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In the Spirit of Community

Cape boys' and girls' ultimate frisbee teams take first place at PVI

By Kevin St. Jarre

Both the Cape Elizabeth boys' and girls' ultimate frisbee teams took first place at the Pioneer Valley Invitational tournament in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The PVI is one of the largest school tournaments in the country, with teams from New Jersey to Canada travelling to compete in the two-day tournament.

Tim Hebda is one of the coaches for the girls' team, and he said that the PVI in Massachusetts is a high-level tournament and provides Maine teams, with athletes from places like Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth, Portland, Waynflete and Cumberland, a chance to see other teams and compete at a more rigorous level.

Both the boys' and girls' teams played six games over the two-day tournament. "Each game is 90 minutes and the athletes need to be in terrific shape," Hebda said.

On their way to taking first place, the Cape girls had a final game facing off against Green Mountain of Vermont. "The championship came down to Universe Point, the next to score wins. Cape had been down by three with a strong breeze impacting gameplay. The girls not only closed the gap, but won the championship on the last point," Hebda said. See photos of the teams on right.

Seeking bike donations for immigrant families

Cape Elizabeth resident Tom Mikulka is seeking bike donations for immigrant families in the Portland area (see Letter to the Editor from the May 24 Courier issue).

For those interested in donating a bike, Tom can be reached at 207-899-4123.



Photo by Kelly Hemeon

The Cape Elizabeth girls' ultimate frisbee team from left to right, front row: Coach Jackie Pierce, Sonia Wold, Olive Weyrens, Maggie Pierce. Second Row: Ellie Mainville, Gianna Barbieri, Molly Nagel, Nell Hebda, Laila Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Ella Phalen, Emily Noble, Celia Linderorth, Ella Leding (Cumberland) Grace Carmellini, Vivi Wagner, Coach Tim Hebda, Liv Walker (South Portland), Piper Rickman, Maddy Kalin (Cumberland).



Photo by Kelly Hemeon

The Cape Elizabeth boys' ultimate frisbee team are (left to right): Mike Callahan (coach), Eli Beber, Stewart Kelley (coach), Jackson Hooper, Heiki Kuhrt, Abubakr Shir, Andrew Patry, Max Hemeon, Josh Lench, Brody Glidden, Owen Lee (upper), Brian Lane (lower), Charlie Garvin, Adel Shir, Sam Ludington, Philip Nelson, Grant Kelley, Joe McDonald, Henry Babcock (coach).

News from May 16 PB meeting

By Hanna Gilley

April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

The Planning Board asked for approval of the April 18, meeting minutes. The motion was introduced by Jim Huebener and seconded by Derek LaVallee. With no discussion from the board, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting minutes from the May 2 Planning Board Workshop were also approved.

Solar Array Cape Elizabeth Landfill

ER Cape Elizabeth Solar, LLC, is requesting a site plan amendment to install a 0.9 MW solar array at the Cape Elizabeth Landfill located at 21 Dennison Dr (R05-10), Sec. 19-9, Site Plan Public Hearing.

Jim Reid of Sevee & Maher Engineers, representing ER Cape Elizabeth Solar, LLC, gave the board a summary of the proposed project which included that ER Cape Solar, LLC, proposes to install a .9 megawatt AC solar array on a 6.5-acre leased portion of a 188-acre parcel located at 21 Dennison Drive at the Cape Elizabeth landfill location.

The proposed 6.5-acre leased parcel is marked on town documents as "lot 10, map 5" and in residential zone A. Its use will be essential services/utilities/public service and it meets all zoning ordinances, including setbacks and height requirements.

The solar array consists of 2796 modules, a 7-foot high perimeter fence, ballast foundations, and concrete equipment pads. There will be no penetration to the existing landfill cap and an estimated 10,000 square feet of earth will be disturbed, mostly for the ballast foundations.

Reid presented the board with two amendments. The first being to move the perimeter fence from the bottom of the hill as proposed to installing it more closely around the solar array. Secondly, sound tests were performed around different areas of the proposed site including at the transfer pad. No sound disturbance issues were found on the proposed site.

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Focus on facts, not attacks

It's hard to escape the increased rancor of the last couple of years. It's also noticeable that we've seen more reliance on misleading assertions, innuendo, personal attacks on the character of our town staff and larger sums of dark money entering local politics.

I suggest we step back and consider how we want to address our future. Do we want to rely on secretive, anonymous groups who claim to be dedicated to transparency and good government, while relying on dubious and often simply false statements? Or do we believe in the value of government, our elected and appointed officials, town staff and a fact-based transparent approach to solving problems?

We have real challenges to address — a stagnant tax base, a dearth of housing op-

tions for seniors and young families, failing town infrastructure and a lack of a long-term fiscal plan. We also have an amazing community addressing these issues. We can do better. We can debate ideas without attacking people. We can use facts to create cohesive and comprehensive solutions. This isn't a bipartisan issue — it's a nonpartisan issue.

It affects all of us, whether you're young in years or young in heart, whether you've lived here a day or generations. It's on all of us to be the community we want to model for our children and grandchildren.

*NOTE: The author is the chair of Board of Zoning Appeals and the Ad Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee. The views expressed here are his own.

Kevin Justh

Purchase tickets in advance for Family Fun Day

In order to help with the long lines that people experience when buying tickets at Family Fun Day, the Family Fun Day Committee is going to have several opportunities to purchase tickets before the event and skip the lines.

Tickets purchased can be used for Lions carnival games, the Lions train ride, the obstacle course, the bungee jump, the climbing wall and the bounce house.

Tickets will be sold at the following times and locations:

Saturday June 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Trans-

fer Station (Outside Bottle Shed)

Tuesday June 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., in front of IGA

Wednesday June 14, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., in front of Community Services

Thursday June 15, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., in front of IGA

Mark Fleming, Chairman Family Fun Day Committee

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Thoughts on housing issue

As deadlines approach around the housing issue in Cape Elizabeth, one thing has become perfectly clear; there are two concurrent processes at play.

The first process is happening in response to the new state law, LD 2003. Working with Cape's town planner, members of the Ordinance Committee have explained that the scope of their work is focused on what must be done to comply with the law. In short, the Ordinance Committee's proposed amendments are not to include changes that "would be nice." Their changes, as they've explained, are about what is required by LD 2003.

So, who is looking at the second process, in regard to "what would be nice?" This is the work being done by the Housing Diversity Study Committee (HDSC). For example, Cape already complies with the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) size requirements. Might it be nice to allow for significantly larger ADU's? Might it be nice to give property owners more flexibility on what they want to build on their property, including small apartments? Might it be nice to open up town-owned land including our parks and little league fields to housing development? Or, might our community have valid concerns with these types of changes?

The pressing concern today revolves around the Ordinance Committee's currently proposed amendments. Is their proposal in fact limited to the changes that are required by LD 2003? Or does it include changes they believe "would be nice?"

Tammy Walter

Pleased with changes to transfer station hours

I was pleased to read in the recent issue that the Transfer Station will now be closed on Mondays and open on Tuesdays (and also on Fridays and Saturdays). I enjoy talking with the staff there and have always found them to be very helpful. I'm glad that now they'll have two consecutive days off. This will improve their chances for recreation, time with their families and friends, and just relaxing.

Those of us who are used to going there on Mondays will have to adjust a bit, but we won't have to figure out when to go on weeks with a Monday holiday.

I'm glad the Town Council decided to make this change to improve employees' work/life balance.

Susan Payne

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Then and Now: Coming to you from poolside

By Jim Rowe

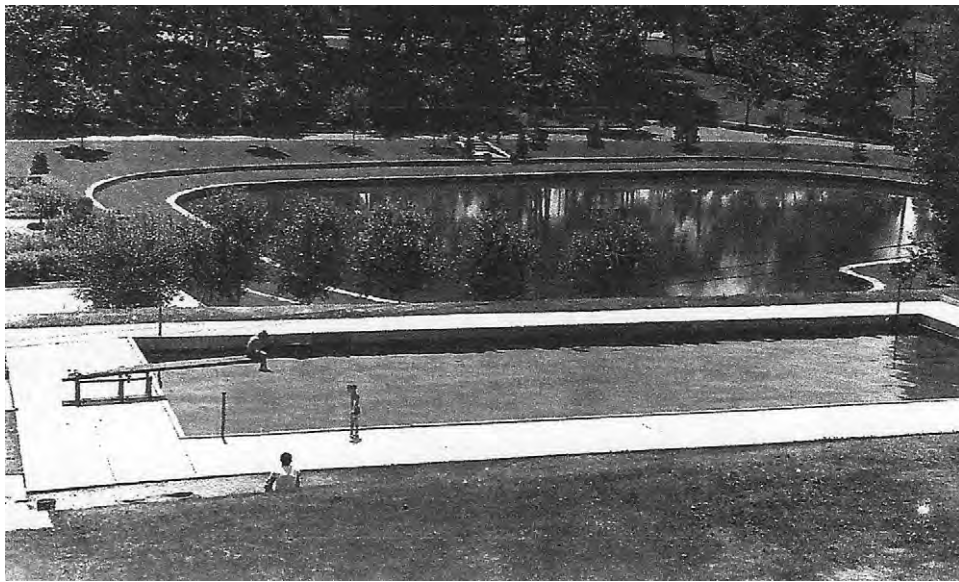


Photo courtesy of Millard Pippin

This 1936 photo shows the outdoor swimming pool built in 1935 at Fort Williams. The pool was buried in the 1970s.

Relatively few Cape Elizabethans today will recall the outdoor swimming pool at Fort Williams. The pool was situated roughly at the eastern end of today's Children's Garden. It was built in 1935, one of several construction projects completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was a job creation program enacted by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to help America recover from the Great Depression. The CCC existed roughly between 1933 and 1942. While not considered to be "military," per se, the program was administered by the Army. Notably, Fort Williams was home to two CCC companies- the 165th (an administration unit), and the 1131st (a construction unit).

