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In the Spirit of Community

CEHS Boys hockey team are Maine State Champs

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Ang Foley

The CEHS boys' hockey team are Class B Maine State Champions, defeating Messalonskee at Cross Insurance Area by a score of 4-3.

Reminiscent of Lake Placid in 1980, a tight game turned into a 3rd period when a goalkeeper stood on his head, and faced with a blizzard of shots. At Cross Arena, Cape Elizabeth High School's Charlie Garvin made more than half of his saves, 10 of 17, in the final period to cap off the terrific effort of the Cape boys skating in front of him, both on offense and defense.

In fact, senior defensemen Nick Laughlin provided both. He opened up

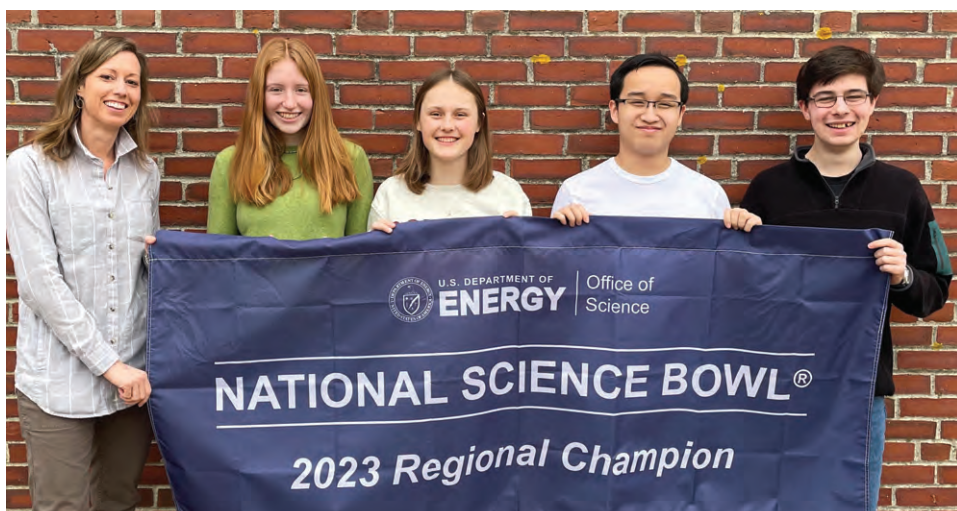
the game's scoring about 2 minutes into the second period with a pair of goals coming in rapid succession, and the Capers never gave up that lead. Sebastian Moon also scored in the second period, and the Capers led 3-0.

The boys from Cape Elizabeth are used to victory, winning 18 games, in-

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CEHS Science Bowl Team wins regionals, next up Washington D.C.

By Kevin St. Jarre



Contributed photo

The CEHS Science Bowl Team recently won first place in the Regional Competition, and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete nationally. Pictured are the coach, Science Teacher Amy de Vries, Ainsley Fremont, Zoe Matzkin, Ben Le and Trevor Oakley.

The Cape Elizabeth High School Science Bowl Team won first place in the Regional Competition, defeating nine other schools including Bangor High School, Falmouth High School, Kennebunk High School, Maine School of Science & Mathematics, Waynflete School and Yarmouth High School among others, according to the website pmd.org. Waynflete came in 2nd place.

The Capers have won an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the National Science Bowl at the end of April.

According to Science Bowl Team Coach Amy de Vries, who also teaches science at CEHS, Ainsley Fremont, Ben Le, Trevor

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Cape Ice Arena gains national recognition



Photo by Ang Foley

The new ice rink at Gull Crest has attracted the attention of Ice Rink International, a non-profit ice rink organization based out of Calgary, Canada.

Years of planning by dedicated volunteers (Cape Community Arena Group) came to reality as the long-awaited outdoor recreational venue opened for public skating in early January.

Since the first skate, the rink has been constantly in use during extended hours to provide skating time for adults, kids, and hockey teams. Staffed mostly by volunteers, (including Zamboni drivers!) maintaining a schedule for the various skating groups has ensured plenty of ice time for everyone.

The popularity of the beautifully constructed rink has also attracted the attention of Ice Rink International, a non-profit ice rink organization based out of Calgary, Canada. This group provides advice and standards for public skating rinks, as well as monitoring construction and operations to maintain safety standards.

"We have followed this project since its inception," commented Brendan Norton,

current chief engineering officer, "and have continually been impressed with the level of professional design and attention to detail." He went on to say that the extensive publicity, through newspaper and television coverage as well as social media platforms, has given the ice rink and the town of Cape Elizabeth national attention, resulting in several interesting and intriguing expansion proposals, to benefit not only Cape Elizabeth, but outside professional and semi-professional sports teams as well.

The foresight to build the rink adhering to association size and specification standards makes this venue an ideal location to expand practice opportunities for professional teams based in Boston, Hartford and even New York.

"Despite our presence and popularity in

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News from March 13 CE Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Town Council Reports and Correspondence

Chair Gabrielson opened the meeting by congratulating the boys hockey team on their state championship "well-deserved" victory. He also noted that the evening marked the first Town Council meeting making use of the hybrid technology available for people to participate remotely from home. Councilor Penny Jordan mentioned that Cape Robotics has three teams that have qualified for the World Competition in Dallas, and she'd like the Council to consider donating money to the teams to demonstrate support.

Finance Committee Report

Councilor Boucher shared that we're "inching toward year end" and starting to see excise tax revenue climbing up. The town has also hired two officers in the police department to curb overtime spending. Additionally, Boucher shared that there are still a low number of building permits of which she

expects more to come forward in the spring. Town Manager Matt Sturgis added that the town's building permits are currently at pre-pandemic levels and indicated there was a surge in permit requests during the 2020-2023 years of the pandemic.

Citizen Comments

Tim Thompson of 6 Pine Ridge Road, applauds the efforts to have remote participation available in meetings, but suggested there be additional staff available to help with the technology during meetings. He thinks this level of participation is "moving in the right direction."

Item #47-2023 Renewal Liquor Licenses - Purpoodock Club

A draft motion was presented to approve the renewal of liquor license and special amusement permit for Purpoodock Club located at 300 Spurwink Avenue. The renewal

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'What's the emergency?'

By nature I like to get things done right away.

The latest Cape "emergency" and get it done right issue is affordable housing mandated by Maine state LD2003. Emergency passed LD2003.

So, what's the emergency?

Cape has well established rules, ordinances, and a comprehensive plan for growth and development. Now we're being told by town officials to be a good neighbor and allow all ADUs and forget about where vehicles will park. Anything goes for new affordable housing. It's an emergency!

Cape is a beautiful, diverse, well-planned town. Cape citizens care about the details. Let's keep doing what works for our citizens. Allow us to carefully and thoughtfully plan and implement town changes. Citizens cannot keep up with all

the rhetoric and the large number of meetings. Few citizens attend. How many have time to view on CETV?

Is the SURVEY of residents done? I haven't seen it.

The Gull Crest ice skating rink is the latest best example of Cape residents seeing a need, planning what to do and accomplishing a wonderful facility for all Cape residents.

LD2003 is NOT an emergency. Let's go with LD 214 and keep the town under 10,000 residents. Affordable housing is claimed to be a national emergency so let's let another state figure out what works and what's affordable and study that solution.

It's NOT an emergency. Let's go at our Cape pace, it works well.

Jeanette Guglielmetti

Civic engagement is on the rise

I was encouraged to learn that our Housing Diversity Committee recently considered sending a recommendation to the Town Council that they research the feasibility of building housing on large, town-owned land.

Unfortunately the committee was split on the idea, and the proposal failed to advance. I hope those who voted in favor of the proposal continue to advocate for its passing, despite the initial opposition.

The land in question presents a real opportunity to make a significant dent into the region's housing shortage, but progress can only occur after we determine its potential.

Separately, I viewed a recent School Building Advisory Committee and would like to thank the citizen volunteers who have stepped forward. Cape is fortunate to have had such an extremely qualified group of citizens appointed. Please know that your community is grateful for your service.

As we thoughtfully navigate these and other local issues, it is exciting to see civic engagement growing once again throughout our town. With open minds and kind hearts, our passionate debates will lead us in the right direction, and foster an even greater sense of community.

John Lewis

Hockey

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cluding the last 14 games of the season, but their opponent, the Messalonskee Eagles, weren't going down without a fight. They had had 18 wins of their own, they had come to play and quickly scored twice.

With the score at 3-2, it was Cape Elizabeth who scored next when Brady Hanisko passed to Moon, who buried another one.

Messalonskee was still in the fight, and scored with 14 seconds left in the game, but the Capers had done enough and came away champions.

It was quite a season for Cape Elizabeth Coach Jake Rutt and his team.

Cape Challenge 5K set for May 21

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Cape Challenge 5K, which will be held this year on Sunday, May 21. Sign up for the race at: <https://runinarace.com/CapeChallenge/>.

