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*In the Spirit of Community*

## Cold snap causes flooding at CEHS, outstanding effort restores school, prevents delay of exams

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by David Bagdasarian

*The sight which greeted Facilities Director David Bagdasarian at CEHS after frozen pipes burst, causing flooding. Soaked ceiling tiles, standing water on the floor with pieces of fallen ceiling, and a remarkable effort by Bagdasarian, his staff, and others made it possible for school to open without delay a couple of days later.*

Late in the evening on January 15, overnight temperatures plummeted, and the wind chill got down to -18°F. Several pipes burst at Cape Elizabeth High School. This happened because the bitterly cold wind infiltrated the old dampers of the air handler units above the cafeteria and the coils froze.

The frozen coils caused a significant drop in water pressure which allowed air into the system, causing what Superintendent Chris Record called “cavitation” in the boiler pumps, meaning that there was so much air that the pumps couldn’t move the water.

The water temperature in the system then dropped, resulting in cold water sitting in cold rooms, with older seals on the outside dampers on each of the classroom “univents” getting hit with the subzero winds and the units froze.

David Bagdasarian, the facilities director, provided a timeline of the events as he experienced them.

### Saturday

9:30 p.m. – Received a call from Jonathan Fitts, the weekend custodian, that we were having a major water leak in the hallway near the facilities office. We had a similar sounding issue a month ago and we were quick to call Siemens to come in.

9:45 p.m. – I arrived at CEHS to see the hallway near my office completely covered in water, and more water coming from the roof at a steady rate. If I had to guess 30 gallons/min. At this point Jonathan and I took out every machine we could to suck water and just left them in place and went around emptying them.

To turn the water off I had to go into the “crow’s nest” which is an HVAC room above the kitchen that can only be accessed via a ladder or classroom window. Due to the extreme cold that night, and this being hot water, once I opened the door it was hard to see anything because of all of the steam. I was able to turn off half of the water but wasn’t familiar with where the other turn off was. I also was worried about electrocuting myself so I didn’t spend too much time looking as I was standing in 6+ inches of water.

10:30 p.m. – [A technician named] Ryan from Siemens showed up and was able to turn off the rest of the water, but water continued to drip for hours. He confirmed it was a frozen coil that burst due to the outside damper being stuck open.

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## Maxwell Woods Buffer: Re-planting to take place

By Maria Lena Skillings

The meeting began with Jim Hubner being voted to remain as Chairman of the Planning Board and Jonathan Sahrbeck as Vice Chairman.

### Maxwell Woods Buffer Amendment

Civil engineer Owens McCoughn of Sebago Techniques reviewed the current state of Maxwell Woods and the plans to reestablish a buffer. The original contractor of the project over cleared in some few areas, causing blowdowns during windstorms. A map of the project is on the town website, showing the approved lines versus the existing lines.

Owens explained a woodland seed mix, with some plantings will be intermixed across the areas that were over clear-cut. Rhododendrons, white firs and balsam firs are some of the proposed vegetation to be added. The seed mix was created by a landscape artist from Sebago Techniques. “In the spring we will stake the original clearing limits and put signs that read, ‘do not mow,’ ‘do not impact this

area,’ to let it re-establish,” said Owens. He happily reported that the town still has a bond to cover the costs of this project.

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara spoke with the Conservation Committee and said they were very focused on finalizing the trail connections between Maxwell Woods and Cottage Brooks. However, O’Meara explained this couldn’t happen until the buffering issues are resolved.

### Public Comment

Bradford Norris of 24 Maxwell Woods Drive was concerned about Sebago Techniques placing red wooden stakes to show the border. He thinks aesthetically it is ugly and they won’t last very long. He suggested using boulders, “something more natural.” His second concern was regarding the trees that have fallen across the hiking trails most recently. He hopes they will be removed in their entirety.

Diana Sanborn of 14 Maxwell Woods, lives across from the new plantings that

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## Farms for Food Equity continues to grow, calls for others to help

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Amy Paradysz

*Portside Real Estate Group making a \$7,500 donation to kick off the fundraising for the Farms for Food Equity Winter Produce program. Pictured from left to right are Taylor McFarlane of Portside, Penny Jordan, Executive Director of Farms for Food Equity and Dava Davin of Portside.*

More than two years ago, Penny Jordan launched the Farms for Food Equity Program, buying produce from farmers and making sure it gets to those in need.

Since then, the effort has grown in reach and support. According to Ken Johnson, vice president of Farms for Food Equity, the program has “raised well over \$50,000 this year that we’ve used to buy product.”

He went on to say “[W]e’ve purchased a lot of product from local farmers, we’re getting quite a response from the food

pantries and soup kitchens. We’ve created products that are now selling at retail, and we’re really well on our way to making this whole thing happen.”

The program buys produce from farmers at a discount, and that food is then distributed through partners such as Wayside Food Program, FarmDrop, Locker Project, Root Cellar, Food Cupboard, Preble Street and Catholic Charities.

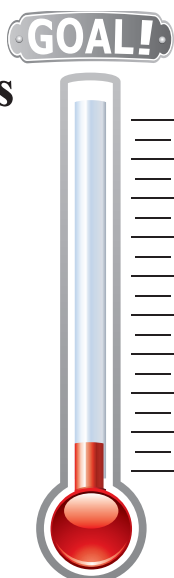
Farms for Food Equity is launching a

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## A place of significance: Local Buzz Café

By Zoe Dinnerstein

Do you know that feeling when you wake up on a Saturday and all your troubles have simply vanished with the rise of the morning sun? I love that feeling more than I could ever articulate. It's this warm and cozy feeling of having your biggest decision be what you are going to eat for breakfast, and not how you are going to survive the upcoming week of school. It's on par with warm hot chocolate on a snowy winter day in Maine or taking a bath after an arduously long hike up Mt. Washington. It's my favorite feeling by far.

I used to feel it every single Saturday. When I was about six years old, my dad started a morning chess club. My brother was a chess whiz, and I too was proving to be a considerable contender, even to some adults. However, the real passion for chess came from my dad; all he ever wanted to do was to inspire others with his enthusiasm for the game. Accordingly, the Cape Elizabeth chess club was established.

The Local Buzz Cafe became the chess sanctuary on any given Saturday. The cafe was situated in the petite strip mall in our small town of Cape Elizabeth. The cafe was a very simple place. I don't mean that as an insult, but more as a fact of the matter. It sold some ordinary pastries and coffee that tended to be a bit strong. Additionally, there was a little corner in the back with toys for little children. I never really liked the toys in

the corner because I could tell they were from the swap shop, because they were all a little worn out. My mom would tell me to wash my hands thoroughly after playing with the sculpting clay, but I never would. I suppose germaphobia comes with age.

On top of that, the place was dark. The walls were a deep brown and all the tables were a rich mahogany wood. A stranger to the cafe might think that it was the most uninviting place in all of Cape Elizabeth. But for me, on Saturday mornings at nine o'clock, it was the most welcoming and homey place to be in the state of Maine.

I remember how excited I was just to play chess with my friends at the Local Buzz. I would go to bed on Friday nights, filled with anticipation for the next morning. During chess club, I would always purchase a slice of pumpkin bread. Nothing else. And then, one day, I added an iced chai to my routine order and never turned back. I must admit, I was a little scared of caffeine until I was about seven. In all honesty, I was scared that if I started drinking caffeine, I would be condemned to a lifetime of below-average height given that I was barely three and a half feet tall at the time. Fortunately Maddy, my best friend, helped me to overcome my irrational fear. Maddy and I got the same order every time.

Anyway, there was one woman who worked there every Saturday morning. I can't quite recall her name or her appearance. She was this mysterious figure who barely talked but smiled at you in a way that made you feel as though everything was okay. She always served me my pumpkin bread and she made my first iced chai.

