservation in Cape Elizabeth; this program is unique because it supports the sustainability of our local farms and farmers."

To get your Farm Coupon, make your gift at www.capelandtrust.org, or call 207-767-6054.

Gull Crest Field parents looking for their quadruplets

By Rachel Stamieszkin

Over the past two years I have been monitoring and maintaining the nest boxes that dot the trails at the Gull Crest Fields and at the Town Farm. On these two trails there are 11 nest boxes, or should I say, there were 11 nest boxes; now there are ten. On June 3, when I checked "nestbox 3," it had four baby Eastern Bluebirds in it. When I visited the nest box on June 12, the box was gone. Someone had unscrewed it from the pole and taken it along with the hardware, nest and baby birds; only the pole remained.

The nest box was new – I installed it last fall 2019 so it would be ready for the 2020 nesting season. For record-keeping purposes, it was labeled with a large "3", written with a thick Sharpie on the lower right side of the right panel of the nest box (right panel when facing the front). The nest box was one that I built together with Frank Miles, the originator of these two "Bluebird Trails." Frank monitored and maintained the nest boxes on these trails for many, many years, and is largely responsible for greatly expanding the Bluebird population in Cape Elizabeth.

Other folks besides myself have installed and/or monitor nest boxes around Cape Elizabeth, so you may notice them in various locations around town including at Fort Williams. These boxes and their monitors are instrumental in increasing the population of our migratory birds who nest and raise their babies in our location. It is important to leave these nest boxes alone. Tampering with nests and hatchlings is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act under which Bluebirds, and other species, are protected. If you are curious about them, or would like

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Candidates

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In these very difficult times, why are you running for office?

I am an Earth scientist with a deeper-than-average understanding of natural systems and a deeper-than-average understanding of the scale and scope of climate change and our ongoing ecological collapse. I am an activist and advocate for human rights and economic justice as well, and I see the two as connected as a cause-and-effect.

It is with urgency that activists and we in the working class who are not set-for-life cry out for change from our bastions of power. State government may not be all-powerful to make all the changes we need— and we need to ‘change the everything’— to live sustainably and equitably in the world. But the State Senate is one of few and diminishing democratic inroads into power— real power— that can begin to ‘change the everything.’

Leadership is listening, but its also leading. To me, leading is having a clear vision of

what the better world looks like and offering an articulated and strategic plan of how to get there from here.

I come to the Senate with vision, with ideas, with fleshed out arguments for why they are important to set the stage for the next step and the next and the next. These are laid out on my website at ebenrose.com or are explained on my YouTube channel (search Eben Rose).

People are more divided than ever, it seems. Is there any way to bring people back together?

We need to talk to each other. And as precondition for talking to each other, we need the time and headspace to come out from our fortresses and from feeling constantly under siege.

I believe that everyone sees herself/himself as a moral and virtuous person, or at least feels justified in her/his opinions and stances. I believe that given enough time to work out areas of disagreement, it is possible to come to understanding and acceptance, and even to appreciation.

But we live in an economy that is built to make most of us feel precarious and to work harder in such a way that it saps all of our time and energy as a result. When we come home after a hard week of work exhausted and full of angst there is no time or headspace for barrier-breaking conversation, and that “free” time and attention is preyed on by million-dollar voices telling us to buy more and to consume more because, these voices say, we are ugly and our lives are miserable and we therefor have to buy what they sell to be healed. And when these weeks accumulate and we find ourselves no closer to that day of rest and self-actualization than we were last year or the year before, and this goes on for decades, we look for some “other” to blame—immigrants, people of different skin color or ethnic group, the poor.

I believe that our ingenuity in management and invention has given humanity the productive wherewithal to live in abundance—abundance that can be broadly shared without

the artificial privation that market economies-gone-wild have delivered. There is no excuse, as I see it, for the fact that we are no closer to realizing a 15 hour work week by 2030 than what was predicted back in 1930 given the technological advancements of the early 20th century and what we’ve learned since. We are so much more knowledgeable now than we were then. What “big project” other than living peaceably together on this life raft of a planet demands our constant toil, saps us of our time and energy and deprives us of the very conditions so conducive to bridging divides and coming to understanding? Nothing. Coming to understanding IS our big project.