Sponsored by RE/MAX Oceanside and other generous sponsors, the race will include a Fun Run for children ages 8 and under scheduled for 8:30 a.m., a 1-Mile Dash for children ages 12 and under at 9:00 a.m. and the 5K Cape Challenge at 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Cape Elizabeth Pond Cove, Middle School and High School Parents' Associations. An awards ceremony, along with a drawing for prizes for the Cape Challenge Raffle will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the Pond Cove/Middle School Cafetorium.

A fundraiser night to support the Cape Challenge will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at Flatbread Company, located at 72 Commercial Street in Portland. The event will run from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and applies to dine-in, take-out orders and deliveries.

Follow the Cape Challenge on Facebook and on Instagram: @CapeChallenge5k. For any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact co-directors Marta Girouard and Jenn Grymek at capechallenge5k@gmail.com.



Science

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Oakley and Zoe Matzkin were an incredible team. "It was like watching a team at NASA problem-solve a mission. Not only are they each intelligent, but when they learned how to work together and strategize, they were like a machine...Their math and science knowledge [and] skills are incredible!" said de Vries.

She said that Oakley led the team as captain and in the number of questions answered, saying that "he even remembered the term 'neuroplasticity' from a Mindfulness class at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Watching Ainsley solve complicated math problems in less than 7 seconds was jaw-dropping. Zoe and Ben tackled the challenging physics and chemistry questions. Truly inspiring!"

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Then and Now: March is Women’s History Month; hats off to Ruth and Stella

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Ruth W. Bean

I was a Sociology major at the University of Maine because I found shifting social norms, mores and customs to be incredibly interesting. The 1960s and 1970s were exciting years to be a high school and college student. As Bob Dylan’s classic song of that era famously noted, “The Times They Are (Were) A-Changin’.”

The war in Vietnam dominated newspaper headlines back then. Not far behind was the burgeoning attention given to racial and gender discrimination. Regarding the latter, doors to areas that had been closed to women began to crack open. One of these areas was politics. As with any quantum shift in society, it took pioneers with uncommon courage to make that happen.

At the local level, Cape Elizabeth has elected its municipal representatives since 1766 (Selectmen from 1766 to 1965; Town Councilors from 1966 to the present). It took almost two centuries (until 1963) for our town to elect its first female Selectman, Ruth W. Bean. When one lives to be nearly 100 years old, as Ruth did (1897-1997), one

achieves legendary status. Ruth’s name appears prominently in many town annual reports as both an elected official and as a town employee (she served as Town Clerk and Tax Collector for decades).

And in 1975, Stella B. Patten (1926-2016) became Cape Elizabeth’s first female Town Councilor. She and her husband Bob were highly respected here in the community, well known for their extensive volunteerism. Stella had also been a teacher in our High School.

Ruth and Stella led a parade of women who have served Cape Elizabeth with great distinction in elective office. In fact, five of the seven current Town Councilors are female.

As this old Sociology major has observed, sometimes it takes a few whacks on the head for society to smarten up. But with patience and pioneers like Ruth and Stella, it’ll get there eventually!



Photo from Stella B. Patten’s obituary

Stella B. Patten

Easter services schedule at Church of the Nazarene

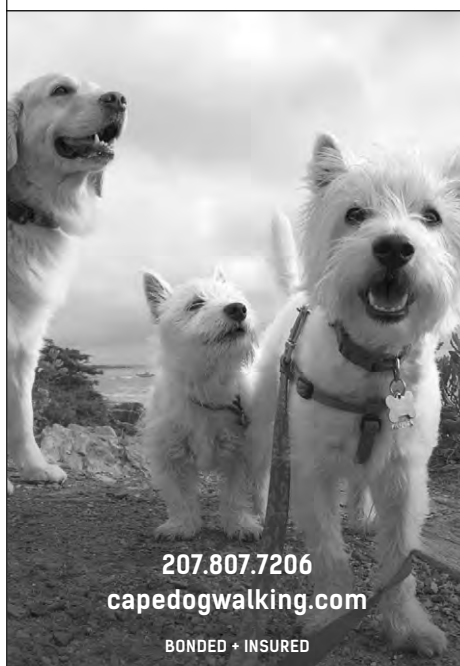
The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene (499 Ocean House Road) will hold a Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7. The service will also be streamed live at the church’s website, www.capenazarene.org and on their Roku channel.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the church will gather at 6:00 a.m. for a brief Easter Sunrise celebration at Two Lights Point (at the end of Two Lights Road near the Lobster Shack). An opportunity for food and fellowship follows the service with a simple continental breakfast back at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all events, including the usual worship celebration on Easter Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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News from the school board

By Elizabeth Scifres

March is an intense month in our school department. Students and teachers are deep into the longest uninterrupted (mostly) stretch of teaching and learning in the school year. Guidance counselors and teachers are working on schedules and placement for next year, the SBAC is in full swing, and the board is working on the FY24 budget.

The School Building Advisory Committee has been meeting bi-weekly since February 16. The committee's focus in its first month was understanding its role and learning about the history of the most recent building proposal. They have developed a work plan based upon the scope of work described in the Committee Charter and have begun the process of selecting an Owner's Representative to assist in determining the next steps to address the needs of our school buildings. The committee also plans to issue a Request for Proposal for a firm to conduct a community survey to inform their work. Committee updates are posted regularly on the town website, and committee meetings are recorded and available to view on the CETV On Demand website.

Learning about the history of the last building project has been incredibly valuable in grounding everyone in the facts before moving forward. It has exposed some confusion and misinformation circulating in our community. In particular, some people mistakenly believe a study was done, and a project proposed, in 2018. That is incorrect. They are confusing the presentation in support of funding a facilities study for a completed study and project proposal. Here is a helpful timeline with links to clear up misunderstanding:

- In January 2018, \$249K was added to the FY19 school budget for a facilities study. A 25-page presentation was created in support of funding this study and given to the School Board. This presentation was meant to show the need for a facilities study and provide the School Board some general ideas and a rough estimate and timeline for potential work to address the most urgent needs of the schools known at that time.

- The presentation and minutes from the January 30, 2018 School Board workshop are

available here: <https://www.cape.k12.me.us/documents/school-board/meetings-and-materials/2018/january-30%2C-2018/100697>

- Video of the January 30, 2018 workshop is available here: https://www.capeelizabeth.com/media/SchoolBoard/MeetingMaterials/2018/Videos/video_20180130.html

- In April, the proposal for a study was also shown to the Town Council during a joint workshop with the School Board. Following the presentation, the funds (\$249K) for that study were cut from the FY19 school budget at the direction of the Town Council, thus there was no study, no report and no project proposal.

- The video of the Colby Co team giving that later version of this presentation at a joint Town Council/School Board workshop on April 30, 2018 is here: <https://youtu.be/eIrgKnUNBoE>

- Recap: Following that workshop, the Town Council reduced the amount of the school budget by \$249K and the proposal did not move forward. Instead, a new committee was formed to study the need for a facilities assessment, which led to the more in-depth, comprehensive Needs Assessment that was included in the 2019 budget.

Budget season is well underway. The School Board continues to review and refine the FY24 CESD budget. There have been two budget workshops that have focused on programming and requests from administrators and leadership. The most recent budget workshop addressed Q&A's from the initial presentations, and administrators provided additional information on new staff requests. Upcoming budget workshops will focus on updated revenue and expenditure information, as well as presentations on aspects of the budget such as why we staff our schools the way we do, the state funding formula (ED 279), use of unassigned fund balance, etc.

The School Board will make all adjustments during March and April, formally adopting the budget at its April business meeting and then presenting it to Town Council later that month. All budget workshops are open to the public as well as recorded and available to the public.

Ice rink

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large cities, our teams are constantly competing for practice ice time with ice shows and other events," explained Brian Cosgrove, publicity and scheduling manager for a federation of hockey teams. "Not only that, but expansion of our team's exposure outside of the city will supplement our fan base, providing obvious financial benefits."

More specifically, the initial proposals would include reserving ice time for professional teams outside of their game schedule. "We'd even like to consider possibly, in the future, scheduling a few games at the Cape Community Arena," Cosgrove explained, "meaning of course we would have to install some bleachers and other amenities expected at licensed games. Given that the rink currently is fully funded, meaning no debt, acquiring low-cost financing for this physical expansion would be a breeze, and those costs would be easily offset by ticket and concession sales. Recruitment of silent partner investors isn't out of the question either."

Benefits for Cape Elizabeth are numerous. Equipment manager Keith Morgan shared plans for the donation of hockey and figure skating equipment, including stabilizer modification tabs for younger skaters, as part of their Usage Courtesy clause in the multi-year contract he is currently negotiating with the town.

"I've heard that when these teams expand outside of their home ice, the scouts and recruiters who travel with the teams are able to recognize local emerging talent and often sign these young athletes before they even get out of high school," explained Carolyn Baker with excitement in her voice, "I have three sons in various hockey leagues, and their life-long dreams are to play professional hockey." This could be a chance for them to be recognized right in their hometown!"