One day, maybe three years after the chess club started, this lady said she would be leaving her job at the cafe; she was moving to Alaska. The next day, the Local Buzz closed for good. I don't know why. I don't even remember the last time I was there. I guess I was too young at the time to appreciate the impact that the cafe had on me. It was a special place. Not because of its outward appearance or its memorably run-of-the-mill food, but because of the memories it held.

It was the perfect place to grow up. It was the perfect place to smile uncontrollably, conquer illogical fears, and make new friends. It was the perfect place to develop connections with people with whom you haven't the slightest idea of their names. I miss that mysterious woman who worked on Saturdays. I even miss that germ-infested sculpting clay. Most of all, I miss that feeling when I wake up on a Saturday morning, and nothing else matters but being in one place, at one time, for one reason.

*Zoe Dinnerstein is a sophomore at Cape Elizabeth High School.*

## 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 3-5 p.m. Prior registration is necessary. Please contact Beth Owens: [bethowens1@gmail.com](mailto:bethowens1@gmail.com).

## Cape Elizabeth Republicans to caucus

Jessica Sullivan, Chair of the Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee, has announced that the Cape Elizabeth Republicans will caucus on Saturday, February 26 at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School from 8 to 11 a.m.

All Republicans in Cape Elizabeth are urged to attend and participate. Unenrolled voters in Cape Elizabeth who wish to register to vote as Republicans and attend the caucus may do so from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

Those who turn 18 before the 2022 November general election may also register to vote as Republican at the caucus and participate. This is a great opportunity to meet other Cape Republicans and learn about our activities, initiatives, candidates and exciting plans for 2022 and beyond.

The general session begins at 9 a.m. and will include a variety of speakers, the election of our State GOP Convention Delegates, Alternates and Delegation officers, and more.

The State GOP Convention will be held on April 29 and April 30 at the Augusta Civic Center. Attending the state GOP convention is an excellent opportunity for local Republicans to meet and speak with those who are running for state and national office. See you on February 26!

## Short term rental permits expired January 1

The existing 2021 Short Term Rental Permits expired on January 1.

Whether you had a permit in 2021 or not, if you plan to rent in 2022 you must submit an application form online or at Town Hall. The permit fee is \$500.00. Obtaining the permit after February 1, 2022 increases the permit fee to \$1,000.

If this is the first time you are applying for a permit, you need to attach all required documents prior the deadline.

If you had a permit in 2021, you don't need to send in the required attachments if we already have them and there were no material changes to your property.

For more information please visit the Short Term Rental information page: <https://www.capeelizabeth.com/Short-TermRentals>.

## CEHS Presents 'A Night of Comedy!'

Warm up your chilly winter with laughter as Cape Elizabeth High School Theatre presents "A Night of Comedy!"

This show has been developed from CEHS Improv and Stand-Up Comedy coached by Tim Ferrell, and the brand-new CEHS Writer's Room, where students are writing and performing their own comedy sketches. This humor is Home Grown!

Come in from the cold and enjoy a hilarious evening of homegrown, CEHS comedy.

Date: February 10 and 11

Time: 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 cash at the door, masks required

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# Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: 214 years ago

By Jim Rowe

*The end to a search for Deputy Sheriff Ebenezer Parker's grave (epilogue to an article from the June 5, 2019 edition of The Cape Courier)*



Contributed photo

Above, Historian Lori-Suzanne Dell and Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on December 3.

On right, the bludgeoning of Deputy Sheriff Ebenezer Parker by Joseph Drew, January 11, 1808, a drawing by Jim Rowe.



Drawn by Jim Rowe

There we stood on Friday, December 3, 2021 in a cold and windswept historic New England burial ground contemplating the life of a local lawman who tragically died just doing his job. I was glad I had thrown on an extra layer of clothing.

I was with writer/historian Lori-Suzanne Dell and Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce. We were just inside Mount Pleasant Cemetery, across Cottage Road from the First Congregational Church, UCC in South Portland. Sheriff Joyce and I listened as Ms. Dell recapped more than three years of her work seeking the whereabouts of the grave of Deputy Sheriff Ebenezer Parker. Parker, a Cape Elizabeth native, was mortally wounded while serving a warrant on Levi Quinby (Quimby?) at a Saccarappa (Westbrook) blacksmith shop. One Joseph Drew, a friend of Quinby, was working at the shop on January 11, 1808. We can only guess what transpired on that day, but the result was tragedy. Drew, presumably the suspect's friend, attacked Parker with one of the forge's hammers. The deputy sheriff died nearly a week later. Drew was apprehended, convicted at trial and hanged later that summer. Quinby was acquitted in the murder.

Ebenezer Parker was the first law enforcement officer in the (pre-statehood) District of Maine, in Massachusetts, and in New England to be killed in the line of duty. The location of Deputy Parker's gravesite has been lost in the mists of time. A monument marks Parker's sacrifice outside the Cumberland County Sheriff's office in Portland, but Sheriff Joyce and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation (among others) feel it important to be able to pay respects at his actual grave. He enlisted Ms. Dell to embark on "the search."

It was fascinating to follow her research as she doggedly pursued emerging details. I gave her what little we had about the Parker family at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. We had nothing about Deputy Parker himself other than a mention in a genealogy that had been compiled by a man named Stackpole. Stackpole conceded in his writing that his information might not be 100% accurate. Part of the present chore was determining what was credible. Land

deeds do identify a Parker family presence in the Meeting House Hill/Mill Creek/Ferry Village vicinity in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Dell's journey took her from Cape Elizabeth (including today's South Portland), to Westbrook, Scarborough, Gorham, Durham, and finally back to Cape Elizabeth/South Portland. She spoke with people both in and out of state who might know something.

In the end, the most credible indicators pointed to a burial plot at Mount Pleasant, identified only as a "long lot." According to Ron Romano, the acknowledged guru of southern Maine cemeteries, long lots are typically family-owned and contain multiple graves. Based on her research, Lori-

Suzanne Dell believes that several "Cape Elizabeth Parkers" are buried in one of these long lots, one of which she has identified as "likely." The kicker is that there are no Parker headstones there. A "marker-less" plot may not be as unusual as one might think, though. The Parkers were not wealthy and there may have once been wooden markers which rotted away over time. Vandalism might have come into play at some point. Maybe mark-

ers simply weren't that important to the family. Or something else?

Ms. Dell has written a book called "Fallen Star" about this adventure, which is due for publication later this spring.

This search ends without firm resolution, but with at least some evidential support. Sheriff Joyce may seek permission to at least place a temporary memorial marker at the site.

## What's New

### Take and Bake Family Meals

are back for the winter available wednesday thru saturday after 4:00

### Prime Rib Fridays

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# Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

## Text Scams

If you're like a lot of Americans, you spend a lot of time deleting scam text messages from your phone.

Fraud attacks always spike during the holidays and, according to the call-blocking service Robokiller, scam texts now outnumber fraudulent phone calls. Criminals make scam texts look like legitimate texts.

So here's some guidance on how to recognize fraudulent text messages. Federal government agencies do not conduct business by text, so that text from the IRS is a fake.

Think twice when receiving a text message that instills fear or urgency – these are core fraud tactics. If the message makes you concerned there's a problem, say with your bank account, utility payments, or retailer account, contact the source in a manner you know to be legitimate rather than clicking the link or calling a number provided in the message.

## Utility Bill Scams

Winter is upon us and with temperatures plummeting in many areas, keeping the heat on is critical — a fact that scammers try to take advantage of.

Each winter, utility scams spike as con artists claiming to be from the utility company threatening to cut off service if

you don't make an immediate payment.

The faux utility rep may tell you the quickest way to solve the problem is by going to a specific store, picking up a specific gift card, and loading a specific amount of money on it. Then they'll have you share the account number and PIN from the back of the card. With that info, the criminal is able to drain the card value almost immediately.