Shortfalls in state funding of things like infrastructure and schools is sure to be a huge issue in the coming year. What do you see as the path forward?

The predicted \$500 million in budget shortfalls will inevitably translate to calls for austerity, i.e., cuts in much needed social and environmental programs, here and nationwide. Businesses and industry will seek tax breaks and subsidies (they always do), and the traditional partisan battles between business interests and the public welfare will take

place over smaller slices of a shrunken pie.

I speak in greater depth to the topic austerity in one of my YouTube vlogs, and I can summarize by saying this: austerity will be the recurring theme with increasing frequency and depth if we do not rebuild our economy for greater resiliency.

The pathway out is to ‘change the everything,’ not just treat the symptoms of recurring cycles of recessions and austerity through mean-spirited trickle-down economics, but to strive for the cure, which is to build an economy that makes it easier for everyone to live as independently as possible while remaining connected to each other and to society.

I offer several bills on my website and YouTube channel that build such an economy stepping stone by stepping stone. One stepping stone that I am particularly proud of is what I call a ‘Decarbonization Saving Bank’ (see ebenrose.com for details). It offers 3% interest for residents for deposits up to \$50,000 and finances large-scale development of sustainable technologies in areas

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Cape Elizabeth birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

Across town breeding season is in full swing. Our backyard is now abuzz with youngsters. After a brief hiatus Baltimore Orioles have returned to our yard and on the 21st the first fledgling Orioles showed up as did a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Often times there is a line-up of birds waiting to find a spot on the suet station. At one point two young Orioles and two young Red-bellied Woodpeckers managed to peacefully dine together. Additionally, for the second straight year in a row our resident pair of Bluebirds has decided to nest in the Downy woodpecker cavity in the side of our house.

Other backyard patch notables include a sizable uptick in Gray Catbirds and Blue Jay numbers. We also have a Wild Turkey (hen) who visits our yard feeders twice daily.

Over the last several weeks I have traversed much of Robinson Woods I, II and III listening for birds. One of the most active place to be before dusk is definitely where the deep woods meets the upper wetland fringes of Pond Cove.

From here the pulsing call of the Pileated Woodpecker and Ovenbird still reach far and wide. Our resident canopy dwellers including the Black-throated Green Warbler sings its buzzy ringing "trees, trees I love trees" and from the shadows of our primeval White Pine stands emanates the steady trilling song of the Pine Warbler. Adding to the chorus at sundown are Common Yellowthroats and Yellow Warblers, American Redstarts, Veery's, Great-crested Flycatchers, Eastern Wood-Peepees and Red-winged Blackbirds.

A mother Wood duck who sensed my presence one evening let out a "oo-eeek" to alert her clutch. On more than one occasion Glossy Ibis have been observed taking to the wing from the depths Pond Cove's interior wetlands - flying

with neck and feet outstretched towards their nighttime roosting spots on islands across Casco bay. Despite being able to identify many of the bird songs and calls, there are also many that are mysterious and unrecognizable to me!

Regarding birds that have eluded me this season, I have not yet caught wind of the rich, cheerfully warbled song of the Warbling Vireo (which does nest in deciduous forests across Cape). Although the female takes on the lion share of responsibility for incubating, I recently learned that males are known to sing their prideful tune up until dusk while taking a turn to relieve the female on the nest. What a day that would be to come across such a sight!

While wandering the Willow-brook Trail (connector trail to Gull Crest Trail running back behind Cape Memory Care) a Chestnut-sided Warbler was spotted feeding a youngster. This warbler is very sensitive to habitat loss, preferring swaths of edge habitat and bushy pasture. This is the second year in a row I have found Chestnut-sided Warblers in this special patch.

Other mentionables include two new bird sightings. The first being a single Least Tern which was spotted actively hovering and hunting prey along the shoreline of Crescent Beach. Slightly bigger than a Robin this bird is the smallest of American terns and its populations are endangered in many areas of the U.S. because of the increased impact on nesting areas (beaches) where predation and harassment by unbridled dogs is still rampant.