In addition to the pool, the 1131st also installed the stone edging around the lily pad pond. It built the concrete bleachers at the parade ground, of which only one segment remains (where our high school graduations

are held, weather permitting). The CCC built a movie theater on base, tennis courts and a handball court (all 1938), and other projects- within Fort Williams and in the surrounding area.

The swimming pool at Fort Williams served not only enlisted soldiers and their families, but also offered hours for public use. One of my friends took swimming lessons there.

Like other features of Fort Williams that brought liability exposure, the unmanaged and unsupervised pool was buried in the 1970s. Tell-tale chunks of aqua-painted concrete were excavated during the site work at the Children's Garden in 2016.

The 1936 photo, shown above, of the brand new pool and the lily pad pond beyond comes to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society from Millard Pippin, whose father was stationed at Fort Williams at the time.

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Tickets on sale for Cape Elizabeth's premier art auction

Thirty-one award-winning artists are eagerly scouting out their assigned painting locations, and land trust volunteers are hard at work preparing for Paint for Preservation, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's 16th annual wet paint auction to be held on June 25.

Three artists from Cape Elizabeth – Molly Brown, Cooper Dragonette and Graham Wood – are among those selected by the juror among a large group of applicants.

Watching the artists paint across Cape Elizabeth at sites that highlight its natural, iconic beauty is free and a great activity for a summer weekend. So, mark your calendars and tour around Cape by bike or car from Friday to Sunday, June 23-25. A free map of locations, along with biographies of the artists, will be available at many locations around town, as well as online at CELT's website (www.capelandtrust.org/paint) and on our Facebook page.

Tickets to attend the reception and benefit auction of the brand-new creations (some of which will still be "wet") on Sunday, June 25 are on sale and moving quickly at CELT's website, www.capelandtrust.org/paint, as well as through Eventbrite and Facebook.

In addition to the auction, "Mystery Boxes" are offered for sale at the event. These anonymous black boxes contain smaller, signed works by the selected artists and make great gifts. (Mystery Boxes are for sale at the event only, they are not available for pre-order or online.)

All artists donate a portion of sales to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. Corporate sponsors, individual Host Committee members and ticket buyers all support CELT's land conservation, stewardship and education programs at their sole fundraiser each year.

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Mark your calendars for Family Fun Day Capetoon: No Mow June

For well over 30 years, Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day has been a Cape Elizabeth tradition. This event is sponsored by the town of Cape Elizabeth along with numerous local nonprofit organizations.

The events kick off at 10 a.m. with a parade led by the Boy Scout Troop 30 Color Guard and followed by local town groups including Girl Scout troop 1490, Little League teams, CEHS Lacrosse, Robotics and League of Legends, CE town fire trucks and WET Team, Cape Farm Alliance and other town organizations; also participating in the parade this year will be the Shriners Kora Drifters. The Women's Auxiliary of the Cape Elizabeth Transfer Station Drill Team will be making a special appearance, as will CEPD Sargent Kevin Kennedy and State Senator Anne Carney. Music throughout the route will be provided by the ukulele band "The Flukes." The parade ends at the Fort Williams Park where not for profit organizations have set up games, rides and activities. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. live music will be playing provided by "Pretty Girls Sing Soprano," "Front Porch Blues," "Always Sometimes Band" and "Ocean House Road Band."

The Spurwink Rod and Gun Club, Southern Maine Astronomers and Marine Mammals of Maine are among the non-profits that are sponsoring kid friendly activities. The Cape Little League, the Cape Elizabeth High School football boosters, Bike Walk and Roll Cape and high school clubs such as Best Buddies, to name only a few have events planned. The Class of 2024 will be present in support

of upcoming Cape Elizabeth High School graduations. The younger audience can also take advantage of the Lions Club train ride as well as many other exciting games and events.

The Cape Courier will be sponsoring an activity as well as the Friends of Fort Williams Park. The Lions Club of Cape Elizabeth will have food and games for sale as will other nonprofit organizations such as the CE/South Portland Rotary Club. There will be a "climbing wall," an "obstacle course" and a "bungee jump" for our more adventurous attendees. Intertwined with all the activities are several of our local artists and crafters displaying their wares.

Tickets for the events can be purchased on site with cash (preferred) and are usable at any of the events and activities. Credit cards will be accepted for the purchase of tickets but will have a processing fee.

This year there is an early evening mini concert with local musical groups, "Cul-De-Sax" and "Ocean House Road Band" on the stage starting at 5:30 p.m. The spectacular fireworks show begins at dusk. There will be several food truck vendors in the evening including "All Grill," "Tropicallicity," "Momma Baldacci" and "Shut Up N' Eat It" set up along the paved road parallel to the parade grounds in Fort Williams where the events of the day took place. Bring chairs and blankets, nothing better than fireworks at Fort Williams parade grounds!

Mark your calendars...get ready to have some fun!

By Jeff Mandell



Nature scene around town



Photo by Martha Agan

A pair of terns at the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. An endangered species, terns are slender, lightly built birds with long, forked tails, narrow wings, long bills and relatively short legs.



Photo by Rich Daniels

Attendees at the 2022 Family Fun Day enjoying the various activities offered, including the popular climbing wall.

Upcoming CELT events

Invasive Plants Nature Walk

June 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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News from the superintendent

By Dr. Chris Record

Happy summer to all of you! As the school year closes and I turn 50, I have been reflecting a great deal. I have come to realize that life/work is full of long days, long weeks and very short years. This school year has absolutely flown by.

As I reflect, I think about all of the interactions our amazing staff has had with our wonderful students and parents this school year. Every single one of those moments in time matter as we aim to provide our students with the very best education we can. This can only continue to be done with your incredible support of our schools.

Our students are the leaders of tomorrow and we need them to be prepared to tackle the challenges that lay ahead. How we educate them from Pre-K to graduation truly matters. With that in mind, I humbly ask you to support our 2023-2024 school budget. Yes our expenditures are up this year due to the following reasons:

- Increasing Maintenance & Repair Issues for Our Aging Schools
- Electricity & Fuel Costs have increased significantly
- Health Insurance rates are continuing to escalate (6% increase this year versus .035% last year)
- Required retirement contributions to the state are increasing
- The overall impact on supply/maintenance costs from inflation and supply

chain issues

- Meeting the labor market demands of recruiting and retaining high-quality personnel
- We negotiated three contracts last year and negotiated two more this spring. The tightening labor market, high inflation, and our collective interest in recruiting and retaining high quality staff has led to higher than typical increases to our labor costs. Personnel is around 83% of our budget.

However, I do want to remind the public that our expenditure increase last year ranked 13th in Cumberland County. Every year will be different and I am hopeful our expenditure increase will be less next year. That is certainly our aim.

There has been some conversation about class sizes in the community and I want to address those as well. The School Board did discuss class sizes during the budget workshops this winter and the topic was also discussed at the School Board/Town Council joint budget workshop on April 24.

Due to our analysis of student numbers and student needs, we reduced one core subject classroom teacher at CEMS in the current FY23 budget and we reduced an additional CEMS core subject classroom teacher in the recently School Board approved FY24 budget. We believe maintaining our projected class sizes for the 2023-2024 is important academically and socially/emotionally for our students as we continue to address any individual learning needs based upon the impact of the Covid years.

Obviously, having a smaller number of students in each classroom allows each teacher to provide more attention to each learner and differentiate more effectively. The actual sq. foot size of our classrooms, is an additional challenge if we reach the high range of the School Board class size parameters. We will continue to monitor class sizes going forward and make adjustments to the number of classroom teachers as we did for this current year and for next.

I would like to update you on the work of the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC). In January 2023 the

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Planning Board

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Maureen O'Meara clarified that a "new lease has been signed, notarized, and the town's rights and responsibilities are laid out," and "as far as the town is concerned, ready to proceed."

Chair Sahrbeck asked Reid for clarification of the perimeter fence. The amended location is 15 feet away from the solar array, which is compliant with the national electrical code. Reid also mentioned there will be no signage on the site minus a small placard with contact information.

The board motioned for site plan amendments to install solar array be sent to Town Council for review at which time a public hearing will be held. This motion passed unanimously with no discussion from the board.

LD 2003 Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Town Council has referred to the Planning Board for review and recommendation LD 2003 Amendments, Sec. 19-10-3, Amendments Public Hearing.

O'Meara shared with the board amendments proposed by town attorney Mary Costigan on certain language changes. After discussion by the board, they decided to leave the language as it stands for clarity and "consistency" throughout the document.

LD 2003 zoning ordinance is set to take effect on July 1, 2023, and applies to existing accessory, secondary and garage structures on a property. The ordinance committee has been working on these amendments since July 2022 in order to prepare the town and its citizens.

Tim Thompson of 6 Pine Ridge Road, Vice Chair of Housing Diversity Committee, shared that the timeline seems rushed as there needs to be time for public comment after the amendments leave the Planning Board and go back to the Town Council for consideration. He also asked the board why the maximum size for an ADU is 1,800 square feet when an ADU expert said that a size of 600-800 square feet is typical.

Tim Reiniger of 40 Belfield Road shared concerns that a property owner may tear down their existing home in order to construct a 4-unit building in its

place, and that the town center will be most affected by LD 2003.

Chair Sahrbeck responded to concerns addressed by Reiniger and Thompson by saying "in regards to size, we discussed that every structure will have required setbacks and restrictions on building lots and there will be adequate protection in regards to size of the unit."

Sahrbeck and O'Meara addressed concerns that a property could be purchased for the intent to level existing structures and build a 4-unit building in its place. O'Meara said that "anyone can buy a single family home right now and tear it down. They have the same setbacks, same height requirements," and that "it's a property rights decision."

O'Meara also shared that the current Cape Elizabeth ordinance restricts property owners to building an ADU "no more than 25% of the size of the primary structure and that it can't be larger than 600 square feet." She shared that "LD 2003 is much different" and allows "a little bit more space" for property owners to build ADUs for family members, for example.