Getting back to the ingenious design of this rink, officials have often remarked that

the construction has exceeded their standards, allowing for an extended life span of the facility. The size adheres to national hockey specifications, but more impressively, the engineering aspect of ice creation and sustainability goes beyond what professional rinks often can afford. For the Cape Arena, the customary five miles of steel pipes carrying water to create the ice surface of three quarters of an inch was increased to a more condensed model, allowing space for a network of seven miles of welded pipes, allowing for the capacity to lay down more than an inch of ice. This thicker ice could allow for almost year-round operation, as Maine only has a few summer days that are too hot. Impressive, indeed!

The committee has also reviewed and considered amenities available at other high-end rinks, more specifically in Montreal, London, Amsterdam and Budapest, but has determined that a small town in Maine doesn't need colorful exterior illumination, gourmet food offerings or heated seats. The development of simple concession stands, offering typical Maine seafood fare, ready to eat stadium snacks and sweet desserts is being initiated with consultation with local chefs. Alcohol will also be a consideration, but only if a liquor license can be obtained.

Obviously, the possibilities and benefits are endless, and the committee feels validated and excited that our town has attracted this national attention and placement of professional sports right at Gull Crest! But then again...wouldn't we rather just keep our rink and skaters the way it is...seems perfect the way it is right now. Let's just chalk it up to another April Fools joke!!

Debbie Butterworth



January/February 2023 Cape Elizabeth real estate transfers

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PITTS KAREN	39 MCAULEY ROAD	\$950,000	SINGLE FAMILY
CHAN LYDIA	294 MITCHELL ROAD	\$525,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HARMONIOUS HOLDINGS LLC	7 DEARBORN DRIVE	\$302,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MITCHELL DANIEL	156 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$524,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SWARTZ KATHERINE A	4 FRANKLIN CIRCLE	\$873,200	SINGLE FAMILY
ROBINSON ELIZABETH C	100 BREAKWATER FARM ROAD	\$431,250	SINGLE FAMILY
HARMONIOUS HOLDINGS LLC	20 RAMBLE ROAD	\$418,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ROGERS ANDREW M	91 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$475,000	SINGLE FAMILY
EDWARDS CHRISTOPHER B	16 DEARBORN DRIVE	\$495,000	SINGLE FAMILY
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Theft of money reported, MA resident's vehicle in hit and run accident

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 3-4 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-7 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach area who reported that his dog had been bitten by another dog. The officer checked and the other dog was current on vaccinations, he issued a ten day quarantine notice.
- 3-7 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-9 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who reported the theft of money.
- 3-10 Two officers responded to a location in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-10 A resident dropped off a set of earbuds that she found near the Joan Benoit Samuelson statue near the library.
- 3-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-11 An officer spoke with a Brunswick

- resident regarding possible suspicious activity.
- 3-12 An officer had communication with a resident of the Shore Road area concerning the well-being of a family member.
- 3-12 An officer met with a resident from Massachusetts regarding damage to his vehicle as the result of a hit and run accident that occurred while parked at a business on Shore Road.

SUMMONSES

- 3-9 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$148
- 3-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$85

ACCIDENTS

- 2-28 Laura Clark, accident on Mitchell Road
- 2-28 Daniel Ndele, Timothy Gosch, accident on Sawyer Road
- 3-2 Christian Roqriquez, Monica Patregabi, accident on Eastman Road
- 3-7 Paul Coronite, accident on Route 77
- 3-12 Nathan Mcdonald, accident on Shore Road

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 12; EMS calls: 27

News from March 21 PB meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Jan 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes Approval

The Planning Board asked for approval of January 17, 2023 meeting minutes and approval of the minutes for the February 7, 2023 partial workshop minutes. The motion was introduced by Derek LaVallee and seconded by Andrew Gilbert. With abstentions from Al Palmer and Dan Bodenski the motion passed.

Stormwater Amendments

The Town Council has referred amendments to the Planning Board Stormwater Amendments (Chapter 25), including amendments to the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, which are required by the MS4 permit, Sec. 19-10-3 Amendments Public Hearing.

The Board had deliberated on amendments prior to this evening's meeting. Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said that the contents that have been included in the amendments up until now have been proactive with erosion and sedimentation standards. She thanked the board for all of their editing comments.

A motion was recommended by LaVallee and seconded by Bodenski to pass the amendments to Town Council for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Carr Woods Major Subdivision and Resource Protection Permit

Carr Woods, an 18-unit condominium and 1 single family lot development and Resource Protection Permit located at Deep Brook Drive, is requesting an extension to June, 2023 to submit the final approval application.

Gordy Smith, an attorney based in Portland, introduced himself as the new counsel representing the Carr Woods project. He explained to the board that this extension is being requested due to the original purchaser of the Carr Woods project abandoning their contract and thus the development project. Smith has been working with Carr and Bill Gerrish, civil engineer for the project, since December. They're currently in negotiations

with a new purchaser who will also be a co-applicant to the final subdivision plan application.

There were several public comments about the Carr Woods project including from Liz Pratt, an abutter to the proposed project site. She suggested that since this project has been a prolonged process and with much turnover in project applicants and the Planning Board itself, that a timeline be implemented. This, she said, would "prevent future applications from submitting too early in order to be grandfathered in before any new regulations come into play." She also requested transparency in application materials for the benefit of the public.

Eric Johannson of Rocky Hill Road, suggested that the Planning Board deny the application since the project has already had a two-month extension approved and are looking for another three month extension.

Sheila Wellehan, echoing Pratt, encouraged the Baard to "make a hard deadline if you do grant an extension," and also suggested full transparency when it comes to application materials, site plans, and financial records relating to the development of the project.

After some discussion among the Board on the new purchaser of the project also being a new co-applicant, Chair Sahrbeck said that, "given the final subdivision approval is something that will have changes [such as purchaser and applicants], the public has a right to closure on where this application is going." He suggested the Board give the relief of extension to June 20, 2023 for final subdivision review with "no further continuances," giving the project its last opportunity for extension.

A motion is introduced to approve the amendments with no further extensions without exceptional circumstances by the applicant and that goes beyond "good cause" language in the ordinance. The motion was opposed by Palmer, and passed four to one.

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Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Social Security Scams

This year Social Security payments are being boosted by the biggest cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in more than 40 years, and beneficiaries aren't the only ones looking to cash in. Social Security impostor scams are among the most reported scams each year and criminals are already seeking to use the COLA boost to their advantage. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has reported that scammers have been contacting people claiming that they have to pay a fee or share personal information in order to receive the higher payments. The truth is that COLA adjustments happen automatically. The best way to fight back against Social Security impostors is to remember that SSA will not contact you out of the blue. Any unsolicited call claiming to be from Social Security is likely to be fraud - especially if they ask for personal or financial information or payment.

AARP ReST: Emotional Support for Fraud Victims

For many fraud victims, the financial toll is only part of the story; nearly two in three victims suffer a significant health or emotional impact, according to research by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. To address this reality, the AARP Fraud Watch Network and Volunteers of America (VOA) developed a free program to provide emotional support for people affected by fraud. AARP VOA ReST, which stands for Resilience, Strength and Time, features small groups whose participants are led in discus-

sion by one or more trained peer facilitators. These online, hour-long sessions help to re-establish trust, integrate your experience and build back your resilience despite a difficult and painful occurrence. Discussions are confidential and you are welcome to attend one session or several - it's your choice. Experiencing a scam can be devastating, but it doesn't have to define you. Visit www.aarp.org/fraudsupport to learn more about the free program and register today. Remember, you are not alone. Report scams to local law enforcement.

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 Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

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SP/CE Rotary Club recognizes Women's History Month



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Pictured from left to right are Nancy Hawes, Sue Sturtevant, Ellie Speh, and Kathy Cotter.

On Wednesday, March 8, South Portland - Cape Elizabeth Rotary recognized all the awesome women of Rotary, including past presidents.

SP-CE Rotary's First Ten Women Presidents:

- 2018-19 Fran Bagdasarian
- 2017-18 Sue Sturtevant

- 2014-15 Kathy Cotter
- 2013-14 Ellie Speh
- 2011-12 Marge Barker
- 2009-10 Joan Frustaci
- 2008-09 Janet McLaughlin
- 2000-01 Katharine Ray
- 1999-00 Adrienne Murphy
- 1998-99 Nancy Hawes

Cape Robotics qualifies for the World Championship



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Pictured above, Cape Robotics Team 56.



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The Cape Robotics Team at the VEX State Championships 2023.

The Cape Elizabeth robotics program was founded in 2006 with one coach, six high school students, and support from the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation. Since that time, Cape Robotics has grown exponentially into a world-class program for both middle and high school students, consistently ranking among the top competitors in the state. The 2022-2023 season was no exception, with a total of twelve teams in grades 6-12 competing in VEX Robotics Spin Up Challenges across the state.