Additionally, in the waning afternoon hours of June 22 I happened upon my first Bobolink of the year along the Spurwink Trail. Related to blackbirds and orioles, the Bobolink may breed in small numbers in Cape and can still be seen on occasion within our uncut pastures and overgrown fields. Ornithologist Edward Forbush describes this bird best when, in 1927 he wrote, "The Bobolink is a harlequin of the spring meadows. He is a happy-go-lucky fellow, with his suite on wrong side up, the black below and the white above; a reckless, rollicking sort of a fowl, throwing care to the winds, and always bent on a lark. His spirits are of the effervescent kind, and his music bubbles irrepressibly

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News from Thomas Memorial Library

Summer Reading Program Begins In July

For children:

During the months of July and August, young readers are encouraged to join Thomas Memorial Library's annual summer reading program, joining in the theme to "Make Your Own Summer!"

Readers will receive a summer adventure starter packet that includes a journal, postcards to share your summer adventures with the library and a reading log! Read for 20 minutes a day, complete eight Boredom Buster activities and earn cool prizes! Babies and toddlers can enjoy the fun by signing up for the early literacy component with their caregivers.

Registration is available on the library website, and the starter packets and any earned prizes can be picked up by curbside appointments beginning July 1 and running through the end of August.

For adults:

Summer at the library usually means one thing: Summer Reading! But since the library building is closed right now and the world has been turned on its head, we thought we'd try something a little bit different this summer.

Starting July 1, adults and teens can sign up on our website for our brand new program, "Make Your Own Summer." Everyone who registers will receive a free Make Your Own Summer blank journal. Each week throughout the summer we'll issue a different creative challenge for you to work on in your journal.

Once you've completed each challenge you can share it with the community by posting it on our website (or mailing it to us for us to post), or keep it to enjoy yourself.

The weekly challenges will draw on many different types of creative skills and will be simple enough that they can be done by anyone, with no prior skills or special equipment needed.

Over the course of ten weeks your creativity will be challenged, stretched and expanded as you embrace the season and Make Your Own Summer. We hope you'll join us for this new adventure!

Registration begins July 1 at thomasmemoriallibrary.org, where you can make an appointment to pick up your free Make Your Own Summer journal via the library's curbside service.

Curbside Pick-up, Remote Programs Continue

Since June 1, library cardholders have been able to request library materials online and schedule a time to pick them up. When borrowed items are returned, they are placed in the library's book drop.

All returned materials are being quarantined for three days before being checked in and made available for borrowing again.

The library expects to maintain this level of service, including remote library programs,

at least through the month of July.

For more information, please visit the library's website or call the library at 799-1720.

Virtual Programs Continue

New Program:

Guerilla Poetry Whoop
Thursday, July 9, 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.

Ongoing Virtual Programs for Adults

Songwriting Workshop with Jud Caswell

Tuesdays
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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.

Nest

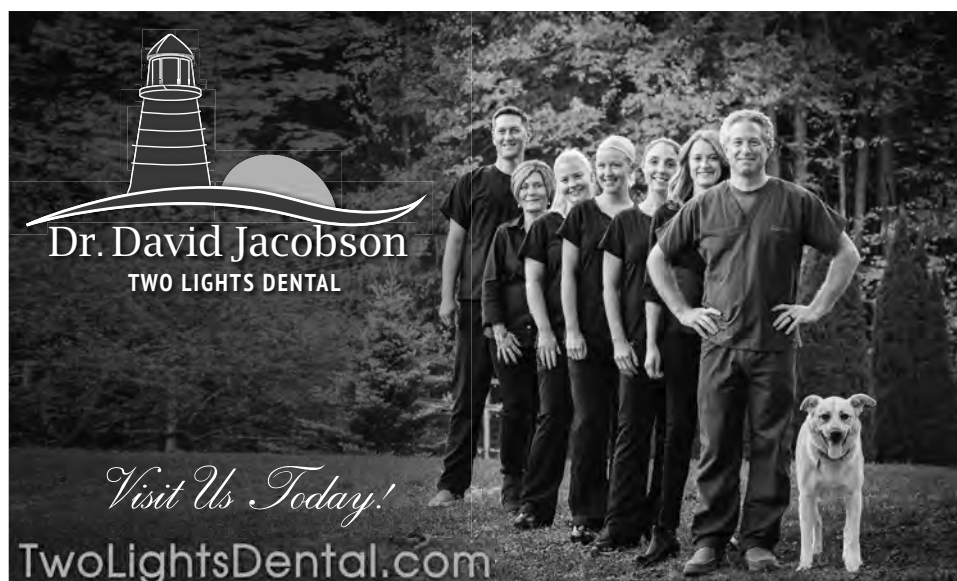
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to see a bluebird, or a tree swallow, which also uses these nest boxes, or would like to walk the bluebird trails sometime, please feel free to contact me at smok77@maine.rr.com.