Anytime you get an urgent message from a utility company, don't engage. If you are concerned there may be an actual issue, contact the utility at a number you know to be legitimate.

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

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatch-network](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatch-network).



# News from the superintendent

By Dr. Chris Record

As of the writing of this article, I am thrilled to say we have successfully completed week twenty of in-person teaching and learning.

We are at the end of the third week following the December holiday vacation. We anticipated a rise in Covid cases due to the community spread during vacation and the associated holidays. We think we are in the third week of that wave and are hopeful we are now seeing a decline in positive cases.

I must admit, maintaining in-person schooling has not been easily accomplished and has required a tremendous amount of effort from all of our staff. I could give you countless examples of bus drivers, custodians, maintenance, food service staff, ed techs, admin assistants, teachers, school counselors, social workers, nurses, administrators, central office staff, other staff members and volunteers going above and beyond to help keep us open and running relatively smoothly.

Particularly since Thanksgiving, we have truly had to work collaboratively to offer in-person learning on a daily basis. So much of this work is unseen, but oh so important. This truly has been a collective effort districtwide with so many unsung heroes.

The School Board and Town Council held a workshop on January 19. The goal of this workshop was to share some preliminary thoughts about the 22-23 town and school district budgets.

Town Manager Matt Sturgis, and I had the opportunity to share our thoughts and answer questions. I shared the preliminary FY23 school budget with the School Board on January 25. However, in this meeting on Wednesday I was able to articulate how we have been working on this budget since October with building administrators and program directors working with staff to create their budgets line by line.

This led to each leader presenting their budget to our outstanding Business Manager Marci Weeks and myself in December. We considered every line and every position through the lens of efficacy and efficiency. The leaders also provided their initial thinking on any new positions.

I also shared that overall, I see the FY23 budget accomplishing the following:

- Meeting the academic (remediation/enrichment/multiple pathways), social,

emotional, and health needs of all students

- Enhancing and supporting the instructional capacity of our great teachers
- Retaining our excellent staff
- Meeting the ongoing facility needs of our schools

- Aiming for efficiency and effectiveness for every dollar expended, while maintaining our academic excellence

The Building Oversight Committee continues the work of guiding the creation of "New Schools for Cape: An Investment for Our Community & Our Kids!" The four subcommittees (Site Location/Building Design/Fiscal/Public Outreach) have been hard at work with a variety of school and community stakeholders providing valuable insight.

We are excited to have determined that the Pond Cove and CEMS staff parking lot and adjacent multiple purpose field will be the ideal location for these two new schools. This site allows for school to continue largely uninterrupted in the old schools during construction and it allows for the baseball and softball fields to continue to be utilized. This site also sits back from the surrounding neighborhoods which allows the schools to continue to be "good neighbors."

Additionally, the location also has excellent southern exposure and provides a nice view of the stadium and the marsh beyond. In the weeks ahead the "right-sized" School Concept Design will be revealed, as well as the projected bond cost of this needed investment. Please stay tuned for more public outreach community forums as well.

In closing, I am very hopeful the Omicron variant has crested. We will keep a very close eye on our numbers in the weeks ahead and make adjustments as needed.

I really do see better days ahead and I look forward to even greater focus on teaching and learning and hopefully less focus will be needed on Covid. As a school district, we are very appreciative of all of the community support.

## Planning Board

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will take place. She wished to echo the concerns about the blowdowns that have occurred. She said there have been two "big ones in five years" and has herself spoken to the towns tree warden.

Civil Engineer Owens McCoughlin explained that these blowdowns are occurring mostly because of the over clearing during construction. "We are reestablishing a buffer because originally there was a wooded buffer," he said.

A motion to approve the application to reestablish the buffer was passed by the Planning Board.

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# Bank account fraud reported

By Debbie Butterworth

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- 1-3 An officer met with a subject in the Sawyer Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 1-3 An officer met with a resident at the police station regarding a non-reportable motor vehicle accident.
- 1-8 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Acres area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 1-9 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 1-12 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights area who reported that someone had used his personal information to open a bank account in his name.
- 1-12 A resident of the Charles Road area turned over an Apple iPod found in a snowbank near his residence. The device had minimal battery life and was locked. It was brought to the police station for safekeeping.
- 1-13 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported that he had checked his bank accounts, and discovered that money had been moved from a home equity line of credit to his savings account, and then to his checking account, and then was wire transferred to another financial institution to a fraudulent account that had been set up in his wife's name. He was able to contact his bank, stop the transfer and freeze his accounts.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the

Starboard Drive area who reported that she had received a debit card in the mail from a bank where she doesn't have any accounts. She contacted the bank, and discovered that three accounts had been opened in her name. The bank canceled the accounts and advised her to freeze her credit. The officer also advised her to contact creditors where she does have accounts to let them know her personal information had been compromised.

- 1-15 An officer spoke with a resident of the Wells Road area regarding an assault complaint.

## SUMMONSES

- 1-6 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$144
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (55/35 zone), Ocean House Road, \$230

## JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 1-12 South Portland resident, violation of interim license, Farms Edge Road, \$385

## ACCIDENTS

- 1-7 Stefan Rurak, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 1-7 Keegan McKenney, Peter Gillis, accident on Forest Road
- 1-11 John Milligan, accident on Bowery Beach Road
- 11-17 Bohdi Beber, accident on Spurwink Avenue

## FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 12; EMS calls: 37

# CEUMC to host James D. Paruk for virtual talk on Feb. 13



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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host James D. Paruk during a Zoom event on February 13. Paruk is one of the world's foremost experts on Loons and the subject of the talk will be his new book, "Loon Lessons: Uncommon Encounters with the Great Northern Diver."

James D. Paruk, one of the world's foremost experts on Loons, will be the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church's guest speaker during a Zoom event on Sunday, February 13 at 1 p.m.

The subject of the talk will be Paruk's new book, "Loon Lessons: Uncommon Encounters with the Great Northern Diver".

Paruk is an associate professor of biology at St. Joseph's College in Standish, adjunct professor of biology at the University of Southern Maine, and adjunct senior research scientist at the biodiversity Research Institute in Portland.

According to Charles Walcott, former director of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, the book "recounts thirty years of adventures with loons, summarizing

what we know about them in the context of loons' basic biology and behavior". Another reviewer of the book wrote, "If you love loons . . . this book will amaze and delight you. It's a marvelous deep dive into these ancient, iconic birds."

Paruk's presentation will be about 45 minutes and there will be 15-20 minutes for questions.

If you would like to be part of this discussion, please call the church at (207) 799-8396 and leave your name, e-mail, phone number or e-mail the same information to capeelizabethumc@gmail.com. You will receive an invitation from the church.

This event is being sponsored by the church's Eco Team.

# CELT winter programs

Please register for the following programs through Cape Elizabeth Community Services. www.capecommunityservices.org. Contact the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust with any questions: 767-6054. All participants must register at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification regarding Covid-19 policies and changes or cancellation.

## Robinson Woods Winter Excursion

Join CELT volunteer and Maine Master Naturalist Amy Witt on a tour of one of CELT's most popular properties, Robinson Woods.

The gentle hike will lead you through this natural habitat as Amy explains the ecology of the property, tips for identifying trees, and adaptations that plants and animals have to survive winter. Meet in the parking lot of the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77) to begin this program.

Date: Saturday, February 5

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Parking lot of the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Fee: \$6.00

## Animal Tracking for Families

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Coordinator Philip Mathieu at the Great Pond Fenway Road trailhead to learn common winter animal tracks and practice tracking.

Participants will receive a hand-held track guide that they will then use to identify and follow various tracks along the trail. Warm, dry clothing and footwear are a must. Children attending should be at least six years old, and accompanied by an adult. Outing is subject to acceptable weather conditions.

Wednesday, February 23 10:00-11:30 a.m.