The board decided to recommend to the Town Council to review a potential conflict between calculation of number of parking units and dwelling units stating, "this may need more policy consideration."

Project Submission Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Board discussed a referral from the Town Council to assemble a package of amendments that update submission requirements and deadlines including but not limited to adjusting deadlines in line with new town hall office hours (effective July 1, 2023) and formalizing digital material submissions.

Currently, submissions are due 18 days prior to a Planning Board meeting with most deadlines falling on a Friday. Starting July 1, 2023, the town hall will not be operating on Fridays and will affect deadlines.

Al Palmer motioned that the board considers the referral of project submission amendments of which Dan Bodenski seconded. The board agreed to put this issue on the table to complete for the June workshop meeting.

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LINEN CAMERON S	1 SINGLES ROAD	\$3,445,000	SINGLE FAMILY
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BAKER-SWANN JULIA L	39 STARBOARD DRIVE	\$405,000	CONDOMINIUM
MITGANG CAROLINE GAETANA &	148 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$515,000	SINGLE FAMILY
NORRIS NATHAN & ANNE CALLAN	345 FOWLER ROAD	\$690,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MCKECHNIE DUNCAN & KAREN	7 BROOK ROAD	\$3,500,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WILKINSON SETH & ALISON	50 OAKHURST ROAD	\$1,275,000	SINGLE FAMILY
KINANI AMMAR	27 VERNON ROAD	\$415,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SKYLINE PROPERTIES LLC	3 PLEASANT AVENUE	\$550,000	SINGLE FAMILY
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Batting cage damaged, multiple violations for using cell phone while driving

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 5-8 An officer responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a loose dog complaint. Owner was contacted and advised.
- 5-10 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary. A purse was missing from the vehicle.
- 5-11 An officer spoke with a locksmith who reported that he had received a suspicious call requesting him to go to a residence in Cape to change a lock, and requested that the officer go to the residence for validation. The officer went to the residence, and spoke with the occupant who had not requested a locksmith. The occupant's name was also different from the name provided by the locksmith.
- 5-11 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area regarding a domestic issue.
- 5-11 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst area who turned over two firearms he no longer wanted.
- 5-11 An officer met with a resident of the Kettle Cove area who had been scammed by a caller claiming to be from Publisher's Clearing House.
- 5-17 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-18 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a domestic situation.
- 5-18 Three officers responded to Fowler Road and Bowery Beach Road for report of a motor vehicle accident. They found a subject who was attempting to tow an unregistered vehicle with ratchet straps, resulting in minor damage when stopping. A wrecker was called to remove the unregistered vehicle.
- 5-19 An officer met with one of the

volunteers at Plaisted Park who showed where a batting cage had been damaged. The damage is believed to have occurred between the house of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on May 19.

- 5-20 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 5-23 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area for a dog at large complaint.

SUMMONSES

- 5-12 New York resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$145
- 5-16 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Fessenden Road, \$145
- 5-17 Westbrook resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Route 77, \$85
- 5-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Ocean House Road, \$85
- 5-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Route 77, \$85
- 5-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating vehicle while using hand held device, Scott Dyer Road, \$85
- 5-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, imprudent speed, Scott Dyer Road, \$134
- 5-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Bowery Beach Road, \$145

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 5-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, seatbelt violation, Route 77, \$85

ACCIDENTS

- 5-11 Zach Petsinger, Natasha nHerrick, accident on Pleasant Avenue.
- 5-11 Jacob Linington, unknown vehicle, accident on Farm Hill Road.

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 8; EMS calls: 34

Family Health & Fitness Day

By Cape Elizabeth Community Services

National Recreation and Park Association Family Health & Fitness Day is celebrated on the second Saturday in June each year to promote the importance of parks and recreation in keeping communities active and healthy. Cape Elizabeth Community Services invites you to participate in Family Health & Fitness Day on Saturday, June 10.

You may choose to participate by engaging in a family-friendly activity at one of Cape Elizabeth's beautiful outdoor spaces. With so many easily accessible, close-to-home opportunities, we hope you'll come out and go for a walk on the beach, hike one of our town trails, bike along the Shore Road Pathway, play a game on one of our outdoor tennis, pickleball, or basketball courts or visit one of our state or local parks.

In celebration, Cape Elizabeth Community Services is introducing the Fort Williams Park Scavenger Hunt which will be available to pick up at the Greeter Shed located in Central Parking beginning at 9:00 am. Families are encouraged to explore the 90-acre park while checking off the items they find related

to the fort and the park. All participants who return their sheet to the Greeter Shed before 6:00 p.m. will receive a Fort Williams Park sticker.

If you take a selfie while participating in Family Health & Fitness Day and post it on Facebook or Instagram with the #keepingcapeactivenrpa23, you will be entered into our Photo Contest and have the opportunity to win four tickets to climb the lighthouse tower on Maine Open Lighthouse Day in September.

Various research studies have confirmed that local parks, recreation programs, green spaces and outdoor access are critical for creating healthy, active and resilient communities. Community Services continues to offer programs that support the mental and physical well-being of our youth and adults, and participation in Family Health & Fitness Day is an excellent opportunity to celebrate this.

To learn more about programs offered by Community Services, please visit our website at www.capeelizabeth.org.

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Spring Fix- Up Scams

Spring has sprung and with warmer weather comes home repairs. Unfortunately, shady contractors are out there looking homeowners in the market for spring repairs. Contractor fraud and home improvement scams can cost homeowners thousands of dollars and leave them with shoddy workmanship, unfinished projects, or even damage to their homes.

Scammers often target older adults, but anyone can fall victim to these scams. Here are three things to know to stay safe from a home improvement rip off.

First, make sure to shop around. Don't settle for the first contractor you encounter. Get multiple estimates and ask for references before hiring anyone.

Next, never pay the full cost upfront. Reputable contractors typically require a deposit, but not the full amount prior to the job starting.

Lastly, resist responding to a solicitation

at your door, on your phone or online. Be proactive in your search for a reputable contractor.

Where to Turn After the Scam

If there is one thing everyone should understand, it's that "scammers" are career criminals skilled at the art of manipulation and no one is immune. These crooks target people of any age; in fact, 41% of those who reported a fraud loss to the Federal Trade Commission last year were under the age of 30. So, what can a person do if they experience fraud?

One resource is the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline. Every weekday, trained AARP volunteer fraud fighters are helping victims and their families understand what happened, report the crime and start to put their lives back together. If you or someone you know has been the victim of fraud, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 for support. And make sure to file a report with local police; you will have this as evidence in the event restitution becomes possible down the line.

Update from SBAC Committee

The Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC), established in March 2023, is making significant strides toward addressing the town's school building needs.

The SBAC was formed with a commitment to develop a practical and cost-conscious plan to address the needs of the town's schools, with a goal for a revised referendum by November 2024. A key component of this new approach involves hiring an Owner's Representative. This professional team will provide much-needed technical guidance and expertise; assistance with developing construction options; cost and risk management; and general support for the committee's responsibilities. After a rigorous evaluation, the committee made a recommendation for selection. On May 30, the Town Council and School Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation and begin contract negotiations with the selected firm.

In addition, the SBAC is finalizing plans to send a survey to each household in Cape Elizabeth in July. This survey seeks to understand how different groups in town feel about the school project and why the referendum in

November did not pass. The SBAC is seeking high participation to ensure future plans reflect the needs and concerns of the community. After the survey results are analyzed, the SBAC will communicate these findings in a public forum.

The committee spent its initial weeks learning about the history and needs of the school buildings and creating a plan to move forward with an informed, inclusive approach. In a joint statement, committee co-chairs Town Councilor Penny Jordan and School Board Member Cindy Voltz said, "The Owner's Representative and the town-wide survey are vital tools for this committee's work. We're committed to meeting the needs of our students and educators, engaging with our community and being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars."

Together with the Owner's Representative, the SBAC will begin an evaluation of previous work and move toward the development of options to address the needs of the school buildings, which will lead to a recommenda-

-see SBAC page 19

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Cape Elizabeth High School announces Top Ten Percent of Class of 2023

Lydia Branson - Valedictorian



Parents: John Branson and Donna Lavery

Future Plans: Bowdoin College

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Valedictorian, Harvard Book Award, National Honors Society, AP Scholar, Girl's varsity cross country captain, State Championship Swim Team 2023, volunteer at the local Boy's and Girl's Club, Orpheus Chorus Award, awards for Excellence in Pre-calculus and Ceramics, 19 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and the Zimpritch Poetry Symposium Award 2021

Charlotte DeGeorge



Parents: Mara and Alan DeGeorge

Future Plans: Washington University in St. Louis

Accomplishments and Recognition:

XC captain, Pathology and Lab internship at Brown University, Student EMT, Standardized patient at Maine Medical Center, upper link, Letter of Commendation for PSAT, presidential scholar nominee, AP Scholar with Distinction, Excellence in Biology, Maine Seal of Biliteracy, peer reviewed published journal articles: "Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Secondary to Mild Traumatic Injury in an Elderly Male With No Additional Risk Factors", "Severe COVID-19 Pneumonia in an Unvaccinated Female Treated With Remdesivir", "A Case of Hemorrhagic Ovarian Cyst Rupture Necessitating Surgical Intervention"; Submitted to AACR annual meeting: "MDM2 inhibition in combination with imipridone ONC201 treatment as a synergistic combination in solid tumors"

Ainsley Fremont - Salutatorian



Parents: Kerriann and Oliver Fremont

Future Plans: Middlebury College

Accomplishments and Recognition: Salutatorian, Rensselaer Medal, Excel-

lence in Math, Physics, History, and Computer Science, AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society

Nora Lane



Parents: Cameron Lane

Future Plans: Carnegie Mellon University for Environmental Engineering

Accomplishments and Recognition:

National Merit Scholar and AP Scholar with distinction. Led Lincoln-Douglass Debate and co-led the beekeeping club after participating in both for her entire high school career.