We are thrilled to share that the Cape Robotics program was extremely successful at the VEX Robotics Maine State Championships on February 25, with teams earning spots as tournament finalists, skills champions and receiving several prestigious awards. Based on their performance, three Cape teams qualified to move on to the VEX World Competition in Dallas Texas in April 2023. A special congratulations to high school teams 56H (Luke Fredericks and Harold Young) and 56R (Ezra Gabrielson, Alex Kang, and Aman Khare), who qualified outright for VEX Worlds by reaching the finals and putting up 120 points in each of their last two victories. Also, congratulations to middle school team 56S (Noah Scott, Hudson Charlebois and Jonah Chang) who qualified as Skills Champions, achieving the highest skills score among middle school teams at States.

This is an amazing opportunity for our students to compete alongside the best young engineers across the globe. However, the registration, shipping, transportation and hotel expenses associated with this competition are steep, and our students need your help in order to make this happen! Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help us reach our goal. Any amount helps. We will list all business donations on our team website. In addition, for businesses who donate over \$250, we will include your logo on team banners and uniforms that will be proudly displayed at Worlds and hung permanently back at the lab. Donations in any amount from individuals are also welcome.

Donations can be made via: Venmo @ caperobotics56 or by check, payable to: Cape Robotics, Attn: Mr. Alex Anesko, Cape Elizabeth High School, 345 Ocean House Road Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Thank you for all of your support, and congratulations to all of the Cape Robotics teams for their hard work and success this year!



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Project Graduation still keeps CEHS grad night, fundraising continues

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Joanne Lee

CEHS graduates on a carnival ride at Project Graduation. The intent is that students ride in one of these, and participate in other events, rather than risk injury or death driving drunk on graduation night.

Project Graduation has been around for many years, and has kept thousands of graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School safe on graduation night. It remains a fairly expensive endeavor, but the graduates have a wonderful night to remember.

Project Graduation was started at Oxford Hills High School in 1980 and, some years later, Cape Elizabeth adopted the event. Project Graduation was started in response to teenagers dying in drunk driving crashes on graduation nights.

According to Cape Elizabeth Project Graduation 2023 Co-Chairs Trudi Bakke and Stefanie Manning, "Project Graduation is designed to give seniors a fun graduation night experience all together in a safe, organized, adult supervised and chemical-free environment. Over the years, thousands of Cape Elizabeth graduates have been kept safe with nearly 99 percent of all graduates participating year after year."

The parents of the current senior class raise the money during their students' senior year, and plan the events for the night. According to Bakke, a typical Project Graduation night costs between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The parents of the junior class are asked

"to pay it forward" by chaperoning the event for the current year's seniors. Bakke said, "In the past there has been swimming, go karting, photo booths, dancing, jump houses, magicians, axe throwing, lots of food and much more. The plans are a secret to the graduates."

One thing that is a tradition is a parade down Route 77 starting at 5:30 p.m. "This is very emotional for the graduates and their families as they ride down Route 77 in Cape Elizabeth school buses," Bakke said.

While the event is largely funded by parent and business donations, a lip sync battle was held recently as a fundraiser, and a forthcoming on-line art auction will raise additional funds. After the event, any remaining funds are rolled over to the following senior class.

For those interested in helping, donations can be sent by Venmo @Cape-HSPA with "Project Grad '23" in the subject line or mailed to:

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CEHS student Ander Erickson selected for Principal Award

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth High School Principal John Springer has announced that Ander Erickson, a senior at CEHS, has been selected to receive the 2023 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship.

CEHS College Counselor Elizabeth Thomas remarked, "Ander is passionate about volunteerism, leadership and making a difference in the community. He has been consistently engaged with Student Council, serving as Class Representative, Treasurer and now Vice President. Classmates and staff see Ander as a highly dependable leader who listens to his peers."

Erickson, Principal Springer and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at Jeff's Catering on Saturday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m.

The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the pre-

sentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of ten \$1,000 scholarships in the names of former Maine principals and MPA Executive Directors: Horace O. McGowan, Richard W. Tyler, and Richard A. Durost.

The Principal's Award is presented in more than 100 Maine public and private high schools by member principals of the MPA, the professional association which represents Maine's school administrators.

Erickson said in response to his selection, "I am honored to receive this MPA award. I would like to thank the many people who helped me along the way, including my parents who helped me find volunteer opportunities outside of Maine, and supportive club advisors like Ms. Cross, Ms. Huchel, Ms. McKeown and Mr. Kohan. I also could not have achieved this award without the amazing support system at Cape schools which has helped me on my academic journey."



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Cape Elizabeth High School Principal John Springer has announced that Ander Erickson, a senior at CEHS, has been selected to receive the 2023 Principal's Award.



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Spurwink Rod and Gun Club continues to serve the community

By Tammy Walter



Photo by Paul Adams

Above from left to right: Brian Guay, Dan Hannigan and Nate Perry.

The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club continues to serve the community. Recently, our President Brian Guay presented the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department with several rescue floatation devices on behalf of the club. The devices will be distributed throughout the town at various bodies of water in case of the unfortunate event of a water rescue.

The club is always looking for ways to engage with the community.

We will be partnering with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department for our third year of Junior Fishing this spring. This class has been hugely popular and always fills up quickly.

Cape Family Fun Day is one of our fa-

vorite activities. This will be our ninth year that we will be teaching young and old how to cast and fish. Everyone always has a fun time and we do this at no charge.

Other activities we engage in are our wildly popular fall Turkey Shoot (open to the public), our partnership with the Boy Scouts to be a drop off for Retired flags and our Junior Shooting Team.

Our mission is to bring safety and responsibility as regards to gun ownership and offer training at all levels. We also encourage best practices as it relates to our natural resources.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, tammyformaine@gmail.com.

CIEE selects CEHS student for Global Entrepreneur in Singapore

By Kevin St. Jarre



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CEHS student Saga Hart has been awarded a scholarship by CIEE that partially funds a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Hart is hoping to make up the difference through fundraising.

Cape Elizabeth High School student Saga Hart has been awarded a scholarship that partially funds an opportunity in Singapore. The Council on International Educational Exchange, or CIEE, is a non-profit organization promoting international education and exchange. They have awarded \$6 million in scholarships all over the United States.

In a recent release, CIEE announced that Hart had submitted a very competitive application and received a scholarship to attend Global Entrepreneurship in Singapore. While the total award from CIEE is generous, it does not cover Hart's total expenses.

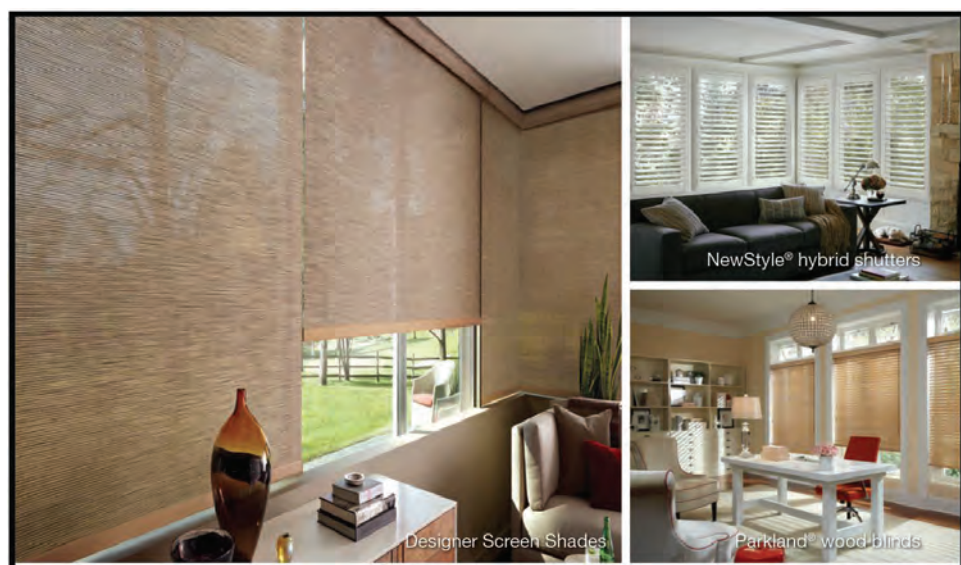
According to Hart, the program tuition is \$6,400. While she has been awarded a scholarship by CIEE for \$1,920, between the remaining cost of the program, and the average cost of airfare from Boston to Singapore of approximately \$1,300 round trip, Hart will still need to pay about \$5,780.

"This is number is far out of our family's financial ability; however, we will be able to pay the \$1,000 deposit and the airfare, leaving us with \$3,480 to fundraise for. While I realize this is a HUGE amount of money, I plan to put as many hours as possible at my job but I am also seeking additional aid from local organizations and friends," Hart said.

To this effort, Hart has set up a GoFundMe page. Anyone wishing to contribute can go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-saga-get-to-singapore>

The following CEHS students have previously been awarded the \$1,000 Global Navigator Fellows Award by CIEE: James Baldwin, Mia Frost, Lucie Boudreau, Cecilia Price, Kingsley Burch, Brooke Brennen and Hartson Mosunic.

Those interested can learn more about CIEE by going to their website: <https://www.ciee.org>.