Meet at the end of Fenway Road \$6/parent and one child



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# Clay participates in the MMEA All-State Jazz Festival



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Kathyne Clay, pictured above with Jim McNeely recently represented Cape Elizabeth at the Maine Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Festival.

Cape Elizabeth High School senior Kathyne Clay represented Cape Elizabeth recently at the Maine Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Festival.

Kathyne was selected by audition as one of five tenor saxophonists in the state to participate. She was selected to perform in the Jazz Combo which is the

top ensemble at the festival.

The festival took place from January 13-15 culminating in a live performance on Saturday, January 15 at Bangor High School.

Kathyne is pictured above with her combo director, Grammy winner, Jim McNeely.

# CEEF welcomes new board members



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Lisa Leighton, above, and Sarah Espinal, below, are CEEF's newest board members.



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CEEF is pleased to welcome Sarah Espinal and Lisa Leighton to their Board of Directors. Both bring a variety of professional and community experiences that will serve CEEF's mission of fostering innovation and excellence in Cape Elizabeth schools. "We're always excited to expand our board and bring in

new perspectives," said CEEF President Eliza Sandals. "Our board members are thoughtful about the role CEEF plays and how we can enhance schools with our grants. Lisa's and Sarah's backgrounds and commitment to Cape have already been a benefit to our board."

Sarah built her career in strategic marketing and has a deep passion for supporting mental health for children. She moved to Cape Elizabeth with her husband in 2016 after spending many years in Boston and has three young children. Having previously volunteered at CEEF events, Sarah now sits on CEEF's Marketing and Communications committee, working to bring CEEF grant news to the Cape community.

A true Mainer, Lisa was born and raised in the state, graduated from Bowdoin College, and then earned her J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. For several years she's worked providing case law and legislative updates and has two children in Cape schools. Long familiar with CEEF grants, Leighton has helped see through four grants this fall with her work on CEEF's grant committee.

CEEF's Executive Director Liz McEvoy noted that she has enjoyed getting to know and work with both Sarah and Lisa. "We love to see community members who take their commitment to CEEF further by joining the board. It's a meaningful way of connecting to the schools, and truly giving back to the community." CEEF also offers a variety of avenues to be involved, from event volunteers to grant advisors. If interested, email [info@ceef.us](mailto:info@ceef.us).

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# Flooding

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Photo by David Bagdasarian

A classroom where broken ceiling tiles and water, and ruined classroom materials lay in the aftermath of the flooding that recently happened at Cape Elizabeth High School.

11 p.m. – Custodians Mark Doughty and Adam Smith arrived to help with the cleanup effort.

### Sunday

2 a.m. – Ryan from Siemens having done all he could in the moment did a walkthrough of the building before leaving and that is where it was discovered that the special education rooms, IT room, and the robotics rooms were all affected. When the water was turned off, it stopped the flow, which resulted in those units freezing up.

4 a.m. – People went home.

8:30 a.m. – Donnie Darling and Mark were back in cleaning up water and ceiling tile debris in all the areas.

5 p.m. – People went home.

### Monday

9 a.m. – Mark and Donnie back at it cleaning.

11 a.m. – ServePro shows up and is blown away by the cleanup effort we did and basically said, we have done everything that they would have done.

2:15 p.m. – A professional cleaning crew of five people that we have a relationship with came in and cleaned the special education rooms, IT room and cafeteria hallway.

7 p.m. – Professional cleaners leave – Mark Doughty has cleaned every inch of the kitchen floor and is putting things back together in the other rooms.

9 p.m. – Mark Doughty goes home.

Donnie Darling put in nine hours of cleaning, and others like Adam Smith and Jonathan Fitts worked very hard to ensure the school would be ready to open on time, and Bagdasarian singled one particular person for recognition. He said, “The real hero here, who I really want to be remembered when it comes time...is Mark Doughty. A 20+ year veteran who puts this school and community above just about everything else, at all times year after year. He himself did the work of what a crew of ServePro people would have done—26 hours in about a 2.5 day time frame. I hope Mark will be remembered as this is just one example of the selflessness he has displayed to this school and community for the past 26 years.”

Theater director and teacher Christine Marshall had students showing up, expecting rehearsal, but instead, they all jumped in to help however they could.

Assistant Principal Nate Carpenter, teachers Beth Mylroie and Alex Anesko,

and Network and Computer Systems Administrator Matthew Young all came in to help.

Superintendent Record echoed Bagdasarian, thanking those who worked so hard, saying, “They really came through for the district in our time of need. I also want to highlight the efforts of our facilities director, Dave Bagdasarian, leading the cleanup effort.” To the aforementioned names, he added Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck, Principal John Springer and our food service team who Dr. Record said did an amazing job and gave up much of their holiday weekend in the clean-up effort. “Walking in Tuesday morning, staff and students may not have even noticed that anything was amiss, besides some missing ceiling tiles. I am so very grateful for our team,” he said.

Bagdasarian said they’ve learned a few things from the incident, such as there is a need to put in strategic water cut offs throughout the high school that are accessible and known by key staff members. Also, there’s a need for some more equipment, such as a portable flood pumper and an extra-large portable dehumidifier.

# Farms

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new initiative, called Fresh Produce for the Winter, raising money to buy potatoes and squash, root vegetables, apples and onions. Johnson said, “If you go to food banks, you’ll see there isn’t a lot of produce, and yet, we have produce in Maine.”

A recent fundraiser was held at Rosemont Market & Wine Bar at Thompson’s Point and the event raised almost \$11,500, including a \$7,500 check from by Taylor McFarlane and Dava Davin of Portside Real Estate. The Portside donation was the kickoff of the \$30,000 winter produce effort.

Jordan had long dreamt of creating an organization that could provide fresh Maine produce to people with limited means while at the same time helping Maine farms move product for which they might not otherwise have a market. In light of the pandemic, the need to provide food for people in Maine has only intensified.

A couple of years ago, Jordan decided that with the network she had in place for sourcing from Maine farming partners, she could increase efforts to address the problem, and so Farms for Food Equity was launched. “This is something I’ve wanted to do for 20 years,” Jordan said. “We need to make sure that all people, at every age, are fed and positioned to reach their full potential, and we need healthy food to be readily available to address chronic illness, to improve education outcomes, and to make sure our seniors remain healthy and vibrant.”

According to the Farms for Food Equity website, [www.farmsforfoodequity.org](http://www.farmsforfoodequity.org),

Maine farms grow an array and abundance of food during the growing season; some might be considered off-grade, meaning not retail quality, yet it is perfect for use by anybody - just not the eye-appealing product many consumers are looking for— a crooked carrot, a cucumber that is a little pudgy, or green beans that aren’t perfectly straight, but they taste good and are nutritious. These will be purchased and moved to food pantries or processed for distribution at later date.

There are times during the season that there is an abundance of products, such as zucchini, corn, strawberries or other products. Many times, these might be left behind. Farms for Food Equity does some light processing and makes them available to food pantries and soup kitchens during the off-season through its partnerships.

Food loss, or in other words food waste, is experienced by most farms. It is estimated that over 30 percent is left in the field. This occurs for many reasons: no market, labor shortage, excess planted or a need to move to the next planting. Farms for Food Equity will work with farms to harvest these products.

Farms for Food Equity will continue to seek and implement new market opportunities for their partner farms, and other Maine farms by seeking markets outside of the charitable food system for surplus and imperfect products.

Those wishing to make donations, or simply looking for more information, can go to the Farms for Food Equity website at [www.farmsforfoodequity.org](http://www.farmsforfoodequity.org).