Zoe Matzkin



Parents: Zach and Kristen Matzkin

Future Plans: Will be attending Cornell University to study Mechanical Engineering.

Accomplishments & Recognition:

Excellence in Statistics, Precalculus, Physics C: Mechanics, and BC Calculus. 2x theater One Act Festival sound award. Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award

Juliet Moore



Parents: Gwen and Michael Moore

Future Plans: University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

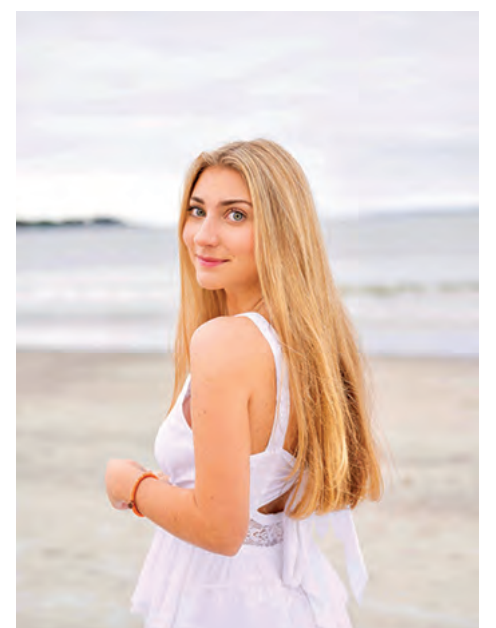
Accomplishments and Recognition:

Awards: Yale Book Award, Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society, Girls Soccer All-Conference 2nd Team, WMC Girls Basketball Senior All-Star

Activities:

Varsity Soccer (Captain), Varsity Basketball (Captain), School Board Representative, Student Council Representative, Upperlink Program

Anya Offit



Parents: Thomas and Oriel Offit

Future Plans: Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia



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Top Ten

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Accomplishments and Recognition:

Women's Union Club (President), Reducing Sexism and Violence Program at CEHS (Student Coordinator), World Affairs Council Leadership Team (Fundraising Coordinator), Model United Nations, National Honor Society (Public Relations Representative), Columbia University Book Award, AP Scholar with Honor, Cape Elizabeth High School Award for Excellence in Visual Arts

Amy Rasco



Parents: Carey Rasco, Chris Johnston, Kristen Harris

Future Plans: University of Maine, Orono

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Varsity volleyball captain, National Merit Scholarship finalist, excellence awards in French and English

Lucy Rayback



Parents: Brian Rayback and Alysa Cohen

Future Plans: Colby College

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Wesleyan University Book Award, National Honors Society, Maroon Medal Society, AP Scholar with Honor, Academic Excellence in Biology, U.S. History, and Woodworking, Maine State Science Fair scholarships, Student Advisory Council President, Varsity soccer, Soccer State Champion 2019 & 2021, Kevin Brady Spirit Award and Scholarship, Soccer Defensive Player of the Year, WMC Soccer All-Conference and Academic Teams, CESC Referee of the Year

Cayden Royall



Parents: Shirley and Bill Royall

Future Plans: Bates College

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Excellence in Biology, Excellence in Pre-Calculus, AP Scholar, National Honors Society, Smith College Book Award, Western Maine All-Conference First Team and All-Academic Team for Varsity Volleyball

Alexander Scanlon



Parents: Rebecca Fish and Jonathan Scanlon

Future Plans: Duke University

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Activities- Mock Trial, Tutor in Portland Study Center, Math Team Member (One of Maine's highest scoring seniors), National Honor Society, Coding Club, and Stock Market Club. Completed a course in quantitative analysis at the University of Chicago.

Honors - National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Recipient of the Williams College Book Award, Achieved perfect score on AP Computer Science A exam (one of only 369 students globally), Recognized for Excellence in AP US History and AP Calculus BC course.



Nina Stevens



Parents: Drew Stevens and Robin Stevens

Future Plans: University of Vermont

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Awards: National Merit Commended student, Brandeis book award recipient, AP Scholar with honor, National Honor Society, excellence in AP Statistics

Letters to the editor

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Am I missing something?

I've been following the story of our un-housed being removed over and over again from different sites.

Could the city of Portland not find these down on their luck people a plot of land, running water, a couple of Porta Potties, and some garbage cans. These bare necessities would make a huge difference for the obvious reason.

Can't understand the why lack of what to do is so difficult.

Am I missing something?

Sheryl Constantine

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

- Dr. Seuss, *Oh the Places You'll Go*



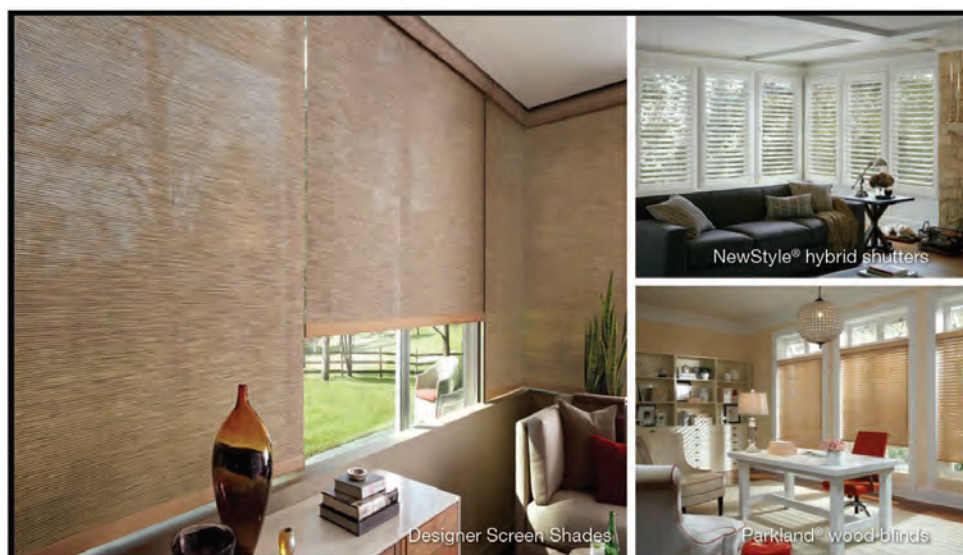
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As part of his Senior Transition Project, CEHS senior Finn Bridge completed several projects at the Pond Cove Playground. One of them was building a new sandbox; Bridge is pictured above with Pond Cove students.



Contributed photo

Bridge also built some new benches for the playground. He was able to complete the projects with the help of a \$100 donation from Home Depot and a sand donation from Tamaro Landscaping.

School news

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School Board and Town Council agreed to a joint effort to develop solutions for Cape Elizabeth's aging school buildings by creating the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC).

The scope includes all three schools, and it was agreed an Owner's Representative would be hired to assist the committee on their charge. The role of the Owner's Representative is to represent the Owner's interests and provide program management for the development and completion of a high quality, timely, cost-effective project, including design and construction, equipment and materials, through final completion.

The selection process for Owner's Representative was initiated by SBAC in February 2023 seeking firms through request for qualifications. Five firms responded. The SBAC then vetted and ranked the submissions and identified three candidates to ask to develop proposals. Just prior to the deadline one candidate withdrew.

Candidates were asked to prepare presentations as part of their interview. In addition, questions that arose from the review of their proposals were sent to the candidates to be included in their presentations. On May 25, the SBAC held interviews and selected CBRE/HEERY as the finalist for School Board and Town Council consideration on May 30.

CBRE/HEERY was selected for the following reasons:

- Extensive experience with K-12 school projects
- Excellent RFQ & RFP packets
- Depth of knowledge and expertise as articulated through the interview process
- Outstanding reference checks
- Willingness to negotiate pricing

Additionally SBAC will soon launch a communitywide survey regarding the past November school referendum and how to move forward with a successful plan.

The purpose of the survey is to gain a better understanding of the hopes, concerns, motivations and priorities of Cape Elizabeth citizens regarding our schools and why the school bond proposal was supported or rejected in 2022.

The insights gathered from the survey will enable the SBAC committee to make informed decisions on how to proceed. The committee's primary objective is to understand why the bond referendum failed and to use that information to craft future plans that will generate majority support from citizens while meeting the needs of students, educators, families and the community.

The survey will help the committee to gain a deep understanding of the citizens' sentiments and make informed decisions that align with the interests of the community.

To that end, the Survey Subcommittee of SBAC reviewed survey proposals submitted by six firms. Three firms were selected to be interviewed. From that interview process and reference checks, Portland Research Group (PRG) was selected as the finalist and endorsed by SBAC as the selection for the following reasons:

- An impressive interview that was both informative and congenial
- A survey methodology that will reach every household/citizen in Cape Elizabeth with both electronic and paper survey options
- Outstanding reference checks that highlighted their excellent responsiveness, collaboration, analysis, and communication skills
- Successful survey experience in Maine and knowledge of Cape Elizabeth
- Competitive pricing

Finally, I want to share a wonderful CEHS Senior Transition Project completed by Finn Bridge at the Pond Cove Playground. Over a two-week period, Finn created new benches and a sandbox for three different areas of the playground. We are delighted to see kids actively using all of it.

Thank you to the PC Playground Committee for providing funding and thanks to 4th grade teacher Tara Bucci for taking the opportunity to connect her former student Finn with her current students in a math exercise involving the sandbox dimensions. The real-life learning is so beneficial and they were notably and deservedly proud of themselves.

Most of all, thanks to Finn for using his construction, problem-solving and communication skills to get all of this completed and to secure a \$100 lumber donation from Home Depot and sand donation from Tamaro Landscaping, an initiative he undertook all on his own.