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Town Council

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would include the club's auxiliary liquor permit for its mobile service bar. This draft was moved by Councilor Boucher and seconded by Councilor Penny Jordan and was passed unanimously by the Council.

Item #48-2023 Renewal Liquor Licenses - Tostones Cafe

A draft motion was presented to approve the renewal of liquor license and special amusement permit for Tostones Cafe located at 337 Ocean House Road. A request was made from Tostones Cafe to remain open to the public on Saturday night until 1 a.m., one time per month, for Latin American dance music. This request is included in the "special amusement permit" section of their liquor license renewal. The draft was moved by Councilor Penny Jordan and seconded by Councilor Noonan, passing unanimously by the Council.

Item #49-2023 To Consider Scheduling the Date for a Referendum Vote on the Citizens Petition Relating to the Enactment of a Residential Pesticide Use Ordinance

A special meeting occurred on March 1 to discuss the referendum vote on a residential pesticide use ordinance and town citizens had collected enough signatures to put the referendum on the ballot. The purpose of this meeting's discussion on the topic was when to send the initiative to a referendum vote. Opening up the floor to public comment, the council heard from a handful of citizens with varying opinions.

Richard Bryant urged the council to adopt the ordinance and put the referendum on the June 2023 ballot as it's a "seasonal issue." He noted that by saving it for the November ballot, if passed, wouldn't have practical effect until next year.

Others including Tim Thompson, Henry Peruzzi, Don Kennell and Tom Dunham, suggested "slowing down" as the issue needs more education and conversation from Cape citizens, industry experts and the ordinance committee.

Council members Boucher and Noonan both agreed that a November timeline made most sense with the likelihood of "having more voters in November" and for the practical reason for needing more time to coordinate with the ordinance committee.

Chair Gabrielson shared his opinion that waiting until November would "give us time to work through the ordinance process to make sure we're making amendments to what's allowed under state law and putting the best ordinance with the most clarity possible in front of voters in November." He added that any changes made in coordination with the ordinance committee would be to clarify and define its language and would keep "in the spirit of the referendum that citizens signed."

The motion passed unanimously to refer the draft charge to the ordinance committee.

Item #50-2023 To Consider Possible Next Steps on the Citizens Petition Relating to the Enactment of a Residential Pesticide Use Ordinance

Mary Costigan, corporate attorney for the town, reviewed the petition for irregularities. Her opinion was that it "could go to voters in current form," with the recommendation of adding definitions (for ordinance enforcement).

Nancy Ross commented that she's glad the town is taking up this work, as "it's very important." Ross holds a number of environmental and agricultural credentials and shared her expert opinion that synthetic pesticides shouldn't be used for lawn and garden applications. She urged the council "to come

up with an ordinance that eliminates danger to the health, safety, and the environment in the town of Cape Elizabeth."

Henry Peruzzi of 1131 Sawyer Road clarified that "every licensed applicator is doing their job to protect the environment, themselves and their customers." He added that "when applied correctly, there's minimal migration of pesticides."

Chair Gabrielson's proposal is for the council to refer the item to the ordinance committee for assistance with language and definitions for the ordinance and to see "if there are other consensus items that will make this a better ordinance for the community." Council Penny Jordan seconds the chair's motion and is passed unanimously among the council.

Item #51-2023 Recommendation from the Finance Director Relating to the Public Works Dump Truck Funding

As summarized by Town Manager Sturgis, this item was brought to the council to approve the scheduled purchasing of a public works dump truck for the 2023 year. In previous years, other items came in under budget with their lease-purchase proceeds. The underage amounts of those items are to be applied to this year's asset.

Motion moved by Councilor Boucher and seconded by Councilor Jordan, unanimously passing by the Council.

Item #52-2023 Approval of Bond Order Authorizing the Lease-Purchase Transaction with TD Equipment Financing

This item was presented for approval of the bond order that authorizes the lease-purchase transaction of the public work's dump truck using TD Equipment Financing of which the best financing terms were offered to the town. With the approval of item #51-2023, the amount of item #52-2023 would be reduced. This motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gabrielson noted that the lease-purchasing efforts made by the town over the last several years are "a way to smooth tax impacts from large capital purchases and also to make sure we're paying for equipment at the time we're using it so it spreads the cost over multiple years."

Item #53-2023 Recommendation from the Finance Director Relating to the FY 2023 Lease-Purchase Bid Award

With the approval of items #51-2023 and #52-2023, this recommendation was motioned by Councilor Boucher and seconded

by Councilor Noonan, passing unanimously.

Item #54-2023 Recommendation from the Finance Director Relating to FY 2023 CIP Interproject Transfers

The Finance Director recommends interproject transfers of funds from projects that came in under budget. These include the Kettle Cove Road drainage improvements which came in \$40,435 under budget as well as the Surf Road Stormwater Management project which came in \$64,564 under budget from what was allocated.

These projects were completed using

ARPA funds awarded to the town from the American Rescue Plan Act that are meant to assist state and local governments in the investment of assets, including economic shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unused ARPA funds are being recommended to offset the costs for the planning and engineering of the Mitchell Road culvert design as well as the Casino Beach Drainage project.

Town Manager Sturgis clarified that "ARPA funds need to be allocated, not spent,

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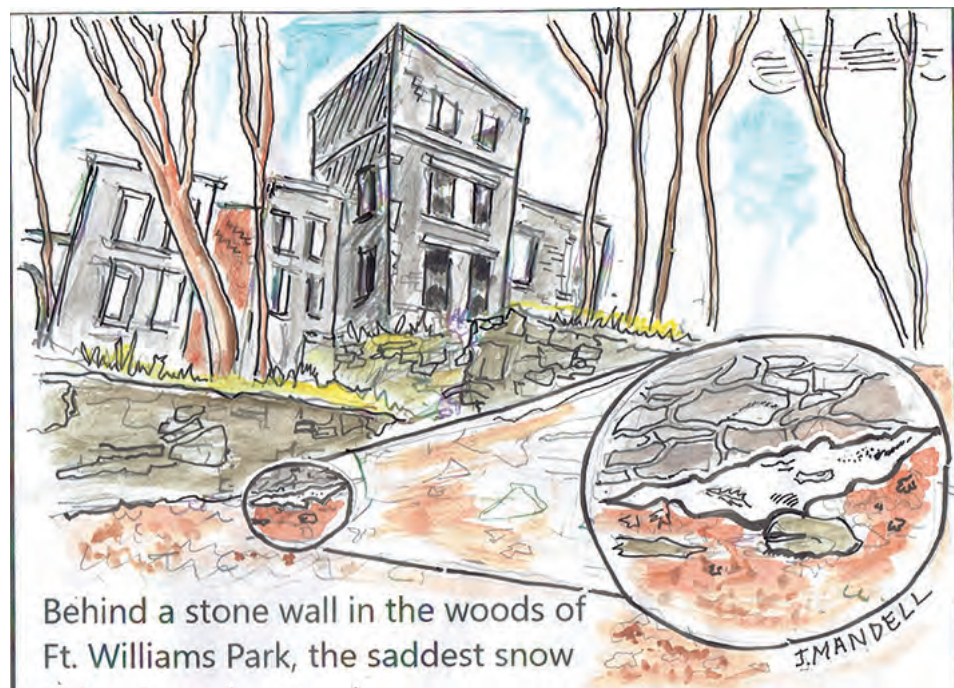
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Capetoon: Saddest Snow 2023

By Jeff Mandell



Behind a stone wall in the woods of Ft. Williams Park, the saddest snow hides from the March sun.

The music corner

By Candice Bellinger

Born on November 14, 1809, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel felt compelled to play the piano, to compose and from a young age this is just what she did. At the age of 14 she played all 24 Preludes from Bach's "Well Tempered Clavier" from memory for her father's birthday. Her brother, Felix, four years younger, followed in her footsteps and so began a lifelong love of music, performing and composition for the brother and sister pair. While Felix was in the limelight, his sister's gifts were no secret from the public. Her composing was quite prolific and primarily for piano and lieder, with a piano trio and quartet, an orchestral overture, which I recently heard live at the Portland Symphony and four Cantatas; one of which "Lobgesang" (Song of Praise) composed for her son's first birthday. The introduction, so sweet and full of love, I find this to be one of the most peaceful moments in her music I have had the pleasure of listening to.

Her Piano Trio in d minor, Op. 11 drives the point home; she is strong, she belongs in this world to compose, to play and nothing was going to stop her. Coming from a well-to-do family, there was no need for her to seek monetary remuneration. She never expressed a need to be recognized or published, but to be respected and taken seriously for her great talent and knowledge in the field of piano performance and composition.

It is well known that many of her compositions were published under her brother Felix Mendelssohn's name; however, her reputation was so well known it was not difficult for the distinguished peer to know they were listening to her music. Composed in 1828, "Easter Sonata" for piano was not discovered until 1970 and attributed to her brother. Not until 2010 was it brought to light that this was in fact her composition.