## High/Low tide chart

Date	High				Low			
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft
2 Wed	11:39	11.2			5:22	-0.5	6:02	-1.5
3 Thu	12:17	9.9	12:30	10.9	6:14	-0.6	6:49	-1.2
4 Fri	1:04	9.9	1:19	10.5	7:04	-0.4	7:35	-0.8
5 Sat	1:51	9.8	2:09	9.8	7:55	-0.1	8:22	-0.3
6 Sun	2:39	9.5	3:01	9.1	8:48	0.2	9:09	0.4
7 Mon	3:28	9.2	3:56	8.5	9:43	0.6	9:59	1.0
8 Tue	4:19	8.9	4:53	8.0	10:40	0.9	10:51	1.5
9 Wed	5:12	8.7	5:53	7.6	11:40	1.1	11:47	1.8
10 Thu	6:09	8.5	6:56	7.5			12:44	1.2
11 Fri	7:08	8.5	7:54	7.5	12:48	2.0	1:44	1.1
12 Sat	8:02	8.7	8:46	7.7	1:46	1.9	2:36	0.9
13 Sun	8:51	9.0	9:31	8.0	2:37	1.7	3:21	0.6
14 Mon	9:35	9.3	10:12	8.3	3:20	1.4	4:01	0.3
15 Tue	10:16	9.6	10:50	8.6	4:00	1.1	4:38	0.0

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# Cape photographer capturing stunning images

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Allie Wityak

Allie Wityak started Northern Point Photography and began photographing lighthouses around Cape Elizabeth, which led to an interest in photographing all of the lighthouses in Maine. She is currently working on a project to photograph every lighthouse, while simultaneously exploring the towns in which they reside.

Allie Wityak started Northern Point Photography after moving here in 2019. “I wanted to get to know more about Maine, so I used my time during the initial pandemic to drive to different towns in Maine and explore nature while reading on the history of each location that I visited. When I would share my photos with friends, it would inspire them to want to visit Maine as well. I realized that if I was able to share my photography with a larger audience, I could hopefully inspire more people to come to Maine,” she said.

She began photographing lighthouses around Cape Elizabeth, which led to an interest in photographing all of the lighthouses in Maine. She is currently working on a project to photograph every lighthouse, while simultaneously exploring the towns in which they reside.

She said, “My artistic style is bold, and I love to highlight places with striking colors. A lot of my photography is set at sunrise or sunset to capture the bright streaks of color on my subjects. I have also begun an interest in wildlife photography after visiting Machias Seal Island in 2021, spending two days photographing the Atlantic Puffin in bird blinds on the island.”

One of her photos of Machias Seal Island puffins went on to win the Reader’s Choice contest in Down East Magazine

for their January 2022 edition.

She has always taken photographs, but always used a cell phone and did not know much about the process and art of photography. “In December 2020, I purchased my first real camera, a Sony a7c, and began learning about the process of shooting in RAW then editing photographs artistically. The process of photography as a whole has been a huge inspiration to continue improving,” Wityak said.

She has recently started a website for print purchases at [www.northernpoint-photo.com](http://www.northernpoint-photo.com).

If offered the chance to visit anywhere in the world to photograph, she said she would choose Son Doong, Vietnam. “This area has the world’s largest cave with vast rock formations, its own ecosystem and weather patterns, as well as two jungles inside,” she said.

One thing that she would love to have to help with my art would be a boat. Wityak said, “Many lighthouses are a considerable distance from shore, and having a boat to explore the vast islands of Maine would be a game changer for finishing many of my goal projects.”

To learn more about her art, visit [www.instagram.com/northernpointphotography](http://www.instagram.com/northernpointphotography) or [www.facebook.com/northernpointphotography](http://www.facebook.com/northernpointphotography)

She is currently in the works to display her art at some shows in Maine this year, and will be providing updates on these websites when more details are finalized.



Photo by Allie Wityak

Photographer Allie Wityak’s style is bold, and she says she loves to highlight places with striking colors

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# CEHS boys' basketball: The view from the floor

By Kevin St. Jarre



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*Jake Frame gives a defender more than he can handle. His opponent is cross-footed, and Frame knows where he's going and has him beat.*

Sometimes, the best view is from the ice, field or floor. Two athletes, Will Bowe and Jake Frame, both members of Cape Elizabeth High School's boys' basketball team, took some time to explain how they see their season going.

Bowe started off, saying, "The season is going pretty well so far. We had a rough start to the year, and have had some players out due to COVID. We have won three games in a row, and are catching our stride before playoffs. The goal is to be at the top of our game by then."

His teammate Frame added, "Is it no secret that we have two different sides to our team this year. We are 5-0 at home and nearly unstoppable, with our closest home win being a 13-point win over Class A Greely. However, looking at it from the other perspective, we are 2-5 in away games, losing three tough games to Westbrook, Fryeburg and Lake Region after being up more than 10 in the 3rd quarter of each matchup."

In their recent win over Freeport, the boys put up ten 3-pointers. Frame said, "We live and die by the 3-ball. Our strategy from the start of the season has been 'fast and free basketball.' Coach [Jeff] Mitchell set a goal for us at the beginning of the season to get 15 to 20 shots a quarter and score 70 points a game, and has continued to emphasize that. We have plenty of shooters on our team, so the 3-pointer has naturally become built into our play style."

Bowe responded, "We have a lot of guys on this team who can make 3-pointers well...it is very helpful that we can have games where we make a lot of them."

Of the composition of the team, Bowe said, "Our team is very upperclassmen heavy. Although it's mostly juniors and seniors, we have some talented underclassmen on the team. Gabe Harmon and Alex van Huystee are two sophomores who will be a big part of Cape basketball for the next two years."

Frame said, "Gabe and Alex have been playing with us since last year and are valuable pieces to the team. Alex has a skill set as a sophomore that is comparable to many seniors and juniors on our team and around the state, and the [tem-

porary] absence of Gabe has been evident this year as well. Eli Smith is a promising freshman on the JV team this year, and definitely a name to be looking for in the coming years."

As far as challenges the boys feel the team needs to work on, Frame said, "We struggle with consistency and, at times, playing as a team and moving the ball. Some games we will easily score 60 or 70 points, and the next game struggle to hit 40. When we play together and move the ball, you can see it is much more fluent and that's when we heat up. The issue is finding that consistency and sticking with it for the rest of the season."

Bowe agreed with Frame's earlier observation, saying, "One of our biggest challenges as a team is winning on the road. We have had success at home, but seem to lose all of that momentum when



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*Will Bowe goes up for a shot. This year's CEHS boys' team is big, physical and athletic. They have proven very tough to beat at home.*

we go on the road. A big goal for us is to play at our best on the road, and not just at home."

However, Bowe pointed to the team's strengths, and said, "One of our biggest strengths is that we are a big and athletic team. Because of our size advantage, if we out-hustle the teams we play, we are very hard to beat. Our team is offensive-heavy. Especially with our starting lineup, we have guys who are good at scoring the

ball but not as good at defending. Because of this we need to play defense well as a team to be successful."

Frame said, "We have shooters and we have height. We haven't seen a starting lineup as big as ours yet this year and I'm not sure we will. With [players' heights at] 6'8", 6'4", 6'4", 6'3" and 5'11" we tower over our opponents. Everyone on our team has the 'green light' from 3, and everyone has been taking advantage of it."



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# Get to know: Project Graduation

By Greg Gordon



Photo by Sheri Bragg

The Project Graduation 2022 bake sale table on Election Day raised over \$2,000. Project Graduation (PG) provides an environment where high school seniors do not have to deal with peer pressure on graduation night to consume alcohol, drugs or ride with a driver who is under the influence.

Project Graduation is a time-honored tradition that began in Maine over 40 years ago. Sadly, because of seven alcohol and drug-related teen deaths during the commencement season in 1979, the town of Oxford Hills, organized the first Project Graduation event in 1980. The intent of Project Graduation (PG) provides an environment where high school seniors do not have to deal with peer pressure on graduation night to consume alcohol, drugs or ride with a driver who is under the influence. Traditionally, the event runs from late afternoon following graduation until sunrise the next day, and includes transportation, meals, a night of exciting activities and entertainment for all graduating seniors.