In closing, I again want to thank all of you for your support of our students and staff and the 23-24 school budget. Please remember to vote. These are challenging times for many of us, but I see a hopeful future for our students, staff and for our community. I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Judy's Pantry- a community feeding itself

Please note that our hours of operation have changed.

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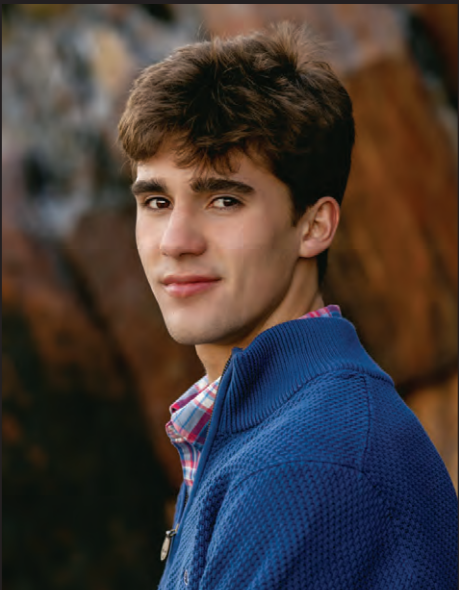
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Online services are available at:

<https://www.capeelizabeth.com/OnlineServices>



ANDREW TRACHIMOWICZ



Andrew "Track"

You are well on your way to great things. You have worked so hard throughout your high school career. Your work hard, play hard attitude is truly an inspiration!

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Josh, Ry, Will

CORA SKYE JOHNSON



Cora, these years have been precious and all too fleeting. We will miss you and are so proud that you have developed the courage, wisdom and independence to explore your dreams and follow your heart. We trust, in time, that you and your classmates will find your way back home to beautiful Cape Elizabeth.

Wishing you Fair Winds and Following Seas at University of Miami.

Love, Mom, Dad, Hadley and Grandma

NICHOLAS LAUGHLIN



Nick, you have always made us proud whether it has been in the classroom, your kindness you show to others or your competitive spirit.

We have been lucky to follow your success throughout these high school years and have no doubt you will continue to succeed and excel in your next adventure studying Business and playing football at The University Of Maine at Orono. Know we will always be there to cheer you on!

So continue to work hard, have fun, be humble, be brave, be silly, and most importantly believe in yourself.

Congratulations to you and the entire class of 2023!

Love,
Mum, Dad, Matt & Zack

OWEN TIGHE



First day of Kindergarten

To the newest *Spartan*-always try your best and continue to follow your heart!

Congratulations Owie!!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Olivia and Eloise

CHARLIE GARVIN



Congratulations Charlie and the Class of 2023!

Charlie, we've enjoyed watching you grow and are so proud of all you've achieved. As you set out on your next path, we'll always be there for you with love and support. Go out and shine your light brightly in the world. And here's wishing you much success at **Quinnipiac University!**

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Teddy and Your Entire Family of Fans

MARY PILLSBURY



Congratulations Class of 2023!

"It is easier to go where there already is a path forged. But the most rewarding trails are the ones we make for ourselves."

Mary, ever since you were little you have expressed your own style and interests. Continue to be who you are, work to make the World a better place, stay close to your friends & family, and always let the music fill your soul. You have made us so very proud!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Riley and Noah

OWEN LEE



'You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.'

Owen, your kindness is perhaps only exceeded by your courage. There is much to be proud of throughout your high school years, your academic success, sports, music and more! We are most proud of the incredible person that is **YOU!**

We can't wait to see what your future holds. Remember these words when life throws you a curveball, you ARE braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. We love you!

Congratulations on your graduation!
Mom, Dad & Aidan

ASHLEY RYER



Ashley, our Sweet Pea!

We could not be prouder of the young woman you have become. Your spirit, smile, kindness, and can - do attitude is contagious. There are so many memories you have made at CEHS and more memories will be made in the next chapter in your life. Can't wait to ride with you on this journey. Remember... "If you can dream it, you can do it."(Walt Disney)

We love your more! Xoxo

Mom, Dad, Laura (Betty and Barney, too!)



MADALYN SIMOPOULOS



Congratulations Maddy and the Class of 2023!

Mads, you make us so proud!

Your kind heart, humor and artistic talent will take you anywhere you want to go in life.

We can't wait to see all the amazing things you will do in GA! Go Bees!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Gavin, Aina and Keke!



STELLA CRAWFORD



Congratulations Stelli-bean!

Watching you navigate the past 12 years has been a gift. We love your kindness, generosity, humor, silliness, dedication, loyalty, fierce spirit, and sense of style.

We will always be here for you, but can't wait to see you take New York and the fashion industry by storm.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad and Sylvia

PHILIP & DIMITRI COUPE



"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Michael Jordan

We can't wait to see what you make happen next.

Love, Mom, Dad & Nicoletta

FINN BRIDGE



Congratulations Finn!

You have amazed us since day one with your energy, strength, humor, resiliency, inquisitiveness and huge kind heart.

As you continue on your life journey, stay true to yourself, keep exploring and challenging yourself to grow and learn, take time to celebrate and appreciate the little things, have fun, share your smile generously and know your family loves you wholeheartedly!

Mom + Dad (& Izzy)

Congratulations to the rest of the 2023 class - keep shining!

SEBASTIAN MOON



Congratulations Sebastian for an amazing High School career and Senior Year.

Go blaze your own trail! We'll be there to cheer you on.

We are so proud of you and love you to the moon and back.

Papa, Mama, Ollie, Jonas, and Bozie

JOSEPHINE CATON



Congratulations Josephine! We're very proud of all you have achieved and happy your hard work has paid off. We know that you'll bring joy and creativity wherever you go, happy graduation!

Lots of love,
Mum, Dad, Phoebe and Luna



THIJS GILDA



Congratulations Thijs!

You are kind & thoughtful and can achieve whatever you want. Pursue what you love doing.

Thank you, Cape teachers, staff, neighbors, and friends, for supporting Thijs over the years.

Liefs,
Mam, Pap, and Tim

BEN COLELLO



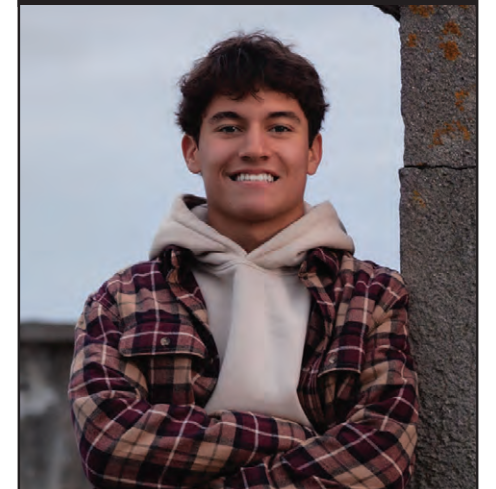
Congratulations, Ben!

We are so proud of you and all your hard work over the years!

Can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll do at RPI, the Air Force and beyond!

Love, Mom & Dad, Anthony, Anna, Cara and Lauren and family near and far

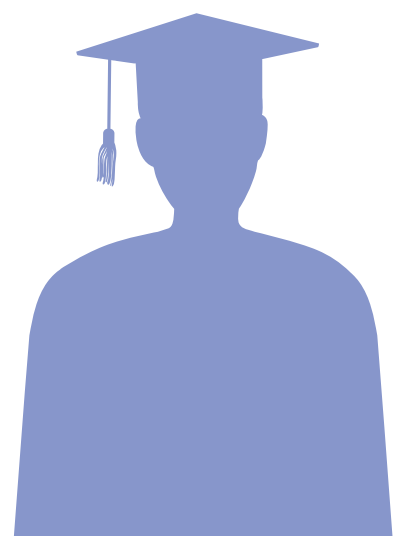
EDUARDO CALDERA



Congratulations!

We are so proud of you! you are a light being, nothing is and won't be ever between you and happiness.

Dios te Bendiga
Ma, Pa and other 57



EMMA HALTER



Congratulations, Emma!

We could not be more proud of the kind, smart, beautiful, compassionate, talented, dedicated, thoughtful young woman you've become. You have changed us in so many wonderful ways; the world needs more Emmas!

Graduation is a chapter in what is an amazing story of your life, and we can't wait to see your next chapters!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Eli, and Katie
xoxo

GIOVANNI ZANOVELLO



Congratulations, Gio!

We are SO proud of you. Enjoy your summer and get ready for your next adventure.

Love you,
Mama, Papa & Nonna

MAYA NELSON



"Risk more than others think is safe, Care more than others think is wise, Dream more than others think is practical, Expect more than others think is possible." CADET MAXIM

You make us proud every day. We love you & can't wait to see you take on the world. Dad, Mom, Max & Bozeman too!

Dream BIG Class of 2023

KATE ROY BECKER



Congratulations Kate!!!!

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future brings!! You are so kind and generous and you will achieve anything you put your mind to. **UMO** doesn't know how lucky they are to have you there this fall.

We love you so much!!
Dad, Stacy, Jack, George,
Ethan & Ari

NATE PATTERSON



Congratulations Nate & the CEHS Class of 2023!

We are so proud of you and have loved watching you grow into such an amazing young man.

Continue to work hard, have fun, and don't forget to call your mom♥

We love you so much,
Terri, Tyler, & Max (Mabel & Winnie too)

CURTIS SULLIVAN



Congratulations on your graduation from Cape Elizabeth High School, Curtis.

Cheers to a job well done! We are so excited to see what this new chapter will bring for you.

Do what brings you joy and makes you happy, stay true to yourself and you will thrive.

Lots of love and support, Mom, Dad, Conner & Carson

MADDIE MCCARLEY



Congratulations Maddie!

You are an amazing young woman who is fun-loving, curious, responsible, adventuresome and ambitious.

You make us so proud every day. Have fun, take care of your friends and family and know we are always here loving you!!