In 1841, she composed "Das Jahr," a series of pieces for piano depicting the months of the year. This composition was accompanied by a short poem and illustration by her husband for each month. This is a lovely compilation and I encourage you to listen.

The strength in her musical lines and passionate pulsating rhythms seem to deliver a message that she herself had a need to play, to compose and it didn't matter if anyone was listening. Music was there for her and she, in her beautiful way, shared her music with us all. Music transcends time. Her message is with us all; we just have to listen.

If you are a history buff I encourage you to read "The Mendelssohn Family, From Letters and Journals," written by Fanny's only living son Sebastian Ludwig Felix Hensel. There we will learn more about the courage and charisma of this spectacular woman, born before her time. If you are "tech challenged" and would like my assistance with finding our weekly listening, please email me at musicwam@yahoo.com.

You can also find me on Facebook. Candice Bellinger.



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Local birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

Discovering moments of joy can be as simple as the sudden appearance of a new bird in the yard. Fortunately, early spring migrants like the Song Sparrow are appearing in greater numbers every day now.

This unquenchable optimist sings its “Silver tongue” song loud and cheery. Found around our feeders this time each year and generally where thickets abound, this shy medium-sized sparrow will spend most of its time over the next several weeks carving out territories before engaging in the pleasant pastime of courtship.

Although the Song Sparrow is often identified by the large spot in the middle of its striped breast, there are several other sparrow types that exhibit a very similar type of marking. I recently learned that this spot is merely an arrangement of spotted feathers which do not always appear on young birds and may even be absent in some adults. The tumbled trill of Red-winged Blackbirds can also be heard across town. Juxtaposed to the flashy scarlet and yellow wing patch donned by the males, the females look sparrow-like (too big though) and are far more subtle, with brown streaking throughout.

A few notes from the field and yard include: on March 11 as the sun began to set three northbound Turkey Vultures circled high above the high school while several American Woodcocks sounded off within the fringes of the nearby marshland.

Additionally, on March 17 along the section of the Sawyer Road that crosses the Spurwink Marsh I spotted three Hooded Mergansers and a single Common Merganser feeding in a shallow salt-water pool. It has been said more than once that few New England ducks are handsomer than the male Common

Merganser. In its breeding plumage this large fish-eating duck has an iridescent green shine to its black head and a deep red, serrated bill. The Common Merganser is almost always found on freshwater rivers and lakes or during migration in estuaries and backwaters where the tide runs in and out.

Also, on March 18 while meandering along the back beach trails of Crescent Beach State Park my son and I heard the far-carrying cry of four Killdeer overhead.

Of the plover family, these robin-sized birds are one of the least water-associated of all shorebirds. Killdeer are considered partial migrators because the more southerly populations stay put year-round. The Killdeer that arrive this far north are known as leap-frog migrants because rather than compete for food and space with the year round residents inhabiting the southern half of the U.S., they will use the earth’s magnetic field, practically flying straight from Mexico or Central America to Cape Elizabeth and beyond.

On this same day the Carolina Wren couple that had spent the winter with us were singing a duet as they explored nesting locations around the yard. Interestingly, only the male Carolina Wren sings the loud songs. The female will add her own unique chatter vocalizations to the male’s song – this by the way is the easiest way to identify male from female, only the female does the chatter.

Later in the afternoon I was listening to two Woodcocks displaying in a wet field nearby to my house when a Great-horned Owl’s hoot added to the chorus. The following afternoon, March 19 within Robinson woods II, a Barred Owl called out from its shadowy perch as a Great-blue Heron flew high overhead.

ratios of the site plan, painting display areas for clarification, and installing rope gates as a safety measure near the pedestrian aisles and parking lot.

The board and Maureen had discussed with Friedland additional changes that were not included in his amendments or original approval site plan that would need to be included for application completeness. LaVallee introduced a motion, and seconded by Palmer, to deem the application incomplete. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Sahrbeck told Friedland to compile the latest approved site plan, with renderings for changes, displays and other discussed details, along with issues in regards to parking and coverage for the lumber for final application review, stating it “would be helpful to us and members of public who might want to see what your proposed changes are.”

LaVallee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bodenski. The Board moved to adjourn.

Nature scene around town



Female Bluebird at Two Lights State Park.

Photo by Martha Agan

Planning Board

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Lumber Site Plan Amendments

Yam Yams LLC, represented by Michael Friedland, is requesting site plan amendments to change outdoor storage and display for the property located at 287 Ocean House Rd (U22-76), Sec. 19-9, Site Plan Completeness.

Friedland explained to the board that his plan is to remove the fence on the north side of the property to make it easier and safer for staff and the public. Currently, it slows pedestrian traffic and makes it difficult and unsafe for staff to snowblow or operate a forklift around the fence and in between the display areas. Removing the fence would allow Friedland to erect a new display area, thus increasing his retail space [as defined by ordinance language].

Friedland also described to the board changes as suggested by the town engineer including basic changes to wording for improved clarification, changing the

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Springtime Clothing Swap on April 1

The library is partnering with the town's Recycling Committee to organize a springtime clothing swap. The event will take place in the library's Community Room on Saturday, April 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donations are no longer being accepted, but if you would like to "shop," and haven't donated, please stop by the library for a ticket which will allow you entry starting at 12:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the library's website.

Paper Dolls on Display in the Stier Family Gallery beginning April 1

In 2017, a group of friends who are all book artists decided to take on a new challenge—making paper dolls based on pre-selected themes. And, so, The Paper Doll Collective was born.

Drawing on their diverse artistic backgrounds, their first dolls were wildly different and inspired them to continue to explore the possibilities of interpreting a theme. All of the dolls are assembled by hand, and each artist makes enough to share with the other six members of the collective. Other than the theme and general scale, no restrictions are placed on materials, technique or interpretation. Each doll is as unique as the woman who made it.

The work of The Paper Doll Collective will be on display in library's Stier Family Gallery during the months of April and May. The artists hope the exhibit will encourage all aspiring artists to try their hand at making paper dolls. The library will host a paper doll workshop facilitated by members of the Paper Doll Collective on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Class size is limited, so pre-registration is required. This workshop is primarily for adults, but focused and motivated teens are welcome to attend as well. Participants may choose to have works created during this workshop become part of the library's Community Art Box exhibits in the spring or summer.

In Search of Human Books

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These are just a few of the possible Human Book titles that could be available for one-on-one or small group conversations during the library's Human Library® event this fall. The library is partnering with the Town's DEI Committee on this project. The Human Library® offers the opportunity for real people (Books) to share their experiences and stories as they engage with the community (Readers) in conversation.

If you defy a stereotype and are motivated to help challenge stigma through dialogue and personal conversations, please consider applying to be published by the Human Library for our event this fall.

The Human Library® is a nonprofit organization that hosts conversations designed to challenge stigma and stereotypes. These events create "a safe space for dialogue where topics are discussed openly" and "where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered." Human Library® events have been organized in 85 countries worldwide since 2000.

If you're interested in volunteering to be a Human Book this fall, please visit the library's website for more information and to fill out an application. Once submitted, you will be contacted by one of our Human Library organizers for further steps. All are welcome to apply.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

For more information and to register for all library events, visit our online events calendar at the following link: <https://www.thomasmemoriamlibrary.org/events>

Character of the Month

Stop by the children's room to celebrate an environmental icon, The Lorax, and discover fun activities throughout the month like our popular scavenger hunt. Join us for a kick-off story time on Friday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.

followed by a special craft.

Read To a Dog

Children in grades K – 6, especially struggling or less-than-confident readers, are invited to sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog. Check out the sign-up sheet in the children's room for appointment availability and to "meet" our dogs, or call the children's room for more information.

Special Events

Community Poet-Tree

April is National Poetry Month. Help us celebrate by writing your own poetry and helping us create a "poet tree" in the children's room. By the end of the month, we hope to have a beautiful art installation created by community members of all ages.

Weaving Wonders

Saturday, April 1, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

For ages 8-14. Join us and create your own beaded key fob or necklace during this fun, beginner-friendly weaving project. No prior experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required, sign up on our website.

Unicorn Day Story Time & Dance Party

Saturday, April 8, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Hooray it's Unicorn Day, April 9! Join the unicorns as they celebrate their favorite day of the year, complete with rainbows, cupcakes, butterflies, and all sorts of joyful things. Gallop to the library for this magical storytime, dance party, and craft with our friends from the South Portland Public Library.

Weekly Programming

Messy Minis! Process Art for Curious Kids

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis time in the Community Room. Let's paint, color, cut, and paste together to make magic. Each week we'll have different supplies out for you to be creative with. Some supplies may be limited, so be ready with your flexible and creative muscles. We can't wait to see what you make! For budding artists ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

Dress Up and Dance

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2-5)

Join us for 30 minutes of moving and grooving to our favorite playlist, special dress-up costumes, and everybody's favorite bubble song. For dancing enthusiasts ages 2-5.