Plans are underway for this special event honoring our CEHS Class of 2022! Last spring, a committee of parent volunteers came together to begin planning the Project Graduation 2022 celebration and the fundraising efforts needed to cover the associated costs. Our group was surprised to learn the actual costs involved to keep safe our 147

CEHS 2022 graduates and the community as a whole. PG is a large fundraiser undertaking, but we recognize that a fun-filled alternative to drinking and driving far outweighs the expense. Fortunately, each year, our amazing Cape Elizabeth community comes together through fundraisers and donations to support the graduating class. We simply cannot pull this off for our graduates without your generous support.

Some of our PG'22 fundraising events this year have included Bruins tickets, CE Super-Fan apparel, selling whoopie pies at the high school soccer games, donation jars at various events, a bake sale on Election Day and beloved annual fundraiser, the Polar Dip – an event held each year on January 1 and organized by the Cape WET Team at Kettle Cove.

Our current fundraiser is a raffle for a two-night stay including breakfast at the Inn by the Sea with a drawing date of Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. You can take a chance on this dog-friendly, slice of heaven for \$22 each! Payments available using Venmo (@Cape-HSPA) memo: 'PG 22 Inn by the Sea' or drop off/mail a check (payable to CEHS Project Graduation) to the CEHS front office attention: Treasurer PG'22, c/o CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Our fundraisers on deck are Celtics tickets starting in mid-February and "Eat at McDonald's Mill Creek" on Feb. 22. Look for details on our website [www.capehspa.org](http://www.capehspa.org). Donations in any amount are always welcomed and appreciated so please consider donating today.

For the latest information and fundraiser details, follow CapePG22 on Facebook "CapePG22" and Instagram @capepg22.

Interested in getting involved or have fundraising ideas? Please contact Greg Gordon at [greggordo1@gmail.com](mailto:greggordo1@gmail.com) or call/text 207-266-0322. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Community Services for anyone who wishes to attend - Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., March 8 at 8:30 a.m., April 12 at 7 p.m., May 10 at 8:30 a.m. and June 7 at 7 p.m.

It takes a village and we need the entire community of Cape Elizabeth to rally behind our seniors who are graduating on June 12, 2022.

## February naturalist's corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile  
CELT Education Committee Chair

February 2: Groundhog's Day. Have you ever wondered where this custom originated? In German-speaking countries, the weather on Candlemas was used as a prediction for the spring ahead.

If it was bright and clear, people expected winter to continue. The original weather-predicting animal in Germany was the bear. Folklore mentions a bear waking from hibernation, and if he could "see over the mountain" he needed to sleep six more weeks. The children's song "The Bear Went Over the Mountain" has a connection to this ancient belief. As bears grew scarce the lore became altered, and the hibernating badger became the weatherman. If he crawled out of his burrow on Badger Day and saw his shadow, he would crawl back in for four more weeks to wait for fairer weather.

The earliest mention of Groundhog Day being celebrated in America is from a February 2, 1840 entry in the diary of James L. Morris in Pennsylvania Dutch Country. There weren't any badgers, so the groundhog became the stand-in. Whatever the custom, note that Punxsutawney Phil's predictions are

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# Local birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhafft

Despite bitter temperatures and the lack of irruptive winter finches, 2022 continues to be full of surprises.

On January 10 an exceedingly gracious and kind property owner in Broad Cove reported a very rare Townsend's Warbler in their yard. According to Peter Vickery, there has been a total of only four records (photographed) Townsend's Warbler in Maine. I made several trips to try to view the bird and was successful on my last attempt.

Seeing this striking little wanderer from the Pacific Northwest set off a sequence of delightful reminiscences in my mind. I was transported back to the last time I had laid eyes upon this bird. It had been high-up in a Douglas fir tree shrouded in morning mist, November 2012 just as my wife and I were boarding a ferry departing Orcas Islands in Washington.

With a boldly marked black and yellow head and extensive yellow breast, this bird stands out in a crowd. Townsend's Warblers retain their striking plumage year round and one reason for this may have to do with territory defense. Males will fiercely defend territories around trees infested with scale insects. Interestingly, this warbler switches to a nectar-rich diet, favoring "honeydew," a sugary substance produced by these insects.

In general, these warblers can be found in the mountain forests of western North America from southern Alaska to Honduras. Townsend's Warblers primarily breed in the cool coniferous forests along the Pacific coast. Much of the population winters in the Central American highlands, usually in montane cloud forests with a mixture of oak, alder and conifers. The Townsend's Warbler was named for American naturalists John Kirk Townsend, who at 25 years of age first described the bird in 1834 during an expedition crossing the Rockies. Townsend died in 1851 from exposure to the arsenic in a bird preservation powder that he had developed.

On the morning of January 23 my son and I went to Trundy Point to look for Great Cormorants and we were not disappointed. We counted a total of five of these heavysets, blocky headed seabirds - three birds flying through at close range and two birds drying out on a rocky outcropping just offshore.

Interestingly, the rise in Bald Eagle populations and subsequent depredation of chicks is a primary reason for the precipitous decline

in Great Cormorant populations in Maine. This bird does breed in small numbers on a handful of islands along Maine's coast which is the southernmost extent of the species' North American breeding range.

Also, just offshore were significant numbers of foraging Black Scoters and Common Eiders, several Red-breasted Mergansers (merganser in Latin roughly translates to "plunging goose") and a pair of Common Goldeneye ducks. A Northern Mockingbird also made itself known atop the rocky headland.

Other noteworthy mentionings from both my back yard and in the field: as of January 24 two Northern Flickers continue to visit our feeders daily. Additionally, a Brown Creeper has been visiting an old Crab Apple tree in our backyard and consistently forages on the ground. Cedar Waxwings numbers are also beginning to build across town.

On the morning of January 22 I counted twelve waxwings in a cherry tree along Shore Road. Later on the same day while walking along Ferry and Western Beach in Scarborough yielded 14 Common Loons, a Horned Grebe, a Red-necked Grebe and several Long-tailed ducks.

On this same day just before sunset along the Crescent Beach State Park trail a Juvenile Bald Eagle was spotted roosting in an old Oak tree. I was able to determine the approximate age of the eagle by the color of its beak which was largely blackish gray.

Lastly, in late January a Snowy owl was reported on the east end of Chebeague Island.

## Nature

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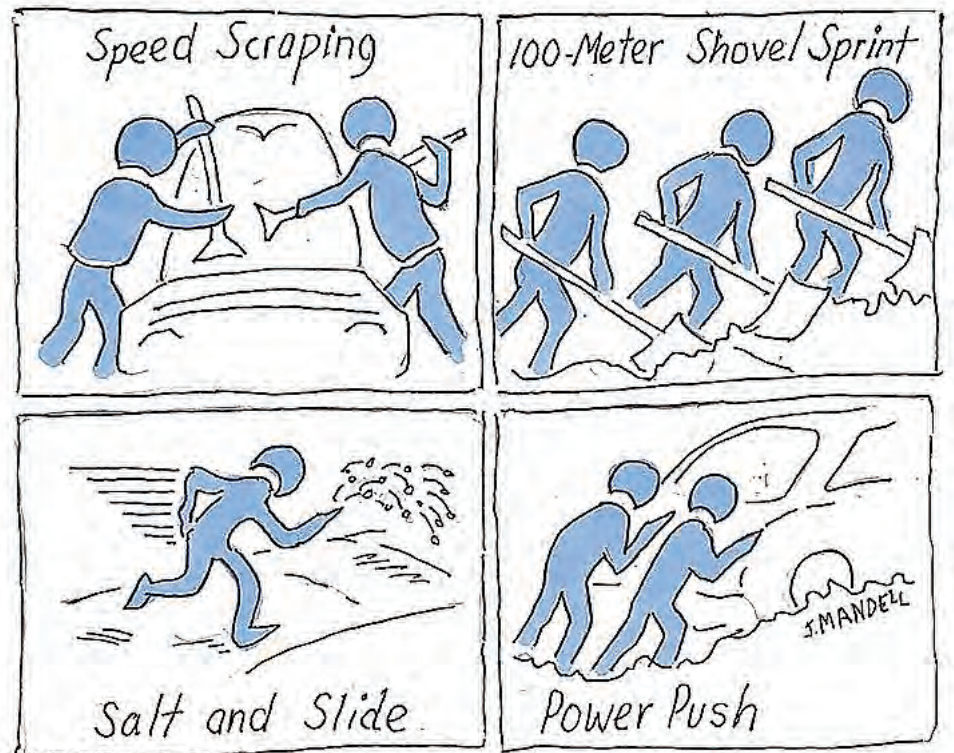
~34% accurate, and when he predicts an early spring he is usually wrong. We'll see in six weeks...on March 20!