Love Mom, Dad, Emma, Mimi, Callie, Harper, Annie & Kennebago

LAURENT DE VRIES



Congratulations CEHS Class of 2023!

Laurent, we are so incredibly proud of you, your character, how you treat others, your accomplishments, and especially your resilience. Your never ending eagerness to learn, grow, and develop, while being kind, funny, and engaging, is an inspiration to us. We are so excited for your next steps at the University of Amsterdam, and beyond! The world is your oyster!

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, and Madeleine

HANNAH WELLMAN



Congratulations to the CEHS Class of 2023!

Hannah, we are so very proud of you and your accomplishments! We can't wait to see what you do next!

Love you, Mom, Meme, and Nick (Hazel, Honey, Boo, Mauve and Whiskers too)

SAM LOMBARDO



Congrats, Sam!

We are so proud of you and excited for your next chapter. Keep that competitive spirit you have. Your future is bright!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jackie, Sam, Luke, Bapa, Grandma VV, and the pups



MIMI ESCH



We are thrilled to join 4.6 billion of Mimi's biggest fans in celebrating her graduation from CEHS!

Every time school and life have tried to knock you down, Mimi, you have popped back up stronger and added a few more friends and believers to your team. We are so proud to see you moving on to bigger and better things at Emmanuel College and beyond!

Love from Rico, Mom, Dad, Lulu, Yiayia, Papau, Uncle Gus, Aunt Maria, Katie and countless others.

LUCY RAYBACK



We are so incredibly proud of all your determination, hard work and accomplishments, and for the kind young woman you have become. Remember to have fun, continue to laugh, and smile as your joy is contagious. We're so excited to watch what comes next!

Congratulations to you and the entire class of 2023!

Love you bunches,
Mom, Dad, Maisie, Ben,
Gus & Zeke

MAX JOHNSON



Congratulations Max and the Class of 2023!

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Your determination and focus on your goals paid off! Your future holds so much in store for you and we are excited for your next four years at Oberlin.

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Hannah

OLIVIA MANNING



To our handywoman: While we will miss you and your help around the house (especially dad), we are so excited for your next adventure. We couldn't be prouder of all you have accomplished in your time at CEHS and can't wait to watch you thrive as a Fairfield U Stag.

Congratulations to you and the entire Class of 2023!

We love you so very much,
Mom, Dad, Kalie & Aerin

SALLY BAKKE



Congratulations Cape Elizabeth Class of 2023!

Sally, we are so incredibly proud of you and the woman you have become. So many memories and accomplishments in the first eighteen years of your life! Can not wait to see how you write this next chapter of your life, so many great things to come. Continue to be true to yourself, embrace new adventures and follow your dreams.

War Eagle!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lexie, Jameson & Oakley

BRODY GLIDDEN



Hard to believe Class of 2023 Graduation is here already.

I remember walking you into Pond Cove AM Kindergarten. Thirteen years have flown by so fast and with so many great memories. Thinking back on field trips, class projects, field day, chewonki, many sport games, ringing my bell and winning 2023 Maine State Hockey Championship. Senior year has been special with excitement in knowing you will have a new path ahead of you. Nothing in life is impossible as long as you keep taking steps towards your new future.

Congratulations Brody!

Love Mom, Dad and Alex.

JACK QUINN



**You made it!
Congratulations JQ!**

You are ready for your next life adventure!

Love,
Mom and Dad

ANTONIO DELL'AQUILA



It's been an honor to watch you grow into such a fine young man. The years have gone by so fast and cannot believe you are now graduating! You have certainly worked hard and persevered through it all. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! Go do what you love and have fun doing it!

Embrace each moment! Maine Maritime is lucky to have you!

We love you so much.
Mom and Dad

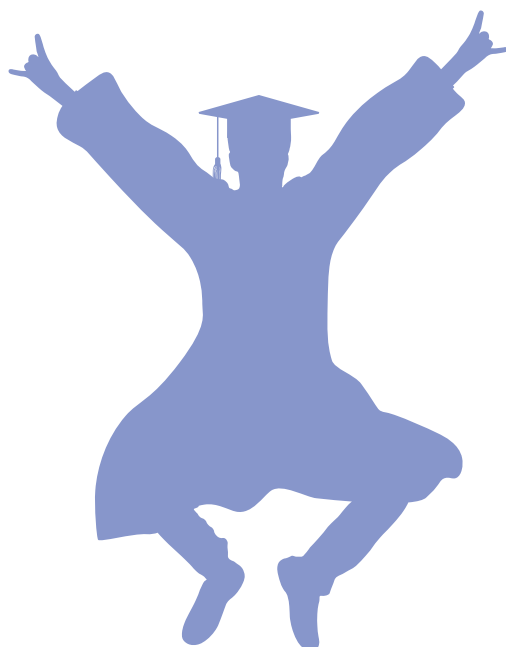
KATE WILBER



Congratulations, Kate and Class of 2023!

We are proud of the kind, funny and smart young woman you are with much to contribute to the world, and know you have a great future before you. May your roots sustain you, your wings take you where you need to go, and your spirit guide you wisely.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sammy, Maggie and Daisy



Community feedback on CEHS Class of 2023 Senior Transition Projects

By Kevin St. Jarre

At the end of their senior year, students at Cape Elizabeth High School participate in an experience known as the Senior Transition Project. Students propose projects to gain hands-on experience, which must be approved by faculty. Afterwards, the students return to CEHS and give presentations about their experience.

STP is a time for making new discoveries and taking responsible risks. Projects that are merely longer extensions of familiar activities are not approved. Students are told to look for opportunities they might never have had before or again.

This year's feedback from cooperating professionals, who make these experiences possible, has been impressive. Here is a small sample:

**Representative Rebecca Millett
Maine State Legislature
On Ander Erickson:**

"It is a pleasure to have Ander joining me here at the state house. He's punctual, attentive and always game for whatever the day throws our way. I believe he is getting an unvarnished view of legislative life - good and bad. I am happy to say that he jumped right into drafting testimony for me on a bill which I am cosponsoring and he will be attending a summit on the economy and climate tomorrow on my behalf."

"He is quite a special young man. I don't know where to start. He's here starting as early as 8:30 a.m. for chairs and doesn't leave until I wrap up, anywhere from 4 p.m. to tonight at 6:30 p.m. He's literally become an honorary member of the democratic education committee caucus as my stand in while I am working in AFA dem caucus keeping me apprised of caucus conversation, committee debate and votes. He brought them whoopie pies today! He wrote and presented testimony on my behalf on a housing bill and attended a climate/economy summit later that day to report back to me what he learned. He's in the process of writing floor remarks for me on a joint resolution commemorating World Refugee Day. He has been so helpful as I juggle serving on two committees. I literally don't know what I'm going to do when he's not here."

**Penny Jordan
Cape Elizabeth Farmer
Jordan Farms**

On Mary Pillsbury and Owen King:

"Mary has been working in the greenhouse, helping plant strawberries and helping prep/stain a new checkout counter and other miscellaneous projects. She has been teamed up with a couple of different people. I hope she is getting introduced to a farm from the many facets beyond planting and harvesting. Tomorrow she will be the primary on the care and feeding of seedlings and will learn a bit more about what we do here in the farm stand."

"Owen was teamed up with the planting crew for the first day and half... I wanted him to get a taste for the skilled labor here at the farm ... he got very excited when I gave him assignments to research policy and develop conclusions (and maybe alternative solutions). He is looking at: Labor and Wage laws as they relate to farm workers and how farm workers do not fall under the definition of an employee so do not qualify for overtime pay, he is looking at other states and the bill before Maine legislature this session; I also suggested he understand the Farm Bill land what's in it and how it impacts farms, and then PFAS of course and what Maine has done re: legislation as it relates to agriculture."

**Amy deVries
Science teacher and supervisor of
the Class of 2023 Gift to CEHS
On Ben Colello and Jack Quinn:**

"Community members are invited to the athletic track to see the Class of 2023 Senior Gift. The gift is a native garden and community space inspired and organized by senior Jack Quinn. Thank you to Jack and Ben Collelo, who spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy planning and planting the space during their two-week Senior Transition Project. The garden also enhances the Kevin Brady memorial that celebrates the life of Kevin who graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2000. Thank you to the Brady family for their support, and thank you to Ocean House Farm for donating plants, and so kindly ensuring the garden space is watered."

-see STP page 19



Photo by Jack Quinn

A drone photo taken of the Class of 2023 Senior Gift. The gift is a native garden and community space inspired and organized by senior Jack Quinn. Quinn and Ben Collelo spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy planning and planting the space during their two-week Senior Transition Project. Other seniors who helped plant: Josh Lench, Sam Bischoff and Thijs Gilda.

Captains' View: CEHS Boys' Lacrosse

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Ang Foley

The CEHS 2023 lacrosse team on the field.

The Cape Elizabeth High School senior lacrosse captains for 2023 are Nate Patterson (#2), Connor Goss (#6) and Andrew Trachimowicz (#27).

According to Trachimowicz, "This year's team is fantastic. After losing talent from last year's graduating class, we weren't expected to be as good as we were in the past years, but we proved all the doubters wrong. We remain undefeated. The whole team feels like one giant family this year, [and] everyone has each

other's back from freshmen to seniors."

Trachimowicz went on to say, "The entire team's energy is outstanding. We all come to practice each day, fired up and ready to compete. It was clear from Day 1 that we all have a mission in mind, and that's the third State Championship title in a row, and we will do whatever it takes to reach that goal. As seniors, we couldn't have asked for a better group to end our high school sports career with."