Play Date at the Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (All ages)

Drop-in playtime session for children and their caregivers. This informal program is a fun and engaging way to explore literacy practices along with social and imaginative play. Through play, young children learn about their world. With this knowledge, they can understand books and stories once they begin to read. The Community Room is open for exploration during this time, with special toys and stations while you visit with friends.

Ready for Reading Club

Wednesday, 1:30-2:00 p.m. (Ages 4+)

A special storytime program for children ages 4 and up. Join Miss Martha to enjoy longer stories, fun with music, and a variety of simple early learning games and activities.

Tiny Tunes

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 1-3)

This inclusive program is for children who are not quite ready for a traditional story time, but love to have fun with friends. Join us for a movement-based program that's a gentle introduction to the routines, songs, and props we use for storytimes, but without the books. Great for curious, wandering wigglers, ages 1-3, and their caregivers.

Traditional Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. (Ages 3+)

Join us in the Community Room for songs and stories, bubbles, and Belinda the Bear. Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

School-Age Programs

First Tuesday of each Month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Community Room) April 4

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Lego Club (Ages 5-12)

Come create with Legos at TML's LEGO Club! The library will provide the Legos, you provide the imagination. Come free build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meets. There is no registration for this program, children 10 and under must have an adult present.

T(w)een Crafternoon Club

Thursdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Drop-in for social time for tweens and a creative activity, for ages 11 - 13

April

- 6 - Stretchy bookmarks
- 13 - Felt pencil toppers
- 20 - Foil embossing
- 26 - Painted terracotta pots (could we get seeds to plant?)

#LibrarySquad

Bi-Weekly: First and Third Fridays of each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
April 7 and 21
Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas, and help form the foundation of our programming. Library Squad meets after school on the first Friday of each month from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. at TML.

Middle School Book Club

Bi-Weekly: Second and Fourth Fridays of each Month, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
April 14: Bring your own book. We discuss whatever we are currently reading.
April 28: Group pick and discussion. Find out the current title & register by emailing Family Engagement Librarian Megan Smith at msmith@thomas.lib.me.us.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

For more information and to register for all library events, visit our online events calendar at the following link: <https://www.thomasmemoriallibrary.org/events/>.

Advance Care Planning, with Hospice of Southern Maine

Thursday, March 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person AND via Zoom
While each of us would like to be as prepared as possible for the end of life, it is easy to move this type of work down on our ongoing and often growing list of priorities. Advance care planning may help to reduce or minimize stress by knowing that you are prepared for whatever the future holds for you. This presentation will give you the tools and knowledge to begin thinking about and planning for the future you envision. Join us as we welcome back the professionals of Hospice of Southern Maine, who will guide us through meaningful steps that we all can take to be more prepared to face end of life decisions, whenever they may arise. Register for this program on the library's website.

The Wonder of Maine's Wildlife, with Ed Robinson

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library and streamed simultaneously via Zoom
Join us for an evening of education and celebration featuring some of Maine's iconic and beautiful wildlife. Ed Robinson, avid outdoorsman and writer, returns to the library to deliver his latest presentation featur-

ing stunning images, animal calls, facts and anecdotes about a wide variety of species that make Maine such a special place. If you caught either of Ed's previous programs at TML, you know you're in for a fascinating, fun, and informative evening.

Understanding Tree Communication, with Annie Novak

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom
Trees can't speak, but they are in constant communication. Join TML and New York Botanical Garden's Annie Novak, as we learn more about fungal networks, volatile organic compounds, and how science and popular culture are just catching up with a conversation millions of years in the making. Drawing on the fundamentals of tree botany, you'll learn how to enrich your observation practices and build a stronger relationship with the trees around you. Register for this program on the library's website.

So Mushroom for Improvement, with Cape Elizabeth Garden Club

Thursday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library
CE Garden Club's speaker series continues this month with Louis Giller of North Spore in Portland. North Spore was launched in 2014 by a mycologist, an organic farmer, and a photojournalist - three college friends brought together through their shared love of the mycological world. What began as a simple love for mushroom foraging and cultivation quickly developed into an obsession with all things fungi. From there, an urban mushroom farm was born, as was the desire to spread the spore to the masses. Pull up a toadstool and join us at the library as this month's speaker Louis Giller presents a program on growing your own mushrooms indoors or outdoors. When it comes to mushrooms, he's a real Champignon, and we think you'll like him—he's a real fungi. And if you don't, well, he'll grow on you. All are welcome, but if you can't make it, don't worry, you're not going to get in truffle.

Nature Journaling Workshop, with Rebekah Lowell

Saturday, April 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in person at the library
Nature journaling is a meditative form of art in which observations, thoughts and emotions about the natural world can be both written and drawn. Join TML and author and artist Rebekah Lowell for an immersive na-

ture journaling experience in which we will explore our wild surroundings and learn to appreciate the sights, sounds and smells of the natural world around us! This workshop will allow participants to learn about and explore various aspects of nature including wildlife, plants and more. 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: April 6 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.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Daily Fika (Coffee Break)

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Guerilla Poetry Whoop

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Next meeting: April 11 (second Tuesday this month) via Zoom

E-ldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
In person and via Zoom

Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Next meeting: April 4
In person at the library

Big Little Lit Book Group

Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Next meeting: April 19
April book: "The Diamond of Drury Lane," by Julia Golding
In person at the library and streamed simultaneously via Zoom

Adult Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Next meetings: April 20
April book: "Purple Hibiscus," by Chi maramanda Ngozi Adichie
In person at the library and streamed simultaneously via Zoom



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Artistic paper dolls by The Paper Doll Collective will be on display in the Stier Family Gallery in April and May.

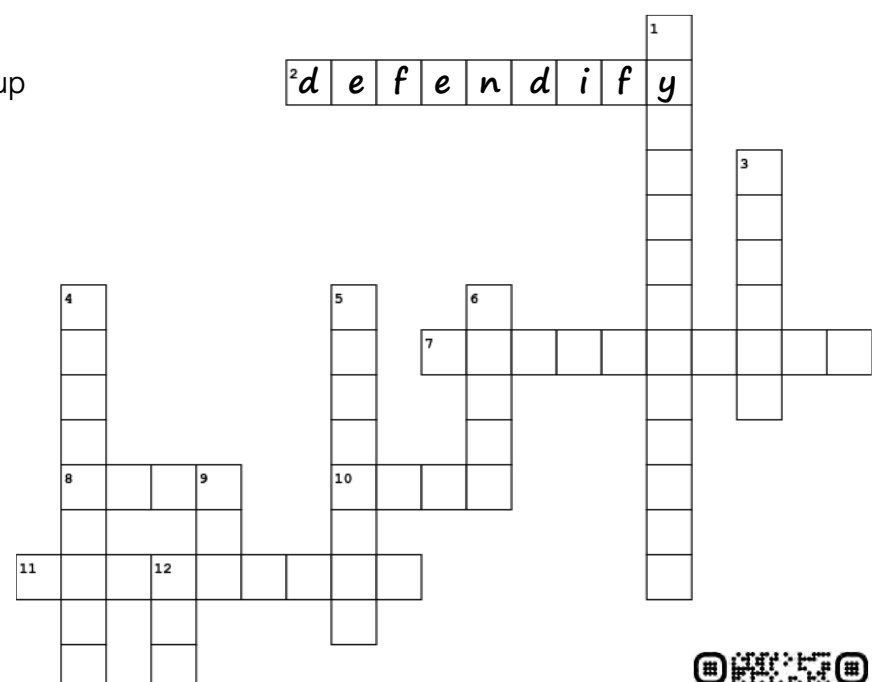
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CAPE CALENDAR | By Wendy Derzawiec

Please see the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com for meeting locations
 Instructions for joining videoconference meetings listed below will be posted on the town website, www.capeelizabeth.com.

Thursday, March 30

School Board Policy Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 3

Housing Diversity Study Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

School Board Budget Workshop Q & A (if needed), Cape Elizabeth High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 6

School Building Advisory Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Public Works Department, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 10

Town Council, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

School Board Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee, 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 Mondays and Thursdays when "Open" sign displayed, Fort Williams, in the brick building closest to Shore Road (ring the doorbell).

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

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 Church of the Nazarene
 April 1, April 2, April 8, April 9 - 9 a.m.

Dean's list announcements

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester at the University of New England:

Lila Gaudrault
Ann Guimond
Andrew Miller

Abigail Agrodnia of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts. Agrodnia is majoring in Business Management. Agrodnia is the daughter of Marta Agrodnia and Aaron Agrodnia.

Oliver Cochran was named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.