February 16, 11:59 a.m. - Full Snow Moon; also called the Groundhog Moon by some Algonquin tribes. (It's believed that groundhogs got their alternate name 'woodchuck' from the Algonquin word "wuchak"). Male groundhogs can be active in February staking out their territory.

Love is in the air? Skunks are seeking mates this time of year too, but what you smell is more likely eau-de-red fox urine. Red foxes leave up to 70 scent markings an hour to communicate their presence, dominance and sexual status to potential mates.

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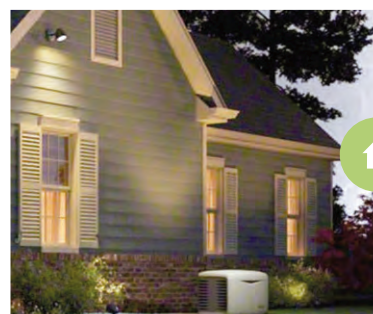


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# Thomas Memorial Library kicks off Community Read, hosts exhibit on participatory photography in Stier Family Gallery

## Community Read 2022

February - April 2022

### Community Read Kickoff Event with author Gene Weingarten

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Connect with your community this winter, via our second annual Community Read!

Once again, Thomas Memorial Library will be collaborating with South Portland and Scarborough Public Libraries on a three-town Community Read.

What is a Community Read? A Community Read is a large-scale book club, spanning an entire community and cultivating a local culture of reading and conversation by bringing people together around a common book.

This year's Community Read book is "One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America" by Gene Weingarten. On New Year's Day 2013, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Gene Weingarten asked three strangers to, literally, pluck a day, month and year from a hat. That day—chosen completely at random—turned out to be Sunday, December 28, 1986, by any conventional measure a most ordinary day.

Weingarten spent the next six years proving that there is no such thing. "One Day" asks and answers the question of whether there is even such a thing as "ordinary" when we are talking about how we all lurch and stumble our way through the daily, daunting challenge of being human.

There will be many opportunities to participate and engage with friends and

neighbors and perfect strangers over the course of the next two months. The author will be (virtually) joining our library communities to discuss the book, both to kick off and to wrap up the Community Read.

In between, all three libraries will be working together to offer book discussions, read-alouds, creative opportunities and a full slate of related programming around the book's themes of daily life in America. All events will be open to residents of all three towns and there will be opportunities to meet, converse and get to know your neighbors from Cape, SoPo and Scarborough.

Registration for the Community Read is on the library's website, where you can also see the schedule of events and reserve your copy of the book. Multiple copies are available at all three libraries. Then, join us for our Community Read Kickoff with author Gene Weingarten on Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m.

### THIS MONTH IN THE STIER FAMILY GALLERY

#### In a Whole New Way: New Yorkers on Probation Photograph Their World

February and March 2022

What is "participatory photography?" The practice empowers marginalized individuals to take charge of their own public narrative by documenting their lives authentically. Turning traditional photojournalism on its head, participatory photography counters prevailing negative media stereotypes that under-

mine human dignity.

The first such initiative by the New York nonprofit Seeing for Ourselves led to the publication of "Project Lives: New York Public Housing Residents Photograph Their World" (powerHouse 2015), which can be found in the library's collection. The success of this effort led the city to ask Seeing for Ourselves to conduct a similar program for New Yorkers on probation.

"In a Whole New Way: Undoing Mass Incarceration by a Path Untraveled," the book resulting from this new effort, was drafted at the library in 2019 by a Seeing for Ourselves official living in Cape Elizabeth. "In a Whole New Way," the accompanying award-winning short documentary—written and directed by the same official—was fine-tuned during the summer of 2020 in TML's Writers' Accountability Group.

This exhibit will be on display at the library throughout February and March 2022. Join us for an exclusive screening of the documentary "In a Whole New Way" via Zoom on February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

A panel discussion with the filmmakers and Maine public officials working in the justice system will follow the film. In addition to the filmmakers from Seeing for Ourselves, we'll be joined by Cumberland County District Attorney Jonathan Sahrbeck, Assistant District Attorney Nicole Albert and Christopher Arbour of Maine Department of Corrections. They will discuss how this initiative can help curb both mass probation and mass incarceration in our country.

Smith at [msmith@thomas.lib.me.us](mailto:msmith@thomas.lib.me.us).

We'll be meeting via Google Meet once a month to choose and discuss some great books.

### Character of the Month for February: Winnie the Pooh

Stop by the Children's Room to discover the Character of the Month during our celebration of FebruBEARY! We'll have a fresh set of activities along and crafts to explore.

### Take and Makes

Looking for a crafty way to spend part of your day? Check out the latest Take and Make kit available in the children's room.

Always fun, always free! (While supplies last.)

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Across the Universe: Exploring the James Webb Space Telescope

Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the most ambitious space-based observatory ever flown, and was developed and built by an international collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

The observatory will provide unprecedented views of the universe at near- and mid-infrared wavelengths, and will enable astronomers to observe the light from the first galaxies that formed after the Big Bang, and investigate how these galaxies evolved over time. It will also observe planetary systems around other stars to study how they form and evolve, and examine the atmospheres of exoplanets, providing information on their compositions and possible evidence of life.

Due to its very large size, the telescope and its sunshield had to be folded to fit within the limited space inside the rocket faring. After launch, a series of delicate orchestrated steps were execut-

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## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### Last Pineapples Middle School Book Club

Friday, February 4, 2:45-3:45 p.m. via Google Meet

Register to join TML's Middle School Book Club, The Last Pineapples on Earth, by emailing Family Engagement Librarian Megan Smith at [msmith@thomas.lib.me.us](mailto:msmith@thomas.lib.me.us).

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# Library

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ed to unfold the telescope into its fully deployed configuration.

JWST will be stationed at Sun-Earth L2, where no humans can yet venture, so the entire process had to be conducted remotely and with perfection.

Join us for this informative evening presentation by Space Telescope Science Institute Observatory Scientist Dean C. Hines as he discusses the reasons for developing JWST, why it is designed to observe at infrared wavelengths, and how it will revolutionize our understanding of the universe.

Dean will be sharing examples of the types of observations that will be conducted throughout the mission as well as some specific examples from the first year of planned science programs.

Come gaze off into (deep) space with us as we explore the universe and the science behind this incredible telescope! Register for this program on the library's website.