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CEHS announces list of scholarships awarded to Class of 2023

COLE AMORELLO MEMORIAL

Embodies Cole's Enthusiasm for Theater & Spirit
Violet Davis

BASEBALL BOOSTERS

Character, Commitment & Community
TBD

BASKETBALL BOOSTERS, GIRLS

Contributions to the Team Meghan Conley, Olivia Manning Juliet Moore, Ashley Ryer

BASKETBALL BOOSTERS, BOYS

Contributions to the Team Samuel Lombardo, Andrew Trachimowicz

BILL GROSS SCHOLARSHIP

Volunteerism
Madison McCarley

COLDWELL BANKER

Entrepreneurial Spirit
Brody Glidden

CE GARDEN CLUB

Commitment to the Environment
Ander Erickson

CE LIONS CLUB

Deserving Students Carmelo Bilotti, Joshua Lench, Madalyn Simopoulos

CEHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Character, School Citizen, Academic Achievement
Laurent deVries

CEHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION (UNsung HERO)

Constant Support of Classmates
Samuel Lombardo

CEHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUN-

CIL

Service to the School
Cora Johnson, Lucy Rayback

SACO & BIDDEFORD SAVINGS

Deserving Student
Eduardo Caldera

AWAKENINGS THEATER AWARD

Dylan Ludington

TIMOTHY HUNTER MEMORIAL

Excellence in Architectural Drafting
Amelia Tennyson

DURWOOD HOLMAN CHASE FAMILY FUND AWARD

Alexander Thayer

FIELD HOCKEY BOOSTERS

Commitment to the Team
TBD

FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

Contributions to the Team
Luke Mello

KENNETH JORDAN HIGGINS MEMORIAL

Character, School Citizen, Promise of Success
Caroline Concannon, Thomas Gray, Abigail Homicz, Max Johnson, Cayden Royall, Curtis Sullivan

JOE DOANE CROSS COUNTRY AWARD

Commitment to the Team
Matthijs Gilda, Sage Maxwell

LEIGH WOLD MEMORIAL

Excellence in Technical Theater
Zoe Matzkin, Mary Pillsbury

SOUTHWESTERN MAINE SWIM OFFICIALS

Outstanding High School Swimmers
Sally Bakke

SWIM & DIVE AWARDS

Senior Swim Members
Sally Bakke, Lydia Branson, Mimi Esch Levanos, Max Hemeon, Ian Plourde, Grace Taylor, Sonia Wold

GLADYS JORDAN MEMORIAL

Honest & Industrious Student
Will Fibich

BETTY KING MEMORIAL

Deserving Student
Stella Morrison

KEVIN BRADY SPIRIT AWARD

Love of, and Excellence in, Soccer
Eduardo Caldera, Lucy Rayback

CLANCY PINETTE SCIENCE

Character, Respectful, Kind, Courteous, Interest of Career in Science
Josephine Caton

FINDING YOUR VOICE

Sonia Wold

JOSHUA KUCK MEMORIAL

Compassionate, Adventurous, Passionately Pursues Self Improvement
Gwyneth Adrian

MELMAC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Commitment to Community
Lydia Branson

MAINE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLAR-

SHIP

Potential to Make a Difference in the World
Ander Erickson

MITCHELL SCHOLAR

Gwyneth Adrian

HEATHER MacLACHLAN MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

Lydia Branson

MAINE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION - Don Dow Scholarship

Grace Gray

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Musical Interest & Ability
Sage Maxwell

MUSIC BOOSTERS (H. HANSON)

Musical Interest & Ability
Amelia Tennyson

FRED HILSE MEMORIAL

Contributions to the Music Program
Heike Kurht

MARIAN JOHNSON MEMORIAL

Future Carer in Education
Sebastian Moon

RALPH POMARICO MEMORIAL

Exceptional Ability in Woodworking
Madison McCarley

KEITH SLEEPER MEMORIAL

Outstanding Contribution to the Theater Program

-see SCHOLARSHIPS page 18

CAPE ELIZABETH RESIDENTS FACE AN UNCERTAIN FINANCIAL FUTURE

One need not be an economist to understand that we are teetering on the edge of a recession while dealing with a rampant rise in the cost of electricity, food, gasoline, and home heating costs. Amidst this economy, Cape residents face an impending "perfect storm" of unprecedented tax hikes that will affect every resident's household budget.

Our community is composed of families with a range of incomes, with roughly 30% of our neighbors cost-burdened, including single parents, senior residents on fixed incomes, and young families who aspire for the Cape quality of life. But, living in Cape, one thing stands out:

Cape Elizabeth is almost entirely funded by residential home property taxes, and a "triad" of tax increases now threatens to radically increase your cost of staying in Cape. By how much? No one knows.

PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION

Cape is in the midst of a complete townwide property revaluation, the results of which one can only speculate. What is certain? School districts receive a share of state-based funding based on a formula determined largely by a district's student enrollment and overall property values. Fewer students and higher property values equal less state support, meaning more of the burden will fall on the residential homeowner. The last comprehensive "door-to-door" inspection was performed in 2003 and the most recent "statistical update" was completed in 2011. But, what will your property tax bill be next year? **No one knows.**

SCHOOL BUILDINGS BOND PROPOSAL

The massive school bond initiative of \$116 million was overwhelmingly rejected this past November. But, a newly formed School Building Advisory Committee is now reconsidering options from renovation to new construction. What will their proposal look like? What will our Town Council do with the Committee's recommendation? How much will this add to our community's cost burden? Once again, **no one knows.**

2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

Our school budget is about 2/3rd of your total tax bill. Long-term trends show Cape's school enrollment continuing to decline while budgets increase at a pace that significantly exceeds inflation. Cape voters have historically supported our school budget, to a point where our small class sizes are virtually unmatched in Maine. Don't let anyone tell you that Capers don't support our schools. But at some point the math simply doesn't work. At a cost of over \$20,000 per student, when does an ever-increasing school budget become unsustainable? This year's proposed budget represents an increase of roughly \$3 million (9%) – adding about \$2,000 more per student.

VOTE ON JUNE 13th. We take no position on the school budget, but believe good governance starts with a holistic look at all costs – known or unknown. The ballot asks two questions: (1) Do you approve the school budget and (2) Do you find the school budget to be too high, acceptable, or too low?

What is the Cape Neighbors Alliance?

We are a group of citizens who believe that good governance happens when our community is heard, our government's 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.

Thomas Memorial Library hosts Cape Elizabeth Garden Club, offers three-part workshop on gender and sexuality

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

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

Character of the Month

Stop by the children's room to celebrate everybody's favorite pest, FlyGuy! We'll have fun activities throughout the month like our popular scavenger hunt.

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

Seaside Story Time @ Fort Williams

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on June 9, 19, 23, 30, weather permitting

Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

Join us for a special destination story time series in June at Fort Williams. Listen to some stories, sing songs, play with your little one, and connect with other parents and caregivers. The program is geared toward ages 3-5 but all are welcome. We'll be using the Picnic Shelter for the program, but feel free to bring water, sunscreen and even a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards with friends. Make a morning of it and explore the Children's Garden. This event is weather permitting, check our website for updates. Story Time at the library in the children's garden is canceled on this date.

Summer Reading Returns June 20 - August 31

The season we've all been waiting for is finally here – summer! And with summer, comes summer reading. It's almost time for TML's program to start. This year, the theme is going "under the sea" to explore our epic oceans and the program kicks off on June 20. Stop by the children's desk to register starting on June 20, dive into a good book and explore the depths of the ocean with us this summer.

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, 10:30-12:00 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.

Starting June 8

Bébés en Plein Air

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (Ages 0-1)

Outside in the Children's Garden, weather permitting

Bring your baby and a blanket to join us in the children's garden (aka "Bébés en Plein Air"), weather permitting! The sunshade provides a nice cover and it's a perfect time to enjoy a snack, play and let the littles interact while caregivers connect. Librarians will drop in from time to time to teach a fun rhyme or song. Stay for a just a few minutes or for the hour. This event is intended for babies 0-1 and their families.

School-Age Programs

Starting June 9

Open Chess Play for Kids

Fridays 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Conference Room

Learn to play chess or find a friend and play a game during this drop-in time designed for elementary-age children. Boards are provided but we also encourage you to bring your own. Join us for some heated—but very friendly—competition in the very cool Conference Room downstairs in the library this summer.

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.

June 8 - Water bead stress balls

June 15 - Wreck This Journal: Yes, really!

June 22 - Button Making: Create up to five of your own customized buttons.

June 29 - Sculpey tic tac toe game.

Young Writers at TML

The first Thursday of the month at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

June 1

Are you a young writer looking for a way to practice your craft? Join us at TML for our own budding writers group. Designed for students between the ages of 10-12, this group will focus on exploring the imagination through fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction. With monthly meetings on the first Thursday afternoons starting on June 1, this program will be full of fun journal prompts and creative group exercises. Email Sasha at skohan@thomas.lib.me.us to sign up.

TML Teen Writing Group Schedule

Saturdays at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Starting June 3

Are you a teen who loves writing? Join us at TML for our very own teen writing group. With weekly drop-in sessions and monthly genre workshops, we'll go over basics like voice, plot, style and form, with a multitude of writing prompts and the opportunity to give and receive feedback. Come to the downstairs conference room on Saturdays at 2 p.m. starting June 3 for a rad, rollicking, good writing time. Email Sasha at skohan@thomas.lib.me.us to sign up.

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/>.

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club presents: Clematis: Queen of the Flowering Vines

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person at the library

Join us as the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club welcomes Cindy Tibbetts of Hummingbird Farm in Turner. Tibbetts removes the mystique from growing clematis while covering plant selection, placement, planting and the simple and innovative Frozen North Pruning System.

Unsure which clematis to choose? Intimidated by pruning? Overwhelmed by information? This presentation will help. And yes, handouts are provided. Come benefit from Cindy's years of extensive research and hands-on experience. All are welcome.

Understanding Gender & Sexuality Today, with Christine Caulfield

Three part series:

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in-person and via Zoom

Thursday, June 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

in-person and via Zoom

Thursday, July 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

in-person and via Zoom

In a time of rapid change and controversy concerning gender and sexuality, this workshop series aims to demystify and clarify these timely topics. Over the course of three

sessions, we'll learn basic terminology to clarify your understanding of gender and sexual identities and the different perceptions and origins of these identities. We'll explore and discuss sources and impacts of discrimination against gender non-conforming people, especially within the younger population, and we'll also learn how to understand and improve one's role as an ally of those within the LGBTQ+ community.