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747-1113
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 Services streamed live on demand: watch.capenazarene.org

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
 280 Ocean House Road
799-8396
www.ceumc.org
 Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
 In-person Sunday services 10 a.m. For Zoom services, call 799-8396

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 29 Ocean House Road
799-4321
 Sacrament Meeting: Sunday, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School/Primary: 11:10 a.m.-12 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
www.HolySpiritPortland.org
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School for children: 10:00 a.m.
 Services streamed live on Facebook
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Congregation Bet Ha'am
 81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0028
www.bethaam.org
 Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
 Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Community Church
 879 Sawyer Street South Portland
799-4565
www.hopesopo.com
www.facebook.com/hopesopo
 Sunday Morning Worship at 10 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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Redeemer Lutheran Church - LCMS
 410 Main Street, Gorham
839-7100
www.RedeemerMaine.org
 1st Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m. with masks
 Sunday Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Service: 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Vespers: 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday and Wednesday services are in person and streamed on Facebook

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
 885 Shore Road
799-4014
www.stalbansmaine.org
 Sunday Services:
 Rite 1 with Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
 Rite 2 with Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
 Live Streaming on YouTube (stalbanschannel)
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St Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church
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207-883-0443
JP2me@portlanddiocese.org
 Website: www.JP2me.org
 Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.
 Monday Mass: 8 a.m.

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
 301 Cottage Road, South Portland
 799-3361
www.fccucc.org
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. in person and streamed on Facebook & YouTube

First Congregational Church of Scarborough
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Meeting

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by the end of 2024.” Councilor Boucher suggested spending a remaining balance of \$8k of ARPA allowances for further broadband coverage. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #55-2023 Request from Councilor Reiniger to Amend the School Building Advisory Committee Charge

Councilor Reiniger shared his intentions for his proposed amendments “to help the process” and because it’s such a high profile issue for the town. His amendments would relay specifying and naming certain guidelines that fall in line with the Department of Education.

Councilors Boucher and Noonan shared their hesitancy to adopt the amendments with “concern about bringing confusion to the process” and the unclear expectation of what it means to “meet” something that’s negotiable by the state with the state not currently providing any funding. Chair Gabrielson also shared that these amendments pending adoption would need to be approved by the school board as well to “ensure we have a uniform charge for the committee.”

Councilor Gillis moved to adopt changes, seconded by Councilor Reiniger. With a lack of majority votes, the motion failed.

Item #56-2023 Request from Councilor Reiniger to Refer Proposed Changes to the Zoning Ordinance Related to LD 2003 to the Ordinance Committee

The ordinance committee has been working on revisions to become in compliance with LD 2003 and are working on bringing a package back to the council this spring.

Cynthia Dill of 1227 Shore Road, thinks this is a good idea. She said, “I do believe very strongly that the proposed changes that are currently on the table and being considered by the ordinance committee will have unintended consequences and will divide the

community at a time when we’re trying to come together around the housing issue, so if we have an alternative that you can get the votes and support on, I encourage you to do it.” She thanked the council for their public service.

Other citizens have suggested referring the request to the ordinance committee. This motion is moved by Councilor Jordan, and seconded by Councilor Gillis. Councilor Noonan shared that she has an issue with the request as presented, not because of its substance or language, but because it “introduces chaos to the process” and saying that “Reiniger’s proposed changes are now a few iterations old and there are different versions floating around.”

A motion to refer draft changes to the ordinance committee for consideration was opposed by Councilors Noonan and Boucher, but passed with a majority four votes.

Item #57-2023 Referral of the FY 2024 Municipal Budget to the Finance Committee

Town Manager Sturgis shared his thanks to “John Quartararo, our Finance Director, for his hard work and assistance, and the other department heads to help bring this year’s budget to fruition... and focused on needs, not on wants.”

He shared many highlights of the fiscal year 2024 budget items including: focusing on providing the best public services to the town and retaining current employees and attracting new employees; planning and engineering work proposed and approved previously in the evening; the replacement of two police cruisers; investments to security measures to Town Hall, Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments as well as other community services; new city sidewalks; improving communication efforts such as CETV and the remote attendance technology for various town and committee meetings; further fire and emergency services staffing; and a significant investment in Fort Williams park including maintaining the pickleball and tennis courts, relocating the playground, and safety improvements to the road.

These items are part of the FY 2024 budget to be discussed with appropriate personnel and will be “digging into a lot more detail over the coming weeks” as clarified by Chair Gabrielson.

The motion to refer the Town Manager’s budget to the Finance Committee for review was moved by Councilors Boucher and Noonan and passed unanimously in the council.

Dean’s list announcements

The following students were named to the dean’s list honors for the fall 2022 semester at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut:

Kalie M. Manning
Julia A. Pilk

The following students were named to the dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York:

Anna Cornell
Arnau Phillips Vila

The University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut is pleased to announce **Brendan Connolly** of Cape Elizabeth has been named to its President’s Honors List for the fall 2022 semester.

Matthew Leighton was recently named to the dean’s list at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia for the fall 2022 semester.

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The following students have been named to the fall 2022 dean’s list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island:

Karli Chapin
Nate Mullen
Jessica Robicheaw

Owen Patry has been named to the dean’s list for achieving academic excellence during the fall 2022 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Cooper Sherman earned Dean’s List honors for the fall 2022 Semester at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Erin A. Volent was named to second honors on the dean’s list for the Fall 2022 semester at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The following students were named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island:

Tiernan Lathrop
Emily Supple

Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts recently announced the dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester:

Hannah Johnson, Class of 2025
Tucker Livingston, Class of 2026

Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania congratulates **Maevie McQueeney** for achieving dean’s list status during the fall 2022 semester.

Dana Schwartz has been named to the dean’s list at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York for the 2022 fall semester.



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CEMS Drama Club to perform HONK! Jr.



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The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Drama Club in rehearsals for *Honk! Jr.*, their first show in three years due to the pandemic.

It's been three years since the Middle School Drama Club has been able to mount a show. Everything shut down in the middle of rehearsals for *Mary Poppins* in the Spring of 2020 due to the pandemic, and when school reopened for in-person learning that fall the middle school's stage was being employed as a part of the lunch seating plan to maintain appropriate distancing.

That plan continued last year too, but this year lunch seating is back to normal and the stage has become a performance space again.

So, the middle school musical is back. They will be performing *Honk! Jr.*, a musical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling." It is a heartwarming celebration of being different that will delight audiences of all

ages with its sparkling wit, unique charm and memorable songs. The cast and crew of about 50 students have been working on the show since late January and are getting excited to perform.

Opening night will be Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m., and there will be two more performances on Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and one on Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

The show runs about one hour. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and will be available at the door prior to each performance.

Make plans today to attend a performance of *HONK! Jr.*, and celebrate Spring by supporting the return of another of our communities' wonderful performing arts offerings. See you at the show!

Croft crowned Lip Sync Champion



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Project Graduation's Lip Sync Battle, organized by Suzanne Pillsbury, took place at Cape Elizabeth High School on March 16. Dave Croft retained his title as Lip Sync Champion out of six acts and 17 performers. It was held at the high school auditorium on March 16th. Emcees for the night were CEHS seniors Sonia Wold and Jack Quinn. The event was judged by Todd Gutner (Chief Meteorologist at News Center Maine), John Springer (CEHS principal) and Joanne Lee (CEHS Coral Director).

For those interested in supporting Project Graduation, donations can be sent by Venmo @Cape-HSPA with "Project Grad '23" in the subject line or mailed to: Project Graduation 2023, c/o CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Scouts 'clean-up hike' along Route 77



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Scouts of Troop 30 took a clean-up hike, picking up trash along Route 77 and elsewhere in Cape Elizabeth. They are pictured here with Scoutmaster Nick Scott.

WHAT IS GOOD GOVERNANCE?

"If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists - to protect them and to promote their common welfare - all else is lost." ~ Barack Obama

What does good Governance look like in Cape Elizabeth?

The next time you visit Thomas Memorial Library, consider its story. After the original, costly proposal was defeated in referendum, the Town Council took that defeat to heart. They discarded the original plan and took a renewed look at renovation, ultimately presenting an affordable proposal to create the beautiful library we all know and love today.

That beautiful library is a great example of what good governance looks like in Cape. It is the type of governance we deserve.

What has Governance in Cape Elizabeth looked like since?

- During the 2020-21 school year, Cape students were limited to attending in-person classes only two days a week. When it became apparent that there was no change on the horizon, Cape parents desperately sought a public dialogue with the CESD administration and the school board. That public dialogue was never granted. Further, when fifty medical professionals from our community generously reached out to offer their expertise to assist in any way possible, their offer was quickly dismissed.
- As we approached the end of 2021, voters spoke out against zoning amendments that ignored Cape's comprehensive plan, benefited the developer at taxpayers' expense, and made way for large apartment buildings throughout the town center. The changes were passed by the Town Council anyway, and citizens who voiced their opposition were compared to arsonists. It took a citizen-led petition to inform the public and build support to overturn the Council's changes.
- And what about the failed school building bond proposal in November? Did you know that Cape spent just under **\$1,000,000** on the proposal that was opposed by **62%** of our community? Rather than accepting accountability for a flawed process that led to an excessive proposal, many of our leaders quickly attributed that defeat to a **marketing failure!** Today, some of those same officials are pushing to spend even more of our property tax dollars on a more robust marketing plan.

Who is the Cape Neighbors Alliance?

We are a group of citizens who believe that good governance happens when our community is heard, processes are transparent, and personal agendas are set aside. We intend to stand with our neighbors and our community to ensure this vision becomes reality.