## Community Read Kickoff Event, with author Gene Weingarten

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

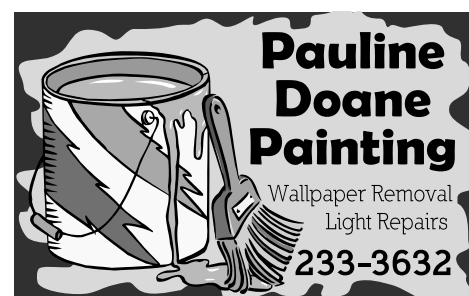
Gene Weingarten, author of this year's Community Read selection "One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America" is a Washington Post journalist. He writes long-form stories as well as Below the Beltway, a weekly syndicated humor column. His previous books include "I'm With Stupid: One Man. One Woman. 10,000 Years of Misunderstanding Between the Sexes Cleared Right Up" (with Gina Barreca); "The Hypochondriac's Guide to Life. And Death"; "Old Dogs: Are the Best Dogs"; and "The Fiddler in the Subway," a collection of his best-known work.

Weingarten is the only two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, for examining the phenomenon of parents who accidentally leave their children to die in hot cars, and for an experiment in which he arranged for famed violinist Joshua Bell to busk incognito outside a Metro station in Washington, to see if anyone would notice.

Join us for this Community Read Kickoff Event, where we'll be in discussion with the author about the research and writing process that went into making One Day.

Register for the Community Read on the library's website.

## In a Whole New Way documentary film screening and panel



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## discussion

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

The photo exhibit "In a Whole New Way: New Yorkers on Probation Photograph Their World" will be on display at the library throughout February and March 2022. Join us for an exclusive screening of the accompanying award-winning documentary "In a Whole New Way" via Zoom.

A panel discussion with the filmmakers and Maine public officials working in the justice system will follow the film. In addition to the filmmakers from Seeing for Ourselves, we'll be joined by Cumberland County District Attorney Jonathan Sahrbeck, Assistant District Attorney Nicole Albert, and Christopher Arbour of Maine Department of Corrections. They will discuss how this initiative can help curb both mass probation and mass incarceration in our country.

Register for this program on the library's website.

## Discover the Joys of Bird Feeding, with Mass Audubon

Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Looking for a way to brighten your yard and mood this winter? Backyard bird feeding is a wonderful way to attract birds to your property, still feel connected to nature while inside, and get to know the characteristics and behaviors of common birds.

We'll discuss different feeder types, the best seed to put in them, the birds they'll attract, how to outsmart squirrels, and other ways to encourage birdlife into your yard and community.

Join Thomas Memorial Library and Mass Audubon as we discover the joys to be found at your own backyard bird feeder. Register for this program on the library's website.

## Pod Complex: A TML Podcast Listening Club

First Thursday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: February 3, 2022 via Zoom

Love the idea of a book club, but don't have the time for all that reading? Addicted to podcasts, but wish you had someone to discuss your favorite episodes with? Join us for Pod Complex, TML's brand new Podcast Listening Club!

Each month we'll feature a different

podcast to listen to and dissect together. We'll explore a wide variety of podcasts on all different topics, in all different styles and then turn a critical eye on them as we discuss each month's fresh selection.

Listen on your own time at home, or join us for the first hour as we listen together, with a lively discussion to follow in the second hour. Register for this program on the library's website.

## U.F.O. Accountability Group

First Thursday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: February 3, 2022 via Zoom

Are you beset by U.F.O.s in your life?? Tired of having to make excuses or explain about them to friends and family? Fed up with waking in the middle of the night, unable to rest because U.F.O.s are always on your mind? Well, fear not, because TML is here to help you blast those space invaders into another dimension!

Calling all crafters: Join us for this brand new monthly meetup where we can share, plan, commiserate and discuss all the Unfinished Objects in our lives! As any crafter worth their fat quarters can tell you, U.F.O.s = Unfinished Objects (of the Crafty Kind).

Got more than your fair share of lingering, long-delayed craft projects you just can't ever seem to get finished? The U.F.O. Accountability Group is just what you need.

Come gather with other crafters to share your struggles, ideas and triumphs, and most importantly, to be held accountable for actually putting some time into your crafty creations each month.

All crafts and crafting abilities are welcome. Join us as we fight the never-ending battle against the U.F.O.s!

Register for this program on the library's website.

## New Book Group!

### Big Little Lit: Children's Books for Grown-Ups

Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting: February 16 via Zoom  
February book: "The War That Saved My Life," by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley

Library Director Rachel Davis was

TML's Children's Librarian for 27 years.

Join her at this monthly book group for adults, featuring outstanding literature for children. The same qualities that make an excellent book for adults are also true for books written for children— complex, beautifully written stories that speak to the universality of human experience. The only difference is that children's literature is firmly grounded in the immediacy of the experience of childhood. We were all children once—come explore childhood again as Rachel leads a monthly discussion on some of her favorite books. All books can be requested through Minerva, the library's online catalog.

For details and to register, please visit the library's website.

## ONGOING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Daily Fika (Coffee Break)

Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### Guerilla Poetry Whoop

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm - 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: February 10

### E-ldering Conversation Group

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

### AKME Chats, with the Anchorage Public Library

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: March 1

### Adult Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Next meetings: February 17

February book: "The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice Of A Thirteen-Year-Old Boy With Autism," by Naoki Higashida

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# CAPE CALENDAR

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## Wednesday, February 2

Appointments Committee 5 p.m.

## Thursday, February 3

Recycling Committee, Public Works, 7 p.m.

## Monday, February 7

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

## Tuesday, February 8

School Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm  
Conservation Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 9

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

## Monday, February 14

Town Council, Town Hall 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 15

School Board Budget Workshop Q & A, High School Library, 6:30 pm  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 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 – suspended until further notice.

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. Purpodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

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

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**First Congregational Church United Church of Christ**  
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883-2342  
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## CABLE GUIDE

## CETV CHANNEL 1302

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Feb. 12 - Feb. 13

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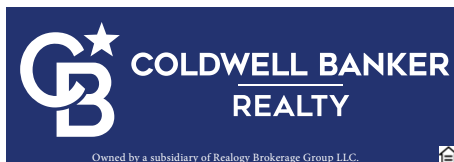
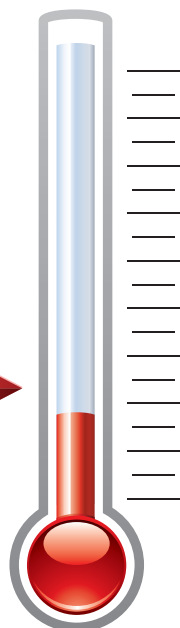
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**Dean's list announcements**

Sean O'Sullivan of Cape Elizabeth was named to the fall 2021 dean's list at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. A member of the Class of 2023, O'Sullivan is majoring in Computer Science, Economics.

The following students were named to the fall 2021 dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island: Karli Chapin of Cape Elizabeth Jessica Robicheaw of Cape Elizabeth

Sara Isfeld of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the fall 2021 dean's list at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island.

Springfield College has named Enrico Perruzzi from Cape Elizabeth to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Perruzzi has a primary major of Education.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York:

Clare Liss of Cape Elizabeth a senior majoring in classical languages and creative writing.

Tyler Rodenberger of Cape Elizabeth, a first-year student.

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# Mid-January storm packs a whallop in town



Photo by Martha Agan

*The surf breaking below Battery Keyes at Ship Cove at Fort Williams on the morning of January 17. Stormy weather brought high surf and flooding, leading to some road closures.*



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*Kettle Cove at high tide on the morning of January 17.*



Photo by Jay Madden

*Clearer skies and a hint of sun could be seen at Crescent Beach later the same day after the weather system had moved through the area.*

**Registration for the 2021 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open at [www.cape-ll.com](http://www.cape-ll.com) through Monday, February 28th.**

CELL provides T-ball, softball and baseball opportunities to Cape children, ages 4-14.



Assessments are planned for mid to late March with teams starting practices beginning in April. The season will run through June. If you are new to the area or to baseball we encourage you to come out!

Please go to [www.cape-ll.com](http://www.cape-ll.com) or email: [president@cape-ll.com](mailto:president@cape-ll.com) for more information.

Volunteer coaches and team administrators are needed for the season. If you're interested, please indicate it on the registration.