As for the stolen nest-box, ideally I would like to get it back "no questions asked," but in lieu of that, hopefully no more will be taken; a new nest box will be installed in its place. I am hoping there is time for a couple more broods of bluebird chicks before the fall sets in.

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Unemployment claim fraud continues in town, dog leash law signs in Fort Williams damaged

Reported by Marta Girouard

COMPLAINTS

- 6-2 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.
- 6-2 An officer spoke with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-2 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.
- 6-2 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.
- 6-3 While on routine patrol at 0110 hrs, an officer noticed an unapproved sign at Fort Williams Park. The sign was in violation of the sign ordinance and was removed by the officer.
- 6-3 An officer spoke with a resident of the Starboard Drive area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-3 An officer met with an employee at the transfer station who turned over a sealed envelope containing money that was taped to a bag.
- 6-3 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area who advised that someone had used his personal information to apply for unemployment benefits.
- 6-3 An officer spoke with the Fort Williams Park coordinator who advised dog leash law signs had been damaged during the night.
- 6-4 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.
- 6-4 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.
- 6-4 An officer spoke with a resident of the Elizabeth Park area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-4 An officer spoke with a resident of the Broad Cove area who reported the theft of a black mountain bike.
- 6-5 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.

- 6-5 An officer spoke with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-5 An officer spoke with a resident of the Eastman Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-5 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who turned over a found driver's license.
- 6-5 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.
- 6-5 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.
- 6-5 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.
- 6-6 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.
- 6-6 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.
- 6-8 An officer spoke with the owner of a property in the Bowery Beach Road area who advised that she had learned that her property had been listed for rent on Craigs List by a person unknown to her. Craigs List was contacted to remove it as this post was a scam.
- 6-8 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.
- 6-6 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area who had listed a dresser on Craig's List for \$200 and was sent a far exceeding that amount. The complainant contacted the buyer who advised the complainant to cash the check, keep enough to cover the cost of the dresser and shipping and return the balance. The complainant complied and now believes it was a scam and is waiting to hear from the bank about the validity of the check.
- 6-8 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a phone harassment complaint.
- 6-8 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a well-being check.

- 6-8 An officer spoke with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area regarding a suspicious person complaint.
- 6-9 An officer spoke with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-9 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-9 An officer spoke with a resident of the Oakhurst area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-9 An officer spoke with a resident of the Shore area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-10 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.
- 6-10 An officer spoke with a resident of the Brentwood area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-11 An officer spoke with a resident of the Elizabeth Farms area who advised that someone had used his personal information to file an unemployment claim.
- 6-11 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.
- 6-11 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.
- 6-12 An officer met with a subject at the Police Department who turned over a wallet found on Route 77. The owner was contacted and property returned.
- 6-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area who reported the theft of a bird house.
- 6-13 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area who turned over a set of construction plans he had found. Owner contacted.
- 6-14 An officer responded to a location in the Sawyer Road area for a noise complaint.
- 6-14 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a domestic

disturbance.

SUMMONSES

- 6-7 South Portland resident, speed (77/50 zone), \$278, Route 77
- 6-13 South Portland resident, speed (54/45 zone), \$114, Route 77

ACCIDENTS

- 06-04 Brian Fitton, Taylor Mcfarlane, Aster Lane
- 06-06 John Winter, Old Ocean House Road

FIRE/RESCUE CALLS

There were 10 fire calls and 22 EMS calls from June 2 through June 15.

Transportation

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students in our schools. I may not be able to call them by name, but given a name I know where a lot of them live.”

The decision to retire at all was difficult for Fowler. “I love what I do, and still like getting up and going to work every day. One of the highlights of my career was being a part of the ‘Cap & Gown Senior Delivery’ this year. The incoming kindergarten student and parents ride the bus to school for a visit before they start school, and I see the kids off to Chewonki. I will miss all of that excitement, but having more time to spend with my family, grandchildren and friends will be great. Cape Elizabeth is my home and you will still see me around town and at Thomas Memorial Library. It is time for my next chapter,” she said.