These workshops will include presentations and discussions, some exercises, and no quizzes or homework! We'll also provide print and online references and a reading list for those who wish to develop an even broader understanding of what is covered.

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 pm - 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: June 8 via Zoom

E-ldering Conversation Group

Wednesdays

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

In person AND via Zoom

Pod Complex: A TML Podcast Listening Club

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

Next meeting: July 11 (second Tuesday this month) via Zoom

Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

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

Next meeting: TBD

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: June 14 (second Wednesday this month)

June book: "The Road to After," by Rebekah Lowell

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 meeting: June 15

June book: "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts Of People Who Think In Pictures, Patterns, And Abstractions," by Temple Grandin

In person at the library and streamed simultaneously via Zoom

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Visiting authors encourage Pond Cove students to ask: ‘What if . . .?’

By Cameron Rosenblum



Photo by Julia Jaramias

Fourth graders, pictured above, painted characters from “Knight Owl” and the Denise’s collaborative book based on their three daughters, “Bunny in the Middle.”

If you thought you heard hooting owls in the middle of the day May 18 and 19 somewhere near Pond Cove School, you’re right! Well, not real owls. It was Pond Cove students joining book creators Christopher and Anika Aldamuy Denise in a read-along of Chris’s NYT bestselling “Knight Owl” (Little Brown, 2022).

Thanks to a generous grant from CEEF and PCPA funding, students had two days of creative bliss with the talented duo. Besides multiple books they’ve created collab-

oratively, Anika and Chris have successful careers independent of each other.

Anika is best known for her award-winning picture book biographies celebrating strong Puerto Rican women, while Chris has illustrated over twenty books. “Knight Owl” is his debut as a writer, and it won a Caldecott Honor in January. They encouraged students to pay attention to things that make them curious, to let mistakes happen (they’re often surprising) and always ask: “What if?”

Tickets on sale for 11th Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour



Photo by Nina Stevens

A sneak preview of one of this year’s gardens featured on the Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour, which will be held on July 15.

Join the Friends of Fort Williams Park for the 11th Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour on July 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Featuring beautiful gardens within easy driving distance of each other, this popular self-guided tour offers ocean views, backyard wildlife habitat, native plants, woodlands, stone work and more.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at: <https://fortwilliams.org/cegarden-tour>. Proceeds benefit the Friends’ work to preserve and enhance Fort Williams Park. Our ongoing stewardship includes the revitalization of Children’s Garden amenities, tree and shrub plantings along the Cliff Walk, and increasing native plant diversity in Cliffside and all Friends’ sites.

Interested in a free ticket? Volunteer

with us! All Garden Tour volunteers earn a free ticket to the event. For more information on how you can get involved, email Deb Riley at gardentour@fortwilliams.org. To sign up as an Event Volunteer, visit: <https://fortwilliams.org/cegarden-tour>.

A special thank you goes out to this year’s Event Sponsors: Gnome Landscapes, Maine Home+Design, Magnolia Landscapes, Town & Shore Real Estate, and Woodin & Company Store Fixtures. Their generous support helps to make this event a success.

For more information, visit <https://fortwilliams.org/cegarden-tour> or call 207-767-3707. You can also follow the Friends on Facebook and Instagram @ Friends of Fort Williams Park.

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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, June 8

Town Council Ordinance Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 12

Town Council, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

Community Services Committee, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 pm
School Building Advisory Committee, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Fridays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland. Parking in rear.
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, 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at 107 Preble Hall, Southern Maine Community College, 2 Fort Road, South Portland. sp-ce-rotary.org.
Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

CABLE GUIDE

Subject to change. Please see ctv.capeelizabeth.org for latest program guide and video on demand.

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
June 10, June 11, June 17,

CETV CHANNEL 1302

June 18 - 9 a.m.
School Board
June 13 - 6:30 p.m.
Town Council
June 12 - 7 p.m.

June naturalist's corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile
CELT Education Committee Chair

June 21, 10:57 a.m.: Summer Solstice. Happy longest day and shortest night of the year (at least in the Northern Hemisphere)! Fun fact: Pagans called the Midsummer moon the "Honey Moon" for the mead made from fermented honey that was part of wedding ceremonies performed at the summer solstice.

The official name for the skunk family is Mephitidae, which means "stink." Since it's

a sulfur-based chemical comprised of thiols (also found in garlic and onions), skunk spray is highly flammable! In order to fully banish the smell, you need to alter the chemical makeup of the thiols, which you can do with a mixture of baking soda and hydrogen peroxide. Humans can smell skunk spray up to a mile away. Porcupines give birth to one baby. Baby porcupines are called porcupettes. The porcupette sports a full set of quills that are soft at birth, yet harden within an hour.

Mark your calendars: July 3 will be the first of four Supermoons in 2023.

SERVICES

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
747-1113

www.capenazarene.org

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
Services streamed live or 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
Potluck dinner every third Sunday

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.
Kid's Church for ages 4 through grade 5

Service videos available on our website

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.
Sermon recordings available to download

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)
Children's Programs 9:30 a.m.
Celtic Eventide 5:30 p.m.
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St John Paul II Parish

St Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church
8 Two Lights Road
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

167 Black Point Road, Scarborough
883-2342

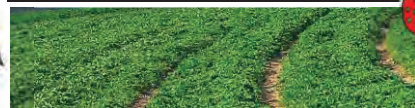
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Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Care



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Future Career in Health Care
Maya Nelson

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Future Career in Business
Sally McCoy

JIM SPAULDING MEMORIAL

Contributions to Boys Basketball Team
Antonio Dell'Aquila, James Rickman

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Outstanding Promise
Sally Bakke, Frederick Barraclough, Antonio Dell'Aquila, Grant LaPierre, Nora Lane, Anya Offit, Mary Pillsbury, James Rickman, Nina Stevens

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Strong Academic Achievement
Philip Coupe, Charlotte DeGeorge, Dakota Fisher-LaPlante, Jackson Hooper, Ella Membrino, Amelia Tennyson, Rohan Yadav, Roan Young

REYNOLDS E. MOULTON SCHOLAR/ATHLETE

Outstanding Athletic & Academic Ability
Meghan Conley, Grace Gray, James Rickman

TIMBERLAKE WORLD LANGUAGE AWARD

Love of, and Excellence in, World Languages
Lydia Branson

UNIFIED BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP

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Nathaniel Vai Monaghan

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ANN WAECKER TECHNOLOGY

High Standards & Achievement
Connor Goss

WENTWORTH FILES MEMORIAL

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Ashley Ryer

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Significant Contribution to the Ice Hockey Team
Brody Glidden

MUSIC LESSONS

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Suzuki violin lessons and group classes available. Ages 5+. Please contact Laura Warren at Suzuki Stringers 207-245-5863 or email ljwarren88@yahoo.com

Piano lessons for all ages. Beginners through advanced. Sandi Palmquist: 329-8345.

Piano, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele lessons for all ages. Beginner through intermediate. Carey Rasco: 232-7015

SBAC

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tion to present to the voters of Cape Elizabeth. The committee also plans to conduct public outreach and establish a timeline for the successful completion of the project. All SBAC recommendations require the endorsement of both the School Board and the Town Council. Additionally, a bond referendum is dependent on the majority support of Cape Elizabeth's citizens, currently targeted for November 2024.

The SBAC encourages all community members to engage in this process and stay informed. They are confident that their collaborative and thoughtful approach will guide Cape Elizabeth into a beneficial educational future for students, educators and the wider community.

The SBAC is a joint initiative by the School Board and the Town Council, formed in March 2023. Its mission is to create a strategic, cost-effective plan to address the school building needs of Cape Elizabeth following the rejection of a \$116 million school bond referendum in November 2022. The SBAC's work is focused on thorough assessment, comprehensive community outreach and the development of a plan that serves the needs of students, educators, families and the community.

For more information, please visit the committee website: <https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/post/4965/>

Have a Classified Ad, Announcement or Event?



Go to www.capecourier.com

Or contact Tara Simopoulos at:

STP

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Casey Parent Murphy

Coastline Wedding Planning and Design

On Sally Bakke

"Sally has been an absolute joy to have this week. She was an instrumental addition to our team's event today and I can't wait to have her share some of the photos from what she contributed to it. I feel really honored that Sally contacted me about her STP. She's going to go on and do really great things!"

Jennifer Scarpitti

Friends of Fort Williams

On Nina Stevens:

"Nina has been doing a fantastic job for us! We are planning for our major fundraiser, the Friends of Fort Williams Park Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour and she's been able to assist us with developing some of our marketing and print collateral, in partnership with our graphic designer. We were also able to have her visit some gardens with Andrea, our Ecology Project Manager. We have really enjoyed having her work with us!"

Sarah Plummer

Extended Learning Coordinator

"Thank you all for your support of Finn Bridge's Senior Transition Project at the Pond Cove Playground! Over the past two weeks, Finn created new benches and a sandbox for three different areas of the playground. We went to view the completed projects today and were delighted to see kids actively using all of it, even the sandbox in which sand had been placed about an hour beforehand!"

"Thank you to the Pond Cove staff for your support of this project and to Lindsay Barrett for spearheading this project, and the PC Playground Committee for providing funding. Thanks to Tara for taking the opportunity to connect her former student, Finn, with her current students in a math exercise involving the sandbox dimensions! The real-life learning is so cool and they were notably and deservedly proud of themselves.

Most of all, thanks to Finn for using his construction, problem-solving and communication skills to get all of this completed and to secure a \$100 lumber donation from Home Depot and sand donation from Tammaro Landscaping, an initiative he undertook all on his own."

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