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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.

Friday, July 3

Fourth of July Holiday. Town Offices, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

Fourth of July Holiday. Recycling Center, Thomas Memorial Library closed

Tuesday, July 7

Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Cape Elizabeth High School

Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, July 15

Community Services Committee, 5:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Thursday, July 16

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall
Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Tuesday, July 21

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

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road

Cape Farm Alliance, third 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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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

280 Ocean House Road
799-8396

www.ceumc.org

Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
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Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

29 Ocean House Road
799-4321

Sacrament Meeting:
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Sunday School/Primary: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Church of the Second Chance

Greater Portland Christian School
1338 Broadway, South Portland

641-3253

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

Church of the Holy Spirit

1047 Congress Street, Portland

874-9779

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879-0028

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Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

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Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of South Portland

879 Sawyer Street South Portland,

799-4565

www.spfbc.co

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

Sunday School is at 11:15 a.m.
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Promised Land World Reach Center

536 Cottage Road, South Portland

799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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First Congregational Church of Scarborough

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough

883-2342

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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 - 9 a.m.

Town Council (live)

July 13 - 7 p.m.

Town Council replay

July 14 & 15 - 2 p.m & 8 p.m.

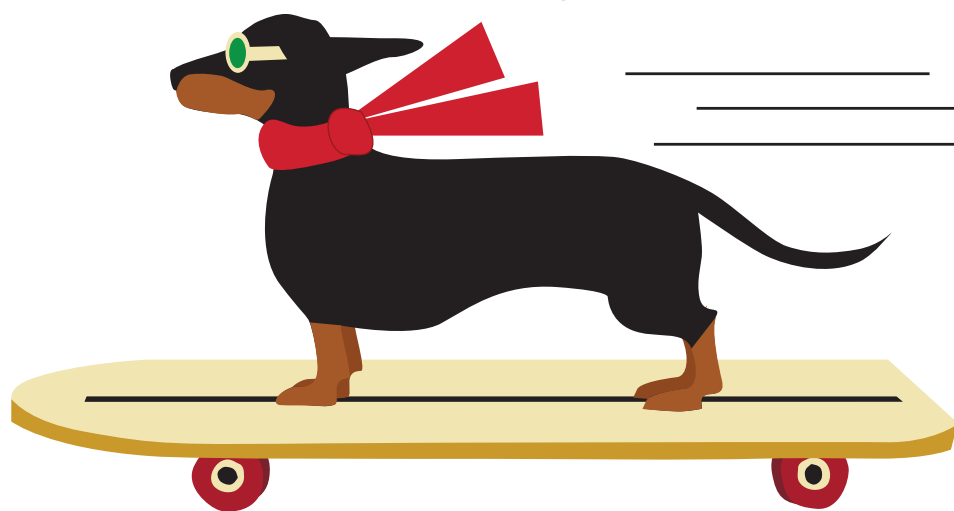
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CEHS Class of 2020 post-grad plans

Molly O'Sullivan, daughter of John and Nancy O'Sullivan, will be attending Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland to study Global Business.

Sam Whitney, son of Chris and Michelle Whitney, will be attending Syracuse University.

Dean's list announcements

Cooper Sherman of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. Sherman is majoring in Sports Communication and is a member of the Class of 2023.

Emily Logue of Cape Elizabeth was named to the President's List for the spring semester at College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Logue is majoring in Psychology.

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College graduations

James Salerno of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management from College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

The following students recently graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont:

- Madeleine Bowe** of Cape Elizabeth
- Andrew Jalbert** of Cape Elizabeth
- Catherine Pellegrini** of Cape Elizabeth

The following students recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Rachel Seekins of Cape Elizabeth graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS degree in Health Management & Policy.

Eleonora Giovine of Cape Elizabeth graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA degree in Psychology.

Hannah Walsh of Cape Elizabeth graduated with a BS degree in Animal Science.

The following students recently graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine:

Katherine Briggs of Cape Elizabeth majored in anthropology and educational studies. Briggs is the daughter of Wyman and Laura Briggs of Cape Elizabeth.

Caitlin O'Sullivan of Cape Elizabeth majored in physics and mathematical sciences. O'Sullivan is the daughter of John and Nancy O'Sullivan of Cape Elizabeth.

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Dean's list announcements

James O'Brien of Cape Elizabeth was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. O'Brien is a creative writing major in the Class of 2021.

Ellie Hulse of Cape Elizabeth was recently named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island.

Finnegan Raymond of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Rachel Seekins of Cape Elizabeth earned Highest Honors. Seekins is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Eleonora Giovine of Cape Elizabeth earned Highest Honors. Giovine is majoring in Psychology.

Hannah Walsh of Cape Elizabeth earned Honors. Walsh is majoring in Animal Science.

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that our global economy depends on but that is now lacking in needed R&D. This mechanism can help fund the development of windships—Eimskip-sized container ships modified for power by modern sail technology—that can be a ready and forward-looking alternative for BIW when General Dynamics uses its own cutbacks in funding to appeal to the state for another tax break. This way we can be better positioned to say ‘no’ and to offer an alternative contract that preserves the labor and talent of the shipyard while building a sustainable future.

Another proposal is what I call ‘Electricity Ratepayer Equity.’ This equalizes the transmission and delivery rates that large commercial/industrial users pay to match that of what residential users pay. The surplus revenue this generates is more than sufficient to provide all CMP and Emera serviced residences with 3500 kWh per year of electricity for free as an entitlement, and as such can provide an incentive for per-household electricity use to be kept at this range. It can even provide additional surplus revenue to help residential users switch to solar and home battery use so that we can build the resilient energy grid we all need while lowering demand.

These programs require no new budget allocations and yet can go very far in building the sustainable and equitable world we want and need.

Anything you’d like to add?

This is a first-ever ranked-choice vote for this office. Take a chance on empowering the visionary, the Clean Elections candidate, the one who has ideas and plans to get us to the equitable and sustainable future we all yearn for. I look forward to meeting you in my virtual Town Hall on July 3. See ebenrose.com or my campaign FB page for links!

Bird report

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forth at such a rate that half a dozen notes seem to be crowding upon the heels of every one uttered.” Truly a complex creature, Bobolinks rank as one of the most spectacular long distance songbird migrants travelling 12,500 miles to southern South America every year.

One way that Bobolinks are able to build up significant fat reserves for long flight is by feeding well after dark under a well-lit moonlight. Additionally, these birds are both polygynous and polyandrous.

Historically Bobolinks have endured many hardships. In the early 1900s these birds were shot under the guise of being destructive to rice fields in the U.S. I say this because at the height of their abundance in the late 1800s to early 1900s Bobolinks were considered a delicacy (by the wealthy and the curious) and were shipped in massive quantities to New York, Philadelphia and Paris at the cost of seventy five cents for a dozen.

With a current U.S. population decrease of a whopping 65%, today the biggest threat to Bobolinks is change in land use. Specifically, farmers who mow fields only once annually and do so before Bobolink nestlings have fledged.



Celebrating CELT and Cape schools

By Philip Mathieu



Contributed photo

Over 350 Cape students participated in CELT programs this year. Above, first graders learn about the power of adaptation through a hands-on “Bird Beak Buffet.”

Now that we have all had a chance to catch our breath and settle into summer, we at CELT wish to take a moment to celebrate our continued partnership between the Land Trust and Cape Elizabeth Schools. We are thankful for the opportunity to help educate the next generation of scientists, conservationists and lovers of the outdoors.

Over 350 Cape students participated in our programs this year. First graders learned about the power of adaptation through a hands-on “Bird Beak Buffet.” Fourth graders explored Robinson Woods in fall, discovering salamanders, mushrooms, roly polys, falling leaves and other signs of the forest preparing for winter. AP Biology and Environmental Science classes learned about the natural history

of Cape Elizabeth through guided tours of the Spurwink Marsh and Gull Crest.

Stay in touch this summer! Our weekly newsletter now includes an educational column called “Creature Feature,” as well as activities for families including scavenger hunts, outing ideas and more. While we are holding off on in-person education programs for now, several virtual events are in the works – visit us online at capelandtrust.org for the most up-to-date information, and to join our email newsletter.

Thank you to all our members and volunteers who allow us to continue conserving land and educating students about the natural world. We look forward to next year